**Constitution Calendar**

Feb. 14 Amendments from subcommittee chairs due.

Feb. 16 Writing committee completes revisions.

Mid-Feb. CCC/Student activities/SLS informally agree.

Feb. 18 HPC proposal.

Feb. 19 Reform finalizes new constitution.

Feb. 25 HPC vote.

Feb. 26 Proposal to senate of reform package.

Mar. 5 Senate vote.

Mar.-- Implementation of Sept. reforms.

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**Poorman: Modern sex ideas not ethical**

By HEATHER MACKENZIE

Sex should not be practiced outside of marriage. This basic rule of Christianity was the thesis of a lecture on sexual ethics by Father Mark Poorman last night. Among topics addressed were modern American views on sex and the position of the Church on sexual relations.

"There's a bit of a competition in modern society in the way people think about sex," Poorman said. "The Christian way is definitely not a universal or even popular way of thinking. There are hundreds of sources out there telling you how to improve your sex life or how to please your partner. I always like to listen to how people actually think about sex."

Poorman based his discussion on the delineation of the four major ethical categories for thinking about sex. In this broad outline Poorman contrasted the Christian view of sexuality with societal definitions of love and commitment.

"We draw verbal blanks in describing relationships... when you press for a verb, especially at a place like Notre Dame, the most you will get is 'being.' The words 'dating' and 'boyfriend' or 'girlfriend' are almost never heard."

The first category of sexuality Poorman discussed was the "healthy orgasm." Basically, this is the idea defined sex as a purely selfish act, a biological need that absolutely must be met. The physical and emotional need for sexual release is encompassed in this view, Poorman stressed, but there is so much emphasis on the individual that the rights of the other person are lost.

"Modern insights and Freud argue that sex has everything to do with life," Poorman emphasized. "The question within this view is, what's wrong with recreational sex if no one is getting hurt? The trouble here is that there is no thought of the other person."

Poorman then moved to the practice of sex if there is mutual consent. This is a move from the healthy orgasm category, he clarified, because the rights of all to a free decision about sexual acts are considered and human dignity enters as a consideration.

However, Poorman questioned whether this type of sexual practice was really ethical. "Is sexual activity really captured by a kind of constructed mutual consent?"

Poorman went on to stress that the mutual consent definition of sexual ethics is the one most cited in modern American culture.

"A personal choice for sex or..." see SEX / page 4

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**Tunnel stands above ground**

By MICHELLE KRUPA

Students walking between the Snite Museum of Art and the stadium will have "the imaginary experience of being placed within... subterranean pathways and tunnels," according to artist Bruce Nauman, as they pass his nine-foot sculpture which will be on loan to the University for the next six months.

The piece, a 1/60th scale model of a hypothetical underground tunnel is the third in an edition of three and is composed of two nine-foot circles connected to a seemingly suspended central pyramid by diagonally attached shafts. Made of Cor-ten, the steel used for its fabrication does not require... see SCULPTURE / page 4

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The Food Gestapo

So I went to South Dining Hall with my friend Kate.

Kate prefers apples cut in half. I don’t know why — maybe she’s afraid of the mutant squirrels on the quadr or something — but she does. So, not owning a stolen SODI parking knife of her own, she scooped out half of her apple in half before leaving the dining hall.

Following my logic here: two halves equal one whole. One whole apple.

As we walked out of the dining hall, we were accosted and stopped by the Food Gestapo.

“Do you only take one piece of fruit out,” they said.

“Oh, just cut it in half,” Kate replied, putting the two halves seamlessly together.

“You’ll have to leave one of those pieces here,” the Food Gestapo maintained.

Stumped and befuddled, we considered our options.

Now, even I, who hardly survived Calculus for Weenies, know that 1/2 plus 1/2 equals 1, but the food Gestapos were obviously suspended in the dining hall.

What about philosophy? I considered putting one of the halves in my backpack and claiming that since they couldn’t see it, they couldn’t perform their duty. But, going to the one college in the United States with no bill of rights, I figured I would be subjected to a search and seizure, and no matter what your philo TA tells you, you can not think an apple out of existence.

I considered theology. We are at a Catholic university, after all, and Catholics believe in one God, three persons. So, where’s the problem with two halves as one apple? I mean, a plethora of denominations and all that stuff on the quar.

For many, one. The Trinity is way more abstract than the Apple Duality, but some — Gestapo said, shaking their heads in unison.

“The half-apple was just holding it for me while I went to grab a knife of her own, not mine,” Kate replied, waving her finger. "Put it back where?" Kate snapped. “On the half-apple tree!”

The Food Gestapo pointed grimly at the conveyer belt.

Ah! Taking half of what we own and throwing it away! That’s the University policy!

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

No damage, exploding device baffles police

MERCER ISLAND, Wash. - A device equipped with a timer exploded inside the Jewish Center, rattling occupants and police but causing no damage or injuries.

No threats were received before the blast in a parking lot Monday evening, nor did anyone claim responsibility. But afterward, police officer Jennifer Franklin said today, the observers described the force as "probably a little stronger than an M-80," an illegal firecracker packing the punch of about one-eighth of a stick of dynamite.

Bits of plastic, a mechanical timer and plywood were blown a few feet from where the explosive device was left. But two cars 20 feet away were untouched and no windows were broken.

Nonetheless, Sgt. Dennis Wheeler said, police were still very damaged if people had been near by.

The explosion occurred in a parking lot some distance from the 90,000- seat Muckleshoot Indian Community Arena, which was picking up pre-schoolers, older children who were at youth dances, and still others were working out the gymnasium.

The police station is just down the block in one direction and Hezli Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation in the other.

As they at the center was uninterested, director Gary Pollack said.

Healthy Yeltsin returns with speech

Boris Yeltsin is looking to reinvigorate his presidency with a shakeup and a major speech Thursday, aiming to drop a political bombshell or two after months on the sidelines.

After recovering from heart surgery and digging out a series of tongue-lashings, the healthy "new" Yeltsin again will be keeping the faithful bowling Boris of old rather than a shuffling, absent leader in decline. Thursday’s new beginning — a state-of-the-nation address and government reshuffling — may or may not make a dent in the country’s intractable problems.

In learning a first minute relapse, there will be no doubt who’s running Russia when Yeltsin returns to the podium over the podium in parliament to deliver an expected 30-minute speech. That in itself is a step toward easing the political uncertainty that gripped Russia just weeks ago. Cynical Russians, many of them unpaid by the government for months, won’t be impressed by a flash of the famous泛滥 of new promises or new faces. But many are willing to give him another chance.

The accident over a few months of deep public gloom over his shaky shakedown and the resulting drift in the country’s leadership.

Health Instant noodle makers unite

TOKYO

There was no mighty clash of ideologies. Their counterparts didn’t roll currency markets. But the delegates emerging from the World Ramen Summit on Wednesday toasting the delicate and graceful nature of the product they created would be such a success. “When the market was young, there were many who didn’t accept the idea of instant ramen noodles.”

Republicans renew abortion fight

WASHINGTON

Emboldened by the admitted lie of a key abortion rights supporter, congressional Republicans renewed the push Wednesday for legislation to overturn the landmark abortion protection procedure.

A principal GOP leader in the anti-abortion movement said President Clinton, who vetoed the bill last year, should "have a chance to get it right" now that activist Ron Fitzsimmons says that he lied. Abortion rights supporters pledged to keep fighting the bill. "The facts have not changed; they’ve just been discovered by the media and now the Congress," said Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., the prime House sponsor.

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WASHINGTON
Weigert: Volunteer work can enhance life

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's Assistant News Editor

On campuses nationwide last fall, three-quarters of the class of 2000 rated its most essential goal in life to be financially well off. These results were followed by raising a family, being an authority figure in a professional field and helping others in difficulty.

While presenting these findings, Kathleen Maas Weigert, the featured speaker at Saint Mary's College Lenten Lecture Series, asked what evaluates and determines today's younger generation's goals and values.

Weigert, associate director for academic affairs research at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns, presented a lecture on the dangers of service and the importance of including service in one's life.

Noting that entering college students' goals are a sign of the times, Weigert said students also want to make individual contributions to society as a whole.

Collectively, less than 20 percent of the students polled said they do some form of volunteer work. The majority of students time is spent working for pay, in athletic activities, and partying.

Weigert continued by posing the question, "Who does the volunteer work if the young do not?"

Pointing to the mission statement of the Sisters of the Holy Cross which focuses on a Catholic identity concerned with academics and social action, "We are called to participate through time and service to foster a community of service."

Particularly within the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, Weigert said service is flourishing at local shelters and missions because of family, friends and school influence.

"The volunteerism at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is very impressive," said junior Katie Narbone, a volunteer at the Center for the Homeless. "We seem to live in an idealized world with so many volunteers concentrated here and not as many on other campuses."

"If people were to just volunteer once, perhaps they would see for themselves the self-satisfaction one receives from helping others, not to mention the invaluable lessons one learns about the less fortunate," Narbone added.

Yet Weigert noted that the danger many people find in volunteer service is the challenge in openly receiving the service of others.

"We all need to learn how to balance the giving and receiving of service to be able to give service more freely than having to think about volunteering for a period of time," Weigert said.

She went on, saying that service must start with the Church encouraging service.

The teaching of the Church in the Second Vatican Council acknowledges the idea that Catholics must pay attention to the common good of all.

"Common good applies to people throughout the world. We cannot think only of our own individual community but the world and the vast problems that must be solved," Weigert said.

Aside from the challenges of engaging in service, Weigert noted that responding to the call of service can sometimes be overwhelming. With so many problems to address, one may feel all alone or unable to help.

"The challenge is not to do service alone, but to be a friend foremost. Many students in the college community who volunteer think they will change someone's life, but quite often the opposite happens, and the student is transformed by those to whom they offer service," Weigert said.

The world is getting smaller,
smell better.
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"Resolutions passed in the Senate addressing the Office of Student Affairs shall be submitted directly to the Campus Life Council," Leen said.

Loving interpreted this passage as isolating vice president of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara from the Student Senate's direct input. The new constitution reflects the current political situation by explaining that the CLC is the Senate's conduit to the Office of Student Affairs.

"I want to hold her accountable to direct Senate input. I'm afraid this clause would provide her with an excuse not to respond," Leen said.

Kelly defended the clause, explaining that it serves to streamline the CLC's relationship with the Senate.

Joe Cassidy, student government's administrative advisor explained that the Office of Student Affairs created the CLC for two purposes. The first, he told the Senate, was to protect the Office of Student Activities from a barrage of petty communication. Secondly, the CLC was to insulate the Senate from not having its issues responds to.

The basic reasoning was that the student body president should be the common regulator with the vice president of Student Affairs," Kelly said.

["I!] Talking with the Senate is not efficient, from that office's point of view. That's the political reality.

"I think in that point debate developed into heated discussion of the subtle differences between responding to campus politics and shaping campus policies.

"If she chooses not to respond to a letter, that's just a matter of being rude. It's not policy," offered Club Coordination Council academic commissioner A.J. Boyd. "Why don't we let them have their quibbles over wording?"

As the debate neared the 60-minute mark, the issue of Student Senate/CLC relationship was still unresolved, and frustrated Senate members called the issue to question.

In a 15-5 vote, the Senate agreed not to amend to debated amendment.

Next, Hammond proposed an amendment that would give the Senate class president a seat on the new Senate. The measure, he explained, was targeted to keep class representatives vital in the Student Union.

"It's totally inconsistent with what they've set up. It should have been brought up at an earlier time in the reformation process," McKeown responded.

In an 11-3-2 vote, the Senate decided not to support Hammond's amendment.

Following that action, the Senate cast its decisive vote to accept the new constitution.

In other news, the Senate unanimously approved the 1997-98 Student Union Board programmers. Accepted were Lisa Zimmer, Collegiate Jazz Festival; Jocelyn Szczepanski-Gillick, Sophomore Literary Festival; Christy Duval, AnTeatrel; Adam Rieck, movies; Ashley Thompson, Concerts; Lizzie Brady, Cultural Arts; Tina Petthoff, Campus Entertainment; Nicole Peoples, Special Events; Clare Paisley, Services; and Brian Chortony, Ideas and Issues.

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paint and allows for only a protective layer of rust to form on the metal.

While being aesthetically pleasing, the piece should evoke specific feelings in its viewers, according to Charles Loving, associate director of the Site.

"Viewers are compelled to visualize the underground structures suggested by the sculptures and to imagine themselves inside the tunnels. [The sculptures] should evoke such feelings as isolation and claustrophobia," Loving said.

Art professor Robert Haywood, who with his students studies works by Dame Security, noted that the piece should be the most influential artist according to the Feb. 21 New York Daily News.

"We are traversing a whole new world when we bring love into the picture," Poorman stated. "When we talk about this kind of relationship, we refer to sex as 'making love,' giving it a whole new definition."

Poorman stressed that love is a required component for ethical sexual relationships, but that basing sex on love alone is too transitory.

"Love is situational, and to define love within a relationship is sort of like trying to nail Jell-O to a tree. You just can't get anyone to firmly commit to 'being in love' or having a deeply committed relationship with future projection."

Poorman stressed that placing any kind of definition on a degree of a relationship is impossible.

"Love is interest, attraction, infatuation, friendship, romance, intimacy, commitment, future commitment, intended permanence, and anything else you might find in a country-western song," he said. "But what does 'commitment really mean? You can't firmly say where the lines should be drawn."

Poorman's last category was also the one he firmly believes in: Sex within the context of marriage. He stressed that marriage was the most extreme form of commitment and should therefore be the only place for sex.

The ultimate commitment paired with the ultimate physical intimacy: There is a congruency here and the Church's ideal is based on letting these relationships match.

Sex can only be practiced ethically if marriage really stands for something. It is the only way that sex makes sense, he said.

Poorman entertained the argument that a marriage does not mean that people really love each other by reiterating that sex should only be practiced if every component of marriage is present, including both spousal love and a willingness to procreate.

The deepest love shares the future; time and openness to kids defines that setting. That's the kind of intimacy that matches sexual intimacy," he asserted.
Arafat appeals for U.N. support

By ROBERT REID
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS

Yasser Arafat said Wednesday that Israel's decision to build a housing project in east Jerusalem brought the peace process to a "critical phase" — and U.N. diplomats are obligated to help save it.

Arafat also met with Jewish leaders, then left New York to deliver similar messages to two former U.S. presidents: Jimmy Carter in Georgia and George Bush in Texas.

The U.N. Security Council was to debate on Wednesday afternoon the Israeli decision to build the 6,500-unit Har Homa housing development in east Jerusalem.

European representatives circulated a draft resolution calling on Israel to avoid moves that threaten final talks on the status of Jerusalem.

But diplomats said Arafat's message during the private meeting was restrained. He avoided threats to scuttle the peace process in retaliation for the proposed Israeli housing development.

Western diplomats who attended the meeting said Arafat told them the council had an "obligation" to play a role in the peace process.

Several diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, quoted Arafat as saying that moves toward peace had reached a "critical phase." They said U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson repeated President Clinton's statement that he regretted the planned Israeli construction.

Arafat, who met with Clinton last week, held separate meetings with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, General Assembly President Basri Ismail of Malaysia and ambassadors of the 15-member Security Council.

Annan said the United Nations would "continue to work with all the parties in the search for peace."

Israel and the United States traditionally have tried to play down any role for the Security Council in Israeli-Palestinian issues.

Arafat, the Israeli official, told Associated Press Television that if the Palestinians refrained from taking issues to the Security Council, "we will move much more quickly in the promotion of the peace process."

Zaire

Government accepts cease-fire

By KARIN DAVIES
Associated Press Writer

TINGI-TINGI

The government, reeling from a series of battlefield losses, accepted a U.N. cease-fire on Wednesday, while rebels closed in on a strategic river port that would give them control of the eastern third of Zaire.

The rebels, on the verge of capturing the provincial capital of Kisangani after weeks of fighting, may not be ready to put down their arms right away.

"First we talk, then maybe a cease-fire," said rebel spokesman Kazadi Nyembwe.

Refugees fleeing the rebel advance reported that scores of people were slain when rebels took over a huge refugee camp in Tungi-Tungi over the weekend. One man said at least 100 refugees died.

Since September, rebels wanting to overthrow the government of President Mobutu Sese Seko have captured a 900-mile swath of territory in eastern Zaire.

Mobutu's 31-year dictatorship has left resource-rich Zaire, Africa's third-largest country, desperately poor.
Sarows: Beware of drug on break

By PAM CORNELL
News Writer

As spring break approaches, and the only thing on the minds of most Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students is a carefree week of relaxation and fun, but caution must be taken, says Paul Sarows, because the use and abuse of the “date rape drug,” Rohypnol, has increased significantly among college students in recent years.

As part of Women’s Month, the Saint Mary’s Student Academic Council invited Sarows, an investigator with the South Bend Metro Special Operations section, to speak last night in Stapleton Lounge.

Kendra Hensch, a senior at Saint Mary’s, also spoke on behalf of Sex Offense Services, a community organization in which many Saint Mary’s students are involved.

Both Sarows and Hensch spoke of the dangers of Rohypnol or “Roofies,” similar in nature to valium, which many students use and abuse of the drug, which has become increasingly potent and is reportedly being sold for as little as $2 to $4 per tablet.

Sarows explained that the drug is reportedly given to females in hopes of lowered inhibitions and facilitating potential sexual relations.

“A person is actually awake while on the drug,” Sarows explained. “They may make neurological sounds which in turn may actually arouse the person who gave them the drug.”

Because Rohypnol may cause amnesia, this makes investigation of sexual offenses very difficult.

“A 24-hour crisis line has been set up in South Bend, (219) 299-HELP, with both female and male support on staff at all times.”

Although Rohypnol is illegal in the U.S. and is not manufactured in the U.S., up to 180 tablets can legally be brought in to the U.S. at a time from another country.

According to Hensch, Rohypnol is colorless, tasteless, odorless, and dissolve immediately in liquid. Sedation occurs 15-20 minutes after administration. Depending on the dosage, the sedation can last three to eight hours.

Sarows attributed several ways to prevent abuse of Rohypnol. A person should keep track of her friends, keep track of her drink at all times, get her drink directly from the bar-tender, and if she leaves her drink, she should not go back to it.

If a victim plans to press charges, Hensch also stressed the necessity of a medical examination at a hospital so that evidence can be collected. A urine test can detect Rohypnol within 72 hours of administration.

To make matters worse, according to Hensch, Rohypnol is inexpensive and is reportedly being sold for as little as $2 to $4 per tablet.

Many times those victimized while under the influence of Rohypnol are hesitant to go to the police because of lack of details of the incident. But both Sarows and Hensch encouraged victims to seek support and to file a police report.

“Because this drug, which has become a nightmare, makes prosecution almost impossible,” Hensch said. “Rohypnol can cause a complete loss of memory.”

If interested, please pick up an application from Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., Vice President and Senior Associate Provost, 202 Main Building.

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Floods swamp towns as Ohio River banks overflow

By ANN GIBSON
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky.- Raging at its highest level in a generation, the Ohio River swamped more towns up and downstream from Louisville on Wednesday in a slow-motion disaster that may not let up until next week.

Towering flood walls protect Kentuckiana's largest city from the river, which rose 14 feet above flood stage. It was the low-lying towns along the river that were most vulnerable to floodwaters that weren't going away.

"All we can do is wait for someone to tell us 'You folks can all go home,'" said Sue Colcomb, 30, as she waited in a church shelter after fleeing her trailer in the town of West Point, 30 miles down river. But the water not only didn't go down, it rose so high Wednesday that it swamped roads in and out of the town of 1,200, stranding 60 people who didn't get out or refused to leave.

Ms. Colcomb and her 63-year-old mother took only what they could carry when they left early this week — a TV, their china collection, their bed and couch, their freezer and their freezer. "We put their bed and couch up on kitchen chairs, tables and a bathroom sink. But with their trailers standing in water day after day, they wondered if they will ever have a home worth coming back to.

"It will never be the way it was," Ms. Colcomb said.

Like a giant bathtub with the water running, the Ohio River was constantly being filled by runoff from a foot of rain over the weekend. Another quarter inch of rain Wednesday didn't help.

"It's kind of sitting there," said National Weather Service hydrologist Mike Calihan. "It's going to be a very slow fall... It might drift up a little bit."

In fact, the Ohio is expected to crest Friday a half foot higher in Louisville, where it reached 37.8 feet on Wednesday. That's worrisome news to evacuees, who wondered when they would ever get back to their homes, and raised the fear they could be in for another round of flooding.

"The old-timers say once the river leaves it doesn't come back — but we don't know," added Jack Callahan, 27, who helped clean out a downtown bank where floodwaters had risen to the ceiling.

"All we're doing is waiting and hoping, hoping the Old Ol' Ohio doesn't throw us some more backwater," said Butch Sweat, a farmer in nearby Lebanon Junction. His two-story house, partly built with logs in 1865, had water up to the ceiling of the second floor. In much of the town, the only way to get around was by boat.

In Tell City, Ind., residents thought their town was safely protected by a 20-foot high concrete flood wall, until the river began gurgling from the ground behind the wall Tuesday night. Water was shooting through by Wednesday, and more than 130,000 sandbags were thrown into place by an army of National Guardsmen, state prison guards and even schoolgirls.

In the hard-hit town of Falmouth, rooftop-high floodwaters finally receded to reveal homes off their foundations and sitting in the middle of streets. Everything was covered in coffee-colored muck — including the bodies of four more victims.

That put the death toll at five in the town of 2,700, where Vice President Al Gore was forced to cancel a tour after fog grounded his helicopter. Firefighters set up a temporary morgue and went about the grim task of searching house by house for more victims.

"I am praying that's all we've got," said police officer Ed Ward. "But I don't think it will be.

The floods already had forced thousands of people from their homes along the Ohio and smaller streams in Tennessee.


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A PASSION PLAY

It's Tuesday. Tonight I went to Mass at one of the hall chapels on campus. Although it was not the place I usually attend daily Eucharist, I went because some friends were gathering there to pray. I have to think it was a larger crowd than this hall chapel typically sees. Along with us older folks (though none of us would readily claim such a designation publicly), the group was primarily made up of a wandering band of about a dozen or so students who have committed themselves to travelling around campus during Lent and attending Mass in each of the hall chapels.

I was struck in two ways by our gathering: first, by how diverse we were, but second, by how united we were in our prayer and in gathering around the table. Our diversity was not evident in the color of our skin or in the range of our religious profession, it was evident in the circumstances of our lives and in our prayer. Among those who had come to the table, there was a student who had applied to be an R.A. but did not get the job, and whose pain... not anger, was palpable. He prayed for healing. There was another student around the same table, from the same hall, who did get an R.A. position, whose humility tempered his joy. He prayed in silence. There was a Rector at the table whose father had died only hours earlier, and whose face bore the pain of a loss deeply felt. She prayed for his life, and for her family. There was another Rector present who spoke of his residents with the pride of a father for his sons. He prayed for them and for the homeless. There were several seniors there, two of whom had hoped to do the same service program, one who will and one who won't... both at the table. There was a couple who had had a longstanding relationship but who have since parted ways... together at the table.

As I sat there and pondered the group gathered, and as I considered the things that occupy my mind and heart in these days, I was more deeply moved by that which we had come to do than I had been in a long time. I thought of my upcoming presbyteral ordination, only a month away, and I laid at the table all the expectations and fears that have concerned me about that in these days. I thought of each of the people gathered there in that room and the power of their stories and the deep passion that they brought to the table of the Lord's Supper. I marveled at our human frailty, and how clearly our brokenness was reflected in the breaking of the bread. At the same time, I delighted in the opportunity that we had to come together in this simple and yet powerful way to support one another, to pray with and for one another, and to share in the mystery of the Body of Christ... to become what we knew ourselves already to be.

There were many stories around that table in that holy place tonight... some known to those of us gathered... but most unknown... most untold. What compelled us to bring them to that holy place tonight? Was it mere chance that brought us to be there for one another in that moment... in our need? I don't think so. Ultimately, I think we are drawn to the Eucharist because we believe that something more happens there than the merely observable. In this empirical age, there is all too little credence given to the power of symbol and of sacrament. There was certainly something more powerful in that room for me this night than any words can here convey or describe. I do believe that God is revealed in such moments just as surely as God was revealed in the person of Jesus. Every time we gather around the table we glimpse the Easter light and joy for which we wait and hope. By our gathering together around the table, by our offering our stories... our very lives, in the breaking of the bread, we are fed and strengthened for the journey. Come, eat and drink.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.
TABLE TALK

And you thought you wouldn't survive! You cried for Mommy and sucked your thumb before fall break as you waded through papers and midterms. You were ready to give it all up, shave your head and join a cult in December. After all, you're home free - you can look for some suntan lotion. From there, you're set - it's Thursday afternoon and you've got a plane to catch, a bag of anti-hangover tablets and shades. Oh yeah, and one other thing - your head is packed with homework.

Or Schnapp's, Or Kahlua. Or maybe just good old-fashioned beer - a six-pack, please. No frills, no trimmings. Maybe you now are strung out on coffee and cigarettes. Maybe you're not even up to 4 a.m. convinced that you're a glass of ice cold tea.

Maybe, okay that's a little znale - maybe you're not ready for a rubber room just yet, but chances are you feel pretty roughed up. After all, Notre Dame faculty assigns the highest workload in the country next to Stanford, and that's only because we don't consider actually showing up to class as part of the workload. This far in the school year, most Domers are a hog mess in dire need of some stress medication...

And that's where spring break comes in.

Where are you going - Cancun, Cuzco, Padre? Or maybe Key West, Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale? You probably been planning a trip with your five closest friends since Christmas, you've scrawled, saved, even stopped so low as to work JPTW so you could make enough money.

Now you've got it - it's Thursday afternoon and you've got a plane to catch, a bag of anti-hangover tablets and shades. Oh yeah, and one other thing - your head is packed with homework.

But surely this doesn't surprise you?

At least one Notre Dame grad in every meeting I have ever been to.

Impossible, you say.

Freak occurrence. After all, two years (going on three) isn't that long a time; how many meetings could I have gone to? Obviously not enough. Maybe I just happen to go to the type of meetings Notre Dame alumni would attend?

But the truth is, every meeting seems the same: "Well, I never really drank much way: "alternative alcoholics" of every race, color, socioeconomic status and gender; alcoholics as old as my grandfather and as young as... well, me.

But surely this doesn't surprise you? After all, you go here - how do you think you got the idea that Notre Dame students are supposed to drink like fish, like a school of the smartest damn fish in the country? Who told you that Notre Dame is a party school?

At this university, drinking's been around longer than football - it's part of the tradition. The "link to the past" that binds the alumni to the student body. It's the home football games; it's the crowds of golf-pants wearing grandfathers who wander this campus with tears in their eyes and sweatshirts that say "Notre Dame Alumni."

And so what? What's wrong with alcohol? My girlfriend turned 21 recently, and she didn't finish the night with a ride in an ambulance. It was a unique celebration, unlike any other birthday. We went out and she ordered drinks from the bar, we saw her family that weekend and she mixed drinks with her relatives. She was initiated into a club, she was welcomed into a happy part of American culture, of human culture. The entire occasion was focused around drinking, but as I sat there sipping my RCCola I couldn't see one thing wrong with it.

And why should it be wrong? Drinking's a great social activity, and one that can't hurt anyone as long as we stay up right, responsible and keep calling Saferide (9-9898).

This is my point - I like Notre Dame. I like all you guys. You're the people I grew with, learn with, live with; you people and the memories I make with you are going to stay with me until I die.

But sad to say, I will never be able to have a drink with you or join you at the bar, because I have lost the right to do so.

Which is perfectly okay - I'm used to it, and indeed I kinda like it. My life is outside of Bridge's and C.J.'s. I'm glad I can enjoy life without getting distracted by alcohol issues. But here's the deal - you've got to fight for your right to party. You've got to fight to care of yourself in Mexico, Florida, or wherever.

You've got to drink (and maybe get drunk like the aspiring adults you are), and stay safe, upright, healthy and happy. Your life depends on it.

But for now our lives haven't even started yet, so be young and have fun, even if what you drink is something other than Pepsi. And though I want to see all of you again someday, let's try to have our reunions in the JACC, and not in any AA meetings.

Mick Swiney is a sophomore Arts and Letters major. His column appears every other Thursday.
Right Reason editors demand reasoning for blasts on their Christianity

Dear Editor,

We usually find Irfan Khawaja’s column well-reasoned, but his latest editorial criticism of Right Reason (Tues., Feb. 25) was far below the high standard of logical rigor he has led us to expect. While he is generous in his use of words which indicate analytic thinking, he does not in fact make a true “refutation” or show any logical contradiction. Indeed, in an editorial filled of bold accusations which pretend to be based on reason rather than prejudice, we cannot find a single rational argument. It is easy enough to see where the arguments should be. The “contradiction” is supposed to have something to do with our characterizing theological obedience and orthodoxy as a form of freedom, rather than despotism. But we see no contradiction. And like Ex Corde Ecclesiae — which we have read but Mr. Khawaja apparently has not — we see no contradiction in an obedient Catholic institution including non-Catholics. (Indeed, Protestant senior editor Joshua Hochschild is a co-author of the piece in Right Reason that Mr. Khawaja criticizes.) If Mr. Khawaja complains so loudly of contradictions, he has a responsibility to show them, not just claim that they are there.

More unfair is Mr. Khawaja’s accusation that we “tolerate slavery.” Mr. Khawaja seems to think that to stop whining about the possibility of slavery I would recommend that the Catholic Church permits all sexual orientations. In fact, I would not just recommend, but demand for all our allies in the struggle for an end to slavery. I am not suggesting that the Church should be all things to all people, but we have to work with what is on the table and we cannot remain silent. I want to leave my mark on this campus. I am a member of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. I was not like this has been done. However, I want to show them, not just claim that they are there.

I do not believe that slavery is moral, and we do not believe that it is a desirable goal. (If Mr. Khawaja complains so loudly of contradictions, he has a responsibility to show them, not just claim that they are there.) If Mr. Khawaja complains so loudly of contradictions, he has a responsibility to show them, not just claim that they are there.

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Stop whining: Notre Dame is no homophobic hotbed

Dear Editor,

Recently, Scholastic published an article about the homophobia on this campus. I am an active, healthy, and understood member of the gay population at the University of Notre Dame. While I cannot deny the fact that homophobia is a problem on this campus, I must also state that the climate on this campus is not as bad as many want us to believe. I am thrilled to see in the four years that I’ve been a student at the University that something like this has been done. However, I cannot remain silent.

I am a member of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. My was not “I’m not picked” by Patty O’Hara, as was implied by John Blandford. I was offended by that statement. I am not a puppet controlled by the Administration. I am Irfan Khawaja. I’m not going to be the one to say that the University is no homophobically hotbed. He also hopes that God will love him. No one has to hope that God will love them. God loves all His creations. God has a plan for this anonymous student — hopefully he will realize this. He also pleads with the community to love him as an individual. I must ask if he has attended any of the gay support group meetings. There he will be accepted and loved as the individual that he is. He will find the acceptance that he longs for. There he may even find courage to stretch to face the possible rejections and judgments. There he can be who he wants to be. Take baby steps, like the steps to discovery and live in constant fear. I lived in fear for years, but not anymore. I refuse to let fear rule my life. The advice I offer is the advice that parents have been giving their children for centuries. Face your fears; only then will you be able to conquer them. Bringing fear is natural, but being afraid of your whole life isn’t.

Homophobia will only disappear when society realizes there is nothing different between gays and straights, other than what physical, mental, and chemical attractions are felt. I don’t believe there will ever be a time when homophobia will not exist. It is difficult for people to get used to things that are different from the standards. I want to see homophobia disappear, but I know it won’t happen until people raise their children to love unconditionally. Children learn hate from their parents.

Let’s not believe that Notre Dame is a hotbed of homophobia. It has its problems, but what universities and colleges don’t? Let’s not worry about GENDVSMC anymore. That debate is over, as far as I’m concerned. Let’s work with what we have. The only way to get the atmosphere to change is to stop worrying and educate, which is the role of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Education is the first step. I call the gay community to stop whining and being divisive, and try and educate, which is the goal of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Education is the first step. I call the gay community to stop whining and being divisive, and try and educate, which is the goal of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

SEAN B. GARRY
Senior
Stanford Hall
At the age of 50, one might consider it time to settle down, put the feet up and rest on many a well-deserved laurel. David Bowie, for good or ill, does not think so. Although for the past few years such an attitude has resulted in ill, a minor return to worthiness now arrives in the form of Earthling. Bowie fans may be pleased by this, but equally could be disappointed with the style of the album — a fusion of traditional Bowie pop and hardcore backbeat techno in true Chemical Brothers fashion. The best of the album is a coin toss between "Battle for Britannia" and "Dead Man Walking" (apparently nothing to do with the movie, thankfully). Both have fast, jangly backing tracks overlaid with the usual Bowie vocals and accompanied by all the Messin' and bouncing of a studio uni-verse. Epic and ambitious, their merit lies in the fact that they will alienate only rabid techno and "old" Bowie stalwarts while appealing to the vast majority who will listen to anything if it is done well.

Also worthy of mention is "I'm Afraid of Americans," a slower industrial piece filled with samples and heightened by a heavy, intense chorus greatly influenced by Nine Inch Nails. "Seven Years in Tibet" is from the same catalog; both sexy and ominous — its first line is "Are you ok? You've been shot in the head." This may sound like a stupid question, but that's a musician for you. Tracks that present this album from being brilliant include the mediocre "Little Wonder," the inspired "Lolita," both of which are inferior imitations of the better songs. Despite this one cannot argue Bowie's intensity; having been around for years, he still remains admirably unaffected to proceed in new directions.

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Struggling Irish to head west

By ALLISON KRIELA
Sun News

Most people like to ease into the water, dipping their toes in before they adjust comfortably enough to jump into the pool. The Notre Dame softball team dove head-first into the 1997 season, and now they find themselves furiously treading water, trying to stay afloat.

A senior-laden Irish team struggled in the Arizona Tournament in Tempe, Ariz., falling to the host Sun Devils and an Indiana team that finished the '96 season ranked 3rd in the NCIAA Today. Top 25 poll. Following the two-season, and now they find struggle in the Arizona and an Indiana team that finished the '97 season around a little earlier.

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The Irish couldn't hold on any longer, losing 4-3. Against Auburic in their final game of the tournament, the Blue and Gold notched one in the win column, a 4-2 defeat of the Tigers.

Hardly faring better at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Loop Kickoff, the Irish dropped close contests to Massachusetts and sixth-ranked South Carolina. Kelly Nichols, the star of the pitching staff, allowed only two batters in 454 innings, 91 runs forced to take her loss. Notre Dame arrived home spring 6-7 overall despite their tenacity and ability to be initiated by top-notch competition. Numbers don't always tell the complete story.

"These games are tough because we don't have a chance to recover," said head coach Liz Miller. "We're not concerned with our record right now.

There have only been two games we were blown out of - we need to win more of the close games.

Perhaps the key to turning the season around a little earlier than expected lies in the arms of three talented right-handed hurlers who have yet to reach their potential this season.

Junior Kelly Nichols leads the team with an impressive 1.52 ERA. High school senior Batter and sophomore Angela Bensolo have contributed depth to the pitching staff.

Kelly Nichols has thrown extremely well this season, giving us a great performance every game she has pitched," said Miller.

Although Batterubby has yet to win a game in 1997, Miller is confident that she will find her niche, and return to last season's form when she went 9-2 with a 1.85 ERA.

"Joy is getting better every game," commented Miller.

Angela Bensolo, Big East Co-Rookie of the Year in 1996, with a 1.01 ERA and a sparkling 1-1 record, needs to rediscover her form in order for the Irish to be successful in their top-25 ranking.

"Angela is out of her rhythm. She's allowed herself to get too deep in the count and she's being taken out of her game," said Miller.

The Irish face another tough road trip in the coming week, traveling to Oklahoma City, Okla. for the Sooner Classic. They will then face Baysper, South Florida, Kansas and Arizona on March 17, followed by two days of action tournament March 6-9. Notre Dame heads to San Jose, Calif. for Spring Break, a grueling trip where they will play Missouri on Thrus, March 13 to warm-up for the National Invitational Tournament also held in San Jose, on March 14-16.

"The key for us is to really concentrate on what we have to do. We're looking for our bats to come alive. We have to learn to relax and attack," said Miller.

The Irish look to take advantage of the two-week schedule early in the season to prepare them for a rematch with Indiana's Incomparable teammate on March 25.

Maybe the road-ahead dive into the season will pay off for the Blue and Gold when conference play begins. They sure hope so.

Kelly Nichols leads the Irish pitching staff with a 1.52 era.
Hi! I'm Colleen Henshaw, your NIKE Student Rep. It's my job to spotlight sports & NIKE knowledge on this campus for you. If there's something that you think is missing on this Sportspage, or if you know of an EXTRAORDINARY non-Varsity athlete who deserves recognition, let me know at colleen.henshaw@nike.com... If you want to talk to NIKE HQ directly, use sports.page@nike.com.

I know there are lots of you out there getting in shape for spring break. Just because your week in the sun soon will be over DOES NOT mean you shouldn't stick to your workout routine once you get back. I have ways of knowing who does and who doesn't keep it up, and ways of rewarding those who do. ... Talk to me about all of that and more.

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DOING IT...

Tim Kistner, a junior from Houston, Texas is no ordinary domer athlete. Born with cerebral palsy, Kistner recently competed in the Paralympics in Atlanta. He also carried the Olympic torch en route to that same city this summer.

Kistner is a two-time national champion in the 400-meter dash and currently holds the national record in this event; he was a member of the U.S. National Soccer Team that competed in England in 1991. Kistner scored the game-winning goal that same year for his Texas state team in the National Championship.

In 1992, Kistner again traveled with the national team to compete in the Paralympics in Barcelona. In 1995 Kistner competed in the Pan AM games as well and the Olympic Festival in Colorado Springs, where he placed 6th in the 100-meter dash.

Kistner embodies the spirit of a great athlete and Paralympian.

CAMPUS CORRESPONDENT: TIMOTHY S. MCCONN, JUNIOR
Icers garner post-season honors

Special to the Observer

The post-season produced some noteworthy accolades for the Notre Dame hockey team, including CCHA All-Rookie and All-American selections for the Irish.

The 1996-97 Bauer Central Collegiate Hockey Association All-Rookie Team, as selected by the CCHA head coaches, has representatives from four schools.

Joe Dushabek of Minnesota, Minn., a forward from the University of Notre Dame, was a unanimous selection to this year's all-rookie team and finished second among rookie forwards in league scoring with 17 points on 13 goals and 12 assists. Among his 13 goals overall were three powerplay markers, two game-winning goals and three first goals. He led all Notre Dame forwards in plus/minus rating with a +2 and was named to the honorable mention all-academic team while also leading the Irish in shooting 22 percent, scoring nine times on just 41 shots. His nine goals included scores in wins over Ohio State, Bowling Green, Alaska-Fairbanks and St. Cloud State.

Junior forward Steve Noble of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, is one of seven players to be named to the 1996-97 CCHA All-Academic team, as announced yesterday by the conference office. Noble is the fourth Notre Dame player to be so honored in the last five seasons, joining Curtis Janickie (1992-93), Carl Picconatto (1992-93) and Gary Gruber (1995-96). Noble was an honorary mention CCHA All-Academic team selection in 1995-96.

The CCHA named a total of 48 players to the CCHA All-Academic team, with 13 to the honorable mention all-academic team and 28 to the special mention all-academic team. Of the 48 total players named, Michigan and Bowling Green had nine each while seven Notre Dame players received academic mention. A finance major in the School of Business Administration, Noble carries a 3.98 cumulative grade point average through his first five semesters at Notre Dame, including three consecutive 4.0 semesters. The Academic All-America candidate also led the Irish in shooting 22 percent, scoring nine times on just 41 shots. Noble finished seventh on the 1996-97 Irish team with 16 points, including nine goals (third-most on the team) and a team-best five powerplay goals. The second-year team captain also led the Irish in shooting 22 percent, scoring nine times on just 41 shots. His nine goals included scores in wins over Ohio State, Bowling Green, Alaska-Fairbanks and St. Cloud State.

Joining Noble on the CCHA All-Academic team are Ferris State goaltender Jeff Blashill and Western Michigan defensemen Jeff Ruscinski and Borys. The CCHA also named 13 players to the honorable mention all-academic team while 28 others received special recognition, including six Notre Dame players: forward Terry Lorenz, forward Benoit Cotnoir, defensemen Ben Nelsen, forward Steve Noble, forward Aniket Dhadphale, and goaltender Forrest Karr.

Junior forward Steve Noble earned CCHA All-Academic honors for his performances off the ice.

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297 batting average at the Service Academies Classic to .387 in Long Beach, while crushing six home runs as opposed to just one the week before. The Irish defense pitching also bounced back. They committed five fewer errors and the pitchers walked five fewer batters per nine innings in the three wins.

Bighander Darin Schmalz was the perfect example of the difference one week of outdoor workouts can make. "We just had to get acclimated to the outside conditions," said the senior hurler. "We had to get in a comfort zone. We knew that we had to turn it up a notch."

Schmalz lasted just 2 1/3 innings on opening day against No. 11 Long Beach State, allowing seven runs on seven hits and walking two batters. Last weekend, however, Schmalz victimized a Army squad that was playing in its first contest of the year, shutting out the rusty Black Knights in a seven-inning, complete game performance. The righty fanned eight hitters, while allowing only two hits and two walks. "I felt real comfortable out there," explained Schmalz. "There was a loose atmosphere out there."

Schmalz will likely take his 1-1 record out on the mound when the Irish face Southwest Texas State on Friday evening.

Notre Dame will follow up that contest with a Saturday matchup against Penn State and a three-game series with Texas-Pan Am on Sunday and Monday in a doubleheader.

Sophomore righthandler Brad Lidge (1-0) is expected to get the start on Saturday, followed by senior Gregg Henenby (1-1), and sophomore Chris McKeown (0-0) and Alex Shilliday (0-0) against Texas-Pan Am.

Lidge, who pitched five strong innings of relief against Mississippi in Long Beach and won his first start despite giving up some runs versus No. 23 Arkansas, credits the defense for the recent improvements. "Our defense really picked it up a lot (in Millington)," commented Lidge. "They got rid of the first series of jitters (in Long Beach). Defense really helps with (the pitchers') confidence. It allows you to really go after the batters and if they hit it, you know the defense is there."

Schmalz was also comforted by the infield's recent performance. "It helps knowing that our defense is acclimated to the grasp," the veteran acknowledged.

After the weekend series, Notre Dame will be back in action on March 12 when they open the Irish Baseball Classic with a rematch of the weekend's game versus Penn State. Creighton and Northwestern Illinois will challenge the Blue and Gold on the 13th and 14th.

Finally, on March 15, Notre Dame will play an extra game against N.E. Illinois before taking part in either the consolation or championship game of the Irish Classic. The team is very confident that they will be playing in the latter come March 15.

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won't be claiming any tournament trophies, either. Joining the Big East conference was bound to be an uphill journey. A step-by-step process.

The first steps were made during the regular season by the coach, the star and the supporting cast.

The next step came with some recognition from the Big East at the awards banquet Tuesday night.

But the post-season... well, as disappointing as it may be to the team and fans, the Irish just have to take it one step at a time.

The next leg of the journey may come with an NIT bid, giving the squad another chance to compete, to learn and to play the game. What they make of that opportunity could put a very positive cap on an already solid season.

Then comes another recruiting season, made easier by the MVP and Coach of the Year awards. Some talent is swayed to the midwest.

If MacLeod can couple the star power of Garrity with the system he loves, some more talent and keep the heart and hard work...

Well, let's let them concentrate on the NIT. It's probably a bad idea to look that far ahead. Because for the Irish, the journey is really still just beginning.

David Lalazarian, like his teammates, lacked post-season experience.

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fore most Irish fans had jumped out to a 10-0 lead. "I don't know why we were flat," Notre Dame forward Pat Garrity said. "I don't know if it was the time of day or the early wake-up. Syracuse didn't seem to be flat, though, so that's no excuse. That was the worst we came out since I don't know when.

There was no lack of bounce in the Orangemen's step as they jumped out to a 10-0 lead. Before Notre Dame woke up, they trailed 23-6 and would never get closer than 10 points the rest of the game. Syracuse now advances to play Villanova in the Big East quarterfinals. "We were out of character today," Big East Coach of the Year John MacLeod said of the Irish. "For some reason, we seemed uptight. We shouldn't have been." After this performance, MacLeod may be less relaxed about an NIT bid for his 14-13 club. "Hopefully, there will be an NIT possibility for us," MacLeod said. "If not, we've had a heck of a year. We've grown and improved. We still have a lot to learn, but these kids are willing to learn." Notre Dame can consider this an education in being prepared to play in a big-time tournament. From the opening tip, ugliness ensued. Two turnovers were followed by a shot off the side of the backboards and the always dangerous air ball. While the Irish struggled to find a rhythm, Syracuse was clicking on all cylinders. Hart hit two treys during the early 10-0 run.

Lithuanian product Marius Janulis, who the Irish also stiffled earlier in the season, poured in 11 first half points to complement Hart's 16. "We got off to a good start," Boeheim said. "We knew they (Notre Dame) were going to double off of Jason (Hart) and he got some open looks early and knocked them down. That was really the difference in the ball game.

One other difference Boeheim mentioned five or six times was that Syracuse star Todd Burgan wasn't suspended this time around. Having watched his team lose to the Irish twice from the bench, Burgan was also determined to prove the Orangemen were better a third time.

Burgan made his case scoring 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. The 6-foot-7 forward helped extend the Irish defense by hitting three treys and forcing Garrity to guard him outside the arc. "Todd gives us that extra dimension that we didn't have when we played them in the first two games," Boeheim said. "He's just a different team with Todd, especially when he knock's down the three." "It was a tough matchup for us," Garrity conceded. To say the Irish experienced a tough matchup on offense would be an understatement.

Part of their inability to relax stems from the confusion that the Syracuse zone defense caused. Notre Dame could not get the ball to Garrity especially in the first half, in which the Irish center Matt Gotz was a nonfactor in Wednesday's loss to Syracuse.

Big East Player of the Year had only four points and finished with 10 for the game. "Their zone bothered us the whole game," MacLeod said. "When you're tentative against a zone, it's not the way to play." No one did. Guard Admore White was the only other player in double figures with 12 points. The lack of scoring punch hindered any type of significant run. "Every time we made a push at them, they came up with a big play," White said. Syracuse did make the big plays and also had the scoring. Hill was the fourth Orangeman in double digits with his 15.

As if Boeheim needed another basis for comparison, he also noted that his team never allowed the Irish back in the game with easy baskets. "Tonight we didn't give any transition baskets, and that is the difference between the last game and this game," he said. "Our biggest problem was not being able to get any transition baskets," Garrity said. "When you're struggling offensively, that's the best way to get out of it, to get easy baskets. We never got any easy baskets." That made it easy for them to claim what they could not after two Irish blowouts.

"We're a much better team now than we were at the beginning of the year, and I think Notre Dame probably sensed that at the start of the game," Boeheim concluded. What do you think Pat? "I guess they did show they were the better team today," he said. Garrity only wishes Syracuse hadn't made such a strong case when it counted the most.

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Zone ‘D’ baffles Irish offense

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

NEW YORK

Early in Saturday's narrow loss to Boston College, Notre Dame struggled mightily against the Eagle zone defense. Once BC switched to a man-to-man approach, the Irish began to roll.

In yesterday's first-round loss to Syracuse, the early pattern was the same — turnover, followed by forced shot, followed by yet another turnover.

But there was a difference. Syracuse was wise enough to stick with the zone. Consequently, the Irish were never able to get going.

"Their zone bothered us the whole game," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "We were tentative, and we were dribbling instead of passing and moving it."

What was most surprising about Notre Dame's struggles at the offensive end was the fact that they had seen the Syracuse zone before. Furthermore, Jim Boeheim's Orangemen really didn't make major adjustments from their previous two losses to Notre Dame.

"We played basically the same defense," said Boeheim. "We adjusted a little bit, but we just did a better job covering their guards. We covered the three-point shooter and forced them to take something they didn't want."

Not only did the Orangemen limit the Irish to 26 percent three-point shooting (6-23), they were successful at something very few teams have been — shutting down Pat Garrity.

In his first game as Big East Player of the Year, the junior was held to 3 of 11 shooting, all the while being frustrated by the physical Syracuse zone.

"When he went through the zone, they bumped him," MacLeod said. "We had to keep moving him, and they checked him."

Notre Dame did little to alleviate the pressure on Garrity. "We had our zone offense," said point guard Admore White. "We just didn't execute it. They came out and put good pressure on us. They were aggressive."

Notre Dame wasn't. Right from the outset, the Irish were very tight and hesitant. "I don't know why, but we were tight," said White. "We came out shaky, and they came out stronger."

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Sweet revenge for twice-beaten 'Cuse

By JOE VILLINSKI

Syracuse wasn't about to let this opportunity get away. An opportunity to tell the world — the Big East world in this case — how they stack up against Notre Dame, who they demolished in the Big East last year and 8-10 in Big East play, doubling last year's tally in the win column.

Along the way, Pat Garrity proved his worth to both Notre Dame fans and the Big East coaches, claiming the Big East Player of the Year trophy despite playing for a team with a losing conference record. Yes, things were different, indeed. Until tournament time.

A lack of tournament experience reared its ugly head against Syracuse, a team seasoned in post-season play, resulting in a collapse from start to finish. This time, the Orangemen took it by an 84-66 margin.

Garrity, who never seemed to get the ball when and where he wanted it, struggled offensively, spelling doom. Alas, a post-season MVP, he was not.

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Lack of tourney experience derails rolling Irish

IRISH INSIGHT

I seem to be a step-by-step process. Notre Dame entered conference play last year as a veritable bane in the woods, and, as was expected, got spanked. In the Big East tournament, they fell to Syracuse 76-55. This season, they vowed would be different.

In and behold, they were right.

Despite an acknowledged lack of talent, the Irish made up for their shortcomings with heart and hard work. They fought their way to a record above .500 best a handful of teams that pounded them last year and finished 8-10 in Big East play. However, they were able to snap a 10-game win streak by a win in the win column.

This team was not lost, Boeheim, on who the history of this meeting was not lost, spilled the running sentiment. "This team beat us badly twice, so this was a very good win for us," he added. "I think the players saw this as a challenge to prove they were better than the first two games we played Notre Dame."

Start spreading the news: those first two games bore no resemblance to yesterday's affairs. Notre Dame's average margin of victory versus the Orangemen was 16. Before ten minutes elapsed in the Garden, the Irish were down by 12.

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