**CALL challenges University's prolife commitment**

By MEREDITH MCGRATH and NICOLE MCGRATH

News Writers

Close to 100 prolife activists challenged the University of Notre Dame and its president, Father Edward Malloy Friday, claiming that the University has failed to uphold Catholic teachings concerning abortion.

In an effort to persuade Malloy to join the group in prayer for unborn children, members of the national prolife organization Colombians Activated to Liberate Life (CALL) held a peaceful seven-hour sit-in outside his third floor office. Filling the hallway with hymns and prayers, the group pledged not to leave until Malloy agreed to meet with them.

"President Malloy has an obligation as a Catholic leader," said CALL founder Peter Heers. "As a leader of the illustrious Catholic University, he must stand in solidarity with the victims of crime."

The University of Notre Dame has not done anything to follow the teaching of the Catholic Church," he said.

The sit-in came to a close after seven hours when Malloy agreed to meet with Heers, Johnson and two other CALL members.

The tenor of the hour long meeting was amicable and by no means confrontational, according to Dennis Moore, director of public relations and information. "We explained their position and asked them to stand in solidarity with us," he said.

Malloy told the South Bend Tribune that he was "pleased that the group had come to CALL that Notre Dame is a prolife institution and always has been."

Keough given Laetare medal

**Special to The Observer**

Donald Keough, president and chief operating officer of The Coca-Cola Company and chairman emeritus of the University of Notre Dame's board of trustees, has been awarded the University's Laetare Medal for 1993. Keough will receive the medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, during Notre Dame's 141st Commencement exercises on March 16.

"Both Notre Dame and the Catholic Church have been beneficiaries of Don Keough's thorough commitment and liberal sharing of his leadership talents," said University President Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, and officiated at the University's first-ever presidential inauguration.

Keough served as national chairman of the University's Strategic Moment campaign, which began as the most ambitious fund-raising effort in the history of American Catholic higher education and concluded as its most successful. The final campaign total— in excess of $463 million— was more money than had been raised in the entire previous history of Notre Dame.

Ironically, Keough also was admitted during his chairman- ship for his eloquent readings of the citations honoring the annual Laetare Medal winner.

Keough recently was named "Irish American of the Year" by Irish America magazine.

**ND junior hurt in hit-and-run accident near Edison Road**

**By JENNIFER HABRYCH**

Saint Mary's Editor

A Notre Dame junior was struck by a car in a hit-and-run accident on Ivy Rd. early Saturday morning.

James Irwin, a junior Hall resident, was hit just north of Edison Road in front of the Jamison Inn at 2:59 a.m., according to the Saint Joseph County Police.

Irwin was walking from the Linebacker Lounge to Turtle Creek Apartments with four friends when a car swerved off the road and hit him.

He said that one of his friends turned around and saw the automobile and another dove out of the path of the car before Irwin was struck by the vehicle.

**Prochoice students attend rally**

**By NICOLE MCGRATH**

Saint Mary's News Editor

When pink flyers saying "Protect Your Freedom of Choice" went up on the Saint Mary's campus after spring break," said Young, one of four women whose name was on the flyer.

"We've had lots of resistance. I've had several phone calls ranging from hang-ups to being called 'baby killers,'" said Young, one of four women whose name was on the flyer.

"We want to make sure that the Notre Dame pro-choice students join in a nonviolent gathering in front of the Women's Pavilion in South Bend this past week," according to the flyers. "Political factors aside, the anti-abortion movement is coming to South Bend.""""NOW (National Organization for Women) contacted faculty beforehand and spread, word of mouth, about the demonstration before break," said Young.

The main goal was to keep the clinic open, she said. "It is not so we can only have abortions, but they do so many other things such as pregnancy testing, birth control and family planning.""""A lot of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame women do use clinic although the schools are reluctant to admit it," she said.

Some Saint Mary's students agreed with Young and told her they approved of what was said at the rally.

**Hit-and-Run**

Irwin was taken to Saint Joseph Medical Center where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Irwin said that his friends did get the license plate number of the car that hit him.

No charges have been filed in connection with the accident, according to the Police.

Irwin noted that the Saint Joseph County Police was unavailable at this time.
Eating disorders: Still a problem on these campuses

You wouldn't know it's a problem here because no one really talks about it. It's like something you see or something you hear about.

No one talks about it, especially the administrators. But eating disorders are a serious problem at Notre Dame and at Saint Mary's.

Part of the reason for this is that these schools are made up of highly competitive over-achieving individuals who want to be as perfect as they can be.

The problem is confined neither to Notre Dame nor Saint Mary's. It is present on both campuses, but it is never addressed or acknowledged on either. Women on both sides of the street are destroying their bodies through poor eating habits, starvation, rejuvenation and over-exercising.

These women don't admit that they have a problem, but all of them know that what they are doing is not normal. Although they allude to the problems they think they have, they will never openly acknowledge them.

Society is a major cause of these problems. This has never been more apparent to me than over Spring Break. I went to Florida to stay with my mom's parents, and my 60-something-year-old grandma told me that she was dieting because she wanted a body like Barbie (she was 79).

What sort of culture do we live in when a plastic doll, who if life-size would be completely misproportioned, is an ideal for women?

I'll admit that my body is not close to perfect, and there are times when I really don't like it, but I realize that no one is really happy with the way they look. Plus, I really like to eat and I enjoy food.

My purpose in writing this column is not to blame the media for not addressing the problem or to proclaim my own well-adjustedness or to start a full-scale boycott of Barbie dolls. Rather, I want women on both campuses to acknowledge that problem exists.

The best way to combat eating disorders is for those who have them to admit they have them. Only when a woman admits that she has an eating disorder can she begin to solve the problem.

Eating a muffin and a small bowl of plain yogurt is not a glass of water all day is not healthy. As women, we need calcium every day, and if we don't get that calcium the detriments could be life long.

Not only should the women who eat like this realize that they are starving themselves and weakening their bodies, but their friends should approach them if they think a problem exists.

If a friend or a roommate is exhibiting signs of an eating disorder, do not ignore it. Question her, talk to her about it until she admits that she does have a problem.

Eating disorders won't begin to go away unless we realize that they are there.

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Off-campus co-presidents, Senate campaigns begin
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Six new members elected to ND Board of Trustees

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Meet Your Arts and Letters Major -

By COLLEEN HAGEN
News Writer

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Don't forget: March is energy conservation month.

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Seven cult members leave Waco compound

WACO, Texas (AP) — At least seven more Branch Davidian cult members left the group's armoured compound Sunday, the third and quickest mass escape in three days, as police tightened their siege of the group's leader, David Koresh.

The medal bears the Latin inscriptions: "Laetare," the Latin word for "sunday," "the quicker picks up, the better the situation is," and "est veritas et prevalebit." "The truth is the greatest evil." Koresh and his followers were holed up inside the compound since a Feb. 28 shootout between cult members and agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. At about 11 a.m., Rita Riddle, 35, and Gladys Devere, 17, were whisked away in a red car. One woman acknowledged to two of the agents reporters with a slight smile as the car sped by. Both refused to talk to reporters at the McLennan County Jail.

About 3:30 p.m., James Lawtien, 70; Sheila Martin, 46; and Olilia Soto, 62, left the compound, said FBI agent Sharon Smith. They were also taken.
Saint Mary’s holds
Hyapatia Day events

By JENNIFER HABRYCH
Saint Mary’s Editor

Over 100 area seventh graders, their parents and 50
Saint Mary’s students participated in Hypatia Day this Sat­
urday at Saint Mary’s to pro­
mote the study of math and science by girls.

Tobi Laren, a Le Mans Hall junior who participated in the
event, said that the day was success­ful.

Laren helped the girls make
silly putty and slime during the hands-on sessions in the
chemistry lab.

“They were really excited and
it was neat seeing them realize
that chemistry wasn’t just test
but it is related to the real world,” said Laren.

Parents who participated said that they enjoyed the day and the
reminder that they need to be
involved in their daughters’ education.

“It was a good reminder of
ways I need to get involved to
make sure my daughter is on
the right track to college,” said
Martha Detlefsen, the mother of
a seventh grader from Edison
School.

Many of the parents said that while they liked most about the
program was that it target­ed
such a young group.

“I never thought about it be­
fore, but the choices they make
at this age open and close the
doors for later on in life,” said
Kathryn Henke, whose daugh­
ter attends Pierre Moran Mid­
dle School in Elkhart.

The hands-on session in which students participated in the
laboratory and classroom demonstrations led by Saint
Mary’s students was the fa­
vourite part of the day for the
seventh graders.

Rachel Seefman, a student at
Wanatah Junior High, said that she
learning to take a person’s
blood pressure and how to read
a thermometer were two of the
things she learned in nursing
class which she really enjoyed.

“I’m planning to be a nurse
when I grow up, and I learned a
lot,” she said.

Heather Bascher, also a sev­
enth grader at Wanatah Public
School, said that while she has
always enjoyed math, after the
day she believes she will prob­
ably study math when she is in
college.

Hypatia Day was initiated in
response to reports such as the
American Association of Uni­
erity Women’s “Changing
Schools that Shortchange
Girls,” which claims that girls
are not receiving as much atten­
tion and encouragement in the
classroom as boys.

Hypatia Day was sponsored by
Miles, incorporated of
Elkhart and Saint Mary’s Col­
lege.

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“...They see themselves slipping into the huge underclass that our society seems to tolerate...”

Page has personally taken
initiative with the apparent
disintegration of confidence in
young students by establishing the
Page Education Foundation, a
program designed to assist
minority and other disad­
vantaged youth in work and sec­
education.

He said the most important
aspect of helping students re­
tain their interest in education
lies in giving minority and dis­
adantaged students a sense of
purpose in the classroom.

“We must make changes be­
fore they give up on the system
and make sure the system
doesn’t give up on them.” Page
said, "I think the best way to do
this is through education.”

Page said everyone else who
believes in America’s education
system, should use their own
story as a role model for all
students. Page pursued his law
degree from the University of
Minnesota while at the same
time playing professional foot­
ball for the Minnesota Vikings.

Page told law students that
learning just begins when they
pass the Bar Exam and enter into
the work force. Channeling
efforts towards preparation will
enable them for activities in the
courtroom, he said.

“Preparation is critical for
success,” he said. “Even if your
fears cause you to stumble,
good preparation will pick you
up.”

He continued that the rigors of
law school do not disappear
once students enter the work
force. The toughest part of be­
ing a lawyer lies in deciphering
the vast realms of facts and
 evidence which can often ques­
tion their beliefs as individuals,
be added.

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Abortion Demonstration

ND and SMC students arrested in demonstration

By MEREDITH MCCULLOUGH
City Editor

Three Notre Dame students and one Saint Mary's student were arrested Saturday in Merrillville, Ind., for participating in a "rescue" at a Planned Parenthood clinic.

Regina Hall sophomore Lori Dickinson, Pasquerilla East sophomore Kelly Dwight, Farley Hall junior Claire Johnson, and Cavanna Hall freshman Robert Schlosser were among approximately 50 members of Collegians Activated to Liberate Life (CALL), a midwestern pro-life organization, who attempted to close down the clinic for the day by locking arms and blocking all entrances to the facility.

In addition, Notre Dame graduate students Mary Lalli and Michael Sheliga acted as "prayer supporters." These students were on site to silently offer support to the group, according to Johnson, co-president of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life group.

In a standard rescue, pro-life protesters try to reach the site before clinic employees, explained Johnson. They position themselves in front of the doors, pray, and do not let anyone through. At the same time, "sidewalk counselors" approach potential clinic clients with alternatives to abortion, she said.

The rescue activity is "a non-violent, prayerful attempt to save the lives of children," said Johnson. "We place our bodies between the abortionist and the mothers," she said.

The group arrived in Merrillville at about 7:15 a.m. Central Standard time and blocked the four doors of the clinic. By 10:45 a.m. the police began to move protesters out of the way of the doors and arrest them. "It went a lot faster than we wanted it to," said Dwight. "We would have liked to have been at the clinic longer."

During the process of arrest, many of the demonstrators received poor physical treatment, said Schlosser.

They were treated roughly, but I expected that," said Dickinson, president of Saint Mary's Right to Life. "They were trying to get us out as quickly as possible and though we did not fight them, we hoped to stay as long as possible."

The protestors were taken to the Department of Public Works building where they were held for about one hour, said Johnson.

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she was doing. "They said they were scared for me," she said. "Fear was also on the mind of senior Delia Garcia last Friday morning. "There was an initial feeling, anticipation of violence. I'd be lying if I didn't say I was a little scared," said Garcia. "With the doctor in Pensacola being shot, I didn't know what to expect."

For her, action and belief are tied together. Garcia said it was positive seeing Saint Mary professors on the line as well, she added.

Students drove to the clinic where they met with Saint Mary's faculty. It was "weird" to see Saint Mary's professors at the clinic, said Young.

"There was a community spirit throughout the whole thing," said Young. Although it was 6:30 a.m. and chilly weather, some people passed out doughnuts and bought thermal socks for the pro-choice demonstrators.

"I kind of felt strange because it seemed like some people, on both sides, wanted a big show," she said. "I was kind of scared of those few people who wanted to be radical, chanting."

Since she lives in a small section of Le Mans Hall, the people who did it were aware of who she is.

Both Garcia and Young agree that this is an important time for students to become active.

"I think that this is a wonderful opportunity to stand up for what you believe. You have to act now; to voice your opinion," said Young.

Garcia stressed, "It doesn't matter what side a Saint Mary's student falls on but they should get involved. Take some action."

According to the flyer, Saint Mary's pro-choice supporters will be showing their support two more times this week, March 23 and 26.

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CALL holds prolife conference

By MEREDITH MCCULLOUGH
News Editor

For a number of college stu-
dents in the Midwest, this year's
spring break has not been
typical.

Nearly 70 students from a 10-
state area joined Collegians Ac-
tivated to Liberate Life (CALL)
in South Bend this week for
"Agape in Action," a two-week
prolife conference including
speakers, rallies, demonstra-
tions and several "rescues.

The organization's communi-
cation center claims the confer-
eence follows "revolutionary pro-
life mission in the South
Bend area's churches and
Christian communities," a
mission that is a reflection of
the group itself.

According to the CALL phi-
losophy "as Christians we must
sacrifice; we must love one an-
other. This means giving our
lives for what we have to, like," said Claire
Johnson, co-president of the
Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right
to Life group and CALL affiliate.

For CALL, such giving has
manifested itself even from the
beginning. Peter Heers, a student at the
University of Wisconsin at
Madison, began the nondenom-
inationg group two years ago.
CALL's leadership team is
currently comprised of seven core
members, including Heers.
However, the organization also
boasts of hundreds of affiliates in
the midwestern region.

In terms of affiliates, this year
is CALL's biggest year yet, said
Johnson.

While in South Bend, the
group has provided a "prayful
presence," she said. They have
conducted peaceful protests at
both the Women's Pavilion,
2010 Ironwood Circle, and the
University of Notre Dame.

On Thursday, March 18, a
number of CALL members
tanked themselves to each
other and to the abortion clinic.
All 18 protesters were arrested.

While some students did
never claim, "We (the adminis-
tration) weren't available."

"We had a policy that you
do have an administration that you
can talk to about a problem. As
far as I knew, everyone around
here is open," he said. "A uni-
versity must be civil.

When it seemed that the
Notre Dame students were
nearing violence, Hesburgh said
he announced some clear
restrictions.

"My rules were to be non-vio-
 lent, don't impede on another's
education and don't try to
cerse others by violent means," he
said. If those rules were
broken, students were either
suspended or expelled.

While some students did
protest and held sit-ins, Hes-
burgh said he did not partici-
pate but he also did not criti-
"You ought to fight with a
mind and a moral persuasian," he
added.

Hesburgh thinks CALL orga-
nized Friday's prayer sit-in be-
cause they wanted publicity for
their own agenda.

"They think of the University
as a bulldozer. We think of the
University as a great per-
suader," he said. "A protest
must attack problems in a
moral, intellectual way, in its
own way.

Hesburgh said he recognizes
different ways of approaching a
problem. The University has
bad conferences and published
books which clearly show that
Notre Dame is against abortion,
said Hesburgh.

"Everyone is prochoice.
You're prochoice, I'm pro-
choice," he said. "The problem
is not prochoice, especially in a
democracy, but can you use your
freedom to kill other hu-
man beings?"

Timeline of Events

Thursday
11 a.m. Three ND students ask University President
Father Edward Malloy to join them in prayer at the
Women's Pavilion.

Friday
7 a.m. Thirty Saint Mary's students and faculty, seven
Notre Dame law students and about 70 others from the
St. Joseph County Chapter of NOW set up a pro-choice
counter-demonstration.

8:30 a.m. About 115 members of CALL walked single
file from Boehm Park to the abortion clinic.

9:30 a.m. Pro-life group drops to its knees in prayer
facing the pro-choice demonstrators.

10:45 a.m. CALL leaves in single file line across South
Bend Avenue.

11:45 a.m. CALL leaders announce they will march
across the Notre Dame campus to Malloy's office in the
Main Building.

10:15 a.m. CALL members kneel in front of Malloy's
office and begin praying the rosary, Director Peter
Heers announces intention to stay in building until he
meets with Malloy.

11:30 a.m. First meeting between CALL members and
administration. Malloy is not present. CALL leaders
announce that conference speakers will address the
crowd in the Main Building.

3:30 p.m. Security closes Main Building to all
non-students and faculty. Speakers begin to address
protesters.

3:50 p.m. Second meeting between CALL leaders and
administration, with Father Oliver Williams, associate
provost.

5:25 p.m. CALL leaders meet with Dennis Moore,
derector of Public Relations, Father Richard Warner,
counselor to the president, and Matthew Cullinan,
assistant to the president.

5:30 p.m. CALL announces that Malloy has agreed to
speak with them on the condition that protesters leave
the building.

5:45 p.m. CALL leaders meet with Malloy and ask him
to pray in solidarity at the Women's Pavilion.

6:15 p.m. Malloy speaks to media after meeting, saying
he will follow his own agenda in supporting pro-life
values.

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All applications can be picked up in the Student Government
office on the 2nd floor in LaFortune. Interviews will follow.
Any ?s, please call Matt Cenedella at 631-3504.
Abortion protesters miss the mark

It was a unlikely sight. More than one hundred anti-abortion protesters lined the hallway of the third floor of the Main Quadrangle, calling on the University President Father Edward Malloy to join them in solidarity. Could this be happening at Notre Dame, the nation’s preeminent Catholic University? In fact, that was the scene for seven hours Friday, as members of Collegians Activated to Liberate Life (CALL) prayed in prayer, sang hymns and accused Notre Dame of undermining the pro-life movement.

But the result of the anti-abortion protest was the claim that Notre Dame is not fulfilling its responsibility as a Catholic university to foster the teachings of the Church. The Church's decision to award last year's Laetare Medal to pro-choice supporter Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

"The Church teaches us to stand in solidarity against abortion," CALL director Peter Heers said. "Notre Dame hasn't done that."

Among the extreme words that have become all too familiar in today's abortion debate, the University took a stand in the middle ground.

"Notre Dame is a Catholic institution," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations. "It follows the tenets of the Catholic Church. But it is also a University which fosters public discussion."

Any Catholic university must determine what it values most: being Catholic or being a university. Notre Dame has shown that it possible to value both. It is Catholic in that it follows the tenets and fosters Catholic morality, values and social justice. But it is also a university, a place where information is presented and students must decide what to take. A university must educate, not indoctrinate. Even a university rooted in the Catholic tradition must be open to the marketplace of ideas on all issues. Through courses and guest speakers, Notre Dame allows for discussion of various issues and opinions.

But Notre Dame also has a proven dedication to Catholic values. The Center for Social Concerns shows a unique commitment to service that leads many students into social justice work. The University has even supported the pro-life cause by banning fetal tissue research in University laboratories.

While Notre Dame has shown it possible to reconcile Catholicism and education, and that seemed to be lost on the extremist ears of the members of CALL. At a time when pro-life extremism threatens to strangle the message of the anti-abortion movement itself, a few sane words are long overdue.

DOONESBURY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader gives thanks for support

Dear Editor:

Recently, both the Notre Dame family and the Catholic character of Notre Dame have been subjects of contention in the Viewpoint section of the paper. I withheld my opinions for the most part, but in facing the death of my closest friend after four years of growing and sharing together, my feelings on the subject have become much stronger.

Tara and I both took the time to question our faith and examine our doubts about Catholicism. Speaking only for myself, as I try to accept the fact that Tara is gone, I realize that my time at Notre Dame has allowed me to develop a strong faith.

Blind acceptance of Christian teachings gets you nowhere. There have been times in which I have wondered if perhaps my faith was not as strong as I would like to think. With the death of Tara, I am quickly realizing that my faith is this is not the time to question God's existence but to accept his will to give Tara her glorious freedom now.

The time I have spent surrounded by people of faith at Notre Dame has allowed me to question, doubt, and finally accept the most difficult aspects of death. I am relying on that faith now with all my heart as I struggle with the death of one of the most giving and loving persons I have ever known.

I cannot question the Catholic character of this University or the concept of the Notre Dame family when I witness the outpouring of love and support directed both toward Tara's family and myself. No place is perfect, and we must continually strive to be like Christ as individuals and as a community. However, I feel blessed to have benefited from both an excellent Catholic education and the love of a wonderful community, particularly in PW.

My heartfelt thanks go out to each of you who has comforted me and Tara's family. I certainly never expected my senior year to end this way and it will be a very difficult time for me, but I am so grateful for my faith and family.

Elizabeth Wholihan

Dear Editor:

Last year I wrote to ask one question of the students at Notre Dame: It was this: "Could you spare fifteen minutes (or less) per week to improve a child’s life in the inner city of Chicago? If so, please read on.

Thankfully, more than 125 Notre Dame students, faculty, graduates and friends read the letter, responded and became pen-pals with students in our school on the westside of Chicago. Our pen-pal program is called WRITE To Them.

Write To Them is a guided pen-pal program matching college students with inner-city grade school students in a laid-back, but successful exchange of letters, guidance and friendship.

We especially would like three things: 1) Students who will be studying abroad next year - My class has been corresponding with a student in the Anger Program, and it has given my kids more than I ever imagined! 2) Next year's R.A.'s who could offer to fit that exchange in their busy schedule as a service project and 3) a larger number of male pen-pals. We have need for many more pen-pals to think over it, and talk it up.

I would ask anyone who is interested to please write a note to me today or tomorrow (or by April 16th at the latest). Please write to: WRITE TO THEM, c/o Sean Scanlon, 3900 W. Lexington, Chicago, Ill., 60625.

Include your name, address, phone number, major, interests, the grade level of the child you would like (K-8) and also include a short statement (a paragraph) on what interests you about this program.

I, along with many children, await your response. We can take as many students as can write to us, so please do today!

Sean B. Scanlon

Class of 1992

March 18, 1993

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A baby is an inestimable blessing and bother."

Mark Twain
Students in Passagon in the Republic of Benin, Africa can't take tests if they can't afford the paper to write their answers on. They don't go to school if they have no lunch for the day. The school buildings are collapsing. The community cannot afford to send their children to school, they decided to build a school themselves.

"When someone gives you something, that is a testimony to the way he accepts you, the way he or she loves you," he continued. "It's a proof of friendship, and that is usually celebrated." The ceremony included a review of the students in the school, six entertainment groups with singing and dancing, and speeches by officials, said Kougniaizonde. Many people held signs that read "Long live the University of Notre Dame and America!" and thanked members of Phi Sigma Alpha, the government honors society, which collects money and supplies to send to Passagon.

When Phi Sigma Alpha heard about the condition of the Passagon school, they decided, "(the project) was something students and professors could do something about," said Karen Weigert, who led the project last year.

The group collected paper, pencils and pens during the last week of the school year and sought private donations. In total, they collected over 500 pounds of supplies and over $1,000.

The people of Passagon were so excited to get the supplies that they held a welcoming ceremony for the boxes, said Weigert.

"For my people, that the students of Notre Dame, who don't know the people of Passagon, were so sensitive to send materials to the school that was a big deal," he said.

The town of Passagon includes 5 to 7 villages and consists of about 10,000 people, said Kougniaizonde. It is largely agricultural, producing palm trees, corn, peanuts, beans and oranges.

The town had no school until the early 1970s when the people realized "a combined feeling about the necessity for schooling," he continued. In a general meeting of all the villages and chiefs in 1972, the people decided to build a school they could do.

Individuals at the meeting offered to donate material and land, and the building started a week later, said Kougniaizonde. They completed the school during the 1972-73 school year, but then lacked teachers.

Coincidently, a new government took control of Benin during this time, said a slogan that the people should "count on our own forces," said Kougniaizonde. They demonstrated initiative by building the school, they convinced the government to send them teachers.

Although the school has grown from two classrooms to six and accommodates over 350 students, the hastily constructed structure is now about to "collapse on itself," he said.

Because the only funding the school gets from the government is for the teachers, students and parents must provide the necessary materials. The community has everything from pens and pencils to uniforms to school supplies.

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Three Irish earn CCHA awards
Observer Staff Report

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association honored three Notre Dame hockey players Wednesday night at the annual banquet on March 18. Seniors Curtis Janicke and Rob Picconatto have each been awarded the CCHA All-Academic Team. Janicke, who will graduate with a major in Finance, has achieved a 3.105 GPA and is a four year regular on the Irish team. He was named a first team All CCHA player in each of the last three seasons. Picconatto has maintained a GPA of 2.33 during his four year career. He played in 10 games between the pipes and started 6. He was named to the All-CCHA first team last year and is a Marshall Scholar candidate. The award is named after the Janicke's six last six out of seven.

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"Our team was named the CCHA All Academic Team for the third straight year and this is truly an honor for the players and their accomplishments," said Janicke. "This award is very well deserved by the players and their hard work on the ice and in the classroom." Picconatto has also been named to the All CCHA first team this season.

The Belles finally returned to the Midwest last weekend and left them on Thursday to play against Calvin College, in Grand Rapids Mich. The Belles' previous streak ended here with a painful loss, 4-5.

Sophomore Andrea Ayres lost to Julie Kozne in the third position, 6-3, 6-4. At number four singles, junior Lisa Rania was unsuccessful against Courtney Tees, 7-6 (7-4). Senior Chris Smiggen couldn't beat Jill Boerrum at number two, losing 6-3, 6-4. At number six singles, sophomore Nancy Waffle beat Beth Vandeker, 6-4, 6-4.

In doubles play, Cosgrove and Ayres swept Pettinga and Williams, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). Freshman Robyn Hrycko and Smiggen were unsuccessful against the Tom/Boerre team, losing 6-4, 2-6.

"We hadn't played since Friday. We were absolutely flat," said Nester. "Kloepfer, however, is doing anything but playing full blast. She has been filling in for Jenma Thayma, who is a Rhodes Scholar and has been away due to an illness in the family.

"Nester is playing well at number two," said Nester. "She plays at a level higher than that at Hilton Head. I like playing at number two," said Kloepfer. "I'm much more confident this year. For the last two years I've been playing at number four, and I wanted to come back this season in at least the third spot."

Nester said she also very very pleased with Rania's performance at number four. She has only lost one of her last four matches.

The Belles next game isn't until March 31 at home against Kalamazoo College.

The Observer staff photograph

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call on his pocket size cellular phone. Odds are he was making hotel reservations for the sweet sixteen. 

5:30 - Stefanie swears she will give up candy on Sunday's (the one exception on her Lenten promise) if Cal wins. I just keep swearing as Grant Hill catches fire and Duke cuts the Cal lead in half. 

0:06 - The Chancellor of Cal with his 5'6" stature and Joe Paterno glasses runs up and down the aisle slapping every hand in his sight. Upon reaching the top of the section he begins pumping his fists in celebration. 

0:00 - I hug Stefanie and several other strangers around me. The joy I feel for Cal hides the pain coming from my fingers where my nails have been reduced to nothing. 

How long had it been since Notre Dame fans had the opportunity to relish in the emotions surrounding a relevant basketball contest? The Irish's upset of UCLA last season standing as the only game in recent history, which seems decades ago after the Irish's 92-93 debacle. 

It is not a matter of school pride or bragging rights, it is simply a passion for the intensity surrounding a game of such magnitude. Irish fans must look elsewhere. Indiana, Michigan, or Cincinnati are widely chosen candidates. They are only substitutes for cheering for your own school, but when will Notre Dame fans no longer seek a replacement? 

As the fans dispersed I noticed a fan who may have an answer. 

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"I hope so," he answered. I hope so too. 

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Controversial call aids Central Michigan in win over Notre Dame

By KEVIN DOLAN
Sports Writer

A volleyball match that more closely resembled a war came to a strange, disappointing end Friday night, as the Irish men's team lost a deciding fifth game to Central Michigan on a controversial net-call on Tom Kovats.

The Irish, who fell 16-14, 15-17, 15-8, 9-15 and 22-20, were called for three net violations in the fifth game, violations that equaled CMU's final three points.

"That's a terrible way to lose," said club president Pat Madden, still seething long after the match was finished. "I think one, maybe two, were actual net violations."

"TK (Kovats) said that he netted the last one, but that the other guy did, too. So, I don't know," Madden said.

Club captain Brian Ceponis was equally unhappy with the outcome. "It was strange, really strange," said Ceponis. "There were some really bad calls today...you can't blame that for the outcome of the game, but it's still unfortunate."

The Irish jumped to a 1-2 lead in one game, and were serving for the game, but a series of poorly hit balls and other mental errors let CMU back into the game, and they prevailed 16-14.

Game two was a close, intensely played match, the biggest lead coming when Leo Corrigan turned to his younger players to step up and fill the vacancies. Sophomore Ryan Jewell shined in Parent's absence allowing only one goal in 36 minutes of action, while starting goalie Lynyak saw limited time.

The third game was the low point of the night for the Irish, as Central Michigan began to attack every ball the Irish put up. One sequence saw players from both sides diving everywhere, digging balls that appeared unhittable, before a CMU spike took them to an 11-8 lead, and an eventual 15-8 win.

"We lost our confidence in that game," said Ceponis. The Irish didn't suffer from a lack of confidence in the closing moments of game four. Tied at 9-9 in a must-win situation, Murdy and Casas led the Irish in six straight points.

"What mistakes we made were due to aggressiveness, which is good," said Ceponis. "We finally realized that we could control the net in game four." Murdy, Casas and Kovats were all strong on the net.

Game five, like the rest of the match, was back and forth, with the Irish taking the biggest lead of the game at 13-10. CMU then ran off four straight points, but the Irish rallied to tie at 20-20. Two controversial calls later, the match was over.

"I thought we played all right," said Ceponis. "Once we realized the net was ours, we controlled it. All we can do is just suck it up and play tough in the next one."

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The Observer/Pat McHugh
Irish exceed expectations with trio of wins

By RIAN AKEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team expected some success heading into this weekend's matches against Drake, Michigan, and Kansas State. And, for perhaps the first time all season, the Irish exceeded all expectations.

In their opening match against Drake on Saturday, Notre Dame plowed through the competition without losing a set and never looked back the rest of the weekend. The list of scores tells the story: Notre Dame 9, Drake 0, Notre Dame 7, Michigan 6, Notre Dame 8, Kansas State 0.

"We really did not expect to win as big as we did, especially against Michigan," said Irish coach Jay Louderback. "Michigan is a solid team, and I've never played against them." Against Drake, Bende filled in for Sherri Viale and posted a solid 7-5, 6-2 win. "It was different for me to play singles," said Bende, "but it was helpful. In my first match, I didn't start out very well, but I got more and more comfortable as I went on. Playing singles also helped me with my doubles, because it gave me a chance to warm up. Also, I've been having some trouble with my returns in doubles, and my singles matches gave me a chance to work on that."

With Christy Faustmann unable to compete in the Michigan and Kansas State matches the rest of the singles lineup shifted up to cover her number-three spot, and Bende filled in at number-six. Against the Wolverines' Tara Graff, Bende dropped her first set 6-2, but recovered to claim the next two sets 6-4 and 7-6. Facing Kansas State she showed no signs of tiring, rolling to a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

With the three match wins this weekend the Irish raised their season dual match record to 10-6, and their regional record to 6-0. The Irish also extended their match win streak to four—the longest of the season. "Right now," said Louderback, "We're seeing the results of the tough schedule we had at the beginning of the season. It's really helped us overall."

Bende agreed with Louderback's assessment of the schedule. "We started out against a lot of top-25 teams and we didn't have a very good record. But we did get a chance to see those good teams and measure ourselves against them. That gave us a chance to set some standards for ourselves and we know what level we have to reach in order to compete."

Though the team's confidence may have been boosted by more wins early in the season, Louderback is not second-guessing the schedule.

Upsets continued from page 16 successful stints in doubles play and responded with two key victories. However, perhaps most important for the Irish was the unbelievable play of seniors Coleman, Schmidt, and Rosas at the two, three, and four singles slots. Coleman and Schmidt won all four matches they stepped on the court and Rosas won 3-1.

With the impressive tournament win, the Irish are sure to climb back up in this week's rankings, which will be announced on Tuesday.

Due to late Sunday night arrivals, coaches Bob Bayless and members of the team were unavailable for comment.

Notre Dame 6, No. 19 New Mexico 2

SINGLES: Frances Forkignot 6-3, 6-0; Coleman beat Coufer Wright, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; Schmidt beat Garret Pina, 6-2, 6-1; Rosas beat Warren Brooks, 6-4, 7-6; Roy Canada beat Wilson, 6-4, 5-6; Wojtalik beat Chris Brown, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1

DOUBLES: No. 21 Carwell-Canada beat Forsyth-Coleman, 8-4; Schmidt-Wilson beat Pino-Wright, 8-6; Jenny DeFalco-Wojtalik beat Brown-Wilson, 8-6

Notre Dame 5, No. 7 Wex, Stade 2

SINGLES: Forsyth beat No. 1 Dan Courco, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Coleman beat No. 73 Laurent Crain, 6-4, 6-4; Schmidt beat Laurent Miquelard, 6-7(7-5), 6-4, 6-1; Rosas beat Par Nilsson, 6-4, 6-2; Wilson beat Ferris Biamonti, 6-2, 7-6(4); Stephanie Plot beat Wojtalik, 7-5, 7-5

DOUBLES: Courcol-Miquelard beat Coleman-Forkignot, 6-4, 7-6; Nilsson-Kroale beat Schmidt-Wilson, 6-4, 6-4; Orsini-Barlow beat Rose-Wojtalik, 6-4

Notre Dame 4, No. 17 Florida 3

SINGLES: No. 9 Mark Merklin beat Forkignot, 6-3, 6-1; Coleman beat David Biamonti, 6-2, 6-2; Schmidt beat Damon Harkel, 6-4, 6-4; Rosas beat Thomas Pages, 6-7, 6-4; Brit Stein beat Wilson, 6-4, 6-6; Mike Sprouse beat David Bayley, 6-2, 6-3

DOUBLES: Merklin-Bar beat Forsyth-Coleman, 8-2; Schmidt-Wilson beat Taylor-Carwell, 6-3, 6-2

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Williams ends career with finest performance

By HALEY SCOTT
Sports Writer

She had a long and distinguished career. Tanya Williams, co-captain of the women's swim team, finished her collegiate swimming career this weekend with her last visit to the NCAA championship meet. And she went out in style.

Williams, a senior from Boca Raton, Fla., has led the Irish to three National Catholic championship titles, four Midwestern Collegiate Conference championship titles, and one Eastern Intercollegiates championship title. Not to mention that she is the only Irish swimmer to ever qualify for NCAA's—four times.

"She has had a wonderful career," said head coach Tim Welsh. "She has worked hard and has certainly earned everything that's come to her."

This weekend in St. Paul, Minn., Williams competed in her last NCAA meet, and according to Welsh, her best NCAA meet. Swimming in the maximum three individual events, Williams swam career best times in the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes. In the 100-yard backstroke, Williams reset her own university record with a time of 55.68. She also lowered her own university record in the 200-yard backstroke (1:57.68), a time fast enough for her to be named All-American in the event.

"Tanya raced really well all the way through. She swam magnificent in the morning in order to return to finals in the evening, which needs to be done when the meet is so fast," Welsh commented.

Williams also swam in the 200-yard individual medley. This event resulted in her fastest time this season, 2:03.91; a time that goes down in the record books as the third fastest ever at Notre Dame.

"I was really happy with the way I swam. It was exciting to finish with best times," Williams said. "It's so weird to be done with swimming. I can't believe it, I don't know what to do."

The Observer/Sean Farnan

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GARY LARSON

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Cal's America, 16-4; moves into Top 20

By KEVIN MCGUIRE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame lacrosse team has always had to battle to earn respect from the traditional eastern lacrosse powers. But with Saturday's 16-4 thorough trouncing of the 19th-ranked University of Maryland, the Irish have opened up an in-surmountable 9-2 lead. The first quarter, we were ready to play, and gave a flawless performance," said Notre Dame Coach Kevin Corrigan. "We had an excellent offensive performance in the first quarter and did a great job riding them and grabbing ground balls all game long." USILA Lacrosse Rankings

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Four ranked teams fall to Irish

Forsty tops nation's best player to lead weekend rout

By JON JENSEN
Associate Sports Editor

After losing three matches with top-20 teams on a spring break trip and slipping to 14th in last week's national rankings, some fans probably scoffed at the Notre Dame men's tennis team's chances of repeating their second-place finish in last year's NCAA Championships. Well, doubt no more.

The Irish signaled their return to the nation's elite this weekend with four resounding wins over top-25 teams in the prestigious Blodgett National Classic, capturing the tournament championship with a 6-1 thumping of 18th-ranked Alabama on Sunday afternoon in Montgomery, Alabama.

Before this weekend the Irish had lost eight out of their 11 matches with top-25 foes, including six losses against teams that have been ranked in the top-10. But they turned it on during one of the nation's premier tournaments this weekend, downing No. 19 New Mexico on Thursday, and pulling off an upset of No. 7 Missouri State on Friday to reach the semifinals. Saturday saw the Irish defeat No. 17 Florida, and No. 18 Alabama finally succumbed to the Irish on Sunday. Though Notre Dame lost the crucial doubles point in three of four matches, it was the singles matches that saved the Irish, as they went 6-2 overall in singles matches.

In Thursday's match against the Lobos of New Mexico, in this game, three straight set wins from seniors Will Forsyth, Mark Schmidt, and Ron Rosas, and seniors Chuck Coleman and Chris Wojtaiak also captured close victories. Coleman defeated Goulter Wright, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, and Wojtaiak downed Chris Brown, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

Though the Irish's only doubles win was Schmidt and Wilson's 6-4 victory over Garet Prins and Wright, the five singles wins supplied the muscle for the 5-2 win.

Friday's improbable upset of the 7th-ranked Bulldogs was keyed by Forsyth's upset win over the No. 1-ranked singles player in the nation, Paris native Daniel Courcol. Forsyth defeated Courcol, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 in an emotional match, and Chuck Coleman also beat a ranked player, 7th-ranked Laurent Osiris, by a 6-4, 6-4 score. Schmidt, Rosas, and Wilson also came up with wins in the 5-2 trouncing.

On Saturday the Irish earned a bit of revenge, as they slipped past a Florida team that bounced them from the Blue-Gray last year. The Irish ended up finishing fifth in last year's tournament.

But this year it was a different story, as the 4-3 win earned the Irish their first berth in the tournament's final. Though Forsyth fell to 9th-ranked Mark Merkel, 6-3, 6-4, Coleman and Schmidt, and Rosas all remained undefeated on the weekend with three more singles wins.

In the finals against the 18th-ranked Roll Tide, Forsyth soundly beat 61st-ranked Juan Carlos Bianchi 6-4, 6-4 to ignite the singles wins, after the teams of Schmidt and Wilson and Wojtaiak and Rosas wrapped up the doubles point with key wins.

Along with the impressive play of Forsyth at one-singles, the emergence of junior Todd Wilson in singles play and at two-doubles will undoubtedly prove invaluable to the Irish as the season winds down. Freshman Mike Sprouze also got his first significant playing time in the singles lineup after a highly see Upsets/page 13

Swimming

Tanya Williams concludes her career at Notre Dame.

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Saint Mary's

The Belles tennis team shines over break.

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Volleyball

Junior Van Suh and the men's volleyball team fall to Central Michigan.

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Lacrosse beats 19th-ranked UMBC 16-4; moves into Top 20

The Irish defeated No. 17 Florida, a UMBC defender.

The Observer/Pat McHugh

Midfielder Willie Sutton is held by a UMBC defender.

Defeated UMBC's

Chuck Coleman

GEORGE DOHRMANN
Jock Strap

32, row J of section 101 in the Rosemont Horizon.

My friend Stefanie called Friday with an invitation to Saturday's game, due to free tickets she received from Cal guard Jerod Haase, a friend of hers. I accepted with a resounding "yes!"

Twenty-two hours after that call I was sitting seven rows from the press tables at the NCAA's midwest regionals. And from that seat I witnessed a side dimension which rippled through the arena.

The first half

18:30 - With a minute and a half elapsed in the game I began to work on the fingerknaps. My index, pinky and thumb on my right hand were the first to go, the result of Cal's opening spurt and the inaugural thoughts of witnessing an upset of such proportions.

9:27 - I began clapping hands with Cal alumni and students. A week ago I couldn't care less about either of these teams. Cal was Cal, Duke was Duke but neither was Notre Dame. So who cares? 3:06 - I switched to the left hand, and realize that if I had twenty fingers it still wouldn't be enough.

6:00 - I call my dad at the half and tell him that if Cal wins, Stefanie and I may have tickets for the sweet sixteen in St. Louis on Thursday. He tells me I have school on Thursday. I laugh and then hang up.

The second half

13:25 - Cal increases its lead to 17. A yippie two rows in front of me places a see Strippage/ page 11