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### ND announces tuition hike

**Rate of increase declines for 7th consecutive year**

**By JAMIE HEISLER**

Associate News Editor

A 5.5 percent increase in undergraduate room and board fees for the 1996-97 academic year, announced by the University yesterday, marks the seventh consecutive year that the percentage of tuition increase has declined. The increase will bring the cost of tuition at the University to $18,910, up $810 from last year, and will bring the cost of room and board to $4,760, up $110 from last year. While the total increase equals over $900, the percentage of increase is the lowest that the University has implemented since 1960.

According to Dennis Brown, assistant director of Public Relations, the continuing decline in tuition increases will continue at the University.

The percentages of tuition increase over the past five years demonstrate a University commitment to moderating the cost of tuition increase.

"Operating costs of the University continue to go up on a yearly basis, but the commitment (on the part of the Administrators and the Board of Trustees) has been to maintain the tuition increase down while maintaining the quality of education," said Brown.

The University has also demonstrated a commitment recently to increasing the amount of scholarship assistance available to students, according to Brown. A move by the University in the past few months will add $5 million to funding for financial aid and will allow the University to offer an additional 425 scholarships over the next four years.

"With this move, combined with other enhancements, we expect that University-enhanced scholarships will continue to increase," said Brown.

### Minor SMC blazes spark fire awareness program

**By MAUREEN HURLEY**

Saint Mary's News Editor

"Want to see your college campus blown up in smoke?" Posters boasting this slogan are scattered around Saint Mary's LeMans Hall, as fire safety becomes a hot topic following two minor fires in the residence hall last week.

According to Richard Chlebek, director of Saint Mary's Security, two unrelated fires caused by unattended candles spread at 6:40 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the second and third floors of LeMans Hall on March 24. Both fires were detected and extinguished by resident advisors before causing structural damage.

"The damage was minor, compared to what it could have been if it had happened at 4 a.m., when everyone was sleeping," said Chlebek.

Security reports state that a student's bookshelf was damaged in the second floor fire, and there were scorch marks on the students' desks in the third floor fire.

"There was no monetary damage," Chlebek said.

The student handbook states that burning candles is prohibited, as it is viewed as a "fire-hazardous activity."

"The rules are there to protect us. People really shouldn't have candles or an open flame in their rooms," said LeMans resident advisor Kaylynne DeCarli. "With the recent fires, people are being more serious, she added.

According to DeCarli, the fires sparked a hall-wide fire safety awareness program. All sections in LeMans Hall are required to see the security video, "How Fast it Burns."

"If the R.A. had shown up 30 seconds later, this whole building probably would have gone down, since it's such an old dorm," DeCarli said.

### Miller outlines future agenda

**By BILL CONNOLLY**

Assistant News Editor

Outgoing Student Body President Jonathan Patrick finalized his chairmanship of the Campus Life Council and new Student Body President Seth Miller outlined his goals for the council he will chair at yesterday's CLC meeting.

Patrick outlined the three points he will focus on when formulating the CLC's report on co-residentially. These include the history of co-residentially, the discussion of the issue at the CLC, and a call to action for the Board of Trustees on the matter.

Patrick also pointed out the presence of the campus calendar on the World Wide Web next year, which will include descriptions of campus organizations. Student Senator Kate McShane emphasized that she and Judicial President Tom Massiie will continue to address the new departments to address various aspects of student life, said Miller, the Student Body President.

The Student Government Executive Coordinators selected are:

- Kate McShane, Intellectual Life
- Molly Doegen, Student Life
- Chris Trenio, Controller
- Stacey McNulty, Public Relations
- Jen Dividio, Chief Counsel
- Jeff Ward, Athletic Resources
- Catherine McCarron, Gender Relations
- Steve Marshall, Information Technology
- Jeff Calatina, Financial Aid

"We are blessed with talented people working for us and are excited about this year," said Murray, the Student body vice president.

Yesterday marked the first day of the new administration.

### Rotary Foundation awards scholarships

**By MATTHEW LOUGHran**

News Writer

Three seniors and a recent graduate were awarded scholarships by The Rotary Foundation to study abroad for the 1996-97 school year. Scholarship recipients Jesse Barrett, Maria Capua, Jason Subler, and Catherine McIntyre will be beginning their programs in their respective countries this summer.

The Rotary Foundation awards scholarships yearly for students to study in foreign countries. The students must pass a selection process that includes interviews at the local to district level and they must also take a language aptitude test.

You must be accepted to the University you plan to study at, but other than that, The Rotary Foundation takes care of all the other arrangements for you," said Jesse Barrett, who will be going to American University of Cairo in Egypt.

Scholarships are given for one year and multi-year programs in any country in which there is a Rotary Club. The scholarships are granted to students that The Rotary Foundation believes have qualities of good leadership and good citizenship, as well as an ability to express themselves.

The Rotary Foundation of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's allocates its funds for appropriate service projects, including scholarships.
Haitian ferry capsizes, death toll undetermined

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
A sailboat ferrying about 100 passengers capsized between two Haitian towns capped in the Caribbean Sea, and at least 15 people drowned, a survivor said.

The survivor, Jeannys Jean-Baptiste, said in a Radio Nationale interview broadcast Monday that the sailboat L’Aviron, which operates on the ferry, sank off a remote village in southwestern Haiti last Thursday.

News of the incident was delayed because of poor communications with the remote area, 140 miles west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. The boat sank near Tiburon, for which there are no listings in the Haitian telephone directory.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman in Miami said he was not aware of any ferry sinking. A Haitian government spokesman said maritime officials sent to the area to investigate a reported shipwreck were not expected to return until Tuesday.

Police officers from Jeremie, a three-hour drive from Tiburon, also went to the area over the weekend to investigate rumors of a boat sinking but couldn’t confirm them, said Eric Fall, spokesman for the U.N. mission in Haiti. He said the police returned to the area on Monday.

Minimum wage debate rages on

WASHINGTON
Democrats marked the fifth anniversary of the last minimum-wage rise by attacking Republican President Bush and Democratic Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle Sen. Bob Dole on Monday for blocking increases while supporting raises in his own salary. aides to Dole, the Senate majority leader and President Clinton’s only substantive opponent in the November election, consider attacked, pointing out that Clinton did not propose an increase when Democrats controlled Congress. Opponents of a higher minimum wage argue it would destroy millions of jobs for people of minority status.

Republicans cited a three-year-old Clinton statement that raising the minimum wage was “the wrong way to raise the income of low-wage earners.” Clinton last year proposed a 90-cent increase, spread over two years, to bring the national minimum wage to $5.15. Senator Ted Kennedy on Thursday sought to force a vote on the proposal.

Umpire death prompts postponement

CINCINNATI
Baseball’s 328-pound umpire John McSherry died Monday after collapsing on the field seven pitches into the Cincinnati Reds’ season-opening game. McSherry, 51, walked away from home plate and motioned to the other umpires. Then, in front of the TV camera, he fell to the ground near the hatch. He was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later. The hospital said McSherry had sudden cardiac death, in which the heart beats out of control. Reds manager Ray Johnston said he would hold off on another umpire who had postponed a doctor’s appointment for arrhythmia, or irregular heart beat, because of the season opener. “He said John was too far along. He had his heart irregular earlier and he didn’t want to do that,” Knight said. “He said, ‘I’m going to be here next year and I’m not going to do that tomorrow.’” Knight said McSherry was considered one of the more personable umpires, always willing to help. “Yesterday was a lost opportunity,” Knight said. “He was always fair.” Knight said. “He would never try to over-power you. He was a supportive, solid, caring umpire.” The game against the Montreal Expos was postponed.

New York

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Himes links community, God

By ANGELA CATALDO
News Writer

The concepts of God and community are firmly intertwined, according to Father Michael Himes, who spoke last night on the Saint Mary’s campus.

“Christians are committing themselves, the moment they speak about God, to speaking about the community,” began Himes, who delivered the final lecture of the Saint Mary’s College Justice Education Conversation Series.

Father Himes wrapped up the series with his reflection on the subject on a theological level.

“The word of God and the community are absolutely linked to one another,” Himes said. “If you really experience community, you cannot not believe in God,” he added. Himes also stated that the relationship with God can be interpreted as “the lover, the beloved and the love between them.”

Himes, an author and professor of theology at Boston College, believes that the community is difficult to develop because it requires wisdom and courage, two qualities which are extremely hard to practice.

“Wisdom is the ability to see the other as other” he stressed. Himes claimed that we must attempt to see individuals as their own persons, not as extension of ourselves. “Too often we think of people as ‘my mother’ or ‘my friend’ and not as individuals,” said Himes. Courage is the ability to “discern what is best for the other

Tuition

increased 19 percent to almost $15.7 million in 1996-97,” said Father Edward Malloy in a letter to the parents of 1996-97 undergraduates.

“This is an evidence that we are intent upon keeping the doors of Notre Dame open to talented, not economic circumstance,” he stated.

SMC to host classical guitar recital

Special To The Observer

The Department of Music at Saint Mary’s College will present a classical guitar recital on Wed., April 3, at 8 p.m. featuring Dean Wachs and Gerry Zubko. They will perform works by Fernando Sor, Antonio Laurro, and Mauro Giuliani.

The recital will take place in the Little Theatre located in the Meroue Center for the Arts on Saint Mary’s campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dean Wachs, who teaches at both Saint Mary’s College and Indiana University South Bend, has been playing the guitar for over 30 years. He began his classical guitar studies with Richard Wintner in 1974 and continued until 1982. Wachs began teaching guitar in 1978 and has been teaching at Mendoza’s Guitar Shop for the last 10 years.

Gerry Zubko earned a bachelor of music education degree from Indiana University South Bend in 1982. He studied guitar under Richard Wosner and has taught guitar at Andrews University, Indiana University South Bend, Southwestern Michigan College, and the Community School of the Arts in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

He currently offers private lessons at Mendoza’s Guitar Shop and teaches part-time at the University of Notre Dame.

CONNECT

Donations will not be collected at the memorial service for Meghan Conley on Wednesday, contrary to a report in last Thursday’s Observer.

Congressman Pete King

(Rep.-NY)

“Louis Farrakhan: A Threat to America”

Hesburg Auditorium

Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 PM

??Questions: call Erin King at 272-2910.
Today's column will be utterly void of controversy, with a simplistic and chatty description of a boring topic, like how I have decided to repent my evil ways and quit writing about Easter? Okay, no, that was yesterday. Dang, I never get my columns printed on any cool Tuesday. But I wanted to do this after April Fool's because my teachers want me to have it done by April 2nd! Even Opening Day was yesterday. Today is the Rodney Dangerfield Day.

Matthew Apple

With that kind of lead-in — and with the knowledge of just how many writers this week will bleed their passion for the Notre Dame onto the page — how can I resist writing about Easter? I have wonderful memories of Easter as a child: being forced to dress up in dumb three-piece suits handed down from my uncle, waking up my parents at 6 a.m. as my siblings and I scoured the living room and dining room for our Easter baskets.

Now there's a thought... what do eggs and bunnies have to do with a Christian holiday? Hmm, I probably ought to do some research before I write any more about this. Hold on. Stay right there; I'll be right back.

Okay, I'm back, but that didn't take too long. The wonders of modern technology — I don't even have to go to a library to find authoritative information (books are obsolete, man). From obscure World Wide Web files, I present the following:

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I don't mean to lessen the importance of Easter at all — just to show that Christianity doesn't have a monopoly on human culture or history. Easter, the Equinox, have either, is a time to rejoice at the coming of Spring and the banishment of crappy South Bend weather. I can't believe I'm actually looking forward to 45 degrees and horizontal rain. So, eat, drink and be merry, etc., etc. Hey, we've got a four-day weekend coming up. Sounds like a three-day celebration to me.

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Easter: The full moon fever of those Europeans

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Mothers deserve their own 'right to life' for health risks

Abdul-Rauf's actions require different view

Dear Editor:

This is a response to David Hart's editorial on Christiane Libsky's article on page 34. David quoted Libsky's article as "racist and ignorant" and completely detached the argument of the ususal interpretation of abortion as "freedom and the right to choose". He then called for a "new era of pro-choice activism". The problem here is that he completely ignored the arguments made in Libsky's article and simply jumped to his own conclusion.

Libsky's article was concerned with the question of whether abortion is a right or not. She argued that it is not, because it is a violation of the right to life. She also pointed out that the right to life is not just a matter of individual choice, but also a matter of society as a whole.

David's response, on the other hand, was focused on the issue of "freedom and the right to choose". He argued that abortion is a way for women to have control over their own lives. However, Libsky's article made it clear that abortion is not a way for women to have control over their own lives, but rather a way for them to be exploited.

In conclusion, David's response was simply a knee-jerk reaction to Libsky's article. He completely ignored the arguments made in it and simply jumped to his own conclusion. I believe that we need to have a more thoughtful and informed discussion about this issue, rather than simply assuming that abortion is a matter of "freedom and the right to choose".

Mickey Miles
Graduate Student
Henny Department
Soap operas go online

‘The East Village’ hits the Web

By JOEY CRAWFORD

Everyone has heard of Brandon, Kelly, Steve, Donna, David, and Valerie. But has anyone ever heard of Eve, Daphne, Tom, Lisa or Mick? Probably not. These are the characters of the new melodrama produced by Marinenex Multimedia, “The East Village,” which director-producer Charles Platkin characterizes as “Melrose Place/90210 meets Slacker.” The combination creates some outstanding results, but this mesh is not the only interesting aspect of the program. Let’s take an in-depth look.

In today’s society, computers play an increasingly important role in our daily lives. A day without a computer is something we are beginning to expect. With this in mind, the entertainment industry is gaining access to the World Wide Web. The Web is an ideal medium for entertainment. What the tandem created was the story of 24-year-old Eve, who lives in the East Village of Manhattan. The story is told in the form of the melodramatic diary entries of the young writer Eve. Together with the text, photos, audio bytes, and video clips, “The East Village” is a full multimedia experience.

“The East Village,” using the local area establishments, apartments, and streets as a backdrop to create a stylish, urban look...deals with romantic plots with some traditional soap opera elements: amnesia, unexpected pregnancy, friendship-love tension, etc.” maintaining Platkin, “But all of the issues are treated with an East Village flair.”

The East Village represents “Manhattan’s last bastion of Bohemia.” Artists, anarchists, businessmen, and a variety of other characters call this former marshland home. It is among these high-scale apartments and double-decker buses that we find the main character Eve Ramsay, “a previously privileged, tastefully neurotic 24-year-old editor and aspiring celebrity whose daily triumphs and torments are the centerpiece of the East Village.” Ramsay is played by independent film veteran Hope Adams who has appeared in “The Electric Umbrella” and “Treat Her Like A Lady.” Adams is also set to appear in the Disney film “Flips off U.S.A.”

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An Open Letter in Response to the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

A. Introduction

I write in response to the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. The final report is the culmination of a process that began on March 6, 1995. At that time, I wrote an Open Letter to the University community explaining the rationale behind the decision of the Office of Student Affairs to deny official University recognition to Gay and Lesbian Students at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC).

In the Open Letter of March 6, 1995, I also established the Ad Hoc Committee. I asked the committee to advise me on how, apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, Student Affairs could do a better job of meeting the needs of our gay and lesbian students. In particular, I asked the committee to consider the following questions:

1. How can the University, through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?

2. What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals, to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?

3. What additional measures should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

In the year that followed, the committee submitted two interim reports—the first on May 1, 1995, and the second on December 1, 1995. The committee published its final report on February 29, 1996. The final report restates the recommendations from the first interim report that address the portion of the committee's mandate relating to the training of rectors, hall staff and Student Affairs professionals. The final report also offers new recommendations that relate to the remaining parts of the committee's mandate.

I am very grateful to the committee for all of its efforts. It is clear to me that the committee worked hard to stay within its mandate, while at the same time giving authentic voice to the feelings of fear, frustration and isolation that they heard from many of the gay and lesbian members of this community to whom they listened.

In submitting its final report, the committee notes: "The recommendations we offer represent our best efforts to address the needs of gay and lesbian students within a community that is committed to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church."

In this single sentence the committee captures the two goals of the Office of Student Affairs with respect to our gay and lesbian students: Our desire to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students and our desire to do so in a manner that allows us to remain faithful to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Each of these goals is critically important to us. For this reason, before responding to the specific recommendations of the committee, I would like to return to some of the discussion in my original Open Letter regarding these dual goals.

First, as a community of scholars and a community professing Christian values, we desire to build an inclusive environment in which every member feels welcome and prized as a unique creation of God. We value our gay and lesbian students, as we value all students who are members of this community. We want the University to be a safe environment in which every student can pursue the educational endeavor to which we are committed—free from harassment of any kind. As with all our students, we want to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students. We seek to do so through channels that we believe are best equipped to address the issues with which our gay and lesbian students deal and channels that balance our desire to support our gay and lesbian students with our responsibility to remain faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Second, as a Catholic university, we strive to create a community for our students premised on behavioral expectations that are consistent with Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. One such value is the very inclusiveness discussed above. Another is the guidance proffered by the Gospels and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church on issues related to our sexuality. Thus, as you know, Notre Dame has an explicit student behavioral policy that expresses our belief that a genuine and complete expression of love through sexual union requires a commitment to a total living and sharing together of a man and woman in marriage. We call all our students—whatever their sexual orientation—to chastity. Chastity requires those who are single to refrain from sexualunion.

We recognize that this call is a difficult one. It is a call which sometimes receives little societal reinforcement from the media or elsewhere. But it is the clear call of the Gospels with respect to our sexual mores, and it is the ideal for which we strive.

What we ask of our students as individuals, we also expect philosophically and conceptually of student organizations that seek a University recognition. To receive University recognition, a student organization's purpose must be consistent with the mission of the University and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The Office of Student Affairs denied recognition to GLND/SMC because we found the group's discussion in its application materials regarding the range of ways in which gays and lesbians might live out their orientation to be inconsistent with official Church teaching, as were expressions of dissent from Church teaching made by some of GLND/SMC's leadership in conversations and correspondence with our office over the years. This is not a characterization with which GLND/SMC necessarily agrees.

The two goals discussed above—building an inclusive community in which our gay and lesbian students feel prized, and remaining faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church—are not goals that we regard as mutually exclusive. On the contrary, we believe that both goals can be attained. Their integration, however, does present special challenges.

It is for this reason that in drafting the mandate for the committee's work, I asked the committee to advise me on channels, apart from recognition of GLND or another student organization, through which Student Affairs could better meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students. It is the judgment of Student Affairs that in our particular institutional milieu a student organization is not the appropriate mechanism for best integrating our dual goals.

There are those who are critical of the parameters within which I asked the committee to work. They regard the parameters as evidence that Student Affairs wishes to retain some control with respect to this issue. I do not dispute this. Retaining some measure of institutional control is the way that Student Affairs seeks to balance our desire to support our gay and lesbian students with our responsibility to remain faithful to Church teaching—a Church that prizes each of us for our unique gift.

It is a call which requires those who are single to refrain from sexual union. Whatever their sexual orientation—to chastity. Chastity requires those who are single to refrain from sexual union.

The Final Report of the committee notes that we have taken some small but important steps during the past year in recognizing the sense of alienation experienced by our gay and lesbian students and in increasing our outreach. The committee acknowledges, as do I, that a great deal of work remains to be done in this regard. The committee expresses its hope that the recommendations offered and the collaborative spirit which animated its work will move the University closer to becoming the kind of welcoming and inclusive community that we strive to be. This is a goal that I fully share.

Within this framework, let me respond to the specific recommendations of the committee.
B. Response to the Committee's Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1:
That the Office of Student Affairs incorporate into its orientation program for all resident assistants and assistant rectors a workshop on how to assist gay and lesbian students.

I accept this recommendation. For the last several years the Office of Student Affairs has included a workshop in hall staff training entitled "Sexuality and the Christian Tradition." As noted in the committee's final report, this year the hall staff orientation program also included a workshop on gay and lesbian student needs. Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, organized this workshop. The workshop included presentations by the Director of the Counseling Center, the Director of Campus Ministry, a member of the Department of Theology, an undergraduate gay student and an undergraduate lesbian student. These presentations were followed by a period for questions and answers. Student Affairs fully intends to include discussion of these issues in pre-service or in-service training for hall staff in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 2:
That the Office of Student Affairs offer continuing professional education to all residence hall rectors on the psychosexual development of college-age students, both heterosexual and homosexual.

I accept this recommendation. As noted in the committee's final report, the Office of Student Affairs began efforts in this regard during this academic year. Student Affairs devoted two rectors' meetings to discussions on the psychosexual development of college-age students. The second meeting was an all-day workshop led by a noted psychologist. Student Affairs intends to continue these efforts in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 3:
That the Office of Student Affairs make resources available to assist rectors in sensitizing their staffs and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

I accept this recommendation. During the past few years the Office of Student Affairs has made a concerted effort to increase the resources available to rectors to sponsor programs in the halls on a wide range of issues. Student Affairs distributes a manual to rectors that describes successful programs sponsored in each hall during the preceding academic year. This manual also lists programs and resources available through a variety of University departments within and outside Student Affairs. Funds are set aside in the budget of the Vice President for Student Affairs to subsidize hall programs on topics relating to diversity, intellectual life, spiritual growth or developmental issues. This same budgetary line, which to date has not been fully utilized, will also be available to support programs sensitizing hall staff and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

RECOMMENDATION 4:
That in their words of welcome at the beginning of the year, residence hall rectors be encouraged to specifically articulate their willingness to be a resource for those who are struggling with issues of sexual identity or who are self-identified homosexuals. Rectors should also communicate to the hall community the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

I accept this recommendation. This recommendation first appeared in the committee's May 1, 1995, interim report. The Office of Student Affairs distributed the text of this recommendation to the rectors at our opening meeting in August 1995. Student Affairs specifically requested that each rector include these messages in their words of welcome. Student Affairs will continue to do this in the years ahead.

RECOMMENDATION 5:
That a University group of gay and lesbian students facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration be constituted. This group, which would stand in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, should assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and in exploring common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group's advisor(s) should be selected by the student members and approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. However, for the first year, the Vice President should solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint an advisor or advisors to convene the group. Through its advisor(s), this University group should receive University funding, publicize its meetings and have use of University facilities for its meetings.

I accept this recommendation subject to the discussion that follows. Let me begin by saying that in formulating this recommendation, I believe the committee chose language designed to stay within the mandate which I gave the committee—i.e., to advise me on how, apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, the University could sponsor through Student Affairs a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support. I do not believe that the recommendation calls for creation or recognition of a gay and lesbian student organization, nor would I accept such a recommendation.

I consider the following language in the recommendation to be of particular significance in distinguishing this University group from a student organization:

(a) the group is facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration;
(b) the group stands in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs;
(c) the group shall assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church;
(d) the group's right to receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings comes through its advisor(s); and
(e) the Vice President for Student Affairs plays a role in the selection of the advisor(s).

Let me comment on each of the above portions of the recommendation in turn and add my own content to some of the language in an effort to clarify my intentions with respect to implementation of this recommendation.

A key part of this recommendation is the notion that the University group of gay and lesbian students shall be selected by the faculty or administration. Together with the group's special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, the concept of facilitation plays an important role in making this group directly sponsored by the University, as distinct from a student club or organization.

I regard the concept of facilitation as calling for a higher level of involvement and an even more direct University link than that normally associated with the role of a faculty/staff advisor to a student club or organization. On the one hand, to facilitate does not mean to control, nor does it mean to lead. On the other hand, I would expect the faculty/administrator advisor(s) to be present at all meetings of the University group; to be willing to assist the conversations of the group, in whatever ways are appropriate, as the dynamic of the group evolves; to exercise sensitivity to the portion of the recommendation that calls for the meetings of the group to take place within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church; to function as a liaison between the group and the Office of Student Affairs; and to play an administrative role with respect to the portion of the recommendation that calls for the group to enjoy the right to receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings through the advisor(s).

The recommendation states that this group shall stand in a special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs. I intend to implement this part of the recommendation by establishing an ongoing relationship between the faculty/administrator advisor(s) facilitating the group and a member of my Senior Staff. I have asked Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who serves as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, to serve in this capacity. I will ask the advisor(s) to the group to meet with Ms. Firth on a regular basis to report on how the group is progressing, to review upcoming publicity of meetings and to process requests for University funds from the budget of the Vice President for Student Affairs for expenses associated with meetings, such as advertising expenses or expenses for food or meals that might be provided in connection with meetings of the group.
The recommendation notes that the University group shall assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The University group exists to assist gay and lesbian students in coming together in a facilitating setting in which they can learn from each other and provide support to each other. As such, I regard the University group as fundamentally an institutionally-sponsored group that is designed to support our gay and lesbian students, as not a student club or organization. Thus, although I expect that leaders will emerge informally as happens in any group dynamic, the group will not have officers, directors or other titles or positions, nor will it sponsor events, activities or programs apart from its meetings.

Like any group, I expect that this group will evolve and establish its own dynamics. The nature of the relationship between the group's advisor(s) and Ann Firth will allow for ongoing review and evaluation of the group as this process unfolds. Moreover, Recommendation 6 contemplates creation of a Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. I expect to appoint some members of the group to the Standing Committee. This will allow the group direct input into recommendations for campus-wide educational programming sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, as well as make the group a part of the continuing dialogue on the needs of gay and lesbian students and issues related to campus climate.

The recommendation states that the group may receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings through its advisor(s). As I discussed above, I expect the advisor(s) to play an administrative role in this regard. Recognized student organizations enjoy these same privileges, but the fact that exercise of these privileges comes only through the advisor(s), who as part of the special relationship with the Office of Student Affairs will be in regular conversation with Ann Firth, distinguishes this group as directly University-sponsored.

Finally, the recommendation suggests a mode of selection for the advisor(s) in which the Office of Student Affairs plays a role. The recommendation states that for the first year of operation, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint advisor(s) to constitute the group. Thereafter, the recommendation contemplates that the members of the group shall select the advisor(s) subject to approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

It is clear from my discussion that I regard the advisor(s) as playing a key role. Given the concept of facilitation outlined above, the advisor must be someone with whom the student members of the group feel very comfortable. At the same time, because the group is directly University-sponsored, the advisor must be someone with whom Student Affairs can work. In the weeks that remain during this academic year, I want to invite gay and lesbian students to make an appointment with or write to me or Ann Firth to suggest faculty or administrators who might fill the role of advisor(s).

I have a genuine desire to see the University group for which this recommendation calls succeed. It is my hope that we will find person(s) with the collaborative skills that both the members of the group and college administration will want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group unfolds. I believe that continuity of the advisor(s) might prove to be important in this regard. I am not prepared to commit at this time to the portion of the recommendation that calls for student selection of the advisor(s) after the first year. It is my hope that this will become a moot point in the course of actual operation of the group, i.e., that after soliciting names from gay and lesbian students this spring, the advisor(s) whom I select for next year will prove to be person(s) whom both the student members of the group and this office will want to continue in the position for several years.

The University group constituted under this recommendation shall be known as Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students.

Following publication of the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, the co-chairs of GLND/SMC wrote to me on March 18, 1996. In this letter GLND/SMC discusses some of its reflections on the final report. The letter states: "We are especially heartened to see that the Committee, despite the restrictions of its mandate, recommends the formal constitution of a student group of lesbians and gay men." Noting that the Ad Hoc Committee mentioned that GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the gay and lesbian liaison, to whom the committee listened, the co-chairs call on me to formally constitute GLND/SMC as the University group serving the needs of lesbian and gay students in our community. Attaching a copy of its constitution, GLND/SMC applies to be formally constituted as the University group of gay and lesbian students.

I think it was entirely appropriate for the committee in its final report to give voice to the reflections shared with the committee by the gay and lesbian students to whom they listened regarding the role which GLND/SMC has played in their lives. Moreover, notwithstanding the differences that student affairs has with this group, I recognize that in the dispute surrounding the refusal of this office to grant recognition to GLND/SMC, GLND/SMC has functioned as an agent for change. As I acknowledged in my original Open Letter, I believe that Student Affairs acted too slowly and presumed too much about the adequacy of our outreach to gay and lesbian students in prior years when we relied on services offered to students on an individual basis through the Counseling Center, Campus Ministry and hall staff.

At the same time, as I have discussed above, I do not believe that in formalizing this recommendation the committee acted "despite restrictions of its mandate"; rather, I believe that the committee worked hard to stay within the framework of its mandate. I do not think that the committee's recommendation calls for recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, nor would I have accepted such a recommendation. I think that the recommendation calls for a new University-sponsored group facilitated by faculty/administrator advisor(s) and standing in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, not for a student club or organization. As outlined above, this is the basis on which Student Affairs is prepared to move forward. Thus, while acknowledging GLND/SMC's contribution to this debate, I do not accept GLND/SMC's call to be formally constituted as the University group contemplated in this Recommendation 5.

On March 26, 1996, I received a letter from the Campus Life Council (CLC) offering the GLC's reflections on the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee. With respect to this Recommendation 5, the GLC encourages me to solicit input from GLND/SMC with respect to the planning of the University group in order to assure the creation of the best option for our gay and lesbian students and to encourage GLND/SMC's ownership of and collective participation in the University group.

In response to the GLC letter, let me repeat my earlier invitation. Any gay or lesbian student is welcome to make an appointment with or write to me or Ann Firth with suggestions for faculty or administrators who might serve as advisor(s) to the University group. Moreover, any gay or lesbian student will be free to join the University group "as, despite other student members, help to shape the group within the parameters that I have discussed above. With respect to the GLC's reference, however, to GLND/SMC's collective participation as an organization in the University group, I reiterate what I stated in denying GLND/SMC's direct request in this regard. Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students will be a new University-sponsored group of gay and lesbian students that is different in significant ways from a student club or organization.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

That a standing committee on the needs of gay and lesbian students be created to advise the Vice President for Student Affairs. It should be the task of this committee to act as a resource to the Vice President in identifying the ongoing needs of gay and lesbian students, to continue the dialogue begun by the Ad Hoc committee, and to assist in the implementation of campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues. The committee's membership should consist of appropriate members of the faculty, administration and student body. At least half of the committee's members should be gay or lesbian persons.

I accept this recommendation. I have asked Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, to serve as chair of the Standing Committee. In addition, as I indicated in my response to Recommendation 5, it is my intent to ask some members of the University group to serve on this committee. In the weeks that remain during this academic year, I hope to be able to think about the formation of such a committee to help the committee to be able to meet at the outset of next academic year. The work of the Ad Hoc Committee that resulted in these recommendations was an important step forward in our effort to identify steps that we need to take to create a more inclusive community. I hope that the collaborative spirit that animated the work of the Ad Hoc Committee will be the springboard for the work of the Standing Committee in our ongoing efforts to respond to the needs of our gay and lesbian students.
I believe that my response to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee will not satisfy all members of the University community—in particular, those who regard recognition of GLAAD/S&M or creation and recognition of a student organization as the only acceptable solution. I believe, however, that, taken as a whole, the recommendations that I have accepted offer a significant base on which to build.

Like the committee, I think that the dialogue surrounding these issues has moved the University beyond where we were as a community a year ago. Like the committee, I acknowledge that we still have much work to do. The recommendations for hall staff training, continuing education of rectors, campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues, forums on integrating sexuality and faith, the University-sponsored group, the efforts of Counseling Center and Campus Ministry, better communication of the University's intolerance for harassment based on sexual orientation, as well as the role of the Standing Committee in continuing our dialogue on these issues, represent the beginnings of a more comprehensive approach toward addressing the needs of our gay and lesbian students.

The members of the committee spoke of the respect and trust for each other that grew in the course of their work together. May this same spirit characterize our work as a University community as we move forward in implementing these recommendations. I end this letter as I closed my original letter a year ago—a little further in our journey but with many miles still to travel. I ask you to join me in our continuing efforts to build a community in which each of us can realize our God-given potential—a community that is faithful to Gospel values which call us to charity in a society that frequently setles for less, and a community that is faithful to the inclusive call of the Gospels both to see Christ in each other and be Christ to each other.

Professor Patricia A. O'Hara
Vice President for Student Affairs
April 2, 1996
The East Village offers yet another unique aspect. Local fans will be able to join "cliques" to receive exclusive information pertaining to their favorite characters, including those vicious rumors that are characteristic of East Village. During the first viewing, "The East Village" seems just as shallow as other "soaps." But upon a deeper look, the soap opera intrigues some very controversial subjects. It is not just random information on a computer screen, but rather an examination of what our culture has become. Keating explains, "The East Village" is pure entertainment. It is not slow, and it is certainly not a day for soap opera audiences; rather, it is geared towards a very young audience, possibly the future generation of South Bend people.

The amount of work put into this World Wide Web effort must also be appreciated. The concept is truly unique and stands to gain a large following as large as "Malcolm Place" and "90210." "The East Village" will take some time to develop into a truly prosperous form of entertainment, but bear with it, because most serials do take a while to develop.

Remember the first few episodes of "Beverly Hills 90210," "The Bredas Years"? The plots were so simple, and the acting was so bad, yet the show has evolved into one of the most-viewed television series of the decade. Unlike other soap operas, fans do not need to tune in at a certain time each week. Studies can continue and schedules do not need to be interrupted. Just check out the new episodes each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get a glimpse of the future of entertainment.

The nicotine nasal spray, developed by McNeil Consumer Products, which will sell Nicotrol NS, said the spray will be in pharmacies later this year. John Galvin can be reached for questions and comments at John.P.Galvin@nd.edu

HEALTHY TID-BITS

The Pill For Men?

Dr. Dennis Brown of Massachusetts General Hospital and colleagues claim that it may be possible, at least in principle, to disrupt the acid environment during sperm development, "opening the door to a contraceptive hormone protocol that would prevent normal sperm maturation."

Due to high cost and time commitment for research, many drug companies are backing off from developing new contraceptives. Therefore, the idea of a chemical contraceptive for males may be more of a vision than a reality.

Alcohol Promotes Spread Of Cancer

The next time you drink-to-delusion you may face a larger risk than ending up at the Linebacker. Binge drinking has been recently linked to the spread of cancerous tumors. Dr. Shamgar Ben-Eliyahu at Tel Aviv University, with colleagues at UCLA, report in the April issue of Nature Medicine that "acute alcohol intoxication suppresses natural killer cell activity and promotes tumor metastasis." Alcohol suppresses your natural immune response to the spread of cancer.

Since about half of all cancers spread, and because this process may occur before the detection of the primary tumor, the risk of excessive alcohol consumption should be taken seriously.

MAN'S BLOOD MAY HARBOUR CANCER KILLER CELLS

New Yorker Steve Crohn has the first known substance in the world that will defeat the HIV virus. Scientists already know of many individuals who remain healthy for a very long time between infection with HIV and developing full-blown AIDS. However, the difference in the case of Crohn is that he appears to be completely resistant to HIV infection.

Scientists have already identified one set of biochemical compounds, known as chemokines, which appear to be acting in his blood to defeat HIV. These substances were first recognized only five years ago and appear to play a role in the immune system - the body's defense against invading bacteria and viruses.

Despite the potential that lies in Crohn's blood, scientists stress that any vaccine or treatment is still a long way off.

FDA Approves Nicotine Spray

Smokers trying to quit are getting a new weapon: a nasal spray that gives them a squirt of nicotine to help resist cigarette cravings. The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that Nicotrol NS is approved for sale, even though inhaling the pure nicotine poses a small risk that smokers will become as dependent on the mist as they are on cigarettes.

The nicotine nasal spray, developed by Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc., contains the blood-stream faster than gum or the nicotine patch, offering the potential of almost immediate relief from the urge to smoke. McNeil Consumer Products, which will sell Nicotrol NS, said the spray will be in pharmacies later this year.
Mixed results at Purdue Invite

By Brian Reinhart

The outdoor track and field season is officially under way. The Irish got out of the blocks first in the Purdue Invitational.

Two Notre Dame athletes in particular proved to be quick starters, turning in quality performances in more than one event early on.

On the women's side, junior Alison Howard was outstanding capturing places in two long jump events. The Irish will finish third in the 1500 meter run and junior Pat Gorman who capped off third in the 800 meter.

Long-distance races proved to be strong for the women as senior Kristen Duda, freshman Kelly Peterson, and junior Kim Reichenbach each turned in top ten finishes.

Duda took fourth in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:41.91, while Peterson finished eighth in the 1500-meter run and Reichenbach managed ninth in the 5000-meter run.

The field was also key, especially for the men, who gathered six top five places. Senior Lamar Justice was the standout of the group with two of the top five performances. Justice captured second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.82 and was also third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.95.

Senior Thomas Dovidio added a fifth place in the triple jump. Freshman Chris Smith finished in a nice third with a toss of 22.56 meters (74-00).

The Irish will begin to look for improvement in the future.

NOTE:

Purdue beat Notre Dame in track and field.

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Softball

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turn through the rest of the weekend. "Start," said Keesby. She pitched six shutout innings in the second game on Saturday to help propel Notre Dame to a 5-0 victory. Knudson and second baseman Meghan Murray each drew in a row of runs to secure the victory.

"Jenna Knudson has really been a pleasant surprise for us at the plate," said Miller. "She has improved her hitting so much since the beginning of the year. It's good to see her contribute the way she has for us." Kotha was back on the hill in the third game of the series on Sunday, and the results were pretty much the same. Rutgers managed just six hits in six innings, while the offense, led by Knudson (one RBI), Giampalma (two hits), and first baseman Kelly Rowe (one RBI), lifted the Irish to a 6-4 win.

Starter Angela Bessolo drew the starting assignment in the finale, and the freshman continued to show signs of future stardom. In the 8-2 win, Bessolo limited the Scarlet Knights to just one run in five innings while striking out five in the process. "I didn't pitch as well as I'd like, but the weather was kind of a factor," said Bessolo. "I'm getting more confident each time out with the defense playing the way they have. Hopefully, I can keep improving through the end of the year." The doubles side saw the Pietrowski/Paterson tandem see their first action at No. 1 doubles. They dismissed Pope and Held without surrendering a game, 8-0. In the No. 2 doubles slot, Sprouse teamed with sophomore Morey Graham to clinch the doubles point with an 8-4 win over Filippek and Gable. The Hoosiers managed to pick up a solid win.

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Junior southpaw Gregg Henley will get the nod against the Falcons of Bowling Green as the Irish go for their seventh straight victory.

Baseball

O'Connor) has worked very hard with these guys," said Mainieri of the Irish pitching staff.

"He's got them believing in their abilities more. They're throwing strikes, and our two catchers are doing a great job of handling them from behind the plate."

The Irish will continue their seemingly endless homestand today, as they face the Falcons of Bowling Green, a team which has Mainieri concerned.

"We have a lot of respect for Bowling Green," said Mainieri. "They beat us in our home opener here last season, and they have a good team again this year. We're playing good ball, though. We just want to keep it going."

Golf

Notre Dame places ninth in tournament

By DEREK BETCHER
Sports Writer

The Irish men's golf team finished tied for ninth at this weekend's 16-team Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington, Kentucky. Duke won the 54-hole event with a team score of 883, while the Irish shot a 918.

Coach George Thomas isn't worried about his team's start, which he feels attributes to poor putting and weather.

"We struck the ball real well and we competed real well. If our short game would have been more consistent, we could have trimmed fifteen to twenty strokes off of our final total," Thomas said.

Thomas plans on his squad working on their putting this week as long as the weather cooperates. South Bend's climate limited Thomas' squad to just two rounds of golf.

"We were competing against a lot of Sun Belt schools down there," Thomas said, hinting at the disadvantage his linksmen have to southern students who are able to golf year-round.

"It's still early, the timing's just not quite there. It's tough being out of competition for three months. To improve, right now it's just important that we keep playing," Hepler said.

After shooting a 309 and a 304 on Friday, the Irish finished the invitational with a 305 on Saturday. Thomas feels his golfers need to shoot sub-300 scores to compete with top programs, but he's not worrying yet.

"I'm not disappointed in the guys, we're just in a little putting slump," he said.

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Strong pitching blanks Butler, 3-0

Christian Parker leads Irish to sixth straight win

By DYLAN BARMMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Ah, memories. The Notre Dame baseball team had the chance to relive their MMC days yesterday, blanking Butler University 3-0 in a last-minute matchup at the Eck.

A less than impressive throng of 47 was on hand for the contest, which was created in the Irish schedule last weekend. The win was the sixth straight and fourteenth of the last sixteen for the 18-7 Irish, and was marked by quality pitching and timely hitting.

Christian Parker improved his season, crafting a seven inning, six hit shutout in what was, at least statistically, his best performance on the hill this season. "I've been pitching better the last few weeks," said Parker, who came into the game with an unblemished 4-0 mark and a 2.88 ERA. "I just figured I was going to go out there and go right at them this week. I've been pretty fortunate so far this season, but I know today that I was going to have to go out there and put zeros on the board."

Parker did just that, hitting his spots to the tune of three strikeouts and only two walks, while pitching out of serious jams in the sixth and seventh inning. Parker's control seemed to be much improved, as the pitcher who came into the game averaging a walk every 1.4 innings allowed just two free passes in seven solid innings.

"I thought Christian Parker threw great," commented head coach Paul Mainieri. "That was as fine a display of control that I've seen him exhibit. He got the clutch outs when he needed them." And George Restovich got the clutch hit when the Irish needed it.

The senior first baseman boosted his team high RBI total to 26 when he lofted a two out, two run double into the left field gap for a 3-2 lead. "It was nice to play somebody other than a pitcher," said Mike Sprouse upset Hoosier sophomore Derrick Pope, 6-2, 6-4, and helped the Irish break their losing streak.

Irish snap losing streak

By JOEY CAVATO
Sports Writer

Some teams look to rebound from a three game losing streak by returning home. However, the Notre Dame men's tennis team last home match was in February and their next home match will be on the tenth of April.

At the New York State Open, the Irish defeated regional foe 5-2. The Irish went on to win the match 5-2, but that was the last time the Irish were able to win a game.

With a 6-4, 6-3 win over Bobby Bayliss, Ryan was happy to return to the heartland. "It's nice to play somebody from our part of the country," Bayliss remarked. "I was also good for us to pick up a solid win."

Senior captain Mike Sprouse got back to his winning ways as he defeated one of the top ten players in the country in Hoosier sophomore Derrick Pope, 6-2, 6-4. At No. 3, junior Ryan Simme continued his great recent play. After playing two 3 singles last year, Ryan was moved to No. 3 because foot surgery has hampered his game. However, Simme has picked up his play lately and has won four out of his last five matches including a convincing win over Bo Gibbs 6-3, 6-2.

"After struggling early Ryan has been on the upswing as of late," Bayliss observed.

Simmie thinks that his better play has been due to his lack of pain in his foot. "I was just going to take time to get back into the flow of things," Simmie explained.

John J. O'Brien picked up another win Sunday as he continued his solid play at No. 5 singles. O'Brien earned a point for the Irish as he overcame Mike Filipek 6-4, 6-3.

Brian Harris got into dual match action for the second time of the season as Jason Pun was out of the lineup. Harris over-