Welcome to the Jungle
Summer course offers rare opportunity to experience both science and culture
By JOHN GALVIN
News Writer

Imagine being on the coast of the Caribbean Sea, exploring the stunning diversity of landscapes, lush tropical forests, fascinating Maya ruins and the longest barrier reef in the Northern Hemisphere. Just a daydream? No! Welcome to Neotropical Natural History class, where the assignment is to learn about tropical and coastal ecology while experiencing Mayan culture. For the past several summers, both Notre Dame and St. Mary’s students have enriched their education by exploring this tropical classroom.

The course is taught by Dr. William Hamlett, a Notre Dame associate professor of Biology. His summer course is designed to allow students the opportunity to acquire knowledge of both common and endangered species indigenous to the neotropics. The class is divided into two sections: The first half explores terrestrial conservation biology and Mayan archeology, while the second section focuses on tropical marine conservation biology. The students acquire much of their knowledge by visiting selected national parks and reserves throughout the countries of Belize and Guatemala.

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The model Saint Mary’s woman

As the year draws to a close, the Saint Mary’s community searches for individuals who capture the spirit of the College to honor at commencement ceremonies. One Saint Mary’s student epitomizes all those who have searched for a role model among our peers.

Gorbachev declares for presidency

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who had said for weeks that he planned to run in June’s elections, made it official today. “With this statement, I declare my intention to run for president,” Gorbachev announced at a teachers’ conference in St. Petersburg. “I thought I would have virtually no chance of winning. I am widely unpopular, and only one percent of those I see say they would vote for me. He enters a race now dominated by Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov and incumbent Boris Yeltsin. A long-time rival of Yeltsin, Gorbachev said at a recent news conference that his platform would be “an alternative to the current course, to the economic program of the post-Communist fundamentalism.” Gorbachev had long been coy about his political plans, saying he wanted to run but stopping short of formally declaring. While Gorbachev remains popular in the West as the man who brought down the Soviet police state, he lost the support of many pro-reform Russians before leaving office in 1991. They accused him of waf­fling on reforms and resorting to authoritarian tactics as his government collapsed.

Mad cow illness affects British beef

LONDON

Britain lost its biggest beef export market today, one day after the government acknowledged that a cattle illness known as “mad cow disease” may have spread to humans. France, which represents 40 percent of Britain’s export market, banned imports of British beef. Demand also died off in British cattle markets, and a private consumer group in Germany called for British beef to be barred. British Interior Secretary Stephen Dorrell confirmed Wednesday that the deaths of 10 people in Britain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) may be linked to a brain disease that has infected British herds for the past decade. A scientific advisory committee believed the disease was new, and he called for a formal investigation. He said he had just purchased $22 worth of hosiery from the store last Dec. 8 when they were told to return to the store. Before they were allowed to return, Gorbachev said at a news conference in St. Petersburg.

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World at a glance

Freight train derail in Oklahoma, evacuating thousands

The tank cars each contained 30,000 gallons of denatured alcohol, a narcotic substances used to make anesthetic agents and furniture refinishing products.

I could hear the racket coming up the track,” said Johnny Sanders, who was out for his morning walk when the train derailed.

He said he saw the tank cars derail and the ensuing fire and explosion. He flagged down a motorist who called for help.

School in Latta, a small town about 75 miles southeast of Oklahoma City, was canceled, and authorities evacuated residents living within a half-mile of the site.

The school is about two blocks from the site, said Connie Smith, a secretary in the sheriff’s office. She said residents evacuated at a small crossing that leads to a housing development.

Highway 1 was closed north and south of Latta, state police said.

Mother wins suit for son’s death

GREENFIELD, Ind.: The mother of a teen-ager shot to death while handcuffed in the back of an Indianapolis police car was awarded $3.1 million last week in a wrongful death lawsuit. A jury deliberated for 12 hours before reaching a verdict early today in favor of Nancy Taylor. Police said Michael Taylor, 16, connived a 54-cylinder revolver in his high-top sneakers and used it to shoot himself after he was searched and put in a police car for allegedly attempting to steal a car. The city presented videotapes showing the scenario was possible, but the family convinced that police shot. “You saw Mike handcuffed,” attorney John Moss told jurors, referring to a photo taken at the engine pistol. “You saw Mike searched and searched ... by police officers. There was no weapon found.” Mrs. Taylor’s suit against the city and the two arresting officers claimed they were negligent and violated her and her son’s constitutional rights. She also awarded her $1.2 million on the negligence claim, plus $2.1 million in compensatory damages and $1 million in punitive damages for the alleged rights viola­tions. City Attorney Amy Ann Oldham, who repre­sent the officers, said the verdict was wrong and would appeal. The appeal was moved from Indianapolis because of pretrial publicity.

Couple sues for strip search

BALTIMORE

A couple who went shopping at a Victoria’s Secret store in a suburban mall said they were both forced to strip by security guards after a store employee accused him of stealing underwear. In a $218 million suit the couple filed Thursday against the store and the mall, they also claimed that a guard subjected the woman to a cavity search. Nathaniel Masterson, 48, and Ruth Cobb, 35, said they had just purchased $22 worth of history from the store last Dec. 8 when they were told to return to the store. Before they were allowed to return, Gorbachev said at a news conference in St. Petersburg.

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National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, March 22

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One inch of heavy rain expected for the day.

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The existence of terrorist groups in South Asia is a threat to regional and international cooperation, according to graduate student Rohan Gunaratna in his lecture yesterday, entitled "Conflict and Cooperation in South Asia."

The South Asian region, including the countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, is emerging as a political power as it grows in both population and military strength. At present, one-fifth of the world's population resides in South Asia. In speaking of the conflict that exists in South Asia, Gunaratna outlined two major threats to regional security. One concern is that of internal conflicts in the form of insurgency and terrorism. "As long as the political environment is conducive, where there is poverty, frustration, and hatred, people look for different ideologies out of desperation," Gunaratna said.

He described the scale and influence of the numerous terrorist groups in South Asia. "Insurgent groups there act more like multinational corporations than terrorists," he said, adding that tremendous popular support exists for the Sri Lankan insurgent group in particular. Members of this group are distinguishable in that they wear a potassium cyanide capsule around their neck that, when bitten, induces death in seconds.

This Sri Lankan terrorist group is known for its expertise in the art of bomb-making. Past attacks include driving a truck full of explosives through a girls' grade school and having a woman detonate a bomb attached to her body immediately before placing a welcoming garland around the neck of a state official.

"There has been too much emphasis on eliminating the leaders of insurgent groups when the emphasis should really be on changing the political and economic environment that breeds the ideologies of insurgent groups," Gunaratna asserted.

A second problem with South Asian security is the possibility of external threats. Between 1970 and 1990, South Asia and India were aligned with the Soviet Union. Following the end of the cold war, South Asian countries have established cooperative relationships with the United States and Great Britain.

Despite these relations, the threat of an influx of Islamic fundamentalism is of great concern to South Asian leaders. "Managing the various ethnicities and religions that cross border lines has become a big issue in South Asian politics," Gunaratna said.

Gunaratna is from Sri Lanka and is an authority on terrorism. He has authored six books on the subject.

**COMPETITION TESTS BUSINESS SKILLS**

By SANDRA NASHIF

The MBA program will be sponsoring a case study competition from Sunday, March 24 to Tuesday, March 26. The invitational competition is in its 15th year, and consists of four-member teams from MBA programs at GeorgiaTech University, Ohio State University, University of Texas at Austin and the University of Notre Dame. They will be competing for a trophy to be presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday night.

On Monday morning, each team, consisting of three MBA candidates and a faculty advisor, will be presented with a current "real-life" business policy case, which will incorporate all facets of business academia. The teams will then have 24 hours to solve the problems and prepare a presentation. Each group will be provided with a microcomputer with the Microsoft Office套件 package, including PowerPoint, Excel and Word Perfect. In addition, the teams will have access to the resources of the Hesburgh and O'Brian Libraries.

There will be five judges: the competition's judge, Professor Ken Smith, the academic head judge from the University of Maryland, and four business judges: John Byrcliff, president of Jack-Post Corporation, William Harper, senior vice-president and CFO of National Steel Corporation, Daniel Carrigan, assistant controller of Jordan Industries, and Gay Willett, manager of executive development for Whirlpool Corporation.

The Notre Dame team was selected by a prior "in-house" competition consisting of Adam Jones, Maria Kicheeva and Ramachandran Lakshmanan. Kicheeva sees the competition, "as a very good learning experience which gives me a chance to better understand the team dynamics process and compete against brains from other schools."

The division gives MBA students a glimpse of potential business problems they might encounter on the job, and Ramachandran sees it, "a chance to apply techniques and skills you learn in the MBA program to a comprehensive and cogent situation."
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and Xunantunich. Fossil finds students travel to Tikal, Guatemala. Tikal lies north of the department of Petén. It is a magnificently restored ancient Mayan ceremonial city, dating approximately 700 AD. Its ruins now constitute a unique site. Towering pyramids rise above the jungle's canopy, while below howler monkeys swing noisily through the branches of ancient trees, colorful parrots squawk and tree frogs fill in any auditory gaps. The steep-sided temples rise to heights of over 44 meters. The dense rainforest canopy is not far away, making passage within the rainforest an unforgettable experience. The many ruins include, plazas, acropolises, pyramids, temples and a large ball court. Returning to their home base in Flores, Guatemala, students travel by boat up the Passion River to visit the Mayan site of Seibal.

Out of the rainforests and into the ocean — the second half of the course brings the students into the tropical waters of sharks and stingrays. For their study of tropical marine conservation biology they return to Belize City and travel by boat to the converted fishing village of Caye Caulker, where they swim with the spotted eagle rays, Atlantic stingrays and nurse sharks. The remainder of the course is taught at Ambergris Caye, a large island nestled along the shore's largest barrier reef. Ambergris Caye is home to the recently established Hol Chan Marine Reserve, the newest addition to the Caribbean's growing treasury of marine national parks. The class stays at a local seaside resort complete with thatched-roof cabanas. Highlights include snorkeling in the turtle grass and maanatee grass beds, visiting the mangroves, and experiencing the majesty of the world's second largest coral reef by both day and night.

This class has offered both Notre Dame students, the opportunity to learn the biology and conservation of tropical ecosystems, while exposing them to the mysteries of Mayan culture. Although space is limited, this summer's class still has a few openings.

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Senate

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Denis Moore, director of public relations for the University, said that the removal of the automatic membership of the provost from the Fellows of the University would be done only to prevent overlap between day to day University employees and the Fellows.

In fact, Notre Dame's tradition of having the University's head officials sit on the top governing board is unlike most other colleges. "If you look at U.S. News and World Report's other top 25 universities, there isn't a single school where the chief executive is on an external governing board," Moore said. "From a faculty standpoint our school faculty has more of a voice in the external governing board than any other top 25 school."

The survey looking at the performance of administration officials, distributed to faculty members by Senate Chairman Michael McNiff, must be completed and returned by April 4. In a letter accompanying the survey, Senator Michael McNiff states that administering a survey is consistent with one of the appropriate tasks of the Faculty Senate, formulating faculty opinion for the purpose of conducting faculty meetings, as stipulated by the 1995 Faculty Handbook.

"I've been at Notre Dame for 16 years. I don't recall any survey that gave the faculty an opportunity to express an opinion on faculty governance on the University and on some of the key administrators (prior to this survey)," McNiff told The South Bend Tribune.

The survey asks faculty members to rate the quality of leadership exhibited by University President Father Edward Malloy, Executive Vice President Father William Beauchamp and Provost Father Timothy O'Meara.

A survey participant has the option of checking off one of six boxes in response to the questions regarding the administrators' leadership quality, which read, "Very Good; Somewhat High, Negative; Somewhat Low, Very Low, and No Opinion."

In other news, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution honoring the late Professor Justin Mars, at his home in Albuquerque, N.M. Professor Mars was professor of sociology from 1959 until his retirement in 1985. He is credited with being the first Mexican-American known to have received a doctoral degree in sociology and anthropology.

He also established the 1st annual Notre Dame Hispanic Studies Program, lauded for its success. The Faculty Senate will meet again on April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Center for Continuing Education.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

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or postpone institutionalization.

The Chiara Home was co-founded by Sisters Gretchen Clark and Sharon Dillon, members of the Saint Joseph of the Third Order of Saint Francis congregation, in September 1992. It originally provided occasional baby-sitting for children with special needs.

The Chiara Home is governed by a fifteen-member Board of Directors, 90 percent of whom are parents who have, or have had, a child with a developmental disability or mental disorder.

"The Chiara Home provides the opportunity to relate to people with special needs in a relaxed, home environment, and we are always looking for volunteers," said Clark.

Volunteers are essential to the success of the Chiara Home in that they offer much-needed attention to the children. The volunteers play, join them in activities such as bowling and swimming, and help the sisters out tremendously.

"I think the Chiara Home is great. I loved volunteering there, it was a great experience being with the children and taking them to Chuck-E-Cheese and seeing their faces light up," commented Saint Mary's junior Cynthia McCue.

McCandless Hall has sponsored the Chiara Home as their hall charity, providing books for the children and helping out at the Christmas party. "Hall Council picked the Chiara Home as their hall charity because everybody seemed to like the idea of the 'home' atmosphere. The Chiara Home is a very dedicated place," stated McCandless Hall President Kimberly Fleming.

One notable aspect of the Chiara Home is that it takes children in all ages. "Currently the youngest child that we have staying with us is four months old and the oldest is sixty nine years old," said Clark.

The period of time each individual stays depends on the temporary break needed by the care-giver. Some may stay an hour; others stay an entire day or night. "Volunteering was a nice break from the normal, stressful day to day activities. It was wonderful to see the children's faces brighten when I did something as simple as putting together a puzzle with them," said Saint Mary's junior Michelle Teets.

Eleven-year-old Chiara Home visitor Justin Mars noted, "The best part about the Chiara Home was making all sorts of new friends."
Nichols: Feminism must find medium

By PETER KELLY
News Writer

A new "middle feminism" can bridge the gap between the extreme opinions on women's issues, according to Mary Nichols, professor at Fordham University.

Nichols presented a new kind of feminism "rooted in Aristotle." In creating it, she contrasts two contemporary yet extreme forms of feminism common today: equality feminism and differences feminism. In her lecture, Nichols sought to explain a "middle ground" between the two and used an interpretation of some of Aristotle's works to demonstrate her view.

Nichols defined her new feminism as a combination of equality feminism, the belief that the law in a liberal society should not take into account any differences between gender at all, and differences feminism, the belief that the distinction between the genders is important and desirable in a liberal democracy. She argued that both forms of feminism are too extreme. Feminism of equality assumes women's problems by eliminating the differences in gender, while differences feminism eliminates the identity of the individual. She added that differences feminism puts too much emphasis on the distinction in gender that the individual becomes isolated in society.

In seeking a medium between these views, Nichols used Aristotle and what she interpreted to be his beliefs about gender to "perceive a view of humanity that compromised these two extreme views."

Although Aristotle felt that women were inferior to men, he rejected the "human reason." Nichols believed that he also thought women played a part in the "political rule in generation." In other words, both men and women play a unique part in generating offspring.

Aristotle, Nichols said, criticized the "despotism rule of the kings and the men," calling the perpetrators of such acts "barbarous." For political rule to exist for both men and women, as Aristotle believed it does, Nichols asserted that there must be equality between gender which keeps things "just," while maintaining the differences between the genders which provide the "advantage;" one sex can't generate offspring without the other.

Nichols concluded by saying that Aristotle believed that both man and woman need each other, with both equality and differences intact. This compromise between extremes is what defines Nichols' new middle feminism.


SMC student trustee to present peers' views

By DONNA MIRANDOLA
News Writer

Mary's College students. "The Board doesn't really want to know what the students are thinking," said Steinke. Earlier this week, Steinke sent a letter to all students asking for their feedback in order to provide, "a better link between the Student Body and the Board of Trustees.

"I want to check with students to make sure that nothing they're concerned about is being overlooked and to find out what they think is important," she added.

Steinke will be available to meet with students today at Haggar College Center from 11 a.m. to noon, and at the Off-Campus Lounge in Madaleva Hall from 1 to 2 p.m.


Security Beat
MONDAY, MARCH 18

11:52 a.m. A Stanford Hall resident reported the theft of mail from the package room in Stanford Hall.

7:55 p.m. A University employee reported the theft of numerous items from her vehicle while parked in the 1st street parking lot. The brief case was later found by security.

8:54 p.m. A visitor reported the theft of his wallet from the Stapp basketball courts. The wallet was left unattended at the time of the theft.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

12:09 a.m. A Zahn Hall resident reported the theft of his watch from the Rockne Memorial. The watch was left unattended at the time of the theft.

8:13 p.m. A Keenan Hall resident reported the theft of his laptop computer from his room.

11:30 p.m. A Flanner Hall resident was transported to the University Health Center by Security for the treatment of a sports injury.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

2:46 a.m. Security discovered vandalism to a Stanford Hall resident's vehicle while parked in the 1st street parking lot.

5:06 a.m. A University employee was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of an illness.

2:40 p.m. An off-campus student was transported to Security by the University Health Center for treatment of a laceration.

8:53 p.m. A Pangborn Hall resident reported the theft of her bike from outside gate 2 of the Joyce Center.


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See also the letter the editor in today's *Observer*
Panel targets campus diversity

By MIKE JACCARINO

New Writer

Gathering in the context of Diversity Week, amid an appar­ently growing call for minority representation, a panel of Notre Dame faculty and officials met yesterday to discuss the topics of affirmative action and diversity, clarifying university policy and expressing their personal con­victions on the subjects.

The topic of diversity, on the heels of the recent student government designation of mul­ticulturalism as the focus of their annual report to the Board of Trustees, characterized a dia­logue which Assistant Director of Admission Susan Joyce, described as "heating up."

Joyce, who was joined by Martin Murphy, associate pro­fessor of Anthropology; Kathleen Hideck, associate pro­fessor of History; and Joseph Russo, of the Office of Financial Aid, described university policy toward minority representation as one concerned with goals rather quotas. Joyce defines "quotas" as mandatory numbers to be filled regardless of the applicant quality, whereas goals strive towards the same ends while keeping the University's standards of acceptance.

The school has a minimum goal of 12% minority representa­tion in the freshman class. Joyce stated that ethnicity and cultural backgrounds are only two of many admission criteria. "If a student's family doesn't speak English and is the first person to go to college in their family, I'm going to take that into consideration," she added.

"Deciding who is qualified is a complex formula," explained Murphy, who questioned how minority students benefit less in the admission process than the 25% of each class reserved for "legacy children."

"There are many factors un­iversity use in the admissions process: geographic of home­town, extracurricular activities, legacy, grades; and minority status should also be consid­ered," he said.

Justifying the call for a more diverse student body, Murphy added, "The student body needs diversity here because you have to prepare yourself for a com­plex world. We need people of different race and gender because people have different perspectives and that offers a more holistic education."

A supporter of affirmative ac­tion, Biddick offered a remedy for the lack of minority and fe­male representation on campus, expressing her frustration at the lack of progress by saying, "Recruitment of women and minorities is appalling for this university: out of 656 faculty members, 101 are women and eight are African American."

Biddick attacked the weak­ness of the American-African History program and the ab­sence of similar programs for Indian and Asian thought and religions. She criticized the lack of representation in the faculty and the apparent failure of the past administrations in recruit­ing minority faculty members.

They all referred to the ad­mission of 100 African-American students in 1991 resulting in denominations and protests by the Spring. "The student body and faculty were not culturally prepared," said Murphy.

Joyce elaborated on solutions by saying that while the Admissions office has maxi­mized its capacity to increase minority representation, much help is needed from a campus­wide effort to promote diversity. "We feel the University can do better. We've reached a plateau and now have to decide whether we want a diverse student body. It has to be something we believe in."

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Warm spring weather can attract many of Maryland's wildlife. As the temperature rises, so do the activities of nature. From planting gardens to bird watching, there's something for everyone to enjoy in the beauty of nature. But as we enjoy the outdoors, we must remember to take precautions to protect ourselves and the animals we share the environment with. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe and healthy when spending time in nature:

1. Wear protective clothing when hiking or biking. This can help prevent insect bites and sunburn.
2. Use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin. They are effective against many types of insects, including mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas.
3. Avoid going out during the peak hours of insect activity, typically around sunset.
4. Use mosquito netting if camping or sleeping outside. Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as West Nile virus and malaria.
5. Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
6. Be aware of your surroundings and stay on marked trails. This can help prevent accidents from occurring.
7. Keep a safe distance from wild animals. Never feed or approach any animals in the wild.
8. If you are bitten by an animal, wash the wound with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately.
9. Be cautious when swimming, as there may be hidden dangers such as riptides or slippery rocks.
10. Use common sense and stay alert while enjoying the great outdoors!
Artificial flood will restore Grand Canyon RHA

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
Associated Press

PHOENIX
After 33 years of wrangling between the Grand Canyon, the government wants to make amends. So it's staging a flood. The first of 8-foot-wide jet tubes at Glen Canyon Dam will be opened on Tuesday, sending water rushing into the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon at a rate fast enough to fill Chicago's Sears Tower in 17 minutes.

The purpose is to restore the Grand Canyon beaches and wildlife that have vanished over the past three decades. The government, which for most of the experiment is over, scientists said, has popped up in the canyon.

Until the mid-1980s, water was released in a torrent in the morning and power customers flocked to its lights, and was reduced to a trickle at night. But environmentalists insisted that the experiment is over, scientists said. The dam was built in 1962, the river's every fluctuation, its color, its temperature, its beaches and even the fish have been meticulously managed. As a result, the river has evolved into something nature never intended.

Originally a warm, muddy river, the Colorado runs cold and clear green, its sediment left behind the dam in Lake Powell. Cold water has turned the area below the dam into one of the nation's premier fishery spots for rainbow trout, a breed exotic to the area. Cottonwood trees, also foreign, have popped up in the canyon.

And some of those costs, they say, are passed on to ratepayers.

"All over the West we're seeing a move to operate dams for environmental purposes," said Joe Hunter, executive director of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association.
Perot declares willingness to enter race

By KATIE FAIRBANK Associated Press

DALLAS

A boy Roy Perot is continuing to suggest he will run for president — this time during a five-state blitz of campaign-like satellite TV interviews. Perot repeated the same refrain with interviewers from Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Nevada and Oklahoma: “I’ll tell the grass, ‘I’ll take out the trash.’ I’ll do anything to make sure we solve these problems and pass on a great country to our children and grandchildren,” he said, urging viewers of the satellite TV shows to sign Perot Party petitions at a local discount supermarket.

Speaking from his hometown of Dallas, Perot said he would serve as the Reform candidate if asked, but he build the possibility that other candidates might volunteer to run if he can get his party validated in all 50 states.

Perot tuned up his campaign slogans for the fall while taking a dig at President Clinton. He cited in the Key West interview that Florida farmers are hurt by cheap labor in Mexico; “Promises made, promises broken,” he jabbed. “Remember who feels your pain.”

Perot’s aides and volunteers are working to gather petitions to get his Reform Party on the November ballot around the country. This name will appear as a “stand-in” candidate on some ballots until a nominee is chosen at the party’s convention, probably around Labor Day weekend.

Perot could clarify his intentions on Friday, when he appears on his favorite public forum, Larry King’s TV talk show on CNN. He first opened himself up to a 1992 presidential run on King’s show.

Sen. Bob Dole, pressed about the implications of a Perot candidacy one day after clinching the GOP nomination, said it “wouldn’t make it easier” for him to defeat Clinton.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich believes voters already elected a “reform party” in 1994 when they put a majority of Republicans in Congress who vowed “to take power out of Washington” and remodel government.

“That’s one of the reasons I find some of Perot’s discussions fascinating,” Gingrich said today in a speech in Washington to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. “The contract with America essentially fits virtually every interest of the Perot voters.”

Hope Reform Committee Chairman Haley Barbour, for his part, speculated that the Reform Party might volunteer to help Clinton “slip back in the back door of the White House again with 43 percent of the vote.”

Democratic National Committee Chairman Chris Dodd maintains that the failure of the Republican-controlled Congress to deliver on campaign finance reform and other issues is why Ross Perot is angry and why that’s why his people want him to run.

Perot, 62, will appear unopposed on the Greens’ ballot in Tuesday’s California primary, ensuring him a spot on the general-election ballot in November. Other primary voters on Tuesday can write his name in.

The prospect of the influential activist mounting a campaign in California has sparked speculation that Nader’s support will come from defecting Democrats who feel estranged by the party’s policies.

Indeed, with his name also likely to appear on an assortment of other state ballots, Nader also has shown he can siphon votes from Republicans.

Bob Dole.

Democrats are afraid Nader’s run as a Green Party candidate could put a dent in Clinton’s general-election prospects in California and a dozen other states, but Nader also has shown he can siphon votes from Republicans.

Happy 21st Birthday Kristin! Love, Mom, Dad, & Robin

Dole begins preparation of platform

By SANDRA SOBERAJ Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With the Senate as his campaign stage, Bob Dole, who is already gearing up for a general-election fight by making a series of moves to position himself, discussed the Senate majorities on key issues.

"As the Senate majority leader who is in charge of the GOP presidential nomination, made a rare appearance as a witness in a confirmation hearing today to underscore Cabinet nominations being made in the federal government.

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Nader announces surprise candidacy

By SCOTT LINDLAW Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. Consumer watchdog Ralph Nader is running for president in 1996, he said. urging Congress to quit "futzing around" with the major election.

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Recycling: A commitment to service

Dear Editor,

Notre Dame is a community which prides itself on its commitment to service. The amount of students involved in different organizations is truly impressive. There is one simple facet of this community where the student body is lacking—recycling.

Every dorm and most other buildings on campus are equipped with recycling bins for everything from glass and cans to white paper and magazines. But, there are few extra steps down the road to recycle. Many think that it only one can, that hardly makes a difference. Pretend such is worth one dollar and you throw one out of the semester, you just throw out one hundred dollars. That makes a difference.

There are organizations on campus such as Green Alliance for Students to think about Environmental Action that work to educate the student body and maintain environmental awareness. They need support for their efforts to be successful.

MICHELLE SHARP Sophomore Lewis Hall

Relatively speaking...

Documentary invites reflection, professors invite participation

Dear Editor,

Last month, we both had the occasion to see the powerful two-hour "Frontline" (PBS) documentary, "Morton on Abortion," which explores the fatal shootings of two recep­tionist workers at Planned Parenthood's women's health centers in Brooklyn, Massachusetts in 1992. Morton, a 41-year-old English immigrant and former electrical engineer, believed that same commit­ment to social justice had caused the two-hour documentary to have moral and social implications. Morton is also a member of the Catholic Church, which suggests that the moral and social implications of his actions have been reflected in the documentary.

THE "MURDER" OF SHANNON LOWNEY

Shannon Lowney, a twen­ty-five-year-old doctoral student at Boston College, had taken the deep com­mitment to social justice had prompted her decision to par­ticipate in the Morton volunteer program in El Salvador as an undergraduate. She believed that same commit­ment justified her decision to work with Morton.

Despite the documentary's negative portrayal of Morton, the program depicts the grief of the victims of Morton or those who try to make sense of their life and death. It also shows the pain of John Salvi's parents, also Catholic, as they struggle with guilt and sorrow over the actions of their own son. Interviews with Cardinal Nichols, the new leader of the Catholic Church in this nation's painful and divisive debate over abortion and the media's per­ception of that role.

Not all of the features are so obvious as Morton's actions in the documentary. For example, the documentary may be interpreted as a critique of Morton's actions in the documentary as Morton's actions in the documentary are not presented as a positive influence on the community. However, the documentary does not ignore the possibility that Morton's actions may have had a positive influence on the community.

The program invites the grief of her loving, Catholic family as they tried to make sense of Shannon Lowney's life and death.

Neither of us had a single unified response to the documentary. We found that the familiar terms and terminology were inadequate to cap­ture the personal and social dimensions of Morton's actions before us. The program invites us to deeper reflection and further discussion. We would like to invite Morton to the university and have him partici­pate in the program's discussion of "Morton on Abortion." To provide a forum in which Morton's actions can be examined and discussed, we invite him to participate in the program's discussion of "Morton on Abortion." The program's discussion of "Morton on Abortion," dis­cussion in small groups (no more than 10 students), each facilitated by a faculty member from the departments of Theology, Philosophy, History, Political Science, and Anthropology through a semesterly course on the topic of abortion and American religious history, continued informed discussion and refutations.

Our goal is to not provide you with easy, pat answers, but to create an environ­ment in which Notre Dame undergraduates can exchange insights with one another about aspects of the abortion contro­versy in America.
The Bands Continue their Battle

Kevin Dolan
Assistant Sports Editor

In the only student-run award for campus bands this year, Scholastic named "zone" as their favorite. Call it the most enthusiastic — and oblivious — introduction of the night, Stomper Bob took the stage to an equally enthusiastic reaction from the crowd. Stomper Bob featured the first of several great bass players throughout the evening. After the opening act was tough, the band loosened up and played a set of accessible, energetic rock, compared by one judge to the best of Buffalo Springfield. Being rather busy and expected to check out the other bands, the audience noted the band's stiffness through the song, which they described as being "too sober." It may be the only way to wonder if he might have been left off the band, or the audience: considering the student-oriented crowd Stomper Bob has, it's obvious that the band's enthusiasm was not yet in full swing. The one band that dressed up, one judge picked up another five or six members on the way to the stage. 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Luster, the second, was soft and sensitive. The three-guitar attack of Chuck Saari, Steve Tidwell and Saari钱 was almost deafening. Reverend Funk hit the stage running on all eight cylinders, resplendent in odd clothing. A schtick is a good way to disguise the fact that you don't know many chords, and in the set's first song, that's exactly what it looked like. Three chords were fine, but still, they used to be with the Roadapples! An attempted guitar solo did not help. To their credit, Luster recovered with two fairly strong originals. These guys are more punk-oriented than the Roadapples, but they lack the sensibility for a hook. Tacklebox. Another band of "used to," Tacklebox rose from the ashes of True North. Bassist Rob Johnigan took the stage in a three-piece suit with all butons hanging from his guitar. The fear of another band for whom "image ain't everything, it's the only thing" was potent, but as soon as guitarist and singer Chad Saari struck the first chord, reality set in: these guys are rock. A three-piece trio with serious chops, Tacklebox hit into the tightest, most energetic and well-rehearsed set of the night to this point. Johnson, who has played several shows this year, is a Rocksteady bassist, and Schueffer's use of unconventional chord structures gives this punk band a rare thing called color. Twawk. Twawk came on and did the impossible — they outplayed Tacklebox. Both bands are energetic, punk-flavored trios, but Twawk tends more toward discordant guitar and general dissynergy than Tacklebox. And it paid off in spades. Twawk exhibited more virtuosity than one usually does not find in a punk band, and they played punk the way you actually expect to have to pay attention to, rather than just trying to bloody someone in the mosh pit. Emily, Emily's Doug McEachern leads them through their melodic punk set. Emily's set was relentlessly energetic, but by this time, the mosh pit had dwindled. That's a shame, really, because among other surprises, Emily exudes a melodic instinct that isn't supposed to be in a punk band. 

Nazz winner Reverend Funk lights up the stage.

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Some men are King of the Road. Many are King of the Kendrick. But there is only one MTV King of the Beach... and he is South Quad’s freshest and newest Royal Family member, Rich Kizer. That’s right, kids. Spring break’s ultimate stud is officially not a surfer with an extensive collection of Ocean Pacific tops and a life time supply of baby oil, but a sophomore with a terrific combination of confidence and spirit.

Many people wonder how one goes after a title as coveted as MTV’s King of the Beach. Connections? Money? An uncanny ability to flex, smile and ask the bikini-laden girl in the second row out for a beach burger simultaneously? According to Kizer, it’s all about being one’s self.

When Kizer and his friends heard that MTV was going to be in Panama City, there was no stopping their quest for the crown. “I heard they were interviewing for the show, so I went to the 18-and-over club where the producers were for the interview. They had to pick guys and girls out of the crowd.”

Kizer knew he had to plan his strategy; he had to be unique. “I worked to make eye contact with them.” And then, with a knowing glance and judging arms outstretched, he pointed toward the beach and cheekily inquired, “Excuse me, do you know where the beach is?” And that was it. With one profound question, Kizer had stolen the platinum hearts of the MTV scouts and producers.

“I wasn’t cocky. I wasn’t too serious. I realized that I was a moron. I just like to have fun—you know, I played...” the story goes.

Onstage for the semi-finals, the fifty contestants were broken into two groups, making up two half-hour segments prefacing the King of the Beach one-hour finale. “After Tuesday, I got to scope out the competition. I said, ‘I’m going to win this thing.’ Everyone else was just really into themselves. They had some personality.” Kizer recollected. He was ready to have fun with the judges and the audience.

And it’s no wonder why. On top of getting to play musical chairs with the women during his semi-final round to determine who his partner would be, Kizer had endorsements from many MTV employees on site. “My money’s on you,” one producer told Kizer during a rehearsal. “So, going into Wednesday I had a lot of confidence,” Kizer said.

With crowds who loved his down-to-earth style and his outrageous sense of humor, and a flock of Kizer’s friends along with many other Notre Dame supporters at the show, Kizer felt ready to conquer the beach. He was prepared to make some waves and kick up a little Florida sand.

With the feel of the “Rocky” soundtrack permeating Kizer’s thoughts of glory, he entered his stage of dreams. Wearing the traditional Notre Dame beach attire (a green polo shirt and jeans), Kizer was asked by the judges to change into some of the “clubin’ wear” backstage. “I’m from Omaha, Nebraska, and go to school in South Bend, Indiana. We don’t have any clubs, therefore I don’t have any clubin’ wear,” Kizer ruefully stated.

As show time neared, the final six couples prepared to compete for the title. But Kizer wasn’t worried. He, again, opted against oiling up and presume-ing. Instead, he chanted with some of the judges and audience members, practicing what he did best: googling around.

The show’s hosts were Simon Rex and Tommie Frazier. The celebrity judges were none other than Carrot Top, a favorite Notre Dame campus entertainer, Jamie Fox from the hit television show “In Living Color,” rapper Busta Rhyme and, Kizer’s personal favorite and a favorite of many men across the country, MTV’s “Singled Out” host, Jenny McCarthy.

From the dancing to the swimsuit competition, Kizer was a classic hit. However, he doesn’t want to give too much of the show away before its airing on Sunday. “I don’t want to let out what happens right now. Let’s just say I don’t know how happy my mom will be when she sees this,” exclaimed Kizer. And what did King Richard have to say about the female contestants? “Oh-the girls were nice,”

He was more concerned about mocking the seriousness of an MTV title and going after physical humor, both of which he accomplished from the comments of his friends who were at the victory scene. “It was great. He’s a good ball. He’s even more confident in his goodliness after MTV,” said Flanner Sophomore John Hutchinson.

And what do Kizer’s roommates think about having a King in the house? “It’s better now ‘cause girls talk to us,” says Alumni sophomore Jim Carey, Chris Farley, David Hasselhoff, Meredith Baxter, Miss America Jean Jackson, Mexican, The Tropical Paradise, and ‘The chicks’.

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Kentucky is considered the deepest and most talented team in college basketball. Utah found out why.

The Wildcats got contributions from up and down the lineup, and made 13 straight shots during one first-half stretch on their way to a 101-70 victory Thursday night in the semifinals of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Utah had held opponents to 63 points and 39 percent shooting, but had no way of stopping top-seeded Kentucky.

"I know what Kentucky was going in and I know even more going out," coach Rick Majerus said. "I'm really self-shocked. I'm punch-drunk and pretty soon I'm going to be drunk, and I'm not even a drinking guy. I'm just worn out."

Antoine Walker epitomizes Kentucky. The 6-foot-8 forward can score inside and outside and can pass, as he showed with 19 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Derek Anderson added 18 points, and Tony Delk and Anthony Epps 14 each for the Wildcats (31-2), who are within one victory of reaching the Final Four for the first time in the program's 33-year history.

Coach Rick Pitino said his team had spent much of its practice time working on last-minute situations. After all, fourth-seeded Utah (27-7) was ranked in the Top 10 most of the year and has a great player in forward Keith Van Horn.

"Really, the game was decided in the first few minutes," Pitino said.

That it was. The Utes opened the game by sagging off Epps, and the point guard made them pay. He hit three 3-pointers in the first three minutes, giving Kentucky an 11-4 lead. Utah got no closer than six after that.

After BrandonJessie made a free throw to make the score 11-5, Kentucky made its 13 straight shots. Six players scored during that stretch, even little-used Oliver Simmons came off the bench to make a 3-pointer.

"I subbed a lot early," Pitino said. "I thought we could wear them out, and thought once we did that we could make our run.

The defeat was Utah's worst since a 31-point loss to Brigham Young two years ago, and the 101 points were more than the most given up by the Utes since allowing 112 in a 1954 game.

Utah did a decent job attack­ ing Kentucky's pressure, but still committed 21 turnovers. The Wildcats turned those into 30 points. And attacking the press helped keep the game at a tempo Kentucky likes.

"If I had it to do over again I would slow the game down totally," Majerus said. "I made a major error in judgment and put my team in peril."

How scary was Kentucky? The Wildcats led 56-34 at halftime, and Walker, McCarty, one of their best players and only player who had missed the second half, said the Wildcats continued to pour it on in the second half.

McCarty scored inside and Delk added back-to-back 3-pointers as they widened the margin to 30.

Delk said the press set the tone, and the rest was easy.

"Put this point we really don't care who scores," he said. "We just want to get out there and have fun."
UMass, Georgetown set to square off in East Final

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Even with Camby benched for the first 3:13 because he was late for the team bus, the Minutemen scored the first 13 points and were never seriously threatened by Arkansas (20-13), which shot abysmally most of the game.

The Razorbacks scored the next eight points after UMass opening spurt but the Minutemen didn't panic. Epitomizing the word "team," they showed all of their weapons: hitting from outside, dominating underneath, giving Arkansas a taste of "40 minutes of hell" at the defensive end.

Carmen Traveiso, who tumbled off a podium at a press conference the day before, showed no ill effects from his fall, scoring 14 points.

The Razorbacks, with four freshman starters, appeared to have a serious case of stage fright before 34,614 at the Georgia Dome.

They made only 5-of-27 shots in the first half and missed their first four attempts to begin the second — a 16 percent accuracy rate for a team that entered the game shooting 45 percent.

Arkansas finished 22-of-64 (34 percent), including just 3-of-15 from beyond the 3-point arc. About the only thing the Razorbacks did well with the ball in their hands was shoot free throws (16-of-18), which had been one of their major weaknesses.

Coach Nolan Richardson shuffled players in and out of the lineup but could find no one with the hot hand. Pat Bradley finally warmed up and finished with 15 points, including three shots from 3-point range. By the time his shots started falling, however, the game was no longer in doubt.

UMass doesn't appear to have any weaknesses, but the Minutemen still must prove they can get over the regional hump.

Georgetown 98, Texas Tech 90

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Big East Baseball

Here’s a look at the newly-revamped Big East conference for the 1996 baseball season. The Irish will play each team in their division three times on the season, in addition to a doubleheader against each of the teams from the American Division.

National Division

Providence • 44-15 • (16-5)
Pittsburgh • 29-15 • (12-9)
St. John’s • 16-16 • (12-9)
Boston College • 21-24 • (9-15)
Connecticut • 13-30-1 • (4-7)
West Virginia • 18-32 • (N/A)

American Division

Notre Dame • 40-21 • (N/A)
Seton Hall • 36-16 • (16-2)
Villanova • 46-16 • (14-7)
Georgetown • 17-94 • (4-17)
Rutgers • 28-29 • (N/A)

The Big East conference has just graduated twelve players into the professional ranks. As good as this sounds, many believe that the Big East, with the addition of West Virginia, Rutgers, and Notre Dame, only got better this season, especially with the arrival of the Irish, who wereeparaded from several years of obscurity toil in the gulag that is the Midwestern Division.

"The Big East definitely has a long, long conference," said senior pitcher and co-captain Craig Allen. "The teams have a lot more talented players. I played with some of the guys from the Big East in the Cape Cod League a few summers back, and they seemed to be a bunch of scrap­py players. Everyone will be gunning for us, since we’re new in the conference.

The addition of the three new programs led to a division in the Big East, and many pundits are tabbing the Irish to win the American Division, which includes perennial powerhouse programs Seton Hall and Villanova.

"Winning the Big East is our avenue to get into the NCAA tournament," commented Irish head coach Paul Mainieri, whose squad will usher in their 10-6 season in Norwich, Connecticut from May 14-17, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"The Big East is definitely a step up for us in terms of com­petition," surprised center fielder Rowan Richards. "It offers a much better put-together schedule, and it’s exciting to become a part of the con­ference, which we know we can win this year. We’re all ready to get it going."

While the strength of the con­ference schedule is to be com­mented, the dynamics of the scheduling may leave the Irish feeling snake-bitten. "This weekend is one of the disadvantages we’re up against this season," said Mainieri. "When we play Boston College on Saturday, Providence won’t be playing anybody, so they’ll be able to keep their top two pitchers laying in wait for us. When we play Providence on Sunday, Boston College will be off, so we’re certain to run into their top two starters as well. This puts us at a little bit of a disad­vantage, but in the same token, that’s the way it is, and our players are going to have to overcome that by being a little bit better than everyone else."

"Doing just that will be any­thing but easy for the 10-6 Irish, as the first four games of the 24-game conference sched­ule come against two teams who have combined for a 12-5 record so far on the season."

Posing a particularly daunt­ing challenge for the Irish will be the 2-4 Providence, who won the conference title last season with a 44-15 mark, including a 16-5 record in conference play. The Friars boast a preseason second-team All-American in junior outfielder Pete Tucci (.374, 12 home runs, and 49 R.B.I. in ’95), and two danger­ous pitchers in senior Mike Macone (7-4, 3.75 ERA, 79 K) and sophomore phenom Todd Fancellaggio, who was as hard to hit as his name is to pro­nounce last season as a fresh­man, posting a 10-1 record with a 2.47 ERA.

"This weekend, we need to start taking care of business," said Mainieri. "It would be nice to get a win at a good start."
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SOFTBALL

Cold weather on tap for hot Irish

By MIKE DAY

Notre Dame Sports Information

When you’re on a roll, it seems like nothing can slow you down. That is, nothing except Mother Nature.

Primed and ready to build on their impressive showing over Spring Break, the Notre Dame softball team (14-10) was unable to accomplish what they set out to do Thursday afternoon at Ivy Field.

No. Purdue did not pull off an upset of the No. 24 ranked Irish. Instead, cold weather proved to be the ruthless opposition, forcing the game to be postponed and rescheduled at a later date.

Nevertheless, the Irish will be back in action this weekend when they visit Western Michigan on Saturday before hosting Indiana on Sunday in a pair of doubleheaders.

“This is a good chance to see where we stand as we near the halfway mark of the season,” said Irish head coach Liz Miller.

“We’ve played some tough competition so far, but we’ve fared pretty well. Now, we will get the chance to play in some colder weather.”

Notre Dame will have to once again rely on their starting rotation. And judging by a strong showing over the break, the threesome of Terri Kobata, Joy Battersby, and Angela Bessolo should be up to the challenge.

“I’m very pleased with the way the pitching has been, especially after playing many games in a short period of time,” said Miller. “We still have a lot of games left in the year, and I’m confident they will even get better.”

That task will be a difficult one. All-American candidate Kobata has been everything but perfect in her eight starts this season. The junior starter is 7-1, sports a microscopic 0.76 ERA, and is limiting opponents to just a .203 batting average against her.

“It’s been a good start so far, and my teammates have really played well during my outings,” said Kobata. “There is a long way to go, but I’m confident that I can pitch at this level once the league play starts.”

After struggling through the first two tournaments, Bessolo and Battersby have come alive. For the year, Bessolo owns a 5-3 mark and a 2.84 ERA, while veteran Battersby has lowered her earned run average to 2.85 despite a deceptive 2-5 record.

While the Notre Dame pitching staff has lived up to expectations, the Irish would not have won 10 of 14 games over break without their improved play at the plate. Meghan Murray, Jenna Kudras, and Katie Marten have performed as expected, but the big difference has been the solid provided from unexpected sources.

Outfielder Jennifer Giampaolo has third among Irish regulars in hitting (.329) and total bases (33) and is tied with Murray for the team lead in RBIs with 17. Freshman Kris McCleary has started 20 games at catcher and has responded with a .264 batting average and a .321 slugging percentage.

“Jennifer and Kris are a major reason we’ve been so successful over the past three tournaments,” said Miller. “I was expecting big things from them before the season started, but they’ve already exceeded expectations this year.”

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Freshman and No. 1 singles player Jennifer Hall will lead the Irish against the Wolverines in Ann Arbor on Saturday.

**Women's Tennis**

Irish set for rivals

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

They were set to play, but the match was canceled. The women's tennis team was ready to take on their long time rival Purdue, but were thoroughly disappointed when the Ballmakers had to cancel due to inclement weather.

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The Irish will have to quickly get over their disappointment, and gear up for their next regional match. The team is headed to Ann Arbor to take on a long time rival Michigan. Michigan was previously ranked in the top thirty, but recently dropped out of the rankings.

The key to winning this match will be to start out early. Seniors Wendy Crabtree and Helyn Lord will face the No. 1 Wolverines' doubles team. According to Lederback, the strength of the Wolverines' doubles game lies at the top of their line-up.

Rounding out the other two spots for the Irish will be freshman Jennifer Hall and junior Erin Gross, and playing at the No. 3 seed will be sophomore Kelley Olson and freshman Marisa Velasco.

As usual, the Irish are hoping to fare well against the Wolverines. The team is expected to face a tough challenge at the top of their singles line-up. "The strong point for Michigan is in their top three or four spots," remarked Lederback.

The team's line-up is pretty much set. Due to some injuries, the face of the standings has changed. Hall will find herself at the No. 1 spot, Lord at No. 2, and Crabtree will be playing at No.3. Velasco will remain at the fourth position, and Gross will remain at the fifth spot, and the sixth position will either be filled by Olson or sophomore Molly Gavin.

"We can definitely win this match," stated Velasco. "We were disappointed that we did not get to play Purdue. It would have been nice to get another win under our belt."

"The team has really gained confidence from our new ranking," stated captain Crabtree.

"Although, we are working hard for more. We are focusing each day on the match ahead, so that in the end we can get more." The Irish are hoping to capture a victory against Michigan this Saturday in Ann Arbor.

"This match means a lot to us because it is a regional match-up. If we play well, then I think we can win. By winning, this would allow us a chance to get a little momentum before our tougher matches in the weeks to come," stated Crabtree.

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The key to winning this match will be to start out early. Seniors Wendy Crabtree and Helyn Lord will face the No. 1 Wolverines' doubles team. According to Lederback, the strength of the Wolverines' doubles game lies at the top of their line-up.

Rounding out the other two spots for the Irish will be freshman Jennifer Hall and junior Erin Gross, and playing at the No. 3 seed will be sophomore Kelley Olson and freshman Marisa Velasco.

As usual, the Irish are hoping to fare well against the Wolverines. The team is expected to face a tough challenge at the top of their singles line-up. "The strong point for Michigan is in their top three or four spots," remarked Lederback.

The team's line-up is pretty much set. Due to some injuries, the face of the standings has changed. Hall will find herself at the No. 1 spot, Lord at No. 2, and Crabtree will be playing at No.3. Velasco will remain at the fourth position, and Gross will remain at the fifth spot, and the sixth position will either be filled by Olson or sophomore Molly Gavin.

"We can definitely win this match," stated Velasco. "We were disappointed that we did not get to play Purdue. It would have been nice to get another win under our belt."

"The team has really gained confidence from our new ranking," stated captain Crabtree.

"Although, we are working hard for more. We are focusing each day on the match ahead, so that in the end we can get more." The Irish are hoping to capture a victory against Michigan this Saturday in Ann Arbor.

"This match means a lot to us because it is a regional match-up. If we play well, then I think we can win. By winning, this would allow us a chance to get a little momentum before our tougher matches in the weeks to come," stated Crabtree.

**Football**

Holtz Hawaii bound

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The announcement was made today in Honolulu by the AFCA, Hooters Hula Bowl and AdCraft Sports Marketing.

"We are excited about our association with the Hula Bowl because this will allow the AFCA to highlight the best of our profession at all levels of college football," AFCA Executive Director Grant Teaff said. "Each year our four national Coach of the Year winners and the AFCA's outgoing president will be invited to be a part of the coaching staffs for the all-star teams.

Beginning with the 1997 game, the national AFCA Coach of the Year winners from the NCAA Divisions I-A, II, and III will have the opportunity to serve as assistant coaches. Starting in 1998, the Division I-A Coach of the Year from the previous year will be invited to serve as one of the Hula Bowl's head coaches.

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Cleveland upsets defending champs

By LORI GADDIS
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team was scheduled to play Olivet College at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. However, the game was rescheduled for Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. as a result of the chilly weather that had blown through South Bend for the past week. The field was not covered in snow, but the low temperatures coupled with a vicious wind chill made for dangerous conditions in which to play. Although they are disappointed at the postponement of the game, it gives the Belles an opportunity to prepare for their game against Wheaton College on Saturday as well as rest up several players who are under the weather.

"We are anxious to get back on the field, but not in these weather conditions," coach Jan Travis said. "We are unfortunately back to indoor practice today but will be prepared for our game on Saturday."

The Belles travel to Wheaton College this Saturday for what should prove to be a challenging game. This will be the Belles' first double-header since returning from their Spring Break excursion to Fort Myers and they feel they have something to prove. "We split with Wheaton last year," said coach Maggie Killian. "We really felt like we were the better team but just broke down mentally. I know the team feels the same and we are looking to take two from them this time around."

As temperatures begin to rise this weekend, so do the Belles' hopes of returning with two wins under their belts. They look to the experience acquired from working together in Florida as well as the enthusiasm they have maintained since defeating 5th-ranked North Central College.

"Wheaton is strong, both at bat and on the mound," stated Senior Michelle Limb. "We have to be prepared so that we can capitalize on the mistakes they make. We are looking forward to starting up where we left off after our huge win over North Central College."

The Belles go into the double header on Saturday with a record of 5-3.

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Formances of veterans like midfielders Jimmy Keenan and Burke Hayes, attacker Will Dellino, and goalie Alex Cade will need to continue if the Irish are to maintain this rating. Along with these mainstays, the Irish have also received encouraging signs from freshman Chris Dusseau, who scored a whopping four goals in the first half.

"Going into this season, we know (Dusseau) could finish," stated Corrigan. "With the way teams have been playing us right now, it's leaving him open in the middle, guys are getting him the ball, and he's finishing. With the continually improving play coming from all areas of the team, the Irish are poised to surge through the rest of the season. Their coach realizes that his players have played well so far, but he offers a warning directed both to his team and to upcoming opponents.

"We're not at the top of our game yet," cautioned Corrigan. "There is room for improvement, and our guys know that."

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Men’s tennis turns to Tobacco Road

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

Normally during the month of March, the talk on Tobacco Road is hoops. But, since both Duke and the University of North Carolina have bowed out of the NCAA Tournament, the Notre Dame men’s tennis team will look to give the Cameron Crazies and the Carolina Contingent something to talk about.

The fifteenth ranked Irish will travel to North Carolina where they will be looking to rebound from a somewhat disappointing 1-2 mark in the Blue-Gray Classic. The competition will not be any weaker as they will take on the eighteenth ranked Tarheels on Friday and the ninth ranked Duke Blue Devils on Sunday.

“We’re running out of chances,” senior captain Mike Sprouse mentioned. “We have come close to some very good teams but we haven’t quite gotten over the hump. This is the weekend for all of us to play consistent and to get over that hump.”

The coaching staff will also be looking for more consistency and are hoping to pick up some momentum for the home stretch.

In the Blue-Gray Classic senior John J. O’Brien was the only singles player to go undefeated. The rest of the team played great one day and were the polar opposite the next.

The key to success for the Irish in Carolina will probably be their doubles play. It is always a big lift if they can seize the first point and get off to a good start.

The young No. 2 doubles tandem of sophomore Jakub Pietrowski and freshman Brian Patterson have provided some spark since teaming up in mid-season and will be looking to improve on their nine wins in dual matches so far this season.

After their trip to Tobacco Road, the Irish will have just six matches remaining before the Big East Championship in Miami. Then the Irish will begin NCAA Regional action. So these two matches will probably be an good indication of how well the Irish will play in post-season.

Bulldogs next in line for Irish Lacrosse

By TIM McCONN
Sports Writer

Several fans quickly jumped off the Notre Dame Lacrosse bandwagon after their season-opening loss to 6th-ranked Loyola of Maryland. However, more than a few of those fickle fans jumped right back on following the team’s 3-0 spring break record.

These followers realized that the team was back on the right track. In fact, according to Coach Kevin Corrigan, they never really left it in the first place.

“I’m not sure how off the track we were,” commented Corrigan. “We played well against Loyola but didn’t make the plays to win. Now we know what it takes to compete at the Top 10 level.”

The Irish take this newfound knowledge into this weekend’s contest with another highly-touted squad, Butler University. Butler is 4-1 so far in this young season. Their four wins have not come easy. Rather, they have come against some of the stiffest competition in the nation. Two of their victims have been Rutgers and Delaware, both ranked in the Top 20 at the time of the matches.

“Butler is having a great year, no doubt,” noted Corrigan. “They are off to a great start, having beaten Rutgers and Delaware.

As a result of their recent successes, Butler is the highest vote-getter outside of the Top 20, making them the unofficial 21st best team in the country.

Coach Corrigan thinks differently however.

“They really should be in the Top 20,” said Corrigan. “Other teams are above simply because of reputation. This team is really that good.”

The Irish are one of those teams ranked above them, but their play as of late seems to merit this position (13th) in the national polls. The steady-performing Irish prepare for Big East challenge

By DYLAN BARMMER
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Everyone knows the clout that the Big East Conference possesses on the basketball court this season, what with having six teams in the AP Top 25, at one point during the season and sending three of those teams to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament.

But what everyone might not know is that the Big East is certainly no slouch when the transition is made from the hardwoods to hartball.

Baseball America’s College Preview issue ranked the Big East, which has produced 17 current big leaguers, sent 17 of its players to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament.

Last year alone the Big East, which has produced 17 current big leaguers, sent two teams to the NCAA tournament and see BIG EAST/ page 18