GSU candidates compare similarities and differences

By JASON WILLIAMS
Assistant News Editor

Graduate Student Union (GSU) presidential candidates gathered last night to debate issues relative to the general elections which are taking place today. Rita Francis and Ed Wigenbach spoke to a handful of students at the forum last night in Neurlund Science Hall. Both candidates touched on similar issues and both admitted their differences were slight.

Wigenbach called for more communication among graduate students, in areas: travel grants, committee representation, and upgrading or expanding office facilities. "We need to find a way of dispossing as much money as possible through our travel grant process," Francis said. "We need to show the University that we are going to put all our concerns under four major issues," Francis said. "There's a lot of graduate students who do not know what our concerns are. Through improved communication students can discover these concerns." Wigenbach called for more vocal promotion of graduate student issues.

Both candidates brought up the issue of establishing a Women's Resource Center on campus. Francis said she had been involved in establishing a Women's Resource Center on another campus. Wigenbach said he has been involved and concerning with establishing a center ever since it was first brought to the GSU's attention. Francis' committee issue concerns include improved health insurance, child care concerns and the re-establishment of the Intellectual Life Committee. Wigenbach said his concerns included the restructuring of the current system with more regular, posted committee meetings.

Francis said the major difference between her and Wigenbach is their approach to the issues. "We have two very different styles of doing things simply because we are different individuals," she said. "I have found through my experience in other graduate student activities see GSU / page 4

Six killed as train hits gas tanker

By LAURA FERGUSON
News Writer

Since everyone is ethnic, eth­
nicity does not solely pertain to minorities, according to Tina Buchanan, a Saint Mary's se­ nior and one of the organizers of a week long lecture series focusing on "identity." The event in the series, "Inner Exploration," was held last night in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall.

Several students, faculty, and administrators participated in the open and informal discus­sion sponsored by Minority Interna­tional and Non-traditional Students (MINT) and SMC Rainbow Women. The members of this organization are Tina Buchanan, Sarah Finko, Delia Garcia, and Rebecca Young. Although not an official club, the group is responsible for this lecture series, a multi-cultural week in the spring of 1992, and a previous celebration which recognized Christopher Columbus.

This discussion series on identity was organized by a group of four Saint Mary's se­ niors known as SCM Really Groovy Women. The members of this organization are Tina Buchanan, Sarah Finko, Delia Garcia, and Rebecca Young. "It is like the analogy of the whole world as a salad. If we improve each individual vegetable the whole salad will taste better. If we want to become self absorbed in our own eth­nicity to do this," added Shavers.

In general, the message from the group was that people need to promote tolerance and re­spect others regardless of their ethnicity.

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The next event in this series will focus on sexual orientation. It will take place tonight at 6 p.m. in the Haggar Parlor at Saint Mary's.

Vote today

Elections for Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class off­ ficers will be held today. On Campus students can vote from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Off campus students can vote in the off­ campus student lounge from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Mastering the art: getting past the guards

You and your roommates... 

Kelly O'Neill
Assistant Office Manager

TODAY AT A GLANCE

WORLD

Experts say corpse was not Hitler's

PARIS — French forensic experts say the charred corpse said to be Hitler's was not his body, and that experts' initial verification reports ordered by Josef Stalin to appease the Soviet dictator in a report published in the professional review Hospital Weekly, four forensic pathologists concluded that the body actually was that of an unknown German man. The article, published on March 11 and excerpted in France's national press this week, does not claim that Hitler survived and fled Germany, but rather that his body was shown to a German soldier. The body was later apparently transported to the Soviet Union. According to the Soviet autopsy, the body found outside the Berlin bunker where Hitler committed suicide with his wife, Eva Braun, had an extra tooth and only one testicle. The French team believes doctors were under pressure from Stalin to fake the autopsy, because they wanted to show the world Hitler was really dead.

Oil discovered in Latin America

CARACAS, Venezuela — Major discoveries of oil and gas are likely in Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela, according to a study by Amoco Corp. "There is reason to be optimistic about the future in Latin America," oil company manager George Griffin said in a speech to the Venezuelan-American Petroleum Geology Congress. He said Amoco geologists discovered of at least 500 million barrels in six basins: the Campos in Brazil, the Llanos in Colombia, the Reforma-Campeche and the Tampico-Misantla in Mexico, and the Maracaibo and the Maturin in Venezuela. Latin America has the largest amount of proven crude reserves outside the Middle East, according to 1991 data, Kromman said.

MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING DOCTOR

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A chemical plant worker faces a first-degree murder charge in last week's fatal shooting of a doctor at an abortion clinic. A grand jury indicted Michael Griffin, 31, of Pensacola on Tuesday. He is accused of shooting Dr. James MacArthur, 38, at an abortion clinic. A grand jury indicted Griffin on a first-degree murder charge in last week's fatal shooting of Dr. James MacArthur, 38, at an abortion clinic. A grand jury indicted Griffin on a first-degree murder charge in last week's fatal shooting of Dr. James MacArthur, 38, at an abortion clinic. A grand jury indicted Griffin on a first-degree murder charge in last week's fatal shooting of Dr. James MacArthur, 38, at an abortion clinic.

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Helen Hayes dies at age 92

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Helen Hayes, who won the highest honors of stage, screen and television and was dubbed "First Lady of the American Theater," died Wednesday. She was 92. Hayes was brought to Nyack Hospital in this New York suburb where she made her home, early last week suffering from congestive heart failure. The hospital would not release further information at the request of Hayes' son, actor James MacArthur. She received three Tonys and an Emmy as well as two Oscars, and in 1981 was awarded the Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime achievement. Miss Hayes had been the theater's most prominent star since she left the stage in 1969 after 66 years, because of allergies to dust that aggravated chronic bronchitis. But she always said the theater was still her first love.

OF INTEREST

Eating for your Active Lifestyle, a free public presentation by Nancy Clark, Nutrition Consultant for the Boston Celtics, will take place Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Battell Community Center, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka. A reception will follow the presentation. For information, call 259-3740. Sponsored by Northern Indiana Dietetic Association and Battell Community Center.

Sophomores who are interested in making and selling dinner ideas at Ithomas House as a sophomore service project tonight meet at the Main Circle at 5 p.m. The dinner will last until 8 p.m.

The Spanish Club will hold an organizational meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the ISO Lounge, 2nd floor LaFortune Student Center. For more information call Alex at 634-4478.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1913: Gcorgc King George I was killed by an assassin.

In 1931: New York City Mayor James "Jimmy" Johnson was charged with inefficiency, neglect and incompetence. (President Franklin Roosevelt later dismissed the charges.)

In 1953: An earthquake in Turkey killed 1,000 and left 50,000 homeless.

In 1962: French and Algerian officials signed a truce ending their war.

In 1979: In the largest bust in U.S. history, 20 tons of hashish was seized.

In 1987: A Gerber survey found that the most popular names for newborns are Jessica and Matthew.

MARKET UPDATE

YESTERDAY'S TRADING March 17

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INSIDE COLUMN

You and your roommates just ran some errands off campus, and you refuse to park in D2000 and walk back to the dorm. Instead, you pull up to the security guard, look him/her in the eye, and lie through your teeth.

I would consider myself to be a very honest person, except when it comes to making up reasons for getting my automobile on campus. I'll admit it, when trying to get past the security guard, I'm a compulsive liar.

Although I often tend to use the more standard reasons such as loading luggage or unloading groceries, I have discovered some other excuses which are much more amusing and effective.

Injuries always work. My roommate once stuffed kleenex in her sock and faked a sprained ankle; she was waved onto campus without question. I have also discovered that leaving a Crayola marker in the car or claiming to take a friend to physical therapy always gets sympathy from the guards.

Creativity may also get you past the security guards. I was once with a friend who had to pick up a refrigerator in Farley (it was a Tuesday in November). One of the best lies I ever heard, however, came from a girl claiming she had to pick up three sheet cakes in the Union Record Hall for her dorm's SYR. Even though it was a Thursday night, the guard let her through immediately because he was not impressed with her excuse.

When pulling up to the security booth, it is never easy trying to figure out how sympathetic the guards will be to your excuse. Some will let anything go, others hand out passes, and a few probably won't even let Monk on campus.

It is much easier getting waved on when it is cold or raining outside (which is pretty often in South Bend). It seems that many of the guards would rather sit in their booth than check to make sure you really do have groceries. I never have been able to figure out the system for handing out passes; sometimes they give them, sometimes they don't. Also, the passes are always for a different amount of time.

And if the pass expires while you are still on campus, is it better to take it off, or leave it on your car even though it is invalid?

Some of the guards may refuse to let you on campus regardless of your excuse. I once needed to drop off some people in a snowstorm after a formal. The guard asked me why I (the girl) was driving. I explained that it was my car. He then questioned me for about five minutes before taking my license and letting me drop everyone off. I guess he gave up letting me on campus for Lent.

Notre Dame just wouldn't be Notre Dame without the thrill of getting past the security guards. The last time you want your car on campus, don't be afraid to try a really farfetched excuse. It is much more exciting telling the guards you are Monk's main squeeze than claiming you have luggage to load.

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Navy guarantees ROTC jobs

By JOHN LUCAS
Assistant News Editor

Although working toward modernization and downsizing, the U.S. Navy will continue to guarantee jobs for graduating ROTC students, according to Rear Admiral Louise Wilmot.

"The sweeping changes present challenges to me and to you, but I ask you to embrace the changes, know what they are, and make them your own," she said yesterday afternoon, addressing a meeting of the Naval ROTC's Midshipman's Battalion.

Through all the current reorganization, the Navy will continue to promise positions for all graduating ROTC Midshipmen.

"We can guarantee that there will be a job for each of our graduates," she said.

In addition to promising jobs for graduating Midshipmen, Wilmot explained that there are still many opportunities left in the Navy, particularly for women and minorities.

"I want everyone to understand that the Navy is still a viable career," she said.

Behind the current changes, which involve base closings and the shrinking of the 600-ship fleet of four years ago, Wilmot cited a recent joint report by the Navy and the Marine Corps, entitled "From The Sea." The report detailed proposed changes and compelled the Navy to begin to modernize its forces and refocus its mission.

"We simply had to adapt our naval forces to the 21st century," she said.

The new mission of the Navy, according to Wilmot, is the establishment of a smaller force, ranging from 319 to 344 ships, which would be able to quickly respond to regional conflicts around the globe. Wilmot referred to the recent deployment of troops in Somalia as an example of this new kind of navy.

In refocusing toward smaller crises, the Navy's focus would no longer be geared toward the "domination of the open sea," but rather place an "emphasis on mobility," she said.

The proposed changes and reorganization will not be without some difficulty for those located at the 31 bases to be closed and the 134 to be reconfigured, Wilmot said.

"If ships go, bases go, and if bases go, people go," she said, citing that nearly 200,000 civilians will be affected by the proposed closures.

With upcoming announcements and the analysis of plans for daily base closings, Wilmot urged the Midshipmen to stay abreast of the current situation the Navy faces by reading newspaper articles and editorials.

"It is very difficult to keep up with the changes," she admitted.
Muslim sheik ordered deported

NEW YORK (AP) — An ex­tremist Muslim cleric who preaches at the same mosque where two suspects in the World Trade Center bombing were arrested, was ordered deported from the United States on Wednesday.

The action came as a federal grand jury in Manhattan re­tured indictments against the two suspects already in custody and charged in the blast: Mo­hamed Salameh, 25, and Nidal Ayyad, also 25.

The Feb. 26 blast, which shut down the World Trade Center for nearly three weeks, killed six people, injured more than 1,000 and did tens of millions of dollars in damage to the city economy. One of the buildings will reopen Thursday when Gov. Mario Cuomo returns to his 57th floor office.

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on Choral Music in Vancouver. Budd, a senior nursing major, was nominated by members of the Student Nurses Association, and an active member of Circle K, a service organization. Budd is currently the lieutenant governor for the North­west Division of Indiana Circle K.

She has also served as the treasurer and vice president of the organization. After graduation in May she plans on working as a nurse with the mentally and physically handicapped.

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The deportation order against Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman was unrelated to the blast. But Salameh and Ayyad both have worshiped at the Jersey City mosque where he has preached.

Abdel-Rahman, 54, had come before U.S. Immigration Judge Daniel Meisner on Jan. 29 for a closed hearing requested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to remove the sheik from the country.

The immigration service said Abdel-Rahman did not disclose in 1991 that he is a polygamist and that he was convicted of falsifying a check in Egypt in 1987. Both are grounds for ex­clusion from the United States.

Abdel-Rahman left Egypt for the U.S. after his acquittal in the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The cleric has been known to issue fatwas, or death orders, against what he considers to be infidels against Islam.

He has denied any involve­ment in the twin towers attack.

The indictment returned Wednesday said that Salamneh and Ayyad "unlawfully, willfully, knowingly and maliciously" damaged the world's second­tallest buildings "by use of an explosive device."

Authorities allege Salamneh of Jersey City, N.J., rented the van used to transport the explosive, while Ayyad, of Maplewood, N.J., was capable of building a bomb. Ayyad is a chemical engineer.

The suspects face life without parole if convicted.

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NEW YORK (AP) — It was a badly splintered St. Patrick’s Day celebration. The mayor stayed at home. The cardinal was snug under a canopy on the cathedral steps, waving and smiling at paraders. And more than 200 gay protesters who raised a rainbow flag eventually got turned away from the Manhattan Central Booking. Only about 120,000 people marched Wednesday in the nation's oldest St. Patrick's Day parade, tens of thousands less than usual, and spectators along Fifth Avenue were rarely more than three deep. Organizers blamed the poor turnout on a never-ending Irish-style drizzle. But what was most remarkable about the 232nd parade, even by the unpleasant standards of recent years, was how many Irish-for-a-day were going their own way.

More than an hour before the main parade's start, hundreds of marchers protesting the exclusion of Irish homosexuals staged a countermarch up Fifth Avenue, chanting "Hey-hey, ho-ho, homophobia has got to go!" When they ran into a line of police, they knelt or squatted as police cuffed them and moved them into vans and buses.

In all, 228 were arrested, most for violating a court order. Including City Councilman Thomas Duane, an acknowledged butch, who was cheered as he stepped into a police wagon.

Five were charged with disorderly conduct.

"Our tax dollars at work," laughed one protestor.

In Ireland, a gay organization entered a float in the Dublin parade with no appreciable controversy. Last year, a gay group entered a float in the Cork parade, and won a prize. Elsewhere, Chicago's 38th parade went ahead in freezing temperatures.

In Boston, where last Sunday's parade was postponed a week by the blizzard, organizers were trying to recruit a gay group from marching for the second consecutive year. Last month, a judge ruled the homosexuals had a right to march.

A predicted rain fall to show up for the parade in Savannah, Ga., which drew at least 200,000 spectators. The march in Albuquerque, N.M., was canceled because of unpaid bills to city police from past parades.

In New York, a judge ruled Tuesday that the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, which has battled for three years to be included in the main parade, could not stage a protest parade on the avenue.

Mayor David Dinkins boycotted the parade; instead, he gave a breakfast at his official Gracie Mansion and told his guests that "a few small-minded individuals have soured this celebration with attitudes of intolerance and exclusion.

Dinkins, who had tried to get the gay delegation into the parade, was referred to as "scouts" by the cardinal, who led the community and presided at its normal prayers. This married leader must-be Monsignors suddenly appeared to place our very frail, really-not-so-young bishop in the middle of it all. Dinkins, who had tried to get the gay delegation into the parade, was referred to as "scouts" by the cardinal, who led the community and presided at its normal prayers. This married leader must-be Monsignors suddenly appeared to place our very frail, really-not-so-young bishop in the middle of it all.

In the meantime, we love the train and are not willing to settle for some trip to the Promised Land. We want to arrive with the whole group intact.

The parade itself was relatively somber, with no grand marshal and a color scheme in which green was rivaled by the black of countless umbrellas and the white remains of last week's blizzard.

CAMPUS MINISTRY...

Riding on a Wagon Train

The first time I saw a Pope, in the flesh, it made me cry.

I was off my way to Africa, and I had passed through Rome. The tour bus took us all to the Pope's "summer house" outside the city, where we were gently herded into the inner courtyard of the Vicar of Christ on Earth's 200 huge extra palace. The second floor balcony window opened, and two very slick, really-not-so-young bishops suddenly appeared to place our very frail, really-not-so-young bishop in the middle of it all.

"Don't worry about me," I told the wondering crowd. "I'm just a believer."

There is a certain price to pay to be a Catholic. Theology and pastoral practice move so very slowly. It can seem to be a burden to always worry about the whole crowd, the whole earth.

In Africa, for awhile I lived in a huge rural district where 100 villages within 200 square miles where all organized into one "parish." Every one of the villages had a catechist, a typical local farmer with several months of special training, who led the community and presided at its normal prayers. This married leader taught the children to get ready for the sacraments. He, or she, presided at the normal Sunday prayers. If someone died, this catechist said the consoling words of elders who went to intervene.

Once a month or so, the Parish Priest (or P.P., as he was known) arrived to preside at the Eucharist, and to do a whole slew of baptisms, and to fix-up a marriage or two that had already been recognized for a long time by the local customs. A huge meal was prepared, and then the village joined in celebration for the day.

It was a nice system, but after awhile, it seemed to me a pastoral and catechetical shame to keep on proceeding as if Jesus was most especially present only once a month, when "the Father" - the P.P. arrived. Clearly, the local catechist was doing everything that people in other parts of the world thought a priest should do to lead a community. He, or she, really was the priest of that place, and an attentive spirit, it seemed, would recognize and validate that.

Some did. Certain African theologians called for an end to celibacy as a requirement for the Catholic priesthood. They asked for a recognition of the actual experience of the people. At the same time, a very loyal and Roman trained hierarchy remained quite adamant in proclaiming the teaching of the Vatican and the requirement of universal obedience to magisterial celibacy.

Here in the United States, we have a particular history and our own situation. In our circumstance, it is difficult for many to understand why our Church can not recognize the full gifts of women to the Church and continue to deny them full positions of leadership. Most have heard the arguments; yet many remain unsatisfied. On Monday night, March 22, Bishop Frank Murphy of Baltimore will review this whole scene in a talk in DeBartolo Hall.

Personally, I like the image of the wagon train going to California. Catholics want everybody to arrive. We care about the whole group. We are like travellers on some wagon train. Certain folks are needed as scouts. Likewise, in the church, some people can proclaim ideas beyond the norm. Many of my African friends found mandatory celibacy a strange requirement for one who leads the community and presided at its normal prayers. This married leader must-be Monsignors suddenly appeared to place our very frail, really-not-so-young bishop in the middle of it all.

To Communities ND Participants: Mass and dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, not March 28. We apologize for the typo on your invitations.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

1ST READING 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
2ND READING Ephesians 5: 8-14
GOSPEL John 9: 1-41
Fog hinders rescue efforts for hikers lost in Smokies

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Helicopter rescue efforts in the Great Smoky Mountains were grounded Wednesday by rain and fog as rangers searched the snowy slopes on foot for as many as 45 stranded campers and hikers.

The death toll from the weekend storm that paralyzed much of the Eastern Seaboard reached 232, and searches have been suspended for 32 crewmen from a sunken freighter off Nova Scotia and 16 mariners lost in waters around Florida.

An official said he hoped helicopters would be able to resume flying over the mountains in and near Great Smoky Mountain National Park astride the Tennessee-North Carolina state line on Thursday morning to retrieve people stuck by record snows.

Some hikers have waved off helicopters previously, preferring to take their chances. They no longer have that option, Shelton said.

“We’ll go get ‘em out whether they want to come or not,” said Maj. Gen. Galal el-Shamy, an Interior Ministry spokesman. He said the militants would rather die fighting than be arrested.

They believe they will die anyway if they are captured, responds Hisham Mubarak of the Egyptian Human Rights Organization.

“Their orders to fire on police. We fire back. Sometimes one or two get killed,” said el-Shamy, speaking on condition of anonymity, and more than 10,000 of them are involved in militant groups.

In 1992, 80 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in an intensified terror campaign against tourism, Egypt’s largest source of foreign exchange.

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The latest deaths occurred Wednesday in Assiut, an extremist stronghold in southern Egypt. Police surrounded two apartment buildings, and when the extremists inside refused to surrender, stormed the buildings.

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Egyptian police, extremists clash in Smokies

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The body count is rising as shootouts between government security forces and Muslim extremists become more frequent, with both sides quick on the trigger.

In the bloodiest clash so far this year, 10 extremists and one policeman were killed Wednesday, and 11 militants and 10 policemen were wounded.

The extremist al-Gamaa al-Islamiya — the Islamic Group — in 1981 launched its drive to install an Islamic government. Fueled by suspicions that they will receive no mercy, the extremists have resisted government raids.

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Dear Editor:

Recently at Notre Dame, there has been a renewed discussion concerning cultural diversity. I have read many letters in The Observer and overheard discussions between individuals concerning this very important issue on campus and in society.

As the new president of the Hispanic American Organization, I ran on the platform that we, as Hispanics, can do is to change attitudes by discussing white issues at N.D. In the past is easy seen at N.D. is apathy within the community. Many students, administrators, and faculty simply could not care less about the American minorities are facing injustice, racism, or oppression in America or whether or not at N.D. the topic of cultural diversity should ever be discussed. Within the Hispanic community at N.D., there is apathy. Many Hispanics do not discuss cultural diversity as African-Americans have and have not made the Hispanic presence known on campus.

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Roller coaster ride of 1968 was not terrible for some

I was taken by surprise, recently, when I was talking about 1968, and said, he said, "Boy, that was a terrible year!"

Some terrible things happened, certainly, and we knew it as we lived through it, but somehow, I never thought of the year as an occasion for casual or academic ceremony, freshman year, which began with the Tet Offensive and ended with the murder of Bobby Kennedy, as a terrible time.

Actually, it was pretty exciting. It was like being at the scene of an event: Some people stand around being sensible, others jump in the pitch, and do what needs to be done, the immediacy of the situation overwhelms its horror. Not only are you being more useful, but there is an intoxicating kick of adrenalin to be had, as well.

With the spring semester 25 years ago was one long, horrific accident, and the adrenalin never stopped pumping. Tet was the two-by-four-between-the-eyes, the wake-up call that told Americans we were fighting a war that couldn't be won, and that to give up, no matter how many of their young men and our young women were in the struggle.

The struggle raged throughout South Vietnam, but especially in the city of Hue, where some 60 percent of the houses were destroyed, and, most shockingly, at the Bien Hoa air base in Saigon, where the embassy staff came under fire as enemy soldiers十分钟 through a compound.

Analysis agreed that the communists lost the battle, but all we won was the wish, as a memorial to the estimated 30,000 young people killed over the last five years.

It was terrible news. But you must understand: We were more distracted the week before, when the North Dining hall served tainted beef in the middle of finals week, turning a normally tense time into a fear of foodborne illness and dietary chome and vomiting throughout the North Quad. In revenge, there was a food riot, under the slogan "Better Food or Bigger Bank." How do the two events compare? Well, either it is a noble sentiment or not, things that happen to other people are not as important as what happens to you. I wept that I had no shoes, and I still wanted some shoes.

The Tet experience to realize is that the horrific events weren't necessarily unique at the time, as they are today seen. When Martin Luther King was killed, the shocking thing was that it was Martin Luther King and not Huey Newton or Stokely Carmichael. King was loved and revered, but as an elder statesman by the burgeoning progressive resistance in an age of Black Power, not as someone on the cutting edge of the revolution, and certainly not as a logical target for assassination.

Like the attempted assassination of John Paul II, the shock was in how pointless it seemed to be, to shoot such a nice guy. It wasn't that we felt we could not move forward without him.

And then there was Bobby. I've heard it said that the Chicago Convention might have been the first key lived to take the nomination, but I don't recall the activist movement having much faith in him. Bobby was a preppy opportunist who jumped into the race once Gene McCarthy had done all the work, and he was embraced, for the most part, by those who would have sentenced the war if they weren't afraid it might ruin their chances of getting into law school.

Still, the killings sent a message, because both Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy represented what our elders kept advising us to Do Work in the world. Gentile decent, turning the other cheek, working for change was preferable to shouting and threatening and marching. This moment LBJ announced the bombing halt and his decision not to seek reelection, our liberal friends began telling us to stop demonstrating, because the president needed our support to bring about peace.

But four days after LBJ's speech, Martin Luther King was dead. Bobby Kennedy died less than eight weeks later. They both followed each other, and both worked within the system. Working within the system begun to look to a lot of young people like some bullshit.

And I maintained that 1968 were a terrible year, it would be for that reason. I think that came out of the same semester with the clear message that the system was not for us, that we were cogs in a machine that was more than out of our control, but was working against our best interests.

But it was a bad year. It was an exciting time to be at a point in our lives where we had the freedom to just jump in and get involved in all this amazing stuff.

A couple of years ago, I inter­viewed Arlo Guthrie and he mentioned the number of people at his concerts who were too young to remember "Alice's Restaurant" the first time around, but who know and re­quest it. What he suggested was that, 25 years from now, kids won't remember the Sexes, Europe in, Russia, in China, will sit around talking about the days when they were young, and when amazing stuff was happening in their countries.

I'm sure he was right. And we're sure that reason: I think many of us feel the "monetary system has collapsed. There were shortages, of everything. We had vile ethnic fighting everywhere.

But another will smile, and say, "That's funny. I never heard of it.

Peter Peterson, Chair of "71, is a business writer with the Pres-Republican, a daily newspaper in New York City.

America in need of industrial policy

Dear Editor:

In case you missed it while enjoying spring break, last week the US Treasury Secretary Robert Brown announced the merger of the American Trading Companies (ATC) and the American Trading and Importing (ATI) to form a new entity, the American Trading Company (ATC). The idea is modelled on the Japanese Keiretsu system of interlocking company such as the Mitsubishi, Fujitsu and Sanyo systems. These are vast corporate groups built around a bank and containing 10-12 other companies in au­tomobiles, chemicals, finance, mining, forestry, aerospace and just about every other economic field.

Mitsubishi motors is only the seventh largest member of the Mitsubishi Keiretsu, but the advantages of this system are many, but there are two primary advantages. First, the member can receive low-cost loans and investment capital from the investment giant, and second, cheap, guaranteed support in the event of some macroeconomic problem that should be had from any group member. Also, operating as a unit allows strong central control and a wide range of administrative roles that have to be had from any group member. But also, operating as a unit allows strong central control and second, cheap, guaranteed support in the event of some macroeconomic problem that should be had from any group member.

Secretary Brown said that such a drastic move was neces­sary to effectively compete with systems like Japan's and hoped to have a total of four such ATCS in place by the end of the year to counter Japan's six conglomerates. The shared re­search and development, and omnipresent fervor to keep the ATCS costs and the presentation of a unified front in the face of increas­ingly stiff, subsidized foreign competition (which also includes Korean Keiretsu ones) as Hyundai and Daewoo as well as Mitsubishi Motors Ltd. and a number of American companies) adjust to the more protectionist global economy.

When asked what he thought that this might provoke a trade war with Japan, Secretary Brown answered that the possibility had been examined, but that the expected benefits outweighed any such problems. As the expected global protests and lobbying ef­forts began to come in, Secre­tary Brown emphasized that "The United States is sending a clear message to the rest of the world that we will no longer sit back while subsidized and pro­duced competition Cannes and eliminates our industries and economic growth in the United States."

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Pursuing women's education

Women's colleges continue to offer unique learning experience

by JENNIFER HABRYCH
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's, as it does, isn't going to have a future if it doesn't fit in with the development of American higher education. Co-educational schools with 10,000 or more students, for example, and a superior faculty are the norm. Now, women are turning away from the small independent college, the women's college. The editorial board of The Observer declared that after the failed merger with Notre Dame, Saint Mary's had no future, but 20 years later, Saint Mary's and the other women's colleges across the nation are flourishing.

Study after study has demonstrated that women do not receive the same education in co-educational environment. In a co-ed college, the professor is called on as much as 12 times more often, are asked to defend her answers more, and are less likely to be interrupted by professors and dominate class discussions. At women's colleges, not only are they allowed to participate in the classroom, but they are known that they hold self-esteem.

The women's college classroom is an environment that is not a competition and is more and more aggressive in working for my goals. It helps me to break through the feelings, to just be who I am. My colleagues at other places, they do just like you, who care about things you care about," said Nicosia.

"I've learned to be assertive and confident in myself. In a time in which reports are indicating that a one-size-fits-all education does not do justice to women, Saint Mary's and other women's colleges must be a testing ground for what does work in women's education. At a women's college you can get an education for women," said Kathy Roe, vice president of the Student League for Women's Colleges. "Women and men are different and we need an education that meets a women's needs specifically, not as connected to their societies."

In a recently released report, "Changing Schools that Shorten Girls' College Experience by the American Association for University Women, the synthesis of research concluded that "girls do not receive equitable amounts of teacher attention, are less apt than boys to see themselves reflected in the materials they study, and are not expected or encouraged to pursue higher-level math and science in science." At a women's institution, where the education is tailored to meet a woman's needs, this does not occur.

According to researchers at the University of Michigan in 1989, only 18 percent of doctorates in math and nine percent of doctorates in science were awarded to women. Statisticians from the Women's Coalition in Washington, D.C., indicate that graduates of women's colleges are more than twice as likely as their counter­parts at coeducational institutions to receive doctorates, especially in the areas of math and science where men still dominate. A study of Saint Mary's graduates over the last six years indicated that within one year of graduation, 10 percent who pursued graduate work were studying math and 66 percent were studying a woman's college discipline.

"Professors stress that women are very important in society," she said. "The choice to attend a women's college is a conscious one for many. Instead, they said they were first attracted by the small, liberal arts atmosphere, but once there, they realized the value of a women's education at a women's college. When I was looking at schools, I just happened to look at women's colleges and that was a consensus of most of my friends here," said Olsen. "I wasn't sure how it would be different until I was actually here."

Mary Barger, a Le Mans senior, said that with two older sisters attending Saint Mary's she was attracted by the all-women's education. "I didn't choose Saint Mary's solely because it was an all woman's college, but that was an added benefit," said Barger. "There are a lot of feminist issues and current events."

In the 1960s there were 228 women's colleges in the country. Today, though, that number has decreased. "In 1989, only 84 colleges were listed in the US News and World Report, which is a decrease of 15," said Lowery.

Hollins is also working on a newsletter which will establish a link between the 84 women's colleges that are members. The newsletter will create awareness between the campuses of what other women's institutions are doing.

Shana Nicosia, one of the coordinators of the League of Women's Colleges, said that Hollins planned to include other colleges in the newsletter. Events at Saint Mary's for the day will include a performance by the musical group Sister Chain, an alumna speaker, a creative release discussion in which students can discuss their personal women's college experience, and a lecture by Dean of Faculty Dorothy Feigl on the perception of a women's college for the administrative point of view.

All events are sponsored by the Student League for Women's Colleges and the Board of Governance.

Saint Mary's day to honor women's education

By JENNIFER HABRYCH
Saint Mary's Editor

With only 84 of the 228 women's colleges that existed in the 1960s remaining, students are now trying to create awareness of what they have known all along-­women's colleges provide a unique atmosphere for women to learn.

"It's important for Women's College Appreciation Day to be an attempt to create this awareness," said Marzolf.

The idea came from a conference that Maureen Lowery, 1991-92 student body president attended, in which two women from Beggs College in Massachusetts spoke of their efforts to begin an organization in which women's colleges could communicate with one another. At the start of this year Marzolf said she tried to further this idea of a national organization with local chapters at each women's college, but she realized that the idea was not feasible at this time. She said that first the chapters need to start at the campus level. "I think that I would like to see in which we talk about how to gain media support, how to create awareness," said Marzolf. "And also to talk about creating informational things to send out to high school students about women's colleges."

The goal of Women's College Appreciation Day is to create this awareness on the Saint Mary's campus. "It's been a big thing on the campus, and it's been documented," said Roe.

Similar efforts are being made at other women's colleges across the nation. At Hollins College in Roanoke, Va., a women's college appreciation day is slated for April 2. according to the Student League of Women's Colleges President, Courtney Olsen. Hollins is also working on a newsletter which will establish a link between the 84 women's colleges that are members. The newsletter will create awareness between the campuses of what other women's institutions are doing.

Shana Nicosia, one of the coordinators of the League of Women's Colleges in Pennsylvania, said that they are in the middle of a Women's College Appreciation Month.

Throughout the month alumnae are speaking so that the women can see the success of a women's college. "Alumnae are speaking in support of the League," said Marzolf.

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Shakespeare comes to Dalloway's

Not So Royal Shakespeare Company to present the 'Taming of the Shrew'

BY TARA CAVALLARO
Accent Writer

The Royal Shakespeare Company of London will perform an authentic Shakespearean play this weekend at Saint Mary's College.

Well, not exactly.

The Not So Royal Shakespeare Company will present "Taming of the Shrew" Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this week. "Taming of the Shrew" will mark the third performance of the company which is sponsored by the London Program.

Sophomore Josh Hartman and senior Kristin Sherwood are directing the production this year. Sherwood is in her second year directing for the company. Last year she directed the company's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"Taming of the Shrew" was chosen as this year's play because it is a comedy, and it has a manageable cast size of thirteen. "It is also good in getting the audience involved because most of the audience is familiar with the play," Sherwood said.

Many factors made it difficult for this year's cast. The company had only six weeks to prepare. Also, the company had to deal with the interruption of rehearsal time by spring break and the added difficulty of weather-related travel delays.

Still, all cast members were able to return for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday night. Sherwood said. Sherwood said he and the cast feel confident of a successful outcome.

The play's strengths include lead actor Sean McKenna as Petruchio, lead actress Michelle Rossi as Kate, and an energetic supporting cast, Sherwood said.

McKenna, a sophomore, also performed in the Sophomore One Act Plays and was the lead in the St. Edward Hall production "Out of the Frying Pan" this year.

Rossi, a senior, played various roles in the English department sponsored "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits." She also was the lead in the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company's presentation of "A Comedy of Errors" two years ago.

"Michelle and Sean do a great job leading the audience through the stages of the relationships (between Petruchio and Kate)," stressed Sherwood.

Also, Professor Paul Rathburn assists the company. Sherwood said that Rathburn's extensive knowledge of Shakespeare provides great help in interpreting the script. "There's nothing he can't explain," Sherwood said.

The cast walks through the aisles and makes extensive use of entrances and exits in an effort to draw the audience into the play.

To provide an added touch of splendor, Saint Mary's costume department has donated Elizabethan attire.

SUB-sponsored Fun Run to benefit Beeler–Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund

By KEVIN DOLAN
Accent Writer

Student Union Board hopes hundreds of feet will hit the pavement Saturday as they hold the "Irish Jog," a race for charity, according to Ellen Zahren, program director for SUB.

The race offers runners a choice of participation in either a 5-mile run or a 2-mile walk/jog. Zahren said.

"Anyone can run this course," said Zahren. "What we hope is that people will come out and have fun with it, because it is a 'fun run', and it is for a good cause," she said.

The proceeds from the Irish Jog will benefit the Beeler-Hipp scholarship fund. The fund was established by student government in memory of the two swimmers, Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp, who were killed in last year's bus accident, Zahren said.

The race will end at Fieldhouse Mall, where the prizes will be awarded. The entry fee for the jog is $2. Prizes are $10 for the men's and women's winners in the 2-mile race, and $30 to the men's and women's winners in the 5-mile run.

SUB had planned "a big celebration at the end," but the potentially inclement weather has forced them to adjust their plans, said Zahren.

"We wanted XYZ affair to play after the race, but they won't be able to because of the cold," Zahren said. Instead, SUB plans to serve mint chocolate chip ice cream and hot cocoa in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.

Despite the weather, Zahren and SUB still hope for a good turnout.

"It's always tough to advertise right after spring break and we were hoping to come back to spring (warm weather), not winter," said Zahren. "But we've put the race together really well. It's a tradition, and a growing one at that. Next year, weather permitting, we hope to do it even better."

Students may sign up on Thursday and Friday in the SUB office on the second floor of LaFortune Hall. SUB is also taking signups the day of the race from 1:30 until the race's start at 2:30.
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10) St. John's 21-10
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13) Santa Clara 18-11
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15) Kansas 26-6
16) St. Mary's 20-5
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Purdue, which will play Rhode Island in the first round of the Arena. Ten campaign, they managed only four wins in Mackey Arena.

Southwest Regional

With only 2,300 students to its name, the University of Evansville realizes its basketball team will be an underdog Thursday against Florida State. The Seminoles (22-9) enter the first-round NCAA Tournament game ranked 11th nationally and seeded third in the Southeast Regions in Orlando, Fla., a short road trip from Florida State's campus in Tahallachie.

Evansville, which came nowhere near the Top 25 this year, is seeded 14th among the 16 teams in the region. The Aces (23-6) landed in the NCAA Tournament instead of the NIT by upsetting Xavier in the Midwest Collegiate Conference tournament.

So how does a scrappy crowd of overachievers hope to match up with a talent-rich team led by two-sport star Charlie Ward?

First, they pay no attention to the polls, the seeds or the press. "We never talked about the seeds at all," said Scott Shrefler, a fifth-year senior who is part of his third NCAA Tournament team at Evansville.

"We're all talking about the seeds, but we don't take advantage of our home-court situation and we don't come out and get after folks. So there was not an edge there this year, that's for sure."

"Some days it's coming along, and some days it's not," said Coach Bobby Dye. "But you know, it's coming along."

As Vanderbilt coach Eddie Fogler studied videotapes of Boise State, the image of Tonoka Beard grew larger and larger.

The 6-foot-10, 245-pounder may be the Bronco's best hope against the eighth-ranked Commodores in Thursday's NCAA West Regional first-round matchup.

"Boise State is an outstanding center, a senior four-year starter, very quick and strong — a heck of a player," Fogler said Wednesday.

Beard's 21.2 points and 7.7 rebounds per game aside, No. 8 Vanderbilt (26-5) is expected to have little trouble with Boise State (21-7).

Santa Clara (18-13) plays Missouri (19-13), expected winners in Thursday's NCAA Tourney opener. The Broncos finished second in the Big Sky's regular season, but defeated the Vandals 80-68 last weekend for the league tourney crown and automatic NCAA berth.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sign up for SMC Interhall soccer information, which will be Thursday March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility. For more information call 344-5549.

Alkido Club will have practice from 6-8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. on Friday in 219 Rockne. Beginners are welcome.

ND/SMC Equestrian Club is having a club show Sat. March 20, at Kensington. Call Megan for details at 634-2784. If you are interested in showing stockseat at Purdue on March 27, please call Katie at 284-5520.

The Irish's top three singles players, Will Forsyth, Chuck Coleman, and Mark Schmidt all are ranked in the top 50, with Forsyth dropping from No. 19 to 31st, Coleman at 44th, and Schmidt at 35th. Forsyth and Coleman team to produce the nation's 14th-ranked doubles team.

This is the first appearance for New Mexico in the Blue-Gray, which is the same situation Notre Dame was in last season.

"We hope to do well even though this is the first time in the tournament," said New Mexico head coach Tim Caccese. "There is a strong field in the tournament."

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SMC softball wins four during break

By BETH REGAN
Assistant Saint Mary's Editor
The Belles had a successful
first week of games in Orlando,
Florida over Spring Break.
They finished the week with a
4-2 record winning the last
three games.
"We improved each day we
went down there," said
Coach Don Cromer. "We have
a lot of young players and
this week gave them the
opportunity to gel."

The Belles did not lose heart
after a disappointing first day
losing to Alvernia College. The
team also scrimmaged Grand
Rapids Community College the
same day, which allowed
Cromer give everyone a chance
to play.

The Belles got a taste of vic-
tory the following day by
defeating Anderson University,
although they lost to top-ranked
Saint Norbert College later that
afternoon.
"Anderson was an important
win," said junior Sara Miller.
"We will play them later in the
season and we hit well against
their pitcher."

Although taking a losses to
both Saint Norbert College that
same day and Maryville Uni-
versity the following day,
Cromer felt that the team began
to gel at this point.
The Belles dominated against
Ithaca College, Point Park Col-
lege and trounced undefeated
Loras College in their final day
of games.

"I think that these games
helped us a lot," said freshman
Tina Brockman. "We played
well together after we got the
kinks out."

"Loras was by far our best
game," said Miller. "We started
the week off slowly, but man-
aged to pull together in the
end."

"We should have a successful
season if we can get into a
rhythm," added Miller.
March Madness is officially underway
64 teams begin tournament with the same dream

Midwest Regional
College basketball’s next dynasty? Don’t close the book on the one already in place, says Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. “People are waiting to close the chapter.” Krzyzewski said as he prepared his Blue Devils for their NCAA opener on Thursday night. “What we have to try to do is use that to our advantage, don’t let anybody close any darn chapters on us. This is our time.”

Of course, Krzyzewski also realizes his Blue Devils are not as powerful as in the last two seasons, when they won the national championship.

While the Blue Devils have plenty of postseason experience with stars like Bobby Hurley, Grant Hill and Thomas Hill, who have two championships rings each, Krzyzewski said his 1992-93 team has been more aggressive at times.

“They are more easily distracted than my last two teams,” Krzyzewski said. “They might be distracted by a performance of a player against them... it knocked them back. A call, or if they miss a couple of shots. In some games that will impact on them more than we would like.

“This team gets along great, but that’s what we mean by maturity. It has nothing to do with something like ‘you stole my towel and I’m mad at you for life’. The Blue Devils have been playing like that for more than two years. In order to beat the Illini, Jay Louderback should be good to go again.

Although the Irish are 6-6 in dual matches this season, their record is 2-0 versus Midwest Region teams. A win against the Lady Illini would push them one step closer to receiving the Midwest’s automatic NCAA bid.

The Irish netters had been playing consistently until their recent stumble against South Florida. In order to beat the Illini, Jay Louderback should be good to go again.

Nimmo will be very tough,” said Irish coach Jerry Nimmo. “I think she played well in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rankings. But that is nothing new for the road weary Irish, as they have already faced ten such teams, including five teams ranked among the nation’s top twenty-five.

“It really makes a difference when you win on the road,” said Nimmo. “I think we have more confidence playing on the road.”

The regular season and the conference tournaments are now a distant memory. Tunnel vision is now focused on New Orleans. That is the destination of only four members of the 64-team field, but it is coveted by all.

Women need win for NCAA berth
Men set to challenge at Blue-Gray

By RIAN AKEY
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame women’s tennis team takes to the courts of Eck Pavilion today against Illinois, it will be fighting to keep its undefeated record intact.

If the Blue Devils have any weakness, it is their schedule. They have played four of the nation’s top five teams, including four since Feb. 13, and questions surround Grant Hill’s effectiveness. While they’ve favored to beat Southern Illinois in a Midwest Regional opener in Bloomington, Il. on Thursday, the Blue Devils (23-7) are 10-1 to make it three in a row.

Purdue certainly doesn’t mind a first-round NCAA assignment from far away. The road has been friendlier to the No. 22 Boilermakers than their home arena for most of the season, anyway. “It’s one of those things where it’s certainly been the trend,” said coach Gene Kearfott.

By JONATHAN JENSEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team hit the road once again yesterday, as they will clash with New Mexico this afternoon in the first round of the prestigious Blue-Gray National Classic in Madison.

The match is set against another opponent ranked in the top-25, as New Mexico moved up from 24th to 19th in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rankings.

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The Irish will be looking for a couple more quality wins this weekend, as they head to Alabama for a tournament they finished fifth in last season, posting a 2-1 record including with wins over Oklahoma State and Drake last year.

The Blue Devils’ record included six wins over Illini teams and four victories over the Irish in previous matches.

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