Petition protests 350 percent raise, fee increase by GSU

By BRADLEY GALDO
Staff Reporter

Graduate students this week petitioned University President Father Edward Malloy to reject a Feb. 14 GSU vote increasing the 1989 budget, which would include a 350 percent stipend raise for GSU officers and an activity fee increase. The 29-member Graduate Student Union Council voted 11 to 5 to raise both the annual salary of each officer $25 per hour and an activity fee from $20 to $25, said GSU President Victor Krebs.

Krebs did not specify what the increased budget would be used for, but said the salary increases were intended to attract "responsible and committed leaders" as GSU officers.

"(The increased salaries) allow people to see this as an alternative part-time job, which is what it should be seen as," he said.

"(The petition) suggests rather misleadingly that we are trying to raise our own salaries," Krebs said.

He said this was not the case because, despite nominations, none of the current officers will run for re-election next year.

"There are no graduate students that consider this as a viable option, because they don't have the time," Krebs said.

Chris Kennedy, a graduate physics student who nominated the petition, said the GSU mishandled the Feb. 14 meeting which decided the increases, failing to notify council representatives about either the meeting or the issues.

"No mention was made in the Feb. 14 "Grad News" newsletter about the magnitude of the raise or the fact that a vote would be taken about the raise that evening, Kennedy said.

Because the meeting was held on Valentine's Day during a Notre Dame home basketball game, many representatives did not attend, he said.

Details were not published in the newsletter because "nothing had been decided prior to the meeting," Krebs said, but added that departmental representatives were informed of the meeting.

The representatives are required to attend monthly GSU meetings and are reminded by mail with the issues for discussion, Krebs said. The newsletter also invited all grad students to attend, he added.

Only 18 council members attended the Feb. 14 meeting and two abstained from the vote to increase the GSU officers' stipends and activity fee, Krebs said. Only 62 percent of the council's 29 members attended, he said.

Thirteen of the 24 graduate department representatives attended.

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Number seeking asylum declines under new laws

Associated Press

BAYVIEW, Texas - The number of Central American seeking political asylum declined again Thursday under tough new immigration rules that place most of them in jail.

Critics of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Rio Grande policy said refugees would just be driven to other border crossing points or go underground.

Only eight applicants were processed Thursday morning, compared to some 50 Wednesday and 233 Tuesday, the day the tougher rules went into effect.

Of all those applicants, only two had been granted asylum by Thursday and the rest were put in barracks at the INS Port Isabel Service Processing Center here, 15 miles from Brownsville, or in a Red Cross Shelter in Brownsville.

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Senate committee votes to reject Tower nomination

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate Armed Services Committee voted Thursday to reject John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, splitting 11-9 along party lines as it handed President Bush the first major defeat of his administration.

The full Senate is expected to make a final decision on the nomination next week.

During two and one-half hours of debate, mostly in the form of speeches before the vote, majority Democrats said they felt no joy in opposing Tower but were compelled to do so. Some cited allegations over the past month of excessive drinking and of womanizing.

Republicans alleged partisanship and suggested Tower was held to too high a standard.

Sen. Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming said, "The majority believes we are confirming a defense god, not a defense secretary."

see TOWER, page 7

World leaders at funeral of Hirohito

Associated Press

TOKYO - The world's royal and powerful joined Japan on Friday in a final farewell to Hirohito, the emperor-god who was made mortal by a disastrous war and died in January after a reign of 62 years.

Nine Shinto priests in white robes waved holy branches Thursday to purify the mausoleum in a hilly wooded area where the former Son of Heaven will be buried.

At the Imperial Palace priests performed a private Shinto rite inside that began 13 hours of funeral ceremonies.

Heads of state including President Bush, royalty and other representatives of 161 countries were present for the funeral. They were protected by 32,000 police.

The checked cars and patrolled streets in case of attacks by foreign terrorists or by Japanese radical groups that threatened to disrupt the ceremonies.

Police in Nagasaki said a letter containing a bullet and a death threat was sent on Wednesdays to Mayor Hitho Motomichio, who had said Hirohito bore some responsibility for World War II. The mayor was in Tokyo for the funeral.

Opponents of the Imperial system held at least three peaceful rallies Thursday eve-
Touche Ross & Co. has made a $256,000 commitment to Notre Dame to establish an endowed fund for the faculty of the department of accounting. "We are grateful to Touche Ross for this important commitment, and we look forward to the many ways in which it will benefit the whole University by invigorating the study of accounting at Notre Dame," said University President Father Edward Malloy.

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Third World Awareness Week concludes today with a free showing of "Salvador" at 8 p.m. in Hayes-Healy, room 122.

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Logan Center Snow Inntertubing will take place Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Van pick up at St. Mary's Holy Cross Hall at 9:30 a.m. and at ND Main Circle at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Jim at 383-3795 or Karen at 383-4650.

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A Stage Manager is needed for the Notre Dame Communication and Theatre production of "The Power and the Glory." See COTY Chairman Mark Piklin on 320 O'Shaughnessey Hall to apply.

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Auditions for the Notre Dame Communication and Theatre production of "The Power and the Glory" will be held Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the Laboratory Theatre of Washington Hall. They will continue Monday at 7:00 p.m. on the main stage. Call-backs will be Tuesday.

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Absentee voting for student body presidential elections will take place today until 4:00 p.m. All interested in voting must report to the secretary on the 2nd floor of LaFortune to pick up a ballot.

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March on Washington is a re-enactment of the August 28, 1963 march that will take place tomorrow. The march is sponsored by the NDSMC chapter of the NAACP and will commence from the North and South Dining Halls and move to the Main Circle at 6:00 p.m. The group will meet on the steps of the Administration Building or at the CSC if weather is unfavorable. Bring candles for the vigil.

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Scholastic Football Review is now available to off-campus students from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Scholastic office in room 303 of LaFortune.

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J-Board Chairpersons materials for Student Body Elections will be available in the Student Government offices today.

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The Morrissey Manor Film Festival will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The festival will feature short films made by each dormitory and awards honoring the best entries will be presented.

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Notre Dame Chorale and Orchestra present Maurice Duruflé's "Requiem" and Gabriel Faure's "Cantique de Jean Racine" on February 26, at 8:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

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Observer Of Interests and other public service announcements may be submitted at The Observer main office on the third floor of LaFortune Student Center until 1 p.m. prior to the date of publication. Of Interest announcements, campus-wide events of general interest. Lecture Circuit announcements and local business announcements. Campus announces other events of general interest, free or paid. The Observer reserves the right to edit all submitted materials and determine if and where announcements will be published.

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Advice to freshmen applies to seniors, too

Beth Healy

Accent Editor

Last semester, I had an interesting conversation with a freshman who lived in my dorm. She was experiencing the rituals of freshman registration and orientation and wanted to hear from firsthand, from an upperclassman who had actually survived freshman year, what was in store for her. Not only was she overwhelmed by the new policies, faces, names and Notre Dame in general, but she was also worried that she didn't know exactly what she wanted to do after college.

"I can't decide whether I want to go into international law with a specialty in contracts and banking, or if I want to work for National Geographic. What should I major in?" she said.

"Why don't you wait until October break to decide how you want to spend your life?" I said.

"That will take some of the pressure off."

Then she asked me what I was going to do after I graduated. I told her that I had a variety of options, but like her, I didn't know what I wanted to do.

"Well, aren't you nervous about not knowing?" she asked.

I told her that I'd rather wait than make a rash decision. I remember as a freshman I also had elaborate plans for an exciting career after graduation. The threat of uncertainty was something that worried me more than the immediate threat of Chemistry 101. It was absolutely necessary that I know what I could do with this education after graduation, otherwise I would have no purpose or reason to do well. It didn't take me long to change my goals, however, from specific plans to uncertain plans. I had observed that the right path in life is possible even if you aren't sure of the direction you want to take. I had overlooked what was happening to me right then.

I wanted so badly to succeed that I needed to pick something that sounded good, and then succeed at it, instead of trying different things and just letting things take their own course. I found that I had interests in things that surprised me and it also eased my fears of uncertainty that loomed in my future.

It was as important for me to select a career, as well as a major, as soon as possible. I didn't want to be one of "those" seniors who didn't have definite plans in life. I talked to my R.A. as a freshman to remind an even more confused senior that sooner or later, I would figure it all out.

I realized, after talking to this freshman, that I was trying to do too many things at once. I didn't have to plan out the rest of my life at 22. I didn't have to decide everything immediately.

It was too late to change anything. They won't believe you, even if you and all of your friends have experienced it. I have a friend who has declared a major in every college at Notre Dame, from architecture, to pre-med, to anthropology to business. She finally decided on biology when she was a junior.

When I started my last year at Notre Dame this fall, I admit that I was nervous about choosing the right path in life. I wanted to make the right decision because, after all, that's what I would be doing for the rest of my life.

It took me awhile, but I finally came to the conclusion that not many decisions are written in stone. I could always try something different if I didn't like it. I didn't have to plan out the rest of my life at 22. I didn't have to decide everything immediately.

I realize that it would help to talk to this freshman, that I was trying to do too many things at once. I didn't have to plan out the rest of my life at 22. I didn't have to decide everything immediately.
Rep. indicted for sex with teenager

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - U.S. Rep. Donald Lukens, a conservative Republican, was indicted Thursday on a misdemeanor charge that he had sex with a teen-age girl.

The 38-year-old congressman, who is divorced, declared he was innocent.

The charge stems from a meeting, secretly videotaped by a television station, between Lukens and the girl’s mother, who contended Lukens paid for sex with her daughter four years ago when the girl was 13 and apparent based. I am innocent of the charge brought forth because there was no evidence because of conflicting testimony from the girl, he said.

No date for a court appearance was set for Lukens.

Columbus television station WSYX on Feb. 1 broadcast a videotape that showed Lukens apparently offering a government job to Anna Coffman after she asked why he was “messing around” with her daughter. The station videotaped the Feb. 1, Nov. 11 meeting at a fast-food restaurant in Columbus after Coffman contacted the station.

Lukens told Coffman he thought her daughter was an adult, according to the videotape. "Well, first of all, I didn't really know she was a teen-age. I didn't know that, no. I do know, of course," Lukens said.

The FBI and prosecutors reviewed the tape but said they found no evidence of bribery.

Lukens was first elected to Congress in 1986 and served terms. He returned to Congress in 1986 and was re-elected in November.

The House Ethics Committee, which has the jurisdiction over allegations of wrongdoing by lawmakers, typically waits for the outcome before taking an action in cases where members have been charged in court.

A criminal conviction does not automatically bar a legislator from sitting in Congress.

Franklin County Prosecutor Michael Miller said he had recommended a different charge than the one returned, but he would not elaborate. Miller also said he recommended an additional charge against Lukens for an alleged incident in 1985, when the girl was 13.

Jurors determined there was insufficient evidence because of conflicting testimony from the girl, he said.

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Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said Brady's evaluation seems to conflict with comments by Greenspan, who said the administration's proposal does not prejudge whether the thrift industry will survive.

"My own judgment is that, at the end of the day, thrifts will look a lot more like banks than they do now, but there will still be banks," Greenspan said.

"Ultimately it's going to be the markets that are going to determine the banking structure in this country," he said.

In November and December, a record $15 billion flowed out of the nation's S&Ls.

Fed to ease way for bank holding companies to buy troubled S&Ls

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, saying a separately regulated thrift industry may not be needed in the future, told Congress Thursday that the Fed will make it easier for bank holding companies to buy troubled Savings and Loans.

Greenspan, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, also said the central bank and the Treasury Department have arranged to support the Federal Home Loan Bank system in the event of runs on S&Ls.

The Fed Chairman's comments came as opposition to President Bush's $32 billion S&L proposal grew among members of Congress fighting to preserve a separate S&L industry.

At a hearing of the House Banking Committee, Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Calif., complained that Bush would "deliver up the wounds, your plan might actually put it (the S&L industry) out of its misery," Lehman told Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

The secretary denied any "intentions on our part to deliver up the S&L industry to the banking industry."

Earlier, Brady had said that S&Ls are an important part of the nation's commitment to affordable housing and that the administration plan "assures the emergence of a healthy and strong S&L industry."
Bush meets with Arab leaders during funeral

Associated Press

TOKYO - President Bush used the occasion of Friday's imperial Japanese funeral to pursue a Middle East peace, while his secretary of state challenged the Soviet Union to pitch in with deeds instead of "simply rhetorical exercises."

On the eve of the services for the late Emperor Hirohito, Bush engaged in a round of fast-paced diplomacy, meeting with a succession of world leaders including Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Israeli President Chaim Herzog and Jordan's King Hussein.

After Bush's round of meetings on Thursday, Secretary of State James Baker suggested the Soviets should contribute to the peace process in a "concrete way" by establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel, using its influence in Syria and denouncing "radical countries" such as Libya.

A cold drizzle fell Friday as Bush and other leaders from 163 nations prepared to pay their final respect to Hirohito. An estimated 10,000 official guests were to fill two large tents at the funeral site and hundreds of thousands more to line the streets to witness the funeral procession.

The 13-hour funeral began in the early morning with a private ceremony at the Imperial Palace, to be followed later by a solemn ceremony in two giant, open-sided tents at Tokyo's Shinjuku Imperial Gardens.

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A quorum was taken, but "(attendance was) the lowest we've had all year," Krebs said. "I don't know what the reason for that was."

Kennedy also said Krebs denied a request to postpone the vote on the budget increase until representatives could speak with their constituents.

"We needed this decision to be made prior to the elections which are coming up next meeting," Krebs said.

None of the department representatives who voted against the proposal to raise GSU officer stipends could be reached for comment.

The 1989 budget is waiting final approval from Robert Gordon, assistant vice president for advanced studies, said Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president for student affairs.

Gordon and Lenz oversee the Graduate Student Union budget's academic and social expenditures.

Gordon could not reached for comment.

Lenz said she felt the GSU officers deserved a salary increase because they had made many improvements and shown dedication. She said the increase was adequate compensation for their work.

Lenz said she could not say whether the budget would be approved.

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Williams speaks at forum, favors selective divestment from S. Africa

By COLLEEN CONLEY

News Staff

Speaking on the Apartheid crisis, Associate Provost Father Oliver Williams called for selective divestment in South Africa and stressed the need for development of internal power among blacks.

Speaking at the St. Edward's Hall forum, Williams spoke on the ethics of Apartheid and the need for selective divestment in crisis, Associate Provost Williams emphasized that its elimination is not the best way to dismantle Apartheid. He said that the power we have by staying in South Africa earlier this month as a member of a national advisory commission, Williams concluded that "most blacks do not favor withdrawal of foreign investments if it means loss of jobs."

According to Williams, there are two major arguments made by those who favor complete divestment, and both contain disputable facts. The first, the rational economic argument, advocates crippling the economy by divesting and thus bringing the white leaders to the negotiating table. Williams said this theory is based on the "disputed thesis" that U.S. withdrawal could cripple the economy.

Williams also said that he does not agree that U.S. divestment would cause such countries as Great Britain and Japan to follow suit, stating that there is "very little evidence to support that so far."

Williams faulted the logic of the symbolic threat argument, which suggests that the best means of overturning Apartheid is by threatening white South Africa with U.S. rejection and withdrawal. Williams pointed out that "it is much more important to try to use the power we have by staying in South Africa."

After having traveled to South Africa earlier this month, Williams called for withdrawal of foreign investments if it means loss of jobs."

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INDIANAPOLIS - An Indiana House committee approved a bill Thursday that would permit the jail sentence to be suspended for a convicted rapist, criminal deviate or child molester who underwent surgical castration.

After a 45-minute hearing marked by procedural squabbles, the House County and Township Committee voted 5 to 3 for House Bill 1299 sponsored by Rep. Richard Worden (R-New Haven). The measure now goes to the full House.

Worden, an investigator for the public defender in Allen County and a former constable, said he introduced the bill out of frustration that current criminal sanctions against rapists and child molesters don't deter criminals from committing those acts again.

The crimes now carry prison sentences of six to 50 years, depending on the circumstances.

Noting that many of the offenders get suspended sentences, Worden said of his bill, "This says, if you're going to walk the streets of Indiana, you're going to walk the streets without the ability to rape again."

The bill calls for a convicted rapist, child molester or criminal deviate to be set free if after sentencing the person volunteers for surgical castration.

"You take the part away from the man that starts the process in the first place," said Worden. "I feel like Gary Cooper in 'High Noon.' Everybody's behind you, but when you turn around, where are they?" said Worden, who has received national publicity for introducing the measure.

Opponents noted that Worden's bill calls for an extraordinary punishment that wouldn't solve the problem its author seeks to address.

Ruth Peters of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union said rape often is a crime of violence, not one motivated by sexual drives. She argued that under Worden's proposal a convicted rapist who had been castrated could go free to commit other violent acts.

Rep. John Gregg (D-Sandborn) pointed out that many child molestation cases don't involve intercourse. Offenders castrated after those crimes might still commit child molestation again, he said.

"I don't think we ought to be setting our policy in Indiana to follow Islamic countries," said Gregg.

Music man
Scott Tallarida, a junior, composes new pieces in preparation for the upcoming NAZ2 competition in the Washington Hall Annex. Tallarida is a member of the campus band The Groove, which place dance and funk music.
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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Emotions erupted in the audience as members of the Indiana Medical Licensing Board voted unanimously Thursday to temporarily suspend the medical license of a Fort Wayne physician for alleged sexual and ethical misconduct.

The board suspended Pravin Thakkar's license on an emergency basis for 90 days after hearing testimony from 12 of Thakkar's former female patients.

Thakkar, an obstetrician-gynecologist, has been accused in lawsuits by two former patients of impregnating them, then performing abortions without their knowledge. Thakkar wasn't contacted about the hearing until an hour after it began and he did not attend.

Attorney General Linley Pearson, whose office brought the case to the licensing board, said the board determined that Thakkar presented a "clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety."

"Certainly this type of behavior was not unknown," said board president Dr. John Miller. "I'm concerned that it hasn't been brought to our attention before.

"The potential damage to young women, well, women of all ages, but particularly young women, is just tremendous," he said.

Several women said Thakkar asked to perform pelvic exams on them despite their medical condition. One woman said Thakkar wanted to perform a pelvic examination on her when she sought help for a strep throat.

"This is probably the worst abuse of physician-patient trust that I've seen since I've been on the board," said Dr. John Hinton.

Carmen Brutchen Hertzinger of Anderson and Kathy Collins of Madison, the women suing Thakkar, were the first to testify at the four-hour hearing.

Hertzinger said she became pregnant with Thakkar's child in February 1983. Thakkar is accused of administering drugs to Hertzinger, causing her to deliver the fetus at his home eight months later. He told her the baby was stillborn and he had taken care of it, Hertzinger said.

However, Hertzinger claims that she was conscious during part of the procedure and heard a baby's cry.

They were held on bail $1,000 to $4,000 while they await hearings before an INS administrative judge. Hundreds of INS officials have been sent to the Rio Grande Valley to process cases the day they are submitted.
A social visionary concerns himself with finding pathways to "social creation." Generally, they are activist scholars; studying throughout their lives and shaping their studies into concrete activity.

They are usually strong but tender persons; often divided from the thought of the rest of society.

In the extreme state, some social visionaries become counter-culture theoreticians, ranging from Karl Marx to Mahatma Gandhi.

John Cheshire  
guest column

In America, three men come to mind: Abraham Lincoln, Eugene V. Debs (the union organizer), and Martin Luther King. None of them is an extremist. Each was a "reform."

Lincoln is a "reform."

even though the violence was coming generally from one direction. A minister's purpose after ordination is spreading the Word of God. King, like Lincoln, once the struggle began, had this major aspect of his life fall away from him; he became instead an or­ dained American dissonance.

Both King and Lincoln knew how to address the multitudes about hard times without being the heavy handed. And, in fact, they united factions that were not normally united, under any conditions. Lincoln did so near the end of the Civil War and King nearly 50 years later.

John took on the establishment. He has been only the American ever to do so with such magnitude and success. Dr. King, standing in the midst of many black leadership groups, accom­ plished this with the skill of an experi­ enced mediator.

Lincoln was an active pacifist who re­ fused to condemn the enemy. He had to take in hand the reins of military power.

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Joseph A. Rutgers  
Chair  
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P.O. Box G  
New grading scale offers advantages

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to address several of the concerns voiced by Bob Brutvan in his Feb. 20 Viewpoint column on the Notre Dame grading scale.

As many Observer readers might know, the plus-minus grading system dominated the Senate last year. The Senate had conducted a survey on campus life in which over 75 percent of the students polled preferred a plus-minus system over the old A through F grading system.

Though the Registrar agreed with the plus-minus system, as the vast majority of our students preferred it, he refused to institute the plus-minus grading scales. In fact, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were the only institutions in the country to have a minus-only system. Converting to a plus-minus system would give our graduates equal footing with graduates of other schools in terms of applying for graduate schools, law schools and jobs.

I might also note that the majority of our peer institutions do not have a minus-only system. Mr. Brutvan counts as a shortcoming.

A plus-minus grading scale also al­ lows the professor to more accurately and fairly evaluate the student's per­ formance in the classroom. Although I share Mr. Brutvan's ambivalence towards grades, I believe that the old system allows goals of cre­ ativeness. Some students may have performed much better than other stu­ dents, but received the same grade.

I hope that the plus-minus system al­ leviates these shortcomings. I also argue that the University should adhere to this grading system.

Mr. Brutvan must also realize that a B+ of a year ago is not equal to a B+ of today, due to the addition of the C+ and C-.

It is a fact that it is more difficult to earn a high GPA here than at a state or private institution.

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Patrick Creeden  
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Late Night Oak
caters to need

Dear Editor:
In response to Suzann Waters’ article on the lack of necessity for the Late Night Oak Room: Over the past weekend I took an informal poll and I found that many students are very dissatisfied that the Oak Room doesn’t stay open late. I argue that it was not profitable to keep it open all week; however, the Oak Room does well on weekends for there is always an abundance of students there. Most students are up later on weekend nights than during the week. After parietals and dances are over many students get the “munchies” or just want to “hang out” and that Late Night Oak used to be the place to go. Thus, a sensible solution would be to have it open a few hours later on the weekends when there is a demand.

Even though there are 24-hour lounges in the dorms there is still a need for Late Night Oak in great demand especially during the winter when it is tougher to get off campus. I agree that some students abused the Oak Room privilege and I do not condone this behavior, but it is not fair to assume that all students are bad people. Other restaurants cater to similar crowds and they don’t just close down. “What good is a will if there is a way.” Reopening the Late Night Oak on weekends would help to ensure the livelihood of the students while raising profits for the University.

Susan Schleiter
Walsh Hall
Feb. 23, 1989

Irish justice rally
voices discontent

Dear Editor:
Joseph Patrick Doherty, a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been held in an infamous prison for five years, without ever being charged of a crime in this country. This is, of course, in violation of the U.S. Constitution and a threat to the civil rights of all Americans.

The British government is trying to extradite Mr. Doherty for trial in Brit­tain. Joe is seeking political asylum in the U.S. Despite the fact that five dis­trict judges have ruled that his actions against the British forces who occupy Northern Ireland were “of a political nature to the highest degree,” he still remains incarcerated.

A vigil for justice will be held Sunday Feb. 26th at the Irish Heritage Center in Chicago from 3 p.m. to let the new Bush administration know that Irish Americans will not tolerate this blatant miscarriage of justice at the command of the British government whose court systems have been condemned by legal human rights organizations throughout the world for failing to pro­vide Irish subjects with fair legal proceedings.

Maura O'Slochain
Offense Hall
Feb. 21, 1989

American women
deserve equality

Dear Editor:
I was appalled to read the statement by Matt Cleary that because a situation is much worse in South Africa does this mean we in the U.S. should do nothing about discrimination? Surely not. This “shut-up and be happy—it could be worse” attitude is not only ridiculous, it is offensive.

Marian Brown
Forley Hall
Feb. 21, 1989

ND social life
requires effort

Dear Editor:
Junior Parents’ Weekend has come and gone and it was one of the more memorable weekends of my tenure at Notre Dame. Junior Parents’ Weekend, like graduation, is a time reserved for a specific group at Notre Dame, that is, next year’s graduates and their par­ents. JPW gave me the chance to show my parents my gratitude and apprecia­tion for the opportunity to attend Notre Dame.

Christine Walsh’s weekend was not so memorable, I, too, have been faced with, and will be again, the prospect of an impending, boring Junior Parents’ Weekend, but I had the initiative to do something about it. Granted, at this time of year we all are feeling the con­straints of a low cash flow and that can limit the options for escaping JPW, but does that justify sitting around and whining? Ms. Walsh’s article is yet another rendering of the tired old argu­ment against the social life here at Notre Dame which we are all fed up with at one time or another. The fun is not always, nor should it be, provided for you. Prima donnas who sit around and complain and wait for acceptable social activities to be provided for them have only themselves to blame.

We all have bad weekends and they can also, at times, be due to circum­stances beyond our control. The prob­lem is that Ms. Walsh’s weekend was bad because she chose for it to be that way. If you can’t find the initiative to even try to have a good time, you don’t deserve to have one.

Rick Meyer
Keenan Hall
Feb. 22, 1989

Quote of the Day

"It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear."

—Edward H. Harriman
Out of this world

CINDY PETRITES
accent writer

The sun sets 16 times a day when you're in space. First it's total black. Then a horizontal thread of deep, deep purple emerges on the horizon and begins to expand. Bands of red, then orange, then yellow, then green, then blue follow. It's like a rainbow on the horizon, only a thousand times more intense, with stark dividing lines separating the colored layers. Then, it disappears.

"It's the most beautiful, most memorable thing, your first sunset in orbit," says Air Force Colonel Richard "Mike" Mullane. "You just wish you could stop everything right there."

Mullane is a NASA astronaut and mission specialist who served on the flight of the space shuttle Atlantis December. He is also the father of junior Patrick Mullane, who jokes that while most students' dads go out of town on business, "my dad goes out of this world."

The Atlantis mission was the second of two missions Mullane has flown since he answered NASA's call for a shuttle mission non-pilot 11 years ago. After a six-year wait, he made his first flight aboard the space shuttle Discovery in 1984.

"Crews live and breathe for getting on a mission," he said. "Getting on a mission is the most important thing in an astronaut's life." When you launch, he continued, you feel like you've done it a thousand times before; but although no one prepares you as well as NASA, even NASA can prepare you for this ride.

Five seconds.
The liquid rocket boosters activate.

Four seconds.
The craft begins to shake.

Three seconds.
The noise goes from loud to deafening.

Two. One. Liftoff.


Tonight's entertainment

MARK McLAUGHLIN
accent writer

never thought I'd see a Japanese restaurant in South Bend. Then I never thought the Japanese restaurant in South Bend would be any good. Silly me.

Hanayori of Japan, on Grape Road just south of Edison, is certainly a different dining experience. For those of you who have never been to a Teppanyaki restaurant, the food is prepared in front of you on an iron plate. Guests sit around the table and watch as Japanese chefs slice, dice, toss and throw the food and cutlery, magically creating excellent cuisine.

The chefs at Hanayori are fantastic. Ever try flipping shrimp five feet directly onto someone's plate? They make it look easy. Our chef was also quite adept at twirling sharp objects at light speed, flipping a vat full of butter four times to catch it behind his back, and slicing up our meals faster than a food processor. He was also a comedian, throwing out one-liners along with the squash and onions, but the jokes were quiet and subtle. If you felt like ignoring the whole display, it was no problem, but we found it quite entertaining. You do pay quite a bit for the entertainment. The Teppanyaki entrée (820) was the least expensive dinner item, and most were in the 45 range. If you're really hungry, the Crown Dinner ($18.50) features filet mignon and a lobster boat, along with plum wine after dinner. Lunch prices are much lower, averaging about $6.

All the dinners come with shrimp, soup and salad, fried rice, vegetables, and green tea. The meals don't look like there's much to them, but both myself and my guest were stuffed by night's end. Much of the food is prepared with varying amounts of ginger, which is a bit sharp but not hot like Mexican food.

One "must" at Hanayori is the sake ($2), "SAK-E," a traditional rice wine that is served hot. It certainly warms you up and complements the Japanese cooking well.

The decor is a bit bright and open, although the bridge...
bad: meat and potatoes, seafood, Chicken a la King, cherry cobbler, ice cream—all freeze-dried or dehydrated. Not exactly Swill Stroganoff, but not Mom's home cooking, either.

Going to the bathroom is akin to using a vacuum cleaner, and showers are impossible.

The worst part? "Coming home," says Mullane without hesitation. "On the last day of the mission, we were all praying for bad weather so we can stay up longer."

Despite the discomfort, the sacrifice, and the close calls he personally has experienced (he once had to abort a mission and the shuttle caught fire) Mullane definitely feels that the space program is worth the risk to human life and $10 billion yearly expense it involves. Mullane, who personally knew each member of the Challenger crew and flew with victim Judy Resnick on the Discovery mission, still agrees that the space program is worth continuing.

"Every morning you wake up, the Soviets are in orbit," says Mullane, citing little-known strengths of the Russian space program. "They have a robot spacecraft orbiting Mars, a rendezvous with Halley's comet, a very robust space program." While Mullane agrees that the U.S. is technically superior to the Soviet Union, he notes, "If America stopped the space program now, in a few years we'd be a third world country."

Currently, NASA has no plans to halt the space program, in which Mullane hopes to fly again soon. For now, however, Mullane serves in a support capacity for astronauts currently in training, and enjoys the Earth-bound benefits of being an astronaut. One of these benefits, Mullane's personal "claim to fame," was a hug from model Christie Brinkley.

But, according to Mullane, somedaywards must be earned. Says son Patrick, "Dad tells me I shouldn't be getting girls just because he's an astronaut. He never did."

dinner

In the lobby to the restaurant proper was a nice touch. The walls are hung with histrionic-looking Japanese work and artifacts, and there's a 13th century helmet in the entranceway. This is nice but the overly-bright tinge doesn't seem to fit. Cause of the cooking setup, seats are often seated at common tables, but we didn't find this to be a problem.

Service at Hanayori was impeccable. Aside from the if, the rest of the staff was sincerely dedicated to service. Someone offered to jot our coats for us, our food and drinks were promptly brought and iced, and we were even sitting down to eat this place as if it were our own home.

If you've got a few bucks to spare, and want food you don't think would ever be found anywhere near Notre Dame, I recommend Hanayori of Japan. It's open dinner 5-9 Monday through Thursday, 5-10 Saturday, 5-9 Sunday. Lunch hours are 11-2, seven days a week. You be pleasantly surprised.

world...

 preview

Sr. Thea Bowman to lead Knott Hall prayer session

Special to The Observer

Sister Thea Bowman, of Canton, Mississippi, will lead an ecumenical gathering in an evening session of prayer and song entitled "Black Spirituality: We've Come a Long Way"

This Far by Faith tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Knott Hall chapel.

The granddaughter of a slave, Bowman is a lecturer, evangelical, poet and singer who has read, spoken and sung before hundreds of gatherings nationwide, as well as in Nigeria, Kenya and Canada. She holds masters and doctoral degrees in English and linguistics from Catholic University of America and has published, in addition to several articles on black spirituality and ecumenical relations, articles on the writings of St. Thomas Moore.

Afflicted by cancer for the last four years, Bowman is confined to a wheelchair. She recently appeared on the CBS Television program "60 Minutes," whose host, Mike Wallace, dubbed her "the African-robed priest." Responding to the new title, she replied, "You know women don't preach in the Catholic Church. But whom do you listen to first, your minister or your mornin'?"

Appearing with Bowman in the Knott Hall chapel will be Notre Dame's ensemble, Voices of Faith, a 32-member black gospel choir which celebrates its seventh anniversary this year.

This event is sponsored by Knott Hall, Voices of Faith, the Black Cultural Arts Council, the Office of Minority Affairs, the Office of the President and the Year of Cultural Diversity.

Franciscan Sister Thea Bowman will be leading a prayer group tomorrow at the Knott Hall chapel.
The Archbishop and ‘Jews for Jesus’

In Britain recently, the Jewish leaders asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to use his influence to discourage the kind of proselytism among young Jews that some of the fundamentalist groups are engaging in. The Jews for Jesus, for example, have been taking out full-page ads in the newspapers promoting conversion to Christianity, assuring the public—

Father Robert Griffin

Letters to a Lonely God

tential converts that instead of being a betrayal of their Jewish heritage, Christianity is the direction they must go in to be fulfilled as Jews.

The Jewish leaders had this complaint: “It confuses us when the great Christian leaders tell us of their admiration, respect, and tolerance for Judaism as a world religion; and then they encourage and bless the efforts of evangelizers who are dishonest and deceptive in their approach to our young people.”

A spokesman at Canterbury reported the Archbishop’s unwillingness to become involved in the controversy, on the grounds that Christianity is admittedly a proselytizing religion, which must be obedient to the command of its Founder to preach the Gospel and baptize; and so the Jews for Jesus were only doing their duty. The Jewish leaders replied that they can understand the mission Christians feel they have, but what they chiefly bothered them was the way in which zealots try to brainwash scarcely-grown Jewish children with propaganda full of distortions and lies.

It’s not for me to say how present-day Jews should feel about present-day Christians, but I half remember Alfred Kazin’s reaction to a German policeman encountered in Germany immediately after the war. The policeman, I believe, told Kazin to make sure that he registered with the police upon entering a town. Kazin’s reaction was that, after all the recent unpleasantness, no Jew in his right mind could be expected to trust a German wearing a uniform. Maybe when a Jew in England looks at a bishop, he wonders if he’s seeing a shepherd or a wolf in shepherd’s clothing.

You don’t have to be very well-informed as a Jew to know that the two great loves of a Jew has in his religious traditions and his children. The rabbis teach that he who teaches the Torah to the son of his fellow Jew is considered as if he had given birth to the child. Somewhere here is a lesson that Catholics who stand as godparents to the children of their friends might take to heart.

George Steiner mentions the famous instances in which Jews killed their children to prevent their being baptized during pogroms: “desperate infants.” Steiner calls it, “in the face of forced conversions.” This happened during the massacres of Jews by Crusaders in the Rhineland at the time of the First Crusade. The parents also killed themselves, and their aim was to save rather than lose the children.

Like the Irish grandmother who will not mention their children or grandchildren without adding a phrase like, “God bless them,” there are Jews, I’m told, who will not mention their children or grandchildren without adding a phrase like, “God bless them,” “How many children do you have?” or “I wish he were with us.”

I don’t suppose that the Jews for Jesus pay much attention to the bishops of the Established Church, or that their Fundamentalist Bishops care much what I think. But, after all these blood-stained Christian centuries, would it be un-Christian for those bishops to try to solve the problem, an old man noticed a young boy, standing there dreamy-eyed.

“Do you remember what you learned?” asked the old man.

“Yes, I do,” replied the young lad.

“Really? You really re-

member ‘Ahma Yisroel’?”

“I remember much more,” said the boy.

“‘Si’mah Yisroel’ is

enough,” said the old man, and he lifted the boy from his ground and began dancing with him as though he were the Torah. And they all joined in; they all sang and danced and cried. They cried but they sang with fervor. Never before had Jews celebrated Simhat Torah with such fervor.

Do you think that the old boy who danced with the boy was very far away from the Kingdom of God? Jews came out of this Jewish tradition which has such a love for the children. I would be happy to hear that the Archbishop in England gave a directive, in his name, and for his sake, to the Jews for Jesus: “Touch not the holiness!”

Before you go out...

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“I laughed, I cried. It was better than Cats.”

Roger Siskel

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Calvecchia at -7 in first round of Doral

Associated Press

MIAMI - Mark Calcavecchia, the dominant figure in golf this season, shot a 7-under-par 65 and established a two-shot lead Thursday in the first round of the $1.3 million Doral Open Golf Tournament.

"I didn't make a bogey so that makes it a good day. A lot of good shots, a lot of good puts, a lot of good everything," said Calcavecchia, who has won two of six starts this year and missed a playoff for any other title by a single stroke.

"I thought I played great, but I came in and look at the board and the whole world is under par," he said.

"I didn't think it played that easy, but I guess this is probably the easiest wind you can have."

Some of the game's leading lights found the chilly, gusty winds less than easy, however. Jack Nicklaus, playing in the same group with Calcavecchia, struggled to a 78.

"The winds were really strong," said John Huston, whose 69 was Calcavecchia's closest pursuer.

British Open champ Sandy Lyle of Scotland took a 74, and Masters champion Tom Kite -- were Calcavecchia's closest pursuers. Playing in a threesome, Crenshaw had a 67, Lietzke a 68 and Kite a 69.

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Curtis Strange had a 73. Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Scotland took a 74, and British Open champ Seve Ballesteros of Spain had a 73 in his first American start of the year.

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Wrestlers close home season against Marquette

By GREG SCHECKENBACH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame wrestling team will host Marquette in its last match of the season Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Joyce ACC.

Currently, the Irish are 9-3 in dual meets, which is the best record since Head Coach Fran McCann took over in 1984.

The last time Notre Dame met Marquette in a dual meet, the Irish crushed the Warriors 41-7 the 1988 season finale. Since then, Notre Dame has wrestled against Marquette in the National Catholic Tournament, where the Warriors placed second to the Irish.

"They will be much tougher this time," stated McCann. "The improvement since last year has been tremendous and it should be an exciting match."

There are two key individual matches that highlight the meet. At 126 pounds, Marcus Gowens will try to avenge an earlier loss to Mike Posdo in the National Catholics while Mark Gerardi will look to do the same against Brian Chambers at 158 pounds. Both Irish losses came in the championship match at the Catholic Nationals.

"Those two bouts will be very important in the seeding for the upcoming regional tournament," said McCann. The overall series between the two schools, which dates back to 1956, is 17-12-2 in favor of the Irish. Notre Dame is 3-0 against the Warriors in the Fran McCann era.

Notre Dame will participate in the NCAA Western Regionals March 3-4 in Des Moines, Iowa. This is a qualifying meet for the National Tournament held in Oklahoma City, OK on March 16-18. Last year, the Irish sent six wrestlers to the National Tournament which was held at Iowa State. Five of those six wrestlers will be looking to attend the tournament again this year.

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The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's fencing teams will participate in their last competition this weekend before entering into post-season action. The teams will battle Michigan State, Purdue, and arch-rival Wayne State and Illinois at Wayne State.

By CHRIS FILLIO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing teams will wrap up the regular season this weekend as they travel to Detroit and then East Lansing, Michigan. At the first stop the Irish will take on Midland rivals Wayne State.

On Saturday the teams will travel to the home of the Michigan State Spartans, facing the host team as well as Illinois and Purdue.

"I think that the big challenge will be against Wayne State," said Irish head coach Michael DeCicco. "If the men can duplicate what we did at our home meet this year, we should fare pretty well." In the only home meet of the year earlier this month, the Irish handily defeated Wayne State, and will look to repeat that performance.

Saint Mary's head coach Mike Marx will also bring a squad of five to the competition. The men's team will bring the regular contingency of fencers, but will be at some disadvantage due to some injuries.

Sabreman Tim Collins has been sidelined for several weeks with ankle problems. In addition, freshman sabreman Ed Baguer will sit out this weekend's competition due to a pulled hamstring from last week's competition.

"If the kids fence up to their potential, that matchup with Wayne State will dictate our chances at the Great Lakes Championships and the NCAs," said DeCicco. On Saturday, the Irish will meet one of the most powerful teams in the Midwest and perhaps the country in the likes of Illinois.

"We need our best effort of the year to beat Illinois," said DeCicco in a lengthy pep talk before yesterday's practice. "In order for us to do that, we have to fence well in every weapon. They have excellent individuals, but not the balance like we do." DeCicco wrapped up his talk in a very brief and succinct manner.

"Make it simple, make it quick, and make it good."

Bengals

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The record which Noone will attempt to match is the best 1060-63, while his son lost in a split decision in last year's final. Tim Jr. will meet Dave "Sugar" Cane in tonight's final.

The two Cruiserweight finals -crusier and super-cruiser- will match showcase a pair of giant killers. In the Cruiserweight class, first-year fighter Pat Fay will meet freshman Mike O'Neil. Fay upset defending champion Chris Balint in one of the most interesting fights on the semi-final card. Fay used his reach advantage against the stocky, relentless Balint, a strategy which he'll have to repeat again against O'Neil.

The Super-Cruiserweight class will match Tom "the Ring" King against Sam Eliston in a very even contest. Eliston upset defending champion Bill Angrick on Wednesday night.

The first two fights of the night will feature two of the best nicknamed in the original 194-fighter field. Tom "Bell" Berens will battle Joe Dieterle in the Flyweight class, while Featherweight Bill "The Mercenary" Hession will meet Dan Scherli. Two hard-hitting Welters will collide in what could be the most exciting fight of the evening.

Both Dan Schneider and Matt Raulston punished their semi-final opponents convincingly. Schneider pounded freshman Shane Hitzman in the third round of their match-up, while Raulston withstood a challenge from sophomore Norm Conley, and then pounded him.

Pat Griffin will take on Rick Purcell in the Heavyweight final. Both fighters will try to take advantage of their fine physical attributes, but that comparison, as well as the fight, may be a lose-lose.

Three years from now the winner of tonight's Midweight bout may be vying to join an elite fraternity at Notre Dame - undefeated, four-time champion.

"Sound familiar?" Well, Kerry Wate and Colin Mulvaney may be on their way to following in the footsteps of Noone and four other boxers, as they participate in their first and Noone's last - edition of a Notre Dame tradition.

Observer Classifieds will be accepted from 9am-3pm M-F at the Observer offices, 314 LaFortune.
Freshman Margaret Nowlin (52) is one of the freshmen who has picked up the slack after the injury to Irish co-captain Heidi Bunak. Notre Dame faces Xavier in MCC action this weekend.

Irish face Xavier in MCC play

Final games will determine place in tournament

By FRANK PASTOR
Sports Writer

Last Saturday night, the Notre Dame women's basketball team met Loyola in a Midwestern Collegiate Conference showdown pitting the top two teams in the conference. The Irish lost that game 108-77 but had already clinched a spot in the MCC Championships, to be held March 10-11 in Dayton, Ohio.

This weekend, Notre Dame has an opportunity to determine just who it will face in that tournament when it takes on Xavier, a team currently fighting for the fourth and final playoff spot in the MCC tournament. Detroit and Dayton also remain in contention for that final berth.

"The MCC) only takes the top four teams for the tournament," said second-year Irish coach Muffet McGraw, whose team joins Loyola and Evansville in qualifying for the post-season tourney. "Right now, both of these teams, Xavier and Dayton, have a shot at making the tournament. They need to win. They're going to be all fired up and ready to put their best foot forward."

The Irish, who took a 9-1 conference record (15-8 overall) into Thursday night's game against Dayton, conclude a four-game, eight-day road trip Saturday at 7 p.m. when they battle Xavier in Cincinnati, Ohio. Notre Dame defeated the Lady Musketeers 66-52 earlier this season at the Joyce ACC behind freshman Margaret Nowlin's team-leading 17 points and 10 rebounds. McGraw was impressed with Xavier's play in that game and notes that it will have even more incentive entering Saturday's contest.

"I thought Xavier was one of the better teams in the conference," she said. "They played pretty well against us here the last time we played. They've got some good inside players and a couple of good perimeter shooters."

McGrav planned to start a younger lineup featuring three sophomores and two freshmen Thursday against Dayton. Sophomore guards Karen Robinson (13.4 points per game, 5.5 assists per game entering the week) and Sara Liebcher battle the Irish defense, "We've got some goal inside players and a couple of good perimeter shooters."

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McGrav, whose Irish trail the Lady Musketeers 66-52 earlier this season, said second-year Irish guard Kim Irish "Margaret's a little bit closer to where we need her to be. We've had a little more transition, so we'll see if that can get us going."

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Optimistic Irish face road test as they travel to Miami, Ohio

BY CHRIS COONEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team begins a stretch of six straight away matches this weekend when it travels to Oxford, Ohio, to take Miami of Ohio.

Although the Redskins may not have the sports reputation of the Florida school, they do boast an excellent women's tennis team. Miami has won the Mid-American Conference the last eight years and are 5-3 so far this season.

The Irish (1-2) will have to be in their best form if they are going to overcome a team that beat them 6-3 last year. The Redskins have been successful against Notre Dame in the past, holding a 5-1 record over the Irish.

DeCicco earns USOC Kelly award

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame men's fencing coach Mike DeCicco was awarded the 1988 Jack Kelly Fair Play Award by the United States Olympic Committee at the USOC's quadrennial meeting Feb. 18 in Portland, Ore.

DeCicco displayed exemplary sportsmanship and diplomacy at the 1988 fencing world championship, held at Notre Dame, when he averted the schedule of the technical officials for an outstanding act of sportsmanship. Kelly was an Olympic rower and bronze medalist with the United States Olympic Committee each year to an athlete, coach or official for an outstanding act of sportsmanship. Kelly was an Olympic rower and bronze medalist.
Tennis team battling injuries during tough matches at Eck

By BOB MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Last year, the men's tennis team did not respond well when times were tough. Times could be getting tough this year. This weekend, the No. 7 collegiate team in the Midwest, Notre Dame, faces three tough opponents at the Eck Pavilion—Colorado, Southern Illinois and Iowa. All three teams are unranked but on the fringe of making the Top 20.

The three formidable foes are not the only thing that makes the Irish task difficult. Two of Notre Dame's top six singles players are hampered by recurring injuries. No. 2 Brian Kalbas is suffering from a sore hamstring. Mike Wallace, No. 5 player, is battling a sore shoulder that has been plaguing him the entire season. According to Bayliss, both players will take the court in all three matches.

"Everybody is banging up but you have to play the hand that is dealt to you," said Bayliss. "My philosophy is that if you're hurt you don't play but if you play you're not hurt."

Today, the Irish will face Colorado for the second straight year at home. The Buffaloes decisively downed the Irish 3-6 last year. Colorado's players are a variety of styles. No. 1 James Johnson, ranked No. 40 in the nation, is a deceptive, fast player with a good touch and outstanding athletic ability. A "whole, Colorado is an aggressive team as are most of the teams from high altitudes, and are fundamentally sound," said Bayliss. "We are better than last year, and it is not going to bother us."

On Saturday morning, the Irish will take the court against Southern Illinois. Notre Dame will attempt to avenge last year's 4-5 loss. The Saluki's roster mainly consists of South American players who boast big forehands, and excellent touches from the baseline. SIU's No. 1 player, is a spectator's delight with his quickness and mastery of the baseline game. "The key a victory against Southern Illinois is to stay even with them in the singles, and win it in the doubles," said Bayliss. "Saluki's style of play is to his team's advantage. "Southern Illinois" instincts are rooted at the baseline and that helps us."

The Iowa Hawkeyes will be Notre Dame's third opponent in less than 24 hours. Iowa returns all their player from last year's squad that handed the Irish a 7-2 defeat. The Hawkeyes who are ranked No. 6 in the Midwest are a better team on paper than the 64 Irish. "Matches are not played on paper," said Bayliss in his 20th year as a collegiate coach. "Iowa will be a good measuring stick to see how we have progressed. They have a legitimate shot at the Big Ten title."

One of the major forces behind the Iowa's strength is Mike Kuyett who holds the Hawkeye's No. 1 position. Kuyett is a an aggressive player who utilizes his power to overwhelm his opponent. For the Irish, Dave DiLucia, No. 1 player, will look to extend his eight match winning streak. According to Bayliss, the bottom three singles players, the health of his team, and three doubles duo's will play a pivotal role in this weekend's action. "The Hawkeyes have had the past two weekends. "We have enjoyed success and its importance for us to get back," said Bayliss. "Our doubles have gotten us this far and I hope it holds up."

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Brawl mars Wichita St. win

Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - Saasha Radunovich scored 18 points as Wichita State beat Indiana State 84-69 in the Missouri Valley Conference on Thursday after a first-half brawl left just four Indiana State players to complete the game.

Wichita State led 41-25 when Indiana State's Darrious Liles punched Radunovich with 1:46 left in the first half. The play collided as Liles was called for a foul. The fight brought both teams' benches onto the floor. Liles was thrown out of the game, along with nine of his teammates. Wichita State's John Cooper also was ejected for punching Liles.

After the fight subsided, Wichita State ended the half with a 46-31 lead.

Despite having just four players, Indiana State put together a 28-18 run to open the second half. Indiana 76, MU 65

Jay Edwards got eight of his 21 points during a key first-half stretch. That was before the LaSalle game. That was before we were convinced by a last-second jumper, the confident survival of a uniform scandal and a road victory without the team's super-frosh.

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But that was before the LaSalle game. That was before I was convinced by a last-second jumper, the confident survival of a uniform scandal and a road victory without the team's super-frosh.

Before finding itself silenced by super-talent. Before the fighting subsided, the Irish seem less doomed than they did before Fredrick's jumper than when Simmons freed his free throws.

Happy Birthday to my little love muffin,

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Irish volleyball gets four recruits

Special to The Observer

Four high-school volleyball players, including a first-team Reebok All-America selection, have signed national letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame this fall and continue their volleyball careers with the Irish.

LaPhonso Ellis, who guided the Irish volleyball club which advanced to the National Junior Olym-

pian tournament.

"I am pleased with the group we have signed," said Notre Dame head coach Art Lamberti, who guided the Irish to the Final 16 of the NCAA tournament this year before losing to eventual Final Four participant Illi-

nois. "This year's class is a very athletic group who will have a chance to help us out next year because we graduated four senior players."

Brawls and Wichita St. win

While Hammonds has returned from his injury, Notre Dame forward LaPhonso Ellis still is out meantime for Saturday's game. The 6-9 freshman missed Tuesday's 83-66 win over Dayton with seven stitches under his right eye. If Ellis can't play, freshman Keith Tower will start in his place. Tower had 13 points and 10 rebounds in Ellis' absence Tuesday.

After holding a Top 20 position and recording a 9-2 record early on, Georgia Tech (18-9, 7-5 in conference play) has fallen victim to a difficult schedule. Seven of the Jackets' losses have come to nationally-ranked opponents.

"We're just trying to get back on the track," said Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins. "At this point, we're just trying to get back on the track. We've lost our rhythm of late and that's in part to not having Tom Hammonds. We'll need to work hard to get our rhythm back."

Hammonds is the major figure in a trio of Georgia Tech scoring forces that also includes 6-4, sophomore guard Dennis Scott (19.4 points per game, 4.1 rebounds per game, 6-4, 6-4 junior guard Brian Oliver (15.9, 5.6). Junior Joe Fredrick continues to lead Notre Dame (17.5) in scoring (17.2, 2.3). The 6-4 guard started all 27 games in the backcourt with 6-1 sophomore Tim Singleton (3.3, 1.8), who dished out a career-high 14 assists Tuesday. Last year's Jack Jamerson (13.9, 4.2) will start at forward with Keith Robinson (13.0, 9.1).

But Tower has grabbed the most attention lately. After struggling for much of the season, the 6-11 freshman from Coral Gables, Fla., has averaged eight points and rebounds during the past three games. "Once he got his confidence going against LaSalle and Hammonds, there was no doubt in my mind he was ready to play," said Phelps. "He's going to be a great player for us in his capacity."

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Hammonds returns as Tech faces ND

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Assistant Sports Editor

ATLANTA-- Call it a knack or just plain bad luck, but the Notre Dame basketball team has an uncanny ability for playing a top-flight opponent at the worst possible time.

First, Syracuse's Sherman Douglas fights off a back injury just in time to score 26 points and help his team end a four-game losing streak with a 99-87 win over the Irish. Then, Duke's Danny Ferry also recovers from a back injury and leads a Blue Devil team that had lost four of its last five to a 102-80 victory at Notre Dame.

Now Georgia Tech's All-America candidate Tom Hammonds, who saw his team lose two straight while he nursed a knee injury, is at full strength and looking to take on the Black Knights.

By TIM SULLIVAN
Sports Writer

Eight times Notre Dame has won national football championships. Seven Irish football players have earned distinction as Heisman Trophy award winners. But tonight, Notre Dame's Mike Noone will attempt to enter an even more limited Irish fraternity, that of undefeated, four-time Bengal Bouts Champions.

Just four men have earned that distinction in the 59-year history of the Bouts.

Noone is aiming to become the fifth.

His match-up against upset-minded sophomore Pete Botini will highlight a 14-fight card beginning at 8:00 PM at Stepan Center.

"It's something you think about for four years," said Noone, "coming down to six minutes...an intense six minutes."

Noone, the President of the Notre Dame Boxing Club will be able to watch three of his fellow officers as they battle for championships of their own.

Mike "Candyman" Canavan will be battling Troy Duncan in the Lightweight Division. Vance Becklund will look to continue his string of knockouts against Steve Riedl, and Doug Biocichini will try for his second title in as many tries versus Kurt "Lights Out" Lauber.

Becklund and Riedl have met in each Bengals tournament since 1987. Their fight this evening should hold no surprises for either fighter. Becklund won both earlier match-ups on three-round decisions.

The last fight of tonight's card may hold the greatest potential for pain.

Sophomore Super-Heavyweight defending champion Brian Shannon will battle senior Steve Roddy, and the supports of the Stepan Center ring will be severely tested.

Shannon proved his might last year by taking away Dan Quinn's title, while Roddy made his mark against the same fighter in Wednesday night's semi-finals.

Roddy's vicious first-round right hand to Quinn's head ended their fight and sent a powerful message to Shannon, who hasn't fought since last year's Bengals.

Biocichini and junior Tim Reardon will fight for more than just the Championship jacket. Both fighter's fathers won their own Bengal Bouts Championships in the 1960's. In fact, the elder Reardon holds the national record of 25-17-3 in 1966.

Maybe they're OK, after all

The Irish were doomed...again.

Lionel Simmons, then the nation's second-leading scorer, stood at the foul line with 10 seconds on the clock and the score tied. It looked as though Notre Dame would continue its losing ways against strong teams.

It's not that the Irish were a bad team before Simmons lost his composure, missed two free throws and gave Notre Dame a chance to win the LaSalle game last week. And it's not like every solid team in the country could step all over the Irish before Joe Fredrick hit his jumper with two ticks left on the clock to sink the Explorers.

But the really good teams did walk on the Irish when they had to, and the bad ones (with apologies to mighty Valpo and the San Francisco Dons) even found a way to win.

Irish open season with wins

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame baseball team opened its season with a doubleheader sweep of Trinity Thursday at San Antonio, Tex., behind the pitching of freshmen Brian Conway and Dan Marcac.

In the first game, Conway struck out five and walked none as the Irish won 12-2 over Trinity (8-6). He'll play all year, and we're

Digger Phelps.

We're both looking at this game as if we have to win.

Hammonds leads the Yellow Jackets with 21.7 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. With the score tied. It looked as though Notre Dame would continue its losing ways against strong teams.

But there is reason to believe that a Notre Dame basketball team may be coming together at the right time with the tying runs in scoring position.

Jason Martinez and Dan Pel-tier each hit home runs.

Ed Lund homered in a seven-run fifth inning.

The Notre Dame took the second game 12-4 as Mike Coffey earned the save.

Relieving starter and eventual winner Marcac, Coffey struck out the side in the fifth with the tying runs in scoring position.

Maybe they're OK, after all

The Irish were doomed...again.

Lionel Simmons, then the nation's second-leading scorer, stood at the foul line with 10 seconds on the clock and the score tied. It looked as though Notre Dame would continue its losing ways against strong teams.

It's not that the Irish were a bad team before Simmons lost his composure, missed two free throws and gave Notre Dame a chance to win the LaSalle game last week. And it's not like every solid team in the country could step all over the Irish before Joe Fredrick hit his jumper with two ticks left on the clock to sink the Explorers.

But the really good teams did walk on the Irish when they had to, and the bad ones (with apologies to mighty Valpo and the San Francisco Dons) even found a way to win.

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No one has since.

I know, I know--the Irish have only played twice since then. There's no reason to get on that "Battle to Seattle" kick that Digger's been on all season.

But there is reason to believe that a Notre Dame basketball team may be coming together at the right time for once. And before the 80-78 victory over LaSalle, there wasn't.

Those two victories proved something.

First, the Irish beat a Houston team that not only came in with a wealth of talent, but also pulled the old "Red Uniform Trick" for a lift at the intermission. But the Cougars might have considered sticking with the gold uniforms even after their lost luggage was returned from the airport, as Notre Dame finished off the red-clad visitors 89-80.

Tuesday's 83-66 Irish victory over Dayton was another run-in with adversity. While the Flyers may lack the talent