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By JAMIE HEISLER
Assistant News Editor

Challenging the prevalent belief that homosexuality and Catholicism are antithetical and citing Catholic doctrine as support, Father David Garrick, a professor of theology and theater, claimed that it is the obligation of a Catholic university to recognize a homosexual student group.

To facilitate this step, Garrick believes that a Universitywide dialogue must take place which concentrates on Catholic teaching and the moral status of gay and lesbian students. Saying that Notre Dame is the ideal setting to discuss these issues, Garrick stated that some fundamental questions must be addressed.

"Are homosexuals an oppressed group?" Garrick asked. "And if they are, what are the practical ways to help this minority?"

Garrick noted that several tenants of The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994) provide an answer. In a letter to The Observer on April 4, he said that certain points of The Catechism provide support for his group.

In the letter he said, "The Catechism offers teachings that should be construed as support for the recognition of groups of gay people, governed by gay people — as long as these groups do not in any way encourage their members to break the institution’s rule that prohibits sexual intercourse outside of marriage."

His letter came in response to Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia O’Hara’s denial of official recognition for a homosexual student group which was made on the basis of Catholic teachings. He explains in the letter, “in light of the Church teaching, I would like respectfully to ask her to explain publicly what her authority or rationale is for the prohibition.”

Garrick chose to step forward at this time because he believed that it was his duty, as both a priest and as a man of homosexual orientation, to question the stated belief that homosexuals are inconsistent with Catholic doctrine. It was a difficult step, said Garrick, who had not previously stated his sexual orientation.

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**Discovering Dante**

By GWENDOLYN NORGLE

The exhibition illustrating the work of the Florentine poet Dante Alighieri and the establishment of the Study Program at Notre Dame honoring him are more than art. They are more than literature. And they are more than theology, philosophy or history. They are all of these.

Encompassing numerous passions and fields of study, "Ways Into the City of Woes," is an exhibition of illustrations of Dante’s "Inferno," which is co-sponsored by the William and Katherine Deveres Program in Dante Studies and the Department of Special Collections at the Hesburgh Library where the exhibit is being shown.

The Dante Studies Program was established in 1995 after a $1 million donation by William and Katherine Deveres was offered to the University to promote a wide range of scholarly activities relating to the study of Dante, according to one of the exhibition’s displays in the library corridor.

The exhibition includes illustrated editions of Dante’s "Divine Comedy," which was printed in Florence in 1481 and illustrated by the artist Michelangelo. It furthers the vision of the University’s own Father John Zahm, who, as Procurator General in Rome and later as Provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross, assembled for Notre Dame one of the finest Dante collections in North America before his death in 1921, according to the display. At the time of its assembly, Zahm’s collection was one of the three largest collections of Dante’s works in the United States.

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**Holy Cross, Regina head to polls for run-off vote**

By LAURA SMITH

Penalties and abstentions have forced Saint Mary’s students to return to the polls. Election runoffs will be held on Monday for the 1996-1997 Regina and Holy Cross Hall Councils.

The Patty Corbitt, Judy Jennings, and Lori Gundler tickets won their respective races for LeMans, Annunciata, and Mother Candeliss Hall Councils in yesterday’s elections.

According to Residence Hall Association Vice President Elect and Hall Council Commissioner Christine Riesenberger, both the Erin Battison ticket and the Gundler ticket were penalized 10 percent of their total votes for turning in late receipts. Both tickets were running unopposed.

The Battison ticket was unable to clinch the Holy Cross Hall Council election due to numerous abstentions. Forty-three percent of future Holy Cross residents voted in yesterday’s election. 8 percent of the voters abstained. After the ten percent deduction, Battison amassed 48 percent of the votes. Since this fall short of 50 percent plus one vote, the ticket faces a runoff. Regina Hall also faces a Hall Council runoff.

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**All Together Now!**

Many students participated in karaoke yesterday at the Fieldhouse Mall. The event was sponsored by Cavanaugh Hall.
An ignored minority

Every now and then, something sparks a bit of controversy throughout the otherwise peaceful Notre Dame campus communities. Whether it's deciding to allow females something sparks a bit of otherwise peaceful Notre Dame and national championship, or handling the ruptured with Student Affairs' commentary and lesbians to have a club, but they are not abashed outbursts of esteemed (uh-hum) officers or guest speakers. In addition to this, girl's soccer team won the number one after the Accent Editor recognized club would give homosexuals a chance to system could be one of the main advantages of establishing such a club.

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Mize honors Madeleva’s goals

By BERNADETTE PAMPUCH
News Writer

Adventure, danger and romance may not be the first things that come to mind when contemplating a Catholic education. But certainly the focus of yesterday’s presentation on Christian Identity and Higher Education held at Saint Mary’s.

The third in a series of presentations sponsored by the Center for Academic Innovation, the discussion was lead by Sandra Yocum Mize from the University of Dayton. Mize, the author of the forthcoming book “Strangers in the University: Indiana (1943-1969),” taught at Saint Mary’s from 1968 to 1992. She spoke about Sister Mary Madeleva and her contributions to theological education through the years.

According to Mize, the purpose of the speech was to “view the possibilities of Catholic higher education through the eyes of Sister Madeleva.” Madeleva was instrumental in making Saint Mary’s the first Roman Catholic institution in the United States to grant a degree in theology to women.

Madeleva, also known for her elegant and imaginative prose, was intent upon helping Saint Mary’s draw a parallel between 20th century materialism and the spirituality that she hoped she could instill in her students. Much of Mize’s presentation focused on Madeleva’s views of the role of Catholicism and Catholic colleges in the secular world.

“Sister Madeleva thought that to enter into the process of a Catholic education was an opportunity to begin a great adventure,” said Mize, who went on to detail the “danger” and “romance” involved in choosing a Catholic path.

“There is no doubt that for Sister Madeleva the great danger to Catholic education was exposure to secularism,” she explained, adding that Madeleva’s romance with Catholicism contributed greatly to the development of Saint Mary’s community as it is known today.

“For Sister Madeleva, education without God at its center was merely wordplay, but education with God at the center was the Word,” said Gail Mandell, Saint Mary’s professor and biographer of Madeleva. Mandell spoke afterwards and later joined in the open discussion that followed.

Not content to only establish the School of Sacred Theology, Madeleva was also instrumental in shaping the vast library resources of Saint Mary’s College and had a hand in many of the important decisions on campus.

“The library was a repository of both the sacred and the secular world,” said Mandell, noting that the theology school was established so that women could receive degrees in theology, the ultimate goal of which was to establish a core of instructors to teach at the undergraduate level.

Both Mize and Mandell agreed that Madeleva was an important figure in shaping the future not only of the Saint Mary’s school of theology, but also of the religious training of women in the years that followed.

Martin receives O’Malley award

Vicki Martin, an associate professor in biology, received the 1993-94 Frank J. O’Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet this week. The award, given annually to a faculty member who displays a commitment to excellence in teaching, is sponsored by student government and the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

“Martin’s commitment to her students is demonstrated by the personal support and career advising she has consistently offered them,” said student government and the alumni association in a written statement. “She exemplifies excellence in undergraduate education.”

The award is named after the English professor who was renowned for his ability to interact with his students. O’Malley was dedicated to bringing subjects alive for students and developing not only their skills, but their entire persons,” the statement said.

Martin received a plaque and a stipend of an undisclosed amount.

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Council election runoff. The Barbara Nolan ticket failed to receive the required 50 percent plus one vote to win the election.

"We want to remind the residents to vote on Monday," said Nolan. "The runoffs are just as important, if not more important than the preliminary elections."

The John Neesan ticket received 46 percent of the vote in the Regina election. "We figured there would be a runoff," said Murray-Nolan. "We're hoping to win on Monday. We will work to improve NSMC relations and Regina Hall."

Despite the deduction, the Gundler ticket won the McCandless Hall Council election with a significant majority. Twenty percent of voters abstained against Gundler; 38 percent of future McCandless Hall Residents voted.

"We hope to get McCandless more involved on campus," said Gundler. "We'd like to unify the dorm and have a great year."

Patty Corbitte, Rachel Torres, Kim Kurgan, and Julie Kochman will serve as LeMans Hall Council next year. They were victorious with a 52 percent majority. "We are very pleased," said Corbitte. "It was a great race. I hope to accomplish our goals and have a great year."

The Bodley ticket, including Meghan Driscoll, Megan Gallagher, and Julie Gangloff, claimed the Anunciata Hall Council race with 96 percent of the vote. Vast turnout for the hall was 46 percent.

Runoff elections for Holy Cross and Regina Hall Councils will be held in the dining hall from 7:15-10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., and 4:30-7 p.m.

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with his colleague Dino Cervigni of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, translated one of Dante's other works, "Vita Nuova," or "The New Life." Both specialists in medieval literature, Vasta and Cervigni are working on a second volume to their translation, which Vasta said will serve as a commentary to that work.

"Stunning" and "massive" are the words Vasta chose to describe Notre Dame's Dante collection. "It's one of the best in the world," he said. "Some of the samples of original material in the collection are very rare."

The oldest item in the exhibit is a facsimile of "Dante Ex­ tense," or a photographic copy of a late 14th century manuscript by the Italian poet, which dates back to the 1370s or 1380s, according to Dupont.

The collection also includes 500-year-old original editions of "The Divine Comedy." Over 50 editions of Dante's work, which include color and black and white reproductions, are on display in the exhibit.

Some of the more recent artists who have contributed to the collection include the well-known Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali, who painted illustrations of "The Inferno."

The work of Robert Pinsky and Michael Mazur, who collaborated to produce an illustrated version of Dante's work, is also featured in the exhibit. While Pinsky wrote a verse translation of Dante's "Inferno," Mazur supplied prototype print to illustrate Pinsky's words.

In a presentation of their book at Notre Dame on March 6, Pinsky said that the theme of "The Inferno" is the "weak faith" of the Pilgrim in the story. Dante is a "kind of fraud," Pinsky said.

As an endowed program, the Devers Program in Dante Studies will fund rare book acquisitions to the Dante collection, an annual visiting lecturer in Dante Studies and print and electronic publication of scholarly research work in the field.

As Dupont explained, part of the endowment has already been put to good use. For example, the 1380s manuscript was a purchased using part of the Devers' donation. And a Web site will be set up with information on the present Dante exhibition in Special Collections next semester. The Renaissance edition of Dante is already on the Web, Dupont said.

Ted Cachey, associate professor of Romance language and literature and director of the Devers Program, noted the importance of the program.

"The Devers Program enables the soul, shape and form of Dante to touch the hearts and lives of students at Notre Dame," Cachey said.
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Jessica, who was 4 feet, 2 inches tall, sat on a booster seat. Also, the pedals were equipped with aluminum extensions.
The Vatican's call for a compassion-ate treatment of homosex­uals was another focus of Garrick's letter, in which he quotted the Catechism. "As for homosexual persons: They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensi­tivity. Every sign of unjust dis­crimination in their regard should be avoided."

The status of homosexuals as a minority group is also an im­portant consideration in the compassion­ate treatment of homosexuals, according to Garrick. "The Church says that if there is an oppressed minority group, Catholics must help them. Catholics don't have a choice about that. They have to help the downtrodden and the poor, and the oppressed. It's there in the Catechism...I don't think repression is Catholic or right," he said.

On the Notre Dame campus, Garrick sees confusion and dis­agreement over the current is­ sue of a University group for gays and lesbians, as proposed by O'Hara versus a student group. "We have people who want to be good Catholics but who are disagreeing with each other on the best way to help gay and lesbian students," he said.

He praised the work of the Ad hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs which he believes proposed a partial solu­tion for Notre Dame students. "The ad hoc committee envis­saged a structure which allowed gay and lesbian people to meet in a kind of transition period during which trust could be developed on both sides so that gay and lesbian students would have the opportunity to learn through a student group, how to be a student group," he said.

The University group pro­posed by O'Hara, however, did not offer gay and lesbian stu­dents an adequate opportunity to develop a student group, according to Garrick. He also believed that a group with the tight restrictions proposed by O'Hara might send an un­intended message to students.

"What I would fear is that if an intensely restricted group is offered with no transition, or at least no apparent possibility of growing into a self-governing group, some people might in­terpret that to mean gays and lesbians to be closely watched and controlled...I fear that is the message that people could get, and that they might go forth from this University and put that in practice where­ever they are," he said.

One resolution that Garrick stressed over and over to the growing debate over the com­patibility of homosexuality and Catholicism is a wider dialogue, designed to explore the issue in depth.

"Historically, going back to their founding, Catholic uni­versities have helped the church think out very difficult issues. In any early dialogue, helping the church study con­roversial issues and help think them through out. Notre Dame is well­suited to take up this historic task and duty," he said. "We have wonderful resources for a comprehensive study of the moral and theological states of gay and lesbian people...The University is an ideal place to work this out."

In the last line of his letter, Garrick explored a simple guideline for treating openly gay people like me. We are persons, not issues. Treat us as per­sons."
Israel completes first in potential series of bombings

Peres advocates further warfare when necessary
By SAM GHATTAS
Associated Press

BEIRUT
Israeli aircraft fired rockets across Lebanon yesterday, targeting the command center of Hezbollah guerrillas in Beirut and bombing cars suspected of carrying the guerrillas' commanders.

It was the first time since the 1982 invasion that Israeli forces have attacked the Lebanese capital. The airstrikes were in retaliation for Hezbollah attacks on Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon and rocket assaults on northern Israel that killed one soldier and wounded 38 other Israelis this week.

But with Israeli elections just weeks away and recent suicide bombings deep inside Israel, fresh in Israelis' minds, the nine hours of strikes went beyond the usual reprisal.

Casualty and damage reports were conflicting, with four or five people reported killed and about a dozen wounded.

Speaking not long after the airstrikes, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres refused to rule out further attacks on the Shiite Muslim guerrillas group.

"We are not trigger-happy, (but) if someone prefers a confrontation to a dialogue we have the ability to confront them," he said.

Ahmed Younis, a 35-year-old aide to a Hezbollah commander in the south, was seriously wounded when his car was gutted by a helicopter missile on the highway near the southern port of Sidon.

The commander was not in the vehicle, Lebanese security sources said. A 27-year-old woman passenger was killed and two other civilians were wounded at an adjacent highway rest stop in the fishing harbor of Jbeil. A third civilian was wounded when a missile hit a car at Diridghaya, near the southern port of Tyre, the sources said. Israeli fighter-bombers also attacked bases of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah in eastern and southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah's top commander in southern Lebanon, Sheik Nabih Kaouk, swore to "burn (the Israelis) with their fire and blow up the ground under their feet." Thousands of Israelis fled the border town of Kfar Shemona, where 36 people were wounded by Katyusha attacks on Tuesday, for safety in central Israel. The army ordered all children under 16 to be evacuated from the north.

The attack on Beirut was Israel's deepest assault inside Lebanon since its troops invaded nearly 14 years ago to rout Palestinian guerrillas.

Four Apache helicopter gunships swooped in over Beirut under overcast skies from warships off the Mediterranean coast to blast Hezbollah targets in the slums with at least seven missiles.

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Internet services face taxation

By ELIZABETH WEISE
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Slowly, surely and to the horror of many, a new symbol of civilization — the taxman — is coming to the Internet.

A recent decision by the Florida Department of Revenue that it can tax companies providing Internet service set off a storm of protest by business groups. But why not? After all, doesn't the state have the right to collect taxes from the companies that sell access to the Internet? States collected sales and use taxes on the Internet service set off a storm of protest by business groups.

"If states didn't update their tax systems to reflect changes in the economy and technology, they would still be having their taxes on the number of horses you use to draw your buggy," he said.

But just how to tax cyberspace transactions in a nation made up of 50 states and myriad countries, each with their own sales tax, is a daunting question for Internet service providers, who worry that their nascent industry could crumble under the weight of the accounting tasks.

In the Florida case, a Gainesville company that sells Internet access on a subscription basis called the state Department of Revenue last year to ask if it should be collecting taxes.

As a result, the state's Computer Services Tax Commission in Washington, D.C., took up the question of what services should be taxable online.

But the field itself is so new that although laws may be on the books, collection is still a haphazard affair.

In Austin, Texas, Zilker Internet Park collects both state and municipal sales tax from its customers, as seems to be required by state and local law.

But when asked by a reporter, the director of tax policy for the state, Wade Anderson, said he wasn't sure whether such services were in fact taxable.

And that's only for in-state services. An even larger concern is the question of "texas," or taxable presence. If a person in one state gets an online account through an Internet service provider based in another state, and sends messages through connections in several other states, which state has jurisdiction?

Take, for example, the WELL, an Internet service provider based in Sausalito, Calif., with more than 12,000 subscribers around the world. Vice President Ben Aspero says the company pays sales tax on customer accounts in California because it is based there.

But as far as he can tell, under New York law the WELL should also be paying not only state but county-by-county sales tax on its customers who dial in from New York.

"I'm looking at this thing, thinking I'd have to have a whole department to do that," said Aspero. "It's in my nightmare pile."

Meanwhile, the WELL is positively ignoring the issue until someone comes after it. Many other national Internet service providers seem to be doing the same.

The definition of telecommunication service meant that companies that sold access to the Internet were indeed required to pay a gross receipts tax.
Mediators initiate peace talks with Chechnya

**Russian attacks continue despite call for cease-fire**

Associated Press

MOSCOW

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Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '72, worked at the U.S. House of Representatives for eighteen years and is now a lobbyist with the International of Electronics Workers (IUE) in Washington, D.C. His column appears every other Friday and his Internet address is hotlinkhtml.com

Charles Rice

We don't see our two Clinton's ability to play like a superstar during the sudden-death extra innings. The major reason a player wins will be to sign Dan Lungren as his running mate. Bob Dole is desperate for a running mate with the appeal of Colin. Each state will probably not have Powell on the ticket for different reasons. One, Powell will not run. Two, Pat Buchanan's faction of the Republican Party demands a conservative. Three, without Buchanan's crowd, Dole loses. With all the speculation about who Dole will pick as his number two man, few have mentioned Notre Dame's Dan Lungren. A former Congressman from California, Lungren is currently serving as the state's Attorney General. Despite Lungren's most recent national media exposure of chasing alians... illegal aliens, that is, he fills all the voids Dole must address.

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VIEWPOINT

Social Transformation Grounded in Relationships

In Dr. King's dream for the world, economic and racial justice not only reign, but are also grounded in relationship. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." This dream reflects the principle that the true measure of a society is not its material wealth, but the quality of its relationships.

Likely's participation in Board of Trustees report questioned

A myriad of words came to mind when I read the last Thursday's Observer that report this May. Perhaps the most perplexing among them is "inequity." After a fairly successful student government administration that witnessed a hopeful beginning to the resolution of the student housing crisis, the new president and his leadership team, Jonathan Patrick and Dennis McCarthy, took some steps back in addressing the very real and serious issue of multiniche, multiethic poverty at Notre Dame.

It came as a tremendous surprise to me and not a few others among the older student body to learn that Notre Dame, a university that prides itself on being one of the "Single Homes," is not able to afford monthly rent. One barren room consists of a small bed and possibly a desk or chair. Whether on or off campus, there is a large number of "single homes" living on Notre Dame's campus. Does one appropriately respond to this essential, yet unrecognized need for community?

"If there is any among you who are able to help them with any little thing, or to comfort them, let them do so, for very such as these are my brothers whom I am visiting." This is not a quote from the Bible, but Dostoevsky's words that, "Love in reality is a harsh and dreadful thing-complacency and sentimentality are the downfall of love." Imagine that at least one "Jim" exists in all of our lives. He is the person who is not able to share some important news. He is the one we often want to avoid, the one with the abrasive personality or the one with the perpetual depression. He looks with compassion on this world and is yours the hands with which he blesses all the world. He is the one who either really wants to help or help us with anything we need, be it food, shelter, transportation, clothing and the like. Thus, various crises continually either limited or interrupted the opportunities to act as a supportive presence to clients.

The second strand which informs a newer outlook on service involves the recognition that the many of the people I encountered would not be in a crisis situation had they had a caring and stable community of support. This network of support could include family, friends, church groups, etc., but sadly remained nearly nonexistent. A survey taken at this same time, then, one of the questions posed to the homeless was, "Whom do you trust?" An overwhelming majority answered, "Myself," or simply, "no one." Such a telling response reflects a genuine concern and, thus, an unconnectedness with any supportive, faithful community.

Countless experiences of the lonely and of the marginalized led to discussions in which my housemate Jim, one of many, by the hour encounters, was able to afford monthly rent. One barren room consists of a small bed and possibly a desk or chair. Whether on or off campus, there is a large number of "single homes" living on Notre Dame's campus. Does one appropriately respond to this essential, yet unrecognized need for community?

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Canadian Domers head south for more than the winter

By DAN CICHLASKI

They are our neighbors to the north, bailing from the second largest country in the world, known for (among other things) its bacon and the sport of hockey.

They are citizens of the same country as Dan Akroyd, Wayne Gretzky and Barackenied Ladies. They are Canadians, and several have matriculated at Notre Dame to pursue their education and take advantage of the opportunities college has to offer.

Although they fit right in and are no more noticeable than a Texan is to a New Englander (or vice-versa), Notre Dame's Canadian students are aware of the slight differences and little things that set the country apart.

Freshman Scott Giuliani, originally from Burlington, Ontario, forty-five minutes east of Toronto, points out that "there are a lot of similarities (between Canada and the United States) but there are some differences. You can't say we're the same at all. When I go home, I notice the differences. But you see them among the states too."

Several of Giuliani's countrymen and countrywomen agree. Freshman Benoit Cotnoir, from Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, 1400 miles north of Montreal, asks "Where do you want me to start?" when discussing American-Canadian differences. "The one thing, hockey isn't as big here and there are differences in sports in general. But to Cotnoir has another cultural barrier to cross: French is my first language and my background is very different. I've been speaking English for only two years."

"Canada is a lot more liberal," says freshman Emily Block, from Toronto. "There is less crime and racism in Canada and our cities are cleaner and safer. But people are a lot friendlier here."

Perhaps there is a reason Americans seem friendlier. "Canadians like to be distinct from Americans," says freshman Megan McNally, from St. Catharine's, Ontario.

All four agree in one general contrast between Canada and the United States. Canadians know more about America than Americans do about Canada. American history is not required in Canadian secondary schools, but classes are offered. "I took a course," Giuliani recalls. "It mostly dealt with how American history relates to Canada."

"Americans are more concerned with their own country," Cotnoir says. This observation is evident. Consider any high school class offerings or even Notre Dame's own Dart books: few, if any, classes on Canadian history or literature, even in the context of American history. "Americans seem to overstate their role (in history)," says Giuliani.

So what would convince someone from "the Great White North" to cross the border to attend college? The fact that this is Notre Dame has a little to do with it. "Opportunity, change," says Giuliani. "This school has a lot to offer. Hockey was part of my decision too. I wanted the chance to play at a competitive level."

While Giuliani made the Irish hockey team as a walk-on, Cotnoir was recruited. "[Notre Dame] was the best option I had," he says. "I wanted to play at a higher level and this is a good school."

McNally, who moved to Ontario from the United States in 1984, had no choice but to remain in the country in which she would attend college. "I had to go to an American school," she states. And Block is in the same boat as hundreds of other Domers. "My family. A lot of relatives graduated from here.

While many parents have enough trouble in dealing with sending their children off to college, parents in Canada also have the borders to consider. But, at least in the cases of these four, that did not present too much of a problem. "My dad was a little hesitant," recalls Block. "But that was because my parents didn't want me going so far away."

Giuliani and Cotnoir both describe their parents as being "completely supportive" when they made their decision to come to Notre Dame.

In the same way that students from the coast miss the ocean and others from the west miss the mountains when they spend eight months of the year in northern Indiana, "People see it more as being a huge fear. People see it more as leaving their children off to college," Giuliani says. "I think the 'eh' thing is kind of stupid. Americans are ignorant about Canada—I live in a city as big as Chicago. Americans make more of a distinction between America and Canada. Canadians see it more as North America."

Although these four Notre Dame Canadians all happen to be freshmen, they are already thinking ahead beyond graduation and whether to stay in the United States or return to Canada—and both sides of the spectrum are covered. "That's a big dilemma for me," says Block. "I like Canada better, but I'll probably stay here."

"I love it here," Cotnoir says. "I like traveling and I'd love to go to Europe, too. But at one point I'll probably go back to Canada."

"I wouldn't mind a job in Canada," McNally remarks. "But I'll probably stay here."

"I'm undecided," says Giuliani. "I can't really say that now. But at least now I know I'm not going to move to South Bend."

Despite the obvious differences between Americans and Canadians, both sides at least are in agreement on their opinions of Notre Dame and its standing and prestige. And, it seems, in their feelings towards the city of South Bend.

Freshman Scott Giuliani has had an American experience unique to Notre Dame: his roommates are freshman football players Shannon Stephens (left) and Aubry Onions.
By SYLVESTER GORMAN

The festival

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Red Wings shoot for record against ‘Hawks

By HARRY ATKINS

DETROIT

The Detroit Red Wings are chasing an NHL record. Whether they achieve it may depend on whether Chicago wants to play hockey. The brawling Blackhawks have been talking blood bath.

The Red Wings became just the second NHL team ever to win 60 games in a season, matching the 1976-77 Montreal Canadiens with a 5-2 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Wednesday night.

The Red Wings have two games remaining. They play the Blackhawks at Joe Louis Arena, in a rematch of Sunday’s brawl in Chicago. They finish Sunday at Dallas.

Chicago is 0-4-1 against the Red Wings this season. The Red Wings are chasing an NHL record.

Associated Press

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Whether Wednesday night wants to play hockey. The brawling Blackhawks have been talking blood bath.

That ball of wax appeared a little heavy for Bryant during Thursday’s practice, during which the freshman struggled to pick up a few defensive schemes, although often compensating for his mistakes with his pure athleticism. Bryant is the first to admit that he is up against a much tougher challenge now than he ever saw in high school.

Bryant certainly wasn’t blocked much in high school, but in college is a different story, and in the Windy City with a 4-1 victory.

Bryant said he has taken the first of development. We’re throwing obstacles now, but in the end, that’s what’s going to help him.

Bryant himself is more cautious with his words, saying, "I’ll just try to give it my all, see what happens.”

Bryant’s standing in the annals of Notre Dame football remains to be seen, but it appears clear that he has taken the first crucial steps towards achieving that greatness. He has overcome adversity.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

**Limb, Belles in search of consistency**

By LORI GADDIS
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team looks forward to reversing what occurred against Adrian College last weekend and renewing a winning streak as they face Concordia University this weekend. The Belles have been off since last Saturday, after losing a disappointing pair of games to Adrian.

The Belles have certainly had their ups and downs this season, and were frustrated to leave for Easter with two fresh losses on their minds. Coach Jan Travis and many players felt that they were too anxious to head home for the holidays and were not mentally in the game.

"At times, it seemed like we were already home for Easter," Travis stated. "It was as if we were not in the game at all. We played a good defensive game but we will never win a game when we are batting .149 to our opponent's .404, which was the case against Adrian."

So it was batting practice that took up much of the Belles' practice time this week. Both the coaches and the team hope that honing their hitting skills will help to combat some of the slumps that they find themselves in during games. It also helps that the Belles can now practice outside, a treat that was not so long ago forbidden to them because of the cold weather.

"It is good to have days out- side to work on our bats," said Travis. "It also helps to work on defensive situations that is otherwise difficult simulating indoors."

The Belles trounced Concordia last year in both games of their double header by scores of 12-2 and 13-8. They hope to put on a repeat performance in order to get back on the winning track.

"We are halfway through our season right now," said senior Michelle Limb. "It is up to us, as a team, to play hard and win. There is no one on our schedule that we cannot beat when we play our game. I have complete confidence in the team that we will win against Concordia."

Limb and the rest of the Belles will try to live up to that expectation when they take the field at Saint Mary's at 2 p.m. Saturday. They go into the game with a 9-9 record against Concordia, who is 3-6 as of April 3.
Texas offers Irish opportunity

By JOEY CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team has one last chance to prove to the rest of the country that they are still a force to be reckoned with. They face their final opportunity to improve their national ranking before tournament play.

With just two regular season dual matches left, the Irish are looking to build on their recent momentum. The team is riding on the wings of a four-match winning streak, so this chance comes at an opportune time.

The squad will take on a twelfth-ranked Texas team this weekend. The Longhorns will be a tough match-up, as their top three players have been ranked in the top ten in the eighteen and under age group. In addition, their lineup includes some formidable imports from England and a newcomer this semester from South Africa. Nationally ranked B. J. Stern and Paul Martin lead their charge for the Longhorns.

Winning two out of three at the Blue Gray Classic has highlighted an exceptional year for the Longhorns. Last September the Irish came out on top of a 4-3 decision in an exhibition match. However that match was played on quicker indoor courts while the meeting this Saturday will be outside on the slow courts of Austin.

"They are a lot better outdoors," explained Irish head coach Bobby Bayliss. "It was good that we got outside yesterday for practice and for the Purdue match."

Key for the Irish will be capturing the doubles and taking advantage of their depth at the bottom of the lineup.

"We need to figure out a way to win the doubles point," Bayliss explained. "I think we have an edge down low, so we'll have to take advantage there."

The Irish will be looking to the sophomore-freshman combination of Jakup Pietrowski and Brian Paterson who have compiled a 13-5 mark to lead the team. "Jakup and Brian have been very solid," Bayliss raved. "Brian brings a lot of athleticism and Jakup is probably our best pure doubles player."

On the singles side Bayliss is hoping either Miko Sprouse or Pietrowski or Ryan Simme can pick up a point or two at the top of the lineup.

"We're going to have to scratch and claw Saturday, they are a lot better outdoors," said Mainieri of Greene. "With Rowan (Richards) hurt, we're looking for somebody to step up and take that job."

"With Rowan out, somebody had to step up, and Coach basically offered the job to anyone," said Greene following the game. "I'm just glad I was able to get in there and contribute." With starter Dan Stavisky pitching six remarkable innings of three-hit, six-strikeout ball, the lead looked secure. Mike Balkic came in to pitch an inning in relief of Stavisky, surrendering just one earned run on one hit. But when Stavisky turned the ball over to Wally Widelski in the seventh, trouble began brewing for the Irish.

Widelski gave up three hits which would lead to three runs for the Rockets, failing to record a single out. In the early going, it looked as if Sauget would struggle as well.

Sauget surrendered an RBI single to the first batter he faced, but bounced back to erase two Toledo batters on a double play ball. But the hard-throwing reliever allowed yet another RBI single and a wild pitch, and trouble seemed toloom with the lead narrowed to just 7-6.

But Sauget struck out Jon Kempf swinging with some nasty side-armed heat, finally dousing the flame from the Rockets.

Greene's RBI single in the bottom of the eighth gave Sauget a two run cushion heading into the ninth, and the Irish closer didn't disappoint, allowing just one hit but failing to record the victory.

"I came in and threw strikes, and that's what was supposed to do," said Sauget. "I was happy with the way I threw, although I could have done better."

Sauget now owns a 2.66 ERA to go along with his four saves, and he has fanned 29 batters in just 23 2/3 innings of work in emerging as the clear closer on the Irish staff.

The next test for the Irish will come this weekend, when the team plays host to Big East National division rival Rutgers in a crucial three-game series.

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North Carolina to force the offensive issue. "They're an experienced tal­ented group of athletes. Their seniors are really helping them build an identity," said Corrigan.

Corrigan feels his defensive back line of junior Dave Cashen, sophomore Todd Rassas, and Todd Bialous is ready for the gut-check. Backing them up will be sophomore net-minder Alex Cade and his 6.76 goals against average.

The stingy Notre Dame defense has limited opponents to just three goals in 40 man-down situations.

We have some very intelli­gent defensemen, and that shows up in man-down situa­tions," said Corrigan. "And we've got a kid who has been playing awfully well in net."

The Irish will rely on a their patience to spread to the scor­ing around.

DeRiso (8 goals, 6 assists), Jimmy Keenan (10, 11), Tony Field (12 goals) and freshman attackman Chris Dusseau (a team high 18 goals) lead on the stat sheet, but 15 separate Notre Dame players have a point this year. "This team is team-orient­ed," De Riso said. "There are no real starters like last year, and that's what makes it so much fun to play each week. They (the opposition) don't know who they have to shut down."

As the big-game pressure starts to build, Corrigan thinks that the balanced attack will be prepared to meet the latest challenge.

"The road trip may have been good for us. It forced us to concentrate, work on our fundamen­tals and come together as a team. It may have been a blessing in dis­guise," he said.

And despite the remarkable road winning streak, Irish players recognize that now is no time to rest on their laurels. "This is a big game, but its going to be nice to be home in a game like this. I think our best lacrosse is yet to come," said Dusseau.
Irish look for redemption at home against Hoosiers

BY KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Spons. Writer

The Notre Dame women’s tennis team’s goal was to start their road trip off on the right foot. They did just that by defeating the fifth-ranked Texas Longhorns last Thursday.

The team was looking to extend their streak against the third-ranked Duke Blue Devils, but the Devils were too much for the Irish to handle. The eighth-ranked Irish then turned around and took on the eleventh-ranked Wake Forest Deacons the next day. The team lost the match to the Deacons, and watched their record fall to 17-5.

“This past week went up and down for us,” stated head coach Jay Louderback. “We wanted to at least win one of the three big matches, and we did. All of the matches were close ones. ‘Texas was a great win for us. Duke was close, and we lost a tight one to Wake Forest.”

The Irish started the weekend out strong, as they claimed a tight victory over the fifth-ranked Longhorns, 5-4. The Irish saw some strong play from the freshmen. Freshmen Jennifer Hall, ranked twentieth in the country, faced the eighth-ranked player, Farley Taylor. Hall showed her strength by defeating Taylor in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. The other freshman, Marisa Velasco, won at the No. 4 singles position. She defeated Texas’ Laura Berendt, 6-3, 6-3.

At the No. 6 singles spot, sophomore Molly Gavin squeaked past the Longhorns’ Anne Pastor, 7-5, 7-6. In the doubles competition, the Irish dropped their first match, but claimed wins at the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles spots.

Seniors Wendy Crabtree and Holly Lord, ranked nineteenth nationally, lost out to the eleventh-ranked pair of Cristina Moros and Farley Taylor, 4-6, 7-5. The pair consisting of junior Erin Gowen and Hall won 6-4, 6-5. Sophomore Kelley Olson and Velasco claimed the win for the team, by defeating their Longhorn opponent in three tough sets, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

“Basically, we were excited that we won,” stated Velasco, “Everyone played really well.”

The team then headed to North Carolina to take on the Blue Devils. The match was much tighter than the score showed, according to Louderback. Duke claimed a quick 4-2 lead against the Irish in singles competition. The only Irish players to win their singles matches were the freshmen.

Hall squeezed out a close match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Velasco quickly silenced her opponent, 6-3, 6-0. The doubles competition was shortened due to weather and time, so the Irish did not really get a chance to rally back. In the end they fell to Duke, 2-5.

The netters did not have a chance to recover as they had to face Wake Forest the next day. In the singles competition, the Irish were strong in the middle of their line-up. At No. 3 singles, Crabtree unillitized Wake Forest’s Nicola Kainwai, 6-0, 6-0. Then at the fourth position Velasco captured a close victory over Maggie Harris, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6.

Gowen pummelled the Deacons’ Cristina Caparis, 6-3, 6-3.

The doubles competition started off heading in the right direction as Lord and Crabtree won, 9-7. At the No. 2 spot, Gowen and Hall dropped their match 3-8, and at the No. 3 spot, Olson and Velasco were defeated 6-8.

The Irish just couldn’t put away the surging Deacons, and they fell 4-5.

The high point of the past week was the stellar play of the freshmen. Hall has proven her worth throughout the season, as she had steadily moved up to the No. 1 singles position. Velasco showed her power as she was the only Irish player to win all three of her singles matches.

The Irish are looking to bounce back against Indiana at home on Friday.

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Key recruits revive Irish hopes

By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a season of firsts for Notre Dame hockey coach Dave Poulin. And although the campaign was marred by disappointment and frustration, there is reason for optimism as Poulin concluded his first recruiting season. The rookie head coach unveiled the Class of 2000 Wednesday, and although it is too early to make any predictions, this could be the class that adds life to a program that seems to be on its deathbed.

Recruits Troy Bagne, Nathan Borrega, Joe Dusabek, Tyson Fraser, Sean Molina, and Ben Simon could become household names within the next year for the Irish. Coach Poulin is confident that the group will help lift the Irish back to respectability.

"We feel that we ended up with a very strong class," said Poulin. "We targeted a very small number of players, and we were able to get six of them. They seemed like they wanted to be a part of building a program at Notre Dame."

With Garry Gruber, Jeremy Cot and Davide Dal Grande graduating, the Irish were forced to address a need at the defensive end. Blue-chip defensemen Fraser, Molina, and Borrega hope that, come next season, they will be able to fill the void for Notre Dame.

"I feel like I can help the team next year because it's a big part of a program that is on the way up," said Borrega. "Coach Poulin has created a lot of excitement about hockey at Notre Dame. I am really looking forward to being part of what he started."

The Irish offense was a weakness last season, struggling to put the puck into the net, even against the CCHA's weakest teams. Poulin's sights are set on changing that next year, and he feels that Dusabek, Bagne, and Simon will be a big help.

"We were able to recruit some high skilled players who should make an impact for us next season," said Poulin. "We're excited about the guys we got coming here. We feel like we got the type of players necessary to build a team."

Of the three, Bagne is expected to make the most immediate impact. From Moorhead, Minn., the six foot, 170 pound right winger was a member of the US Select 16 team in 1994 and the Select 17 team in 1995 and led his high school team to States in two of the last three seasons.

Simon, a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio and Dusabek, from Fairbault, Minn., agreed to attend Notre Dame during November's early signing period. The pair gave Poulin something to look forward to as he struggled through his rookie season.

"Ben and Joe are both aggressive, skilled players who should help out at the defensive end as well as the offensive end," said Poulin.

Together, the Class of 2000 gives Irish fans the rare opportunity to be optimistic.

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Lacrosse

Tension builds for clash with Tarheels

By DAVE TYLER
Senior Staff Writer

It's almost passé to write about a team that has made a habit of setting new standards for itself, but such statements are unavoidable. Saturday's lacrosse game with North Carolina in the most important contest ever played at Notre Dame.

The Irish are the highest rated opponents ever to invade the stadium, and are fresh off a thrilling 19-18 upset of number one Virginia on April 6. The Irish are coming off an upset of top-ranked Virginia on April 6. The Irish are the highest ranked opponents ever to invade the stadium, and are fresh off a thrilling 19-18 upset of number one Virginia on April 6. The Irish, on the other hand, continue to impress after reeling off seven straight victories on the road. Kevin Corrigan's squad finds itself ranked seventh, its highest USILA ranking ever, after taking two one-goal games from #12 Harvard and #19 Dartmouth.

For Corrigan and his team, opportunity comes knocking on Saturday at 1 p.m. At stake is a spot in the top five, and one more signal that Irish lacrosse has taken the next step in its development.

"It's exciting to play North Carolina, anytime, anywhere. They're a great program with a great tradition. It's a great challenge and a great opportunity for us," said Corrigan.

Despite the lofty heights the Irish have scaled to this point, Corrigan and his players know that playing the poll-watching game can be dangerous.

"We don't talk too much about the polls," said Corrigan.

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