Baxter urges conversation and religion

By SARAH CORRRIAN
Saint Mary’s News Editor

For Father Michael Baxter, an invitation to say mass in the home of the president of El Salvador 10 years ago was an honor of sorts. With soldiers holding guns lined up outside the presidential palace while he delivered the Palm Sunday homily, Baxter questioned what sense of community the people of El Salvador could possibly have.

As a continuation from last semester’s conversation series on community, Baxter, a member of the theology department at Notre Dame, spoke at Saint Mary’s College yesterday afternoon.

Noting the urgency to define community in a society where people do not share common traditional beliefs and practices, Baxter said that “finding an understanding of community is very thin. With so many planned communities such as business, gay and lesbian, and academic groups, there is no universally agreed upon sense.”

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Bourgeois denounces use of the ‘School of Assassins’

By DAVID FREDDO
News Writer

Last night, the School of the Americas was unveiled before a crowd of 50. An American military training camp, the School of the Americas is currently located in Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. For over half a century, it has been taking in soldiers from Latin America and instructing them in “counter-insurgency warfare.”

According to Father Roy Bourgeois of the School of the Americas Watch, the SOA is a “School of Assassins.”

In the last of six lectures given in celebration of Human Rights Week, Bourgeois called for the closure of the SOA, which he blames for much of the violence that has occurred in South and Central America over the last 30 years.

Bourgeois said that he could tell that the school was corrupted by its alumni.

“The Pentagon,” he said, “tells us that 10 ‘heads of state’ have graduated from the school.”

But what they do not mention is that these “heads of state” have all come to power through violence and have then used their power to oppress the poor. Among these 10 heads of state to graduate from SOA, for example, is Manuel Noriega.

Of the three men responsible for the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador, two were graduates of SOA. Ten of the 12 responsible for a more recent massacre of nearly a thousand unarmed men, women, and children, graduated from SOA.

In addition, just recently, several major newspapers got possession of copies of seven SOA training manuals, some of which teach the use of tortue.

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Truck ignites en route to SMC

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Shortly after 8 p.m. last night a student’s pickup truck caught on fire at the intersection of Saint Mary’s Drive and U.S. route 31. Jason Hooks, a sophomore at Notre Dame who lives in Granger, was driving to Saint Mary’s when loose wires under his dashboard joined and set the carpeting in his truck on fire.

“I was driving along and the fire just came up from under my seat,” said Hooks. “So I pulled over to the side of the road to avoid blocking traffic, jumped out, and tried to put it out with my hands.”

Hooks said that he then tried to jog into the Saint Mary’s security office to report the fire.

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Classes determine new officers

Low voter turnout continues to plague elections

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

The tension finally ended last night for this year’s off-campus and class officer candidates when election results were announced around 10 p.m. The only election requiring a run-off is for the class of 1998 positions. The ticket consisting of Beth Nolan, Connie Dougherty, Bob Flannery and Brian McCarthy, receiving the majority of the votes cast, will face off in run-off with the ticket made up of Colin O’Reilly, Jon Steele, Catherine Monahan and Erik Burns in the elections on Wednesday. With 44 percent of the votes cast, the Nolan ticket had an edge over the O’Reilly ticket, who received 20 percent.

“We are excited, but we are not taking anything for granted,” said Beth Nolan. “I think we have a great deal of experience that should really be benefi­cial if we are elected. We are going to continue to campaign vigorously until elections on Wednesday.”

With a platform promising widespread communication, greater alumni relations, and focus on campus issues, the campaign is not yet over for the Nolan ticket.

Off-campus and class officer candidates await election results with trepidation in the student government offices last night.

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Play ball!

Spring has sprung. Well, it's crying to, any- 
way, at least we're not behind us, morning tele-
vision programs balanced eggs last
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The Logan Center faces depleted funds this year

By ALLISON KOENIG
Assistant News Editor

Last week's Disability Awareness program at Notre Dame focused on the Logan Center, the community facility that sponsors activities and programs for mentally and physically handicapped people. The Center is located on the southeastern perimeter of campus, drawing many Notre Dame community members as service volunteers.

Over the course of the last year, the center has experienced "some challenging budget problems," according to chief executive officer Dan Harshman. He was quick to add that possible solutions to the problem "are in the process of discussion," and that an official recommendation is not to be expected soon.

Eighty percent of the funds for the non-profit Logan Center originate from various government sources. The other 20 percent is fulfilled by local efforts: through Logan industries, fund raising, and other areas.

"As the government funds do not continue to grow, we must try to raise more funds privately," Harshman explained.

"Since the mid-1970's, there has been a growing list of programs that help fund Logan. A byproduct of that growth is our need to charge clients for services," he added.

A potential solution includes charging Logan center clients for use of the facility, and requiring family members to volunteer a number of hours at the center. Currently, clients access the facility and its services without any familial volunteer commitment or financial obligation.

This possibility of requiring clients to pay fees does not sit well with community volunteer Elena Economakis, who feels that families of disabled people encounter enough emotionally and economically draining problems without being required to pay for services.

"It can be a vicious cycle of poverty," said Economakis of life as with a disabled person.

Harshman maintains that although a larger time or monetary commitment may be required of clients and their families in the future, nothing has been decided yet.

"We don't wish to add extra burdens to (clients and families). We need to communicate to them what the needs of the center are. Some don't understand what the real costs are," Harshman said.

The Logan Center has an annual $8 million budget. According to Harshman, the high percentage of government contributions cannot be expected forever.

Harshman indicated "a lot more general communication" with Logan Center clients and families as the current objective. "At the heart of it all, we need to talk about expectations," he said. "We need to explain to patrons why we need their investment of time and money, and how they can do that. We need the community support; the government cannot do it all."

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CANCELLATION

The April 4th concert at Saint Mary's College featuring the "String Trio of New York" has been cancelled due to an injury suffered by one of the musicians in a recent automobile accident. Those who purchased tickets for the performance may return them to the Saint Mary's Box Office for a refund.

Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for further information, contact the Saint Mary's Box Office at 284-4626.

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SECURITY BEAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

9:30 a.m. A University employee reported that a broken window at the Law School, 811 N. St. Mary's, resulted from a break-in.

10:45 a.m. A police officer reported a car was burglarized in the O-22 parking lot.

4:30 p.m. A state patrol car was parked at St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an injury.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

12:26 p.m. A vehicle was involved in an accident at St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sport injury.

12:30 p.m. A South Bend resident was cited for speeding on Edy street.

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And may the force be with you, always.

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Due to a major theme in the time and effort into the campaign, we are glad it paid off. Candelario, Kippels was the overwhelming ticket comprised of Walker and Candelario. "We really hard to get our platform in front of the student body," said Walker.

For off-campus co-presidents, Neville/Campell ticket hopes it would be really hard to control the elections if we handled the voting in another way," Deane said. "We current have the best system in light of our resources."

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ture and execution. "We know more than enough about this school to care for its closure," he said. Bourgeois himself has been arrested twice for trespassing on the grounds of Fort Benning while protesting.

"This school is our way of keeping Latin America's military entrenched. Shutting down the school could help bring about peace and justice, and save lives," Bourgeois asserted.

Two weeks ago, a bill to close the SOA was introduced by congressman Joe Kennedy of Mass. This bill will soon come up for a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, and according to Bourgeois, now is the time to act and show support for the bill. "Letters to your members of Congress make a difference this time," he said, adding that he was widely circulating a petition in support of the bill.

This marks the third time such a bill has been presented. Similar bills have been rejected, but as more information about SOA has been revealed, more and more support has been found in Congress to close it.

"Can we do it? Bourgeois asked. "We think so. We know so. . . it will close, I have no doubt about that."

Bourgeois also took a moment to show how fundamental this issue really is by defending his involvement in the SOA Watch.

"People often say that priests should not be involved in politics. But we're not talking about politics here. We're talking about moral issues. We're talking about people being killed." Bourgeois called on the students and faculty of Notre Dame to share in the task of human rights activism. But, "how important it is to integrate our activism with that solitude, with time for prayer?"

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four cars passed me by driving around, they probably didn't even ask for a ride, I just asked that they get a hold of someone. But one girl even rolled up her window and didn't even ask for a ride, I just asked that they get a hold of someone. But one girl even rolled up her window and locked her doors. Makes you feel good to be a student here."

The wires in Hooks' truck were loose because his car stereo and amplifier had been stolen on Sunday. "A couple of days ago, someone broke into my car," Hooks said. "I left the wires alone so that the insurance company could take a look at it."

"The wires were left under the seat and not protected. By driving around, they probably connected with the springs of the seat and set the carpet on fire," said Lieutenant Jim Himmell of Clay Township Fire Department who arrived first at the scene. "This area is really a toss-up, it is really Portage Township, but we get all our calls through county 911."

By 9 p.m., the Fire Department had extinguished the blaze, and what remained of Hooks' truck was towed away by the nearby Amoco station.

The Donald and Marilyn Keough Center for Irish Studies is delighted to announce its courses for Fall, 1997

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ENGL 470G: Irish and Scottish Literature: 1782-1820 MWF 8:00-9:15 P.M. John Waters
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ENGL 459: Burke and the Idea of Revolution, 1790-1797 TTH 3:00-5:15 James Robinson
GOVT 451: Northern Ireland: Historical Roots MWF 11:45-1:00 Seamus Deane
GOVT 452: Women in Politics MWF 3:40-5:45 Margaret O'Callaghan
HIST 235: Irish American Experience MWF 11:45-12:35 Margaret O'Callaghan
HIST 326: Irish History I MWF 9:35-10:25 Jay Dolan
HIST 333/333A: British History, 1660-1832 MWF 1:55-2:45 Jim Smyth

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Racial attack injures Chicago boy  

By HILLARY CHURA  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO  
Three white teen-agers have been accused of pulling a 13-year-old black boy off his bicycle, beating him unconscious and then telling their friends that they had taken care of blacks in the neighborhood.

Lenard Clark, found in an alley Friday night near the Chicago White Sox's Comiskey Park, remained hospitalized Monday in a comatose state with massive head injuries. Police said race was the only motive for the attack in the mostly white Bridgeport neighborhood. Lenard is from the Stateway Gardens complex across the interstate highway that separates a row of mostly black housing projects from the rest of the city. Officers said the three teens pulled Lenard from his bike after a game of basketball, yelling racial slurs as they slammed his head into a building, kicked him and left him bleeding.

"He's 13, and they left him lying in the street," said the child's father, who did not give his name. "He was riding his bike and wasn't bothering anybody. It was a senseless act that should not have happened."

Neighborhood residents — many of them white — helped police track down the suspects.

Frank Caruso, 18, Victor Jasas, 17, and Michael Kwizinski, 19, were all released on bond on charges of attempted murder, aggravating battery and a hate crime. Sgt. Marshall Andrews said the suspects, using a racial epithet, "bragged to their friends that they had taken care" of the blacks in the neighborhood.

None of the suspects had criminal records and two — Caruso and Jasas — are students at De La Salle Institute, a Catholic school that graduated Mayor Richard Daley and other prominent politicians from the neighborhood.

Housing experiment shows results  

By ALICE ANN LOVE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON  
In Atlanta and Milwaukee, families with modest incomes are moving into public housing along with the poor. They're doing the same in Cleveland, Oakland and El Paso. Five years ago the government threw away the rule book to allow cities to experiment with ways to revitalize their crime and poverty ridden public housing projects.

Now the first results are coming in. "The old way was to just stamp out these buildings, jam people in there and move on," said Kevin Marshman, assistant secretary for public housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. "We have to be more thoughtful and creative."

As part of the program, the agency provided $2 million in one-time grants to more than 50 local housing agencies to try to revitalize housing programs that have been declared a failure. The new approach envisions fewer public housing units and a relaxation of counter-productive, bureaucratic rules. As many as 40,000 public apartments are to be torn down with 20,000 units rebuilt. Income limits and other restrictions on who can live in the projects are being eased or waived altogether so people with jobs and improving earning power are able to move in and become neighborhood role models.

The agency has directed up to 20 percent of their grants to improve community resources such as private, non-profit day care, job training and health care facilities.

Finally, the agency has relaxed rules that previously prevented local housing officials from assuming management responsibility with private developers.

"The idea was to get housing authorities, communities, and residents the opportunity to participate in the planning of public housing," said Marshman.

Adequate housing advocates, however, are reevaluating the experiments. They say the results of some projects look suspiciously like gentrification. And they worry that even fewer houses will be available for those most in need.

"I haven't met anyone who would suggest concentrating poor people is good ... but if we have to make the strategic choice, our concern is that we serve the maximum number of low-income households," said Helen DuShane, director of the Washington-based National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Cities have promised to make up for low-income homes lost to the renovation efforts, but not necessarily by building more affordable housing. Instead, poor families will get vouchers so they can afford market rate rents in regular neighborhoods.

Marshman said the flow of money prevents replacing all of the housing units that are being destroyed, but it adds that "many of the units coming down you would not want up" because of their dilapidation and other problems.

Atlanta has pushed the experiment the farthest. There, the upwardly mobile are moving into new, $130,000, one-month apartments at Techwood, formerly a crumbling, crime-ridden neighborhood of last resort.

HDF has put up $1 million to rent 110 apartments.

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definition of community." With individuals focused on specific groups that serve their particular interests, Baxter generalized that fact that people are less willing to talk specifically about Christian community and traditions.

Indicating that people seek communities when they experience genuine and deep longings to identify with others, Baxter said that people seek to engage in life in a mutual dwelling. Conceiving an image of themselves while including others, individuals then share identities when they enter into communities.

In questioning whether a Christian community is possible, Baxter noted that he has no definitive answer himself. He does, however, find notions of community within daily interactions with people.

"We do not find community in prayer, but in liturgy being performed," he said. In his experiences in traveling abroad to El Salvador with two other Notre Dame friends, Baxter witnessed community in a small village in the mountains where Archbishop Oscar Romero was murdered while saying mass.

"Seeing the people's commitment to their faith by dwelling in a poverty-stricken area, and helping each other out in any way possible within their ability, is a true testimony to the way liturgy and community are one," Baxter said.

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Tanzania

Clinton visits African women

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

DAR ES SALAAM
First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton says the triumphs and pains of women the world over are a natural starting point for forging a new relationship between the United States and Africa.

Today she was exploring both tragedy and triumph in Arusha, Tanzania, where an international tribunal is looking into crimes committed against women during the 1994 ethnic slaughter in Rwanda — and where 25 school girls are celebrating their conquest of Africa’s highest mountain.

The girls, all students at the WeruWeru Secondary School, scaled Mount Kilimanjaro with virtually no training of any kind, but the desire to reach its peak.

During her visit to the international criminal tribunal for Rwanda, Mrs. Clinton was taking part in a discussion of sex crimes and taping a radio address on the issue to be broadcast in Rwanda.

The first lady praised Tanzania for "being gracious and hospitable" to refugees from Rwanda and other countries in the region that are marred by instability.

"It has been an enormous burden that you have borne," she said Monday. "The contribution that your country has been making toward peace and stability in this region and, indeed, in this continent are very well known and appreciated."

Those words meant a lot to the people of Tanzania, a poor but ambitious nation of 28 million people that is rich in natural resources — but whose people have a life expectancy of only 44 years.

Mrs. Clinton’s visit drew throngs of curious onlookers along the road from Tanzania’s airport into Dar es Salaam, the nation’s center of government and industry.

"You will find our people extremely good-natured," President Benjamin Mkapa told the first lady when she paid him a courtesy call.

The overarching theme of Mrs. Clinton’s two-week journey to Africa has been to point out some of the continent’s lesser-known qualities in hopes of broadening Americans’ knowledge and whetting interest in investing in it.

"It is a very important part of the world," Mrs. Clinton said. "We see so many of the leaders and the people in the countries we’ve visited really working hard on issues to improve their lives."

The first lady spent much of Monday discussing the status of Tanzanian women in a round-table discussion like one she conducted last week in Zimbabwe, where women told her they were chafing under a patriarchal social system.

Here the women were not as forceful, although they described similar problems — a need for better reproductive health care, a lack of education and jobs and a sense of helplessness in the face of sexual abuse.

"They do not know where to go. They do not know what to do," said Mwanaidi Majaar, an investment officer. "We those who do know where to go or what to do, they do not have the means."

Mrs. Clinton said while the people in the States are not as dramatically restricted by laws or social custom, they still confront "cultural, psychological and physical obstacles" that reduce their confidence in their abilities.
Nation's TB cases hit historic low

By MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK
The number of new tuberculosis cases in the United States dropped last year to the lowest level ever, with a record-breaking fall of 20 percent, health officials announced Monday.

It was the fourth straight year of decline, suggesting the nation is recovering from a rise in TB from the mid-80s to 1992, officials said. It is "on the right track toward the elimination of tuberculosis in this country," said Dr. Ken Castro of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We now have the rare opportunity to eliminate tuberculosis in the United States," Castro said.

However, he and others at a New York news conference cautioned against relaxing the fight against the disease, saying that's what made TB surges in the 1980s after a long decline.

Castro noted that 20 states and the District of Columbia showed no reduction or even had increases from 1995 to 1996, and that sporadic outbreaks of drug-resistant TB continue to be reported.

Last year's nationwide count of new TB cases was 21,327, down nearly 7 percent from 1995. That's since lowest rates recorded by CDC since 1953. Over the same period, the total population has almost doubled.

Officials credited programs that seek out people with tuberculosis, diagnose them and make sure the patients take their full course of therapy. To be cured, a TB patient must take drugs for six months or longer, even after symptoms are gone.

The reason is that federal funding aimed specifically at TB control had been cut with general public health block grants to states, which led many states to cut back their anti-TB efforts, Felton said.

Congress restored much of the anti-TB money by 1992, he said. "If we do not continue to support TB control efforts, we will face an inevitable rise in tuberculosis cases once again," Felton said.

"And the next time, the fight against TB will be much more costly." Among the areas reporting TB increases or no change in 1996 were the District of Columbia, up 26 percent, and Oregon, up 22 percent, Castro said.

He said it would take further study to determine why they and 19 other states bucked the nationwide trend. Many are probably still rebuilding their anti-TB programs, he said. And some may simply be getting better at detecting the disease, he said.

Castro also noted that an increasing proportion of these cases is being found in people born outside the country. They accounted for 37 percent of cases in 1996, up from 22 percent a decade before, and two-thirds of them were born in Mexico, the Philippines or Vietnam, he said.

Part of that trend is due to an influx of immigrants, he said. Many people diagnosed with TB probably entered the country with harmless latent infections of TB germs, Castro said. These infections can turn active after years of dormancy.

The best response is to stop anti-TB efforts in other countries, he said.

The worldwide spread of TB has leveled off since it hit a peak in 1992. But he said his overriding concern is to ensure that the fight against TB continues.

The trade agreement opens Gore visit

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
Trade agreement opens Gore visit

Al Gore today will visit to enhance "the friendly relations and cooperation between China and the United States," the White House said.

"The improvement of our relations serves the interests of both peoples," the president's agenda was crowded with meetings of both nations, Gore said.

But he said his overriding mission was to demonstrate the U.S.-Chinese relationship was maturing to a level of understanding that would allow cordial daily relations despite disagreements.

To make his case it was time to take the relationship to a new level, Gore cited a Chinese poem from the Tang Dynasty, which ended 1,100 years ago.

"The sun beyond the mountain glows, the Yellow River seaward flows, but if you desire a grander sight, then you must climb to scale a greater height." Gore also voiced China's desire to open its markets to foreign investment, and in working to lower emissions of so-called greenhouse gases even as China relies on coal to meet energy needs soaring to match economic growth.
After having been delayed a week past its initial re-release date, "Return of the Jedi," the third and final installment of the "Star Wars" trilogy, hit the movie theatres at the Ides of March. Although "Star Wars," a movie that made nation-wide news and brought in a large crowd of movie-goers, only major female character is a resourceful during her rescue but also has to battle the father he never knew. What is the audience to make of all this? I don't think it is too far fetched to see an extended meaning embedded within the trilogy. The story implores us to undergo ourselves the challenges of Awakening, Trial and Triumph. It is a story which demands personal interpretation and application, as all good stories do, rather than a simple dismissal with a wave of the hand as we turn off the temporary suspension of disbelief once we re-enter the "real" world outside the movie theatre. "Star Wars" is, of course, a highly idealized trilogy of movies, which only makes it all the more appealing to the private imagination and sense of self. Everyone at some point has dreamed of being a hero, a princess, a warrior, a wizard or a savior. During the hour-long series of televised interviews of 'The Making of Star Wars," to a person each of the actors and directors professing the influence of George Lucas's vision described the movie as somehow larger than life. It is this sense of overwhelming power and grandeur that gave "Star Wars" the cultural impact it continues to wield two decades after it first hit the big screen. Its universal appeal lies in its ability for subjective incorporation, the personal recognition of aspects of the individual as it relates to society and the willingness and the need to strive for the ideals which make living worthwhile. The "Star Wars" trilogy is not so much about the hackneyed adventure tales of "good" vs. "evil" as it is about the vindication of the construction of a healthy personality and of the triumph of the will. In these space operatic movies, we can see the triumph of the divided self over its own doubts, fears, worries and insecurities: the successful overcoming of the human soul.

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Sean O’Connor

All of this “real TV” is way out of hand. The excited announcers come on and blare about death and tragedy with a zestful gleam to a backdrop of chaos and snazzy graphics. It is only a slight jump downward from TV’s “Tazos of Death.” Aircraft careening into the screaming stands at airshows and drag races; throwing cars and even flying them into the crowd should not be graphically displayed with a revolting attitude. But I guess this captures the excitement of the public.

As we approach the fateful millennium, the public fascination with disaster is growing out of control. Films about spontaneous combustion insurance, the glorious Notre Dame tradition is protected.

The president and cropdusters could lead our counterattack, but the president is not my own. However, the provision of office space to adjunct professors is needed. The president and cropdusters have an intense fear of alien systems, as in the middle of a Minneapolis area apartment one afternoon when they were watching a dark shadow blot out the moon. The smoke swirling about the room only to find the missus reduced to a pile of ashes on your seat. If you sat in a carrel, or waiting hours to dial-in to the campus network, or waiting an hour to find the missus reduced to a pile of ashes on your seat.

I also have an intense fear of alien destruction. The following chilling account forever cemented the reality of the whole thing to me in my head: Two fellows by the name of Cletus and Tex were canoeing down a river one fine afternoon when something changed their lives forever. "Sure, we were smoking and drinking our usual mixture of beer and cigarettes, but we lost two white hats. They just [sic] vanished from our noggin like cooling pie off the windowsill. Then we find ourselves as this little hood in the crick, stuck in a log jam. We shout to the park ranger, 'How’d we get here at this landing, what time is it?’ He says, ‘There’s no way you boys could have floated that far down the river in two hours, water’s too low.’ But we see a second ranger so we asked him. He was real funny looking. He says nothing, just turns his back and walks away into the woods real strange-like. And that’s when we know: the aliens had had us!”

Last night on “Baywatch Nights” Mitch Buchanan solved the case of several psychic people, including one of his playboy colleagues, who had been infected with the blood of some devil worshippers and thus inherited said killer’s sinister characteristics. After some mayhem and a little quick detective work, the crazed infected people were apprehended and all traces of the mass murderer’s blood was cleansed from their systems, burning their clothes. The smoke swirling about Mitch’s feet and his purposeful stride into the camera was eerie. It makes me confident of his ability to thwart the forces of evil.

Then there is the disturbing case of hauntings. Spirits of all sorts, their visitations unrequired, their destruction inaccessible. As we approach 2000, I’ll be more skeptical. On a reputable talk show, I heard the tale of the ghost of Tupac Shakur and his exploits and outbreaks. Two kids were watching TV in their fifth year, and suddenly burst into flames. The back of class, maybe no one would participate much. I say we need another individual is proven untrue: “I looked up in the sky this morning and saw a shining brighter than all the others, and I said to myself, That’s Tupac, up in heaven, smoking a blunt.” I guess this is what another individual is proven untrue: “I looked up in the sky this morning and saw a shining brighter than all the others, and I said to myself, That’s Tupac, up in heaven, smoking a blunt.” Apparently the person had seen Venus. But if the sighting had occurred Sunday night, the aforementioned star could have been Mars. Mars was unusually bright because of a lunar eclipse, and to add to the magic, a comet could have been floating in the sky.

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time to its present pizza­ selling, Oriental food non­ selling location.

Let's review, shall we?

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2. Father Sorin knew that people sit around watching "The Simpsons" where science once took place, he would probably haunts us all.

3. There was actually once a religious on this campus known as, and I quote. "Little Leap." And he apparently had a recipe for some killer marshmallow cookies.

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One in ten women, of any age...

Within the next year about 5.700 women between the ages of 40 and 49 will die of breast cancer. In fact, one out of every 10 women will develop breast cancer at some point throughout her life. Breast cancer remains the cancer that kills the greatest num­ ber of women early in life, other than lung cancer.

In women, the breasts change after puberty and continually change until women reach menopause. This continuous change of the breasts is due to the constant fluctuation of various hormones within the female body. During puberty, women produce estrogen in large quantities. Due to estrogen production, the breasts develop and become a framework of connective tissue within the breast, and a system of glands and ducts. In addition, fat cells begin to build up within the breasts and consequently compose the bulk of breast tissue.

Throughout a woman's life, her breasts change monthly due to the phenomenon known as the menstrual cycle. Throughout the first half of the menstrual cycle, the ovaries release estrogen which causes new cells to grow in the glands, ducts, and other breast tissue. In addition, more blood flows in the breasts during the first half of the menstrual cycle. In the second half of the menstrual cycle, the glands in the breasts are bombarded with progesterone and estrogen. This bombarding causes the breasts to produce the precursors of breast milk. If the female does not become pregnant, the hormone level rapidly decreases and the body absorbs both the secretions and new cells that have been produced by the breasts. In addition, the transport of blood to the breasts decreases considerably.

On the other hand, if the woman does become pregnant, the breasts will continually enlarge and they may gain as much as a pound of weight. This excess weight is due to more cells being laid down in the stroma and fat cells being added to the breasts. In addition, if a woman becomes pregnant, the nipple and areola are apt to grow much larger.

With all of the constant changes going on in the breasts, it is no won­ der that something could easily go wrong and a cancer could form. The most common sign that a woman has developed breast cancer is the appearance of a lump in one of the breasts. This lump may be painful or tender. Other signs and symptoms of breast cancer include clear or bloody discharge from the nipple, retraction of the nipple, a change in the contour of the breasts (i.e., one of the breasts is larger than the other), any flattening or indentation of the breast, or redness and pitting.

The tumors that will develop with breast cancer can often be felt by a self-examination of the breast. However, mammograms also have proven infinitely useful in diagnosing breast cancer. Mammograms can detect tumors that are one-eights of an inch in diameter, while manual examinations cannot detect tumors that are smaller than a half-inch around. However, even mammograms cannot always serve a useful purpose in detecting cancer since some tumors are so aggressive.

For example, an aggressive tumor grows so quickly that by the time it can be detected with a mammogram, it is already likely to have seed­ ed another organ with cancer. However, a ductal carcinoma in situ, which is found in the ducts of the breast, is an earlier and usually more treatable form of cancer. In fact, between 15 and 60 percent of these tumors can be detected by mammograms. Finally, an indolent tumor is such a very slow-growing tumor that it may take years to develop. It is considerably less dangerous than the fast-growing tumor, which means that even if the tumors are not detected until they can be felt by a manual exam, the patient still has a great chance for survival.

The primary treatment for breast cancer is surgery. The doctor will remove any lumps that she may find on the breast. This surgery can be accompanied by radiation therapy. Radiation therapy can be followed by chemotherapy. In addition, the doctor may decide to remove an area of the lymph nodes from the armpits in order to test for malignancy. Radiation therapy is often used when the cancer has reached the lymph nodes in order to kill the cells that have escaped surgical removal. Hormone treatment can be given to tumors growing and in some cases cause tumors to shrink. Finally, chemotherapy, and tumor drugs, can be used to rid the body of tumors. However, chemotherapeutic drugs are often toxic and can cause many adverse side effects.

It is recommended that all women who have passed puberty give themselves self-examinations on a regular basis. In addition, it is rec­ ommended for women who believe they have a lump in their breast or who have reached the age of 40 to see their doctor and receive a mam­ mogram.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa—Connecticut’s dream of an unbeaten season in the NCAA Tournament is over. Tennessee’s recovery will continue in the Final Four.

The Volunteers (35-3), the defending national champions, weathered a second-half rally after building a 25-point lead and beat No. 2-seed Tennessee (27-10) 70-60 in the unseasonal finals.

In the latest installment of a rivalry that has become one of the most intense in women’s basketball, Tennessee’s 127-101 avenged a 72-57 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 13 in the regional championship at the Pontiac Silverdome in Cincinnati on Friday night.

The American Chamique Holdsworth, keeping her poise after getting her fourth foul with 13:24 left. She scored 25 points to lead the Lady Vols, who will make their third straight Final Four appearance and 10th overall.

The Volunteers can’t go back to their second-round performance in the semifinals in the previous year. Tennessee won that game 72-59, but Connecticut made only 15 of 33 first-half shots for the first time this season and down 47-33 in the early stages.

The game’s first six points came from the floor in the semifinals in the previous year. Tennessee had beaten Connecticut for its biggest lead in a game that night. Connecticut missed all six first-half shots and scored only one basket in the first 3:13.

Connecticut put on a bigger first-half effort, out shooting Tennessee 55.3 percent to 35.6 percent, holding the Lady Vols to 27 percent in the half.

It was the sixth meeting between Connecticut and Tennessee since 1995. Tennessee had beaten the Huskies once previously at the Final Four, in the overtime victory in the semifinals.

Tennessee dominated the first half with strong rebounding and solid defense that forced Connecticut to take outside shots.

Connecticut also had foul problems. Wolters sat out the final 7:33 of the half after picking up her second foul on a charging call. Sales, a second-team All-American, was tagged with her second foul at 8:03 and played only 13 minutes in the half.

Tennessee scored three baskets after offensive rebounds during an 18-7 run that broke a 6-6 tie and put the Lady Vols up 24-13 with eight minutes gone in the game. Connecticut was playing catch-up the rest of the night.

Reserve Misty Green’s three-pointer made 39-26 and Tiffany Johnson’s three-point play after yet another offensive rebound gave Tennessee its biggest lead of the half, 42-27.

UConn got the lead down to nine with six straight points before Tennessee scored the final three of the half to go 45-33. The worst off Connecticut had been previously was a 14-point loss at Kansas, a game the Huskies won 85-64.
Trio makes strong showing at Championships

Brooks, Newell, Suddarth put Irish on map

By BILL HART

The Notre Dame women's swimming team finished its season this weekend in the NCAA Championships at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis. The Irish were represented by three swimmers, the largest contingent in Notre Dame history.

On the first day, senior All-American Erin Brooks placed 23rd in the preliminaries of the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 56.08. A pair of freshmen rounded out the Irish contingent. Shannon Suddarth placed 22nd in the preliminaries of the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.37, which broke her previous record set at the Big East Championships. Alison Newell swam the 100 butterfly in 55.98 to place 32nd in the preliminaries.

“Overall, we thought that they had done a good job on the first day,” head coach Bailey Weathers commented. “It would have been nice to get someone into the final heat on the first day, but we knew that the events on Sunday were our stronger ones.”

“Even though we all had good swims on the first day, we were all a little disappointed,” Suddarth remarked. “However, our times made us want to try even harder on the second day, and I think the results show for themselves.”

On the second day, Brooks led the Irish as she placed eighth in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:58.55 to earn All-America honors for the second consecutive year.

Earlier in the day, Brooks swam 1:58.14 to claim the seventh fastest time in the preliminaries. Brooks placed 10th in the same event in the 1996 Championships.

“The first day, I wasn’t all that pleased with how I did,” Brooks commented. “I was hoping to get into the consolation heat, but things didn’t work out. Even though I did better on the second day, I still feel some disappointment.”

“Erin has helped us out a lot over these past few years,” Weathers remarked. “She’s brought a lot of notoriety to our program, especially through being an All-American two years in a row. She’s one of the best swimmers in the country, and she proved it this weekend.”

The two freshmen continued to impress, both taking high marks in their respective events. Newell swam 2:01.72 in the evening finals to place 13th. She placed 10th in the preliminaries with a time of 2:00.53 to break her own school record which she set in the Big East Championships.

“I was really nervous, this being my first trip to the NCAA Tournament,” Newell said, “but that went away after my first event. On Sunday, I redoubled my efforts and it paid off.”

Suddarth broke her school record in the 200 backstroke for the second time on Saturday. In the preliminaries, she placed 15th with a time of 2:16.31 to break the school record which she set in the Big East Championships.

Later in the day, Suddarth improved with a time of 2:15.41 in the finals, placing 13th overall. The time avenged a loss earlier in the year against Miami’s Kristine Tollefson in the 200 breaststroke at the Big East Championships. Tellegen placed 14th, behind Suddarth by only a quarter of a second.

“We were happy with how both Shannon and Alison did this weekend,” Weathers said. “I think there were a lot of people on the team who could have competed this weekend, and got the consideration times they needed, but they were just short of the cut that the committee makes.”

Overall, the Irish placed 25th with 19 points. USC claimed the women’s title with 406 points. The Big East NCAA Championships brings to a close one of the most successful seasons in Notre Dame history.

“I thought we really accomplished a lot this season,” Weathers commented. “We made a lot of strides, and we had a lot of fun doing it. We would have like to have more people compete this weekend, but we were happy with how we did, and we knew that it shows promise for the future of the program.”

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Sophomore Paul Turtur is one of many Irish players hoping to end the team's five game losing streak today against Western Michigan. WMU invades Eck as Irish look to end skid

By BRIAN REINTHALER Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish will be looking to halt a five game slide as they officially open their 1997 home schedule this evening against the Broncos of Western Michigan. The 5 p.m. matchup will be the first of three home contests this week.

WMU returns 13 of 21 letterman from a 1996 squad that finished 17-34 and placed ninth in the Mid-American conference. The returnees include senior rightfielder Brent Sachs and junior hurler Billy Coleman.

In his junior year, Sachs hit .397 with four home runs and 21 RBIs. The right-handed Coleman went 5-6 in 1996 and struck out 66 batters on route to a 3.13 ERA. The Broncos' pitching staff is bolstered by the addition of top newcomers Brad Block from Portage, Mich. and Eric Place of Oliver, Mich.

The 9-11 Irish are coming off of three straight losses to conference foe Seton Hall last weekend. The Pirates avenged a late season sweep from a year ago by battering the Irish for 37 runs in just three games.

When asked what areas hurt the team in New Jersey, sophomore Paul Turtur could not put his finger on one particular aspect of the games.

"It's tough to say that any one thing (happened)," the shortstop explained. "We just didn't do the things we needed to do to win. It was a pretty disappointing weekend."

Turco did acknowledge that the team would be dwelling on the losses.

"You've got to focus on any positives you can find," said Turco. "A guy like (Mike) Amrhein is just having a great season, and some of the guys (pitchers) threw some strong innings."

The Irish must accentuate those positives this week in order to regain some confidence for upcoming Big East games.

"We just have to forget about last weekend and start anew," Turco said. "The big thing is to not let (the Seton Hall series) affect us this week."

Notre Dame will follow up their game with the Broncos by hosting Northeastern Illinois at 5 p.m. on Wednesday and the Chipewas of Central Michigan at the same time on Thursday.

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Newest varsity squad continues to make noise

By FRED CHEW and WRANGLER WHITMAN
Sports Writers

On a cold afternoon yesterday at Moose Krause Stadium, the women’s lacrosse team turned up the heat and beat Stanford 19-13. With their second victory in three days, the Irish improved their record to 4-1, and are undefeated at home.

Kerry Callahan cashed in five goals, including three in a row at one point in the game, and added three assists in the first 23 minutes of play to spark the Irish to a 12-2 lead. Callahan was even in on the play of the day as the recipient and converter of a great Eileen Regan assist. This stretched the Irish lead to 9-2.

A quick start is becoming the norm for this high-powered offense. "It is easy to score when the transition game is working as well as it was today. I was open and my teammates made some great plays to pass the ball to me on the move," said Callahan.

For the most part, the Irish dominated the Cardinal in the first 30 minutes of the game, but a mental lapse in the last three minutes of the first half kept Stanford within striking distance. They scored three quick goals and cut the Notre Dame margin to seven.

Coach Tracy Coyne was visibly upset with the Irish effort in the last two minutes of the half, and called a timeout with only 47 seconds left before intermission.

"Coach Coyne got us back on track during the timeout," said defender Megan Schmitt.

The timeout ebbed the Stanford flow, and the Irish led 12-5 at the break.

Leading 14-8 with 21 minutes left in the game, Callahan, Regan, and Fox again came up big, scoring three consecutive goals and wiping out any chance of a Cardinal rally.

"Holding an apparently commanding 19-9 lead, the Irish again let up like they had at the end of the first half. The Cardinal took advantage, scoring four more quick goals, led by their star Alexis Patrizio, who ended up with six goals on the day. However, this was not enough as Notre Dame just had too big of a lead for Stanford to overcome. "We played really well except the last three minutes," said senior captain Mara Grace, who scored three goals for the Irish.

"When you get up a lot, you tend to lose focus. We need to learn to stay intense the whole game."

Notwithstanding a few quick Cardinal scoring sprees, the Irish excelled in their home victory over Stanford.

"I am not saying that we do not like to win on the road, but winning at home is great because we can share our success with our fans," said Coach Coyne.

After a quick Stanford goal following the break, Notre Dame returned to their dominating form with crisp passing, which led to a Tara Pierce goal off of a great feed from Stephanie Fox. "Our passing and transition game got Stanford off-balanced. Their team was very good, but our combinations were working and we pressured them very well," said Coyne.

Leading 14-8 with 21 minutes left in the game, Callahan, Regan, and Fox again came up big, scoring three consecutive goals and wiping out any chance of a Cardinal rally.

"Holding an apparently commanding 19-9 lead, the Irish again let up like they had at the end of the first half. The Cardinal took advantage, scoring four more quick goals, led by their star Alexis Patrizio, who ended up with six goals on the day. However, this was not enough as Notre Dame just had too big of a lead for Stanford to overcome.

"We played really well except the last three minutes," said senior captain Mara Grace, who scored three goals for the Irish.

"When you get up a lot, you tend to lose focus. We need to learn to stay intense the whole game."

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After a successful homestand with victories over Denver and Stanford, the Irish hope to improve their 4-1 mark this weekend with games against Duquesne and Davidson.

Sophomore Kerry Callahan slung the Cardinal of Stanford with a barrage of five goals in the opening 23 minutes of action yesterday at Moose Krause Stadium. The Irish prevailed 19-13.
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she had 14 first half points and seven rebounds on her way to a 25 point, 16 rebound perfor­mance. Gaither’s strong play in the paint helped the Irish push their lead to as many as 10 points in the first half, but strong play from George Washington’s Tanna Abraham and Noelia Gomez kept their squad in the game as they each had 9 on the evening.

In the second half, George Washington’s ‘long-range bomber Lisa Cermingimano came alive after being shot down by the Irish in the first. She had nine points, all coming in the second stanza. One of her three treys put her squad ahead for 39-38.

Their lead did not last long as the Irish responded with a 16-4 run. The Colonial post players couldn’t keep Gaither off the glass as her persistence on the boards paid off on a bucket to give Notre Dame the lead for good at 40-39.

On the defensive end of the court, McGraw matched from their traditional match-up zone to a man-to-man. The switch slowed the Colonials’ attack which gave the Irish a chance to push away.

“When they took the lead, we switched to a man to man,” McGraw said. “That was really the turning point, we started to swing them and were able to build on the lead.”

McGraw’s solid contributions of all her role players as Morgan was held to just ten shots on the evening. Senior point guard Jeannine Augustin drained a much needed trey and finished with seven points, six rebounds and four assists. Her backcourt mate, Mollie Peirlck also got involved under the basket as she added nine rebounds to her five assists. Sheila McMillen came off the bench to chip in seven points, six rebounds, and four assists.

Rosanne Bohman complimented Gaither in the post with eight points and six rebounds. Freshman Julie Henderson and junior Kari Hutchinson, who was hampered with a broken hand several weeks ago, also gave McGraw solid minutes.

“The kids just found a way to win,” McGraw said.

“Katryna and Beth did their jobs. I can’t say enough about them,” McGraw said about her All-Americans who were also named to the East Regional all-tournament team. “They continued to work really hard and everyone else did their jobs also. We’ve never looked ahead and we’ve just taken it one step at a time.”

“This is unbelievable, it’s the stuff dreams are made of,” said an elated McMillen. “We’ve proved that we’re better than a six seed and we definitely want to go to Cincinnati and give it our best.”

Gaither echoed her teammate’s sentiments.

“We want to go there and we believe we can do some damage. We’re just going to go there and play hard. We’ve believed all along and we just need to keep on believing.”

“We want another shot at UConn,” McGraw said. “Hopefully they’ll win tonight. We feel like anything can happen.”

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inment in order to give that tal­lent a chance.

Even the NCAA tournament has thrown the Irish some un­expected turbulence. The Irish offered the tournament a 27-6 record and a No. 13 ranking and received only a sixth seed in return.

But the Irish have made their way past the pot holes. They have paid their tolls and are driving their way toward Cincinnati and the Final Four. And they are not about to slow down.

With Tennessee’s upset of the year over undefeated Connecticut last night, the Irish are the lone hope of the Big East.

With their No. 6 seed, they are the clear-cut favorites of all those teams who are tired of being pushed around by bullies, namely Tennessee, UConn, and Georgia.

They have All-Americans Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither taking turns in the driver’s seat and a six other players fighting over the map.

With five seniors and two ju­niors, they know that this will be the last road trip they will take as the team they know themselves to be.

And although the road is still paved with pain, it is ap­propriately smoother as they won’t have to face the Connecticut team that has beat them five consecutive times.

Despite the fact that the adventurous Irish hoped to have a chance to conquer the uncharted territory of beating Connecticut, they now will en­ter a neutral zone and face a team that is as new to the Irish as they are to them.

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Ivy Field awaits as squad returns from trip

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After a month-long road trip, the Notre Dame softball team finally heads home to the friendly confines of Ivy Field, playing host to intra-state rival Indiana this afternoon. The Blue and Gold carry an even 12-12 record into the Crimson and Cream, after an outstanding cross-country tour over spring break.

Tournamets in Oklahoma and California brought much luck to the Irish, as the battle-tested team emerged with a 10-5 record for the trip.

"We've been able to practice outside on our field for the past month," said coach Liz Miller. "It will be nice not to get on a plane to go to the game." Indiana is a familiar foe to the 1997 squad. The Hoosiers routed the Irish in the Sun Devil Classic over a month ago, handing Notre Dame a 10-1 loss in their season-opener. Notre Dame will look to turn things around in their home-opener, though.

"We've made major steps since our first games, especially in terms of our consistency defensively. We know that we have to be ready for every play, every ball," Miller said.

"Improved defensive play has given the Irish confidence, which has translated into an offensive outburst as well. "We're now hitting over .300 as a team, much improved from the beginning of the season," said Miller.

Senior Katie Marton leads the team in batting average and slugging percentage, while fellow captain Meghan Murray has found her stroke again, contributing to the potent Irish offense of late.

The rest of the team has taken the pressure off of the seniors with powerful bats of their own.

"Kara McMahan has been getting key hits and Jen Giampaolo's bat is coming around," Miller said.

Aside from the veterans' contributions, freshman Sara Mathison's offensive display during the recent road trip has panned the Irish.

She flexed her muscles, pounding out two homers during the campaign.

"Sara has been hitting the ball very well for us," said Miller.

Hurlers Kelly Nichols and Angela Bessolo will take the mound for the Irish today, with the first game scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at Ivy Field.

As they look to avenge the early season five-inning loss to Indiana, the one thing they are sure of is that it feels good to be home.

The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education is looking for Peer Educators for the 1997-98 academic year.

Peer educators are students from a wide range of perspectives, who volunteer their time to help shape positive norms regarding alcohol, drugs and other related issues.

Peer educators will be involved in Freshman Orientation as well as presenting programs in residence halls throughout the year.

If you would like to make a difference... please pick up an application at the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, 1 Mezzanine Level, Lafortune or Call X7970 for more information.

Matt, Anne, Beth, & Leon would like to thank the Class of 97 for such a great year:

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We'd also like to thank the members of the Junior Class Council for all of their hard work and dedication this year:

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Choose Your Own Adventure

Who will follow in the path of Dave Kellett and Ed Leader as the next cartoonist for The Observer? Each of these candidates has his eyes set on being the next. And the decision is up to you.

That's right: your vote will determine which comic strip appears in The Observer. In each issue this week and next week, a selection from each of the four comic strips will appear here. Next week, a ballot will be provided at the bottom of this page so that you can submit your vote for your favorite comic strip.

A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

A Long Way from Somewhere looks at the chaos and comedy of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. The strip centers around the life of A.J., a shy but friendly undergrad, and his outgoing roommate (currently unnamed). A.J. is always finding himself caught up in some wild or wacky act in his daily (and during his work-study position at the South Dining Hall) and tends to bring his unwrangling roomie along for the ride. Because A.J.'s love life is perpetually cursed, his suave roommate has no problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and William, the nerd across the hall. Other characters include: the ROTC guy, the Stadium Usher, Sleepy the Squirrel, the DMRT machine, and the Talking Ethanol Cloud.

KEVIN TROVINI

MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

Men About Campus is essentially a comic strip about that — a guy's perspective about Notre Dame. It covers everything, including ND "dating," the dining hall, SYRs, football games, the leprechaun and the weather. Of course, the strip will contain women — as for the moment the guys are just moving into their new place. And like the dorms, all campus comics have to contend with parietals, too.

The comic strip will also address some of the politics of ND, such as the stance on gay and lesbian students, the ever-increasing number of sports edifices on campus, along with the basic humor which a group of four unique men eventually come up with.

Dan Sullivan

DAN SULLIVAN

N.D.C.D. BLUES

The main characters of N.D.C.D. Blues are a nameless koala bear and a penguin. The Koala is a neutralbgcolor(200,200,200) and the penguin will vary, in general, I will mock events happening around and to me. Since I am a Notre Dame student, obviously Notre Dame events will play a role in the strip's theme. But I'll also explore all aspects of my life here, which means I don't want to focus solely on Notre Dame. These first seven strips demonstrate this. None of them deal directly with Notre Dame, but out of the events surrounding it. The jokes regarding the Huddle, the dining hall food, the sports teams, etc., have been done ad nauseam. I hope to put a slightly fresher perspective on this strip.

JOHN HLAVATY

The strip is about Ron, Pete, and everyone else's crazy lives here at ND. The Stars of the Show: Ron is pretty delusional, and Pete tends to be more sane, as does Lisa when compared to her roommate, Jen. Jen is an engineer, and Jan is an architecture major, although that may change. Crazy Bill is the demented next-door neighbor of Ron and Pete; he's pretty messed up. The Two Giant Squirrels are friends of Crazy Bill on the Bookstore Basketball team. Lenny, a chupacabra, lives in Pete's pillow.

Jeremiah Conway
SPORTS

Tuesday, March 25, 1997

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Irish handle Colonials, dance to Cincinnati

Gaither boosts ND to third tourney upset

By JOE CAVATO
Associated Press

It wasn't as dramatic as their second-round win over Texas. It didn't involve three-point-shot heroics and a 22-0 run like their come­back win over Alabama. But it was the win that put the Notre Dame women's basketball team into the Final Four for the first time ever.

After upset victories over the third-seeded Texas Longhorns and the second-seeded Alabama Crimson Tide, the Irish added fifth­seeded George Washington to their list with a blue­collar 62-52 victory in Columbia, South Carolina. The win placed the East Regional championship and sent the Irish to Cincinnati this Friday for the Final Four where they will play the second­seeded champions, Tennessee.

"We struggled a bit tonight," said Beth Morgan, who had 15 points on 5 for 11 shooting, "but we were able to come through in the end." The Irish will head to the Final Four with a 31-6 record and a lot of emotion and excitement. They are the first Irish bas­ketball team in the Final Four since Digger Phelps took the men's squad to St. Louis in 1978.

"We worked really hard and definitely earned it tonight," Irish high­point player Katryna Gaither said. "We finally get a trip to the Final Four. It's unbelievable." Notre Dame is just the third sixth­seeded team in the women's NCAA tournament history to travel all the way down the road to the Final Four.

"What a great team," head coach Muffet McGraw raved. "You can never count them out. Everybody has played so well togeth­er.

"This is really exciting," assistant coach Kevin McGuff said. "Plenty of times we could have been knocked out, but our kids have just kept battling and battling. They have been so resilient and now we're going to Cincinnati to take our shot."

Morgan got things going right from the opening tap. After Gaither won the jump ball, Morgan took a pass from Rosanne Bohman and canned a three before five seconds had run off the clock. The Blue and Gold crashed the boards and used a 28-19 first half edge in that category to overcome 12 first half turnovers. The squad went into the locker room with a 22-22 lead.

Gaither, who was named to the East Regional tournament MVP, was simply too much for the Colonials as

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Krol, women lead fencers to second at NCAAs

By DAVID FRICK
Spears Writer

Four months ago, the fencing team made a promise that they would compete for a national title. Though they fell short by a small margin, the squad can hold its head up with a level of excellence and immense talent to capture the individual title over 1996 champions Nicole Bygert of St. John's.

The match came down to the final touch, with Krol winning 15-14. Krol was unavailable for comment as she will be competing in Spain in an international tournament this week.

Though the final team score did not turn out as wished, there was much the team could be proud of. A tough loss and another there, and the Irish would have had their first crown since the 1994 campaign. Only through the enormous talent of Penn State would the team be denied.

"We'd've liked to win the champi­onships, but you can't make mistakes when you're up against Penn State," said Auriol. Due to travel difficulties, the team members were unavailable for comment when the story went to press. More coverage and players' reactions will be included in tomorrow's edi­tion.

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Purdue Invitational,
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I R I S H I N S I G H T

Final Four a reality despite bumpy journey

It has not always been an easy road for the Notre Dame women's basketball team. Although its 31-6 record might not reflect too many road blocks, there have been some pot holes.

You know, those obstacles in the road that might go unnoticed but can be equally as damaging.

Take, for instance, the example of the 1995 Irish squad. Head coach Muffet McGraw said to ESPN yesterday, that they were as talent­ed as the team she will lead to the Final Four on Friday, but because they did not have a conference like the Big East behind them, they did not re­ceive the same recognition.

Or how about the fact that now that they have finally made it into a Big-name con­ference, they have constantly been forced to sit in second place because of the seemingly unbeatable Connecticut Huskies.

Or that despite the talent­laden roster of the Irish team, they have been plagued with injuries, even to the point at which the Irish had to play team manager Christy Grady during the Big East tourna­ment.

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