Officers respond to controversy surrounding elections

By TIM LOGAN

As student body president Micah Murphy and vice president Michael Palumbo prepare to lead Notre Dame’s student government for another term, they face a number of questions about its effectiveness and responsiveness to student concerns.

Murphy, a senior marketing major, and Palumbo, a senior English major, have received criticism for relative silence on controversial issues while on the campaign trail. Murphy and Palumbo have also been accused of not being approachable and more effectively advance their concerns to the administration.

"It seems very exclusive at times," said Wally Potter, a Zahn Hall junior who has run for student body president twice but is not involved beyond the hall government level. "It doesn’t always represent students as well as it could."

The perception that student government is often exclusive, the new administration hopes to combat this problem according to Palumbo.

"If we become self-interested, if we become exclusive, we shut out student opinion," he said. "If we’re supposed to be representatives of the students, we need to be willing to listen to students. If we become exclusive, we’re not doing our job."

Some say that will be difficult, however, given the very nature of the organization.

"I think the problem with student government is that it’s sort of rotated at the core," said Luke White, who finished third in the election on a campaign that played largely on sauro and a proposal to kill sauro. White said that elected student leaders focus too much on consensus building and are thus unable to make serious progress on advancing student concerns.

"I think student government is lacking idealism," he said. "It has the bureaucratic structure, but it lacks the force behind it."

Other candidates agreed that student government is often exclusive, the student body president said. "I’m happy to represent the University in the best of my ability," said Brown, the first African-American chosen to serve as Notre Dame’s leprechaun. "You represent the University, the students, the alumni and fans all over the world."

While Brown was active in supporting his high school teams from the stands, this will be the first time he has taken to the field to show his support.

"It’s something I didn’t plan on, until I came here and felt the spirit here," he said.

"It’s the most exclusive, energetic person I’ve ever seen. He has a magnetic charisma about him that I think will encourage the crowd to cheer," said Jo Minton, head coach and program director of cheerleading.

"This is something that dates back to 1963, when my father and I travelled to L.A. and I met the 1968 leprechaun," he said. "My sister encouraged me to go out and show my enthusiasm."

"I’m very excited," Lanktree said. "I’d love to take the opportunity to represent the University, and I can’t wait to show my enthusiasm for ND."

"Continuity for the position was especially tough this year," said Minton.

"We have nine candidates try out, which was unusual, but speaks well of the program," said Minton.

Each candidate’s tryout followed the same format. They were individually with a panel of six interviewers, representing everyone from the cheerleading coaches to the alumni association.

In addition to delivering a pep rally address, the candidates are also judged on their ability to face the press amid the simulated distractions of a real game.

"After the game situation is a media interview. The media interview is a radio or TV personality who approaches the candidate and drills him with questions," Minton explained. "This year they were asked questions regarding a large girl who couldn’t lift a leprechaun, and they had to respond with the proper response — that anyone can try out and that it’s just the one with most spirit and the most energy."

Minton said that the media interview is one of the most valuable parts of the selection process.

"We try to simulate what it’s like for the leprechaun," she said. "By putting them through this process, you can tell which one can handle the situation and which one can get the crowd going at a pep rally."
Blame it on the rain

I'd like to blame it on the rain. Or the wind. Or the god I can't see. It's not different circumstances. I wish I could believe that it was poor weather conditions and not poor showing that spelled out our failure. It's not to say that the ball was wet. I put up enough bricks to construct anything. I just believe that some rich aluminums can slap his name on it.

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Christian democracy can only have a future when it recognizes that humanity must confront changes in technology, economics and other principles of globalization, said Former Dutch Prime Minister Wim D. C. D. Lubbers, prime minister of the Netherlands, Friday.

Lubbers, who delivered the keynote address at the weekend's Christian Democracy in Europe and Latin America conference, explained that the concept of globalization includes worldwide communication via technology, worldwide trade and investment, and changes in political ideology.

He added that something needs to be done to address continued cynicism and marginalization.

"We need a new architecture to cope with these problems," he said.

Lubbers urged his audience to focus less on the shortcomings of politicians and more on how each person can contribute to the solutions.

"We present in society, defend and practice values, pressure institutions like business to humanize mankind," he said.

While both cynicism and indifference are troublesome, Lubbers said that he is more concerned with indifference. He urged Christian democrats to return to their roots and strengthen themselves for the future.

"The future is always about change," he said. "The only way to do so is to accept that we have to change ourselves and we have to change together."

Lubbers also expressed optimism about technology such as the Internet that connects people from all over the world. He said that this should lead to a respect of cultural differences and an appreciation of diversity.

"There is enormous opportunity in cultural diversity," Lubbers said. "There are such riches in the diversity of this world."

He said Christian democracy should never be afraid to listen to others or to reach out to a variety of people.

"I think it's doable," Lubbers said.

Lubbers also explained that there are deficits in democracy, especially in the regards to security, and that there are social and environmental factors that contribute to the problem.

After World War II, security meant preventing violence between nation-states, he said. Violence within nation-states, however, was something in which other nations did not become involved.

"Today, we talk about Kosovo and we are really confused," said Lubbers, who explained that such international intervention is different from previous understandings of security.

Part of this relates to cynicism, he explained. Lubbers used the example of a family watching the news and seeing devastation in Kosovo and then criticizing their politicians for not becoming involved.

Three weeks later, Lubbers said, the same family hears that their president has initiated bombing raids in that country and they criticize their leaders for naivete.

Lubbers also discussed the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the new world structure. He said that globalization leads to new institutions.

"By institutions I mean that people organize themselves. For example, in non-profit organizations we see enormous growth around the world," Lubbers said, adding that this is especially true in mature market economies.

He explained that these organizations have a role in improving quality of life. While their organizational skills are important, there is another factor.

"What we work for as well is that they have to start to pressureize, to put pressure to, the transnational companies," Lubbers said.

In this way, the NGOs play a role in holding corporations responsible for their actions around the globe. This is especially true as globalization becomes more prevalent, Lubbers noted.

In the past, companies were only responsible to the law of the country in which they operated. With the advent of world conferences on environment and labor standards fostered by NGOs, however, that is changing, Lubbers explained.

"Now companies are becoming a little bit scared," he said. "Now they have to do a little bit better than that."

Lubbers also discussed a recent emphasis on fundamental values. He said that all religions share certain values, such as the Golden Rule.

"People have started to react against the prime movers of globalization. They start to stress emotional values as well," Lubbers said. "It's interesting that people talk more now than 20 years ago about specific values."

Lubbers also discussed globalization studies at the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands and at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He was the Netherlands' longest serving prime minister, holding office from 1982 to 1994.

The Nanovic and Kellogg Institutes sponsored the conference.

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Conference stresses importance of service learning

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

Service learning is phenomenon, said Rebecca Petit, a representative from the South Bend Juvenile Justice Facility, at the America's Promise Conference Friday.

The conference, titled SEEDS (Supporting Experiential Development for Students), brought together representatives from local community service organizations and student interns, to encourage student participation in experiential learning.

"Service learning is a great learning environment," said Kregg Van Meter, representing the Boys' and Girls' Club. Van Meter, who works with students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, has nearly 85 volunteers and eight work-study students.

"If you're on campus, you're putting books away in the library or pouring coffee for people," said Mary Finley, a senior work-study student at the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Working at the Club, she said, is great because the kids are approachable and she can interact with the kids. Finley said people are surprised when she tells them of the 14 hours per week she works at the club, mostly because many people don't realize the options of doing work-study off campus.

A problem Van Meter sees in getting students to volunteer off campus is not lack of interest but lack of transportation. Though some students use vans provided by the Center for Social Concerns and others carpool, the biggest problem in drawing students off campus is the inability to get in and from volunteer sites.

Petit, who only takes on students willing to commit two semesters of work, said that service learning is "the most exciting" part of her job. From the beginning, Petit treats her student workers as employees rather than volunteers, issuing them job descriptions, employee business cards and offices.

"We want to put students in a situation where they can be successful," she said, noting that she places students in jobs relevant to their academic interests.

Van Meter and Petit agree with McDowell. Van Meter tries to incorporate students into leadership roles as much as she can. While Van Meter allows students to lead art classes and coach the children's athletic teams, Petit has students run free counseling sessions for students visiting the facility.

Student workers are invaluable to a community agency, said Rebecca Petit, South Bend Juvenile Justice Facility Representative. "We want to put students in a situation where they can be successful."

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Iraq: Allied planes kill two

BAGHDAD

Allied planes struck civil and military targets in southern Iraq Sunday, killing two people and wounding nine others, the Iraqi military reported. The U.S. Central Command confirmed that American forces had attacked Iraqi missile batteries 110 miles south of Baghdad, but gave no word of casualties. The attacks were in retaliation for anti-aircraft fire and a surface-to-air missile attack by "coalition aircraft," the Central Command said in a statement from its headquarters in Florida. In Baghdad, the Iraqi air defense command said allied aircraft had bombed "civil installations and weapons positions." Two Iraqis were killed and nine others were wounded in the attack, including two women. From the province of Quissiisa, the official Iraqi News Agency quoted the command as saying: Quissiis is 125 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Two die from taxi station bomb

KAMPALA, Uganda

A bomb blast in a crowded taxi station in the Ugandan capital killed at least two people Sunday and injured eight others, government officials said. The attack took place just 200 yards from another taxi station that was attacked Saturday. Police, who gave no details of the attack, rounded off the streets near the station and kept reporters away from the station that was littered with smashed bottles and broken crates. No one immediately responded for the attack. Witnesses at the station said they saw two bags go off in the ground. At least two people were taken to the hospital, government officials said. Witnesses said one of the injured died on the way. Bombs planted on inter-city buses and in bars and restaurants in Kampala have "killed more than three dozen people in the past two years."

Candidate promises peace

APRIL 9

Jerusalem

A top candidate for Israeli prime minister Sunday that he would schedule a referendum on a final peace settlement with the Palestinians if he is elected in May. Ehud Barak, the head of the Labor party, has promised to propose the peace reumendum, which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has resisted for several months. In an interview with the Palestinian Authority of failing to fulfill its commitments, he told Channel 2 TV Barak said that he was sure that the peace policies of his government would "receive the overwhelming support of the Israeli public." Final negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians were slated to be completed by May 4, but have yet to begin. The talks are to deal with the conflict's most sensitive issues.

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Even the banned Salvation Front, which called for boy­
cotts in past votes, has asked people to turn out for the vote to replace retired Gen. Liamine Zeroual, who is stepping down 18 months before the end of his five-year term.

The election marks a "critical turning point," the Salvation Front said from its exile base in Europe.

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Presidential elections provide hope

PARIS

Upcoming presidential elections are prompting hopes for change in Algeria, mired for more than seven years in an Islamic insur­GENCY and for more than three decades in a system that has bred corruption, despair and economic decay.

From seven candidates, Algerians will choose their first civilian leader since the nation's first president, Ahmed Ben Bella, who was ousted in 1965.

The question is whether the powerful military that has been the source of power in Algeria since its independence from France will ensure a fair vote in Thursday's election, then bow out. If no one wins an outright majority, the elec­tion would be decided in a run-off.

Since 1992, more than 75,000 people have died, including civilians, security forces and Islamic insur­gency leaders who were trying to install a state based on their interpretation of Karanian law. The "jihad," or holy war, and the brutal army offensive have redefined life in the North African nation prized by the West for its abundant natural gas and oil reserves. An army coup that short­ened January 1992, that the election was a "critical turning point," the front said from its exile base in Europe.

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Supporters of presidential candidate Abdelaziz Bouteflika danced with guns in Taramasset, approximately 1,330 miles south of Algiers. Algerians will vote Thursday for a new president to succeed outgoing president Liamine Zeroual, who stepped down last September, 13 months before the end of his five-year term.

Air Force tries to rescue satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. A $250 million missile-warning satellite that was left stranded in a useless orbit had the Air Force scram­bling Sunday in an attempt to rescue it.

"They haven't given up," said Patty Bomhoff, a spokesman at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado. "They're working around the clock."

The Defense Support Program satellite was launched Friday aboard an Air Force Titan rocket. It was the first flight of a Titan IV since a spy satellite was destroyed in a $1 billion explosion shortly after liftoff last August.

If the satellite cannot be salvaged, the failed mission will have cost taxpayers $642 million, including the rocket cost.

The Titan did its job in its long­awaited return to flight. But an upper­stage motor apparently malfunctioned and left the satellite in a highly lopsided orbit. Air Force officials said the Boeing­ built motor separated as planned from the satellite seven hours after liftoff.

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SPOKESPERSON SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE

but it was unclear whether it fired properly.

Ground controllers worked through­out the weekend, trying to figure out what went wrong. They were in con­tact with the satellite but unable to determine its condition, Bomhoff said.

"They're trying to get the satellite in a position where they can work with it and control it," she said. "They're trying to come up with solutions, trying different things."

The satellite was intended for a 22,300-mile-high orbit, where it was to have joined other Defense Support Program spacecraft in detecting miss­iles and rocket launches as well as nuclear detonations. The 2 1/2-ton satellite is equipped with 6,000 infrared sensors.

Air Force officials insisted before Friday's launch there was no rush for the new satellite, even with the con­flict in Yugoslavia. They said the existing Defense Support Program net­work is providing complete, world­wide coverage.

The satellites were instrumental in tracking Scud missiles during the 1991 Persian Gulf war.
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Election

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In [the election committee's] eyes, there was only one serious

ticket, he said. "We'll do whatever we could to help them get elected." Nichole Borda, Judicial Council

vice president for elections, disagreed.

"We would've done exactly the same thing for any other candi-

date," she said.

Given the late withdrawal of Julie Reising, Murphy's initial running mate, for personal rea-

sons, the Election Committee decided to approve the addition of Palumbo to the ticket. Borda

said, under the circumstances and with the unclear nature of election bylaws, the pair could not be barred from the race.

"There was really no way we could tell the candidates that they can't switch tickets," Borda

said. "We handled it in what we felt was the best way possible."

Much of the confusion which arose when tickets switched in February came out of unclear bylaws in the Student Union constitution. Candidates were unsure of the rules regarding
election laws.

A lot of problems arose

because of obscurities in the bylaws," said Judicial Council president Kelly Folks, who noted that signature deadlines and exceptions to the rules would be addressed. "I'm working with the vice-president of elections

and rewriting them as best we can so that they're coherent and easy to follow and a lot clearer."

The debate over student government

exclusivity during the election brought up the posi-
tive result of helping open up the process, according to Palumbo.

"The other candidates brought attention to the problem," he said. "Often, perception is reality, and if students are perceiving it and students are saying it, then, yes, it's a problem."

He pledged to try to allow this

situation in the coming year, in the hopes that student government

at Notre Dame will improve.

"We've got to want to bring people in here and seek other opinions," Palumbo said. "The more people are involved, the better it becomes."
Environmental group says cities threatening rivers and wildlife

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Urban sprawl in Atlanta, Seattle, Chicago and other cities is draining and polluting water and posing new risks to some of the United States' rivers, an environmental group reports.

The portion of the Snake River that runs through Washington state tipped American Rivers' 14th annual list of the nation's 10 most endangered rivers, which was released Monday.

The environmental group said four 100-foot-high federal hydropower dams on the Snake have helped diminish salmon runs by 90 percent since the 1970s, which has led to the fish's placement on the federal threatened and endangered species list.

"Every year we spend millions more on bizarre schemes to try to save these fish, and every year fewer and fewer fish return to spawn," said Rebecca Wadler, president of American Rivers.

Group members urged federal officials to brevity the four Snake dams but said other troubles in rivers could be solved if state and local governments did a better job of controlling sprawl.

Atlanta is growing so swiftly that water managers have proposed building and modifying dams along the Coca-Cola River, which threaten marine life in the rivers and prompted a No. 3 ranking for the Coosa-Tallapoosa basins in Alabama, Environmentalists have complained such breaches also would render the dams useless.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to complete monitoring this year on whether breaching the dams is the best way to help salmon.

Breaching the dams would increase water flow by $150 million per year and force exporters to seek other ways to ship about $400 million in goods every year, said Bruce Lovlin, executive director of the Columbia River Institute, who said exported goods, utilities, and farmers are groups other and groups.

"It is obvious that this is simply kind of a political drive by these groups to raise some attention," Lovlin said of American Rivers' list. "The fact is ... we have improved the way these dams are operated.".

Other rivers on the annual list include the Yellow Butte River and Missoula River, which, along with other environmentalists say is turning into an "armored channel" because of flood control work that is harming wildlife habitat, and the Coal River in West Virginia, threatened by the largest mountain-top strip coal mine ever proposed in the state. American Rivers said this could be turned into a "community for salmon".

Belgrade, Montana

Saying it showed restraint in deference to the Orthodox Easter holiday, NATO ordered its ground forces in Kosovo on Sunday to stop shelling suspected "sniper sites".

"It was a dramatically different approach," said British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, who was attending a meeting of foreign ministers in New York as the conflict dragged on.

The group said it was an historic move by Serbs, joined by the Kosovo Liberation Army or KLA, to open a "humanitarian corridor".

"This is a statement of where we are," said Cook, who was expected to see for himself reports of mass graves, mass killings and other humanitarian abuses.

"The difference is we have moved beyond the past few weeks," he said. "Once the military action is over, the humanitarian work will begin."
India tests nuclear missiles

A new missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead soared into the skies over India on Sunday, defying U.S. appeals for restraint in weapons testing and raising fears of a new arms race with neighboring Pakistan.

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International shipping and airliners were warned away from the test zone.

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LEBANON

Israeli missiles raid Lebanon

Associated Press

SIDON

Israeli warplanes fired at least 10 missiles in three raids Sunday on suspected guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon, Lebanese security officials said. The first two attacks targeted the village of Mlita in the highlands of Qam'in al-Tuffah province, a stronghold of the Hezbollah guerrilla group. Mlita is 12 miles southeast of Sidon and faces the Israeli-occupied zone.

Less than an hour after the first raid, Israeli jets fired at least two more missiles at suspected guerrilla targets in a valley between the villages of Jebal al-Bomot and Zibqine, nine miles southeast of Tyre.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli military spokesman confirmed the attacks and said all planes had returned safely to base. He said the attacks were in retaliation for a Hezbollah sniper killing of Dr. Barnett Slepian, a prominent obstetrician who performed abortions.

The raids came only hours after Israeli warplanes fired three missiles late Saturday in the Jewish al-Bomot and Zibqine areas.

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In Beirut, an Israeli security official said the attacks brought to four the number of Israeli air raids on southern Lebanon in less than 24 hours. Israeli warplanes fired three missiles late Saturday in the Jewish al-Bomot and Zibqine areas.

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Meanwhile, the head of the Israeli army said it has begun withdrawing some troops from areas in southern Lebanon.

KJI. Geen. Shaul Mofaz said the troop withdrawal did not signify the start of a pullout.

BUFFALO, N.Y.

One week after October's sniper killing of Dr. Barnett Slepian, a prominent obstetrician who performed abortions, abortion opponents said they would target his clinic and others with major protests in six months' time.

One event a week away.

T HEIR Operation Save America is now just days away, and hundreds of demonstrators are expected to show up outside clinics, bookstores and high schools in upstate New York from Buffalo to Rochester.

"I think God has chosen Buffalo as a battleground where He's going to fight abortion with great strength," the Rev. Robert Behn, director of Last Call Ministries, said in his announcement last fall.

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—from Chapter 3, Learn to Keep Your Mouth Shut

BUFFALO prepares for abortion protesters

Local and national organizers have sent out 60,000 invitations and Operation Rescue has conferred with "John the Gatekeeper" in Buffalo from April 18 to 25.

They say the event also will announce what they consider other illegal acts by teens, such as sex, pornography and assisted suicide.

Local participants are planning to use "a more prayerful approach than they did during the protests last summer's clashes of the 1992 Spring of Life, which resulted in about 625 arrests. But there's no way to know if out-of-towners will follow suit, and law enforcement officials are taking no chances. Erie County has built a temporary jail in an armory to hold any demonstrators who refuse to give their names so they can't be taken before a judge to have bail set.

Police have spent months planning, studying tactics used at other demonstrations and gathering intelligence.

"We would prefer to deter problems," said Police Commissionerocco Elina.

Since the 1992 protests, violence against abortion providers has escalated markedly from trespassing and minor altercations to clinic bombings and shootings. Besides Slepian, whose Oct. 23 killing remains unsolved — although a rifle was found buried on his property last week — eight other doctors have been shot at since 1993.

Two of them died; Dr. David Gunn in 1993 and Dr. John Bayard Britton in 1994, both in Pensacola, Fla. Several nurses, receptionists and security officers also have been killed or injured.

Many blame the violence on restrictions — such as the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act — which they say keys "a peaceful dialogue" away from clinic doors while providing the "more radical" abortion opponents "a flash point for battle.

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is seeking even stronger restrictions on protesters: buffer zones of up to 60 feet from clinic doors as well as limits on the use of megaphones or bullhorns. A federal judge is considering the request.

Some leaders of the 1992 Spring of Life have softened their approach, saying it's time to find a new way to deliver their message. The Rev. Robert Schenck said the time of blockades and linking protesters with chains has passed.

But there has been no softening of the approach of Operation Rescue National, the anti-abortion group which has been promoting the demonstrations in Buffalo as "a flash point for battle."

The giant of child killing will never come to an end by political resolution or building bridges to the enemy's camp," a January newsletter said.

On the other side of the issue, abortion-rights advocates have been holding "clinics desensitization sessions."

"We're well-trained and we're ready," said Carolyn Taggart, who led a recent session.

Also available in the bookstore:

Caustic With Asterreich and To Renew America. 
I recently turned 55. Hard to believe that I have been a Notre Dame fan, Lou Gehrig, Buddy Holly, Elvis and Alexander the Great (I put AI in so it would not be considered as the limit of my knowledge is baseball and old rock-and-roll).

Cappy Gagnon

I actually don't feel as old as I formerly thought I had to feel when one survived this long. I can think of only three signs that I'm entering my dotage.

The first sign was "the squat." In the autumn of 1988, I was using my BIG magnifying glass — the one I use to read the Baseball Encyclopedia — to read everything else.

The second sign recurred a week ago. I was bending down to pick up my mart glasses (two for $9.98). For some reason, I noticed, below my forehead, a boy scout-size carpet of velvet black hair.

And enough freedom that all those people who think they are oppressed seem to find all my letters to University-sponsored forums yack about their gripes. Keep up the good work, guys. Stay the course.

Father Sorin created Notre Dame with excellence as its guiding vision. The wonderful presidents who followed SORIN wisely held to that vision. Notre Dame is not for everyone.

We have marvelous athletic facilities, maintained with great care. We have dynamic coaches. And we do things the right way.

Someone recently wrote The Observer that there is nothing exciting going on after the football season. This guy has obviously never seen Muffett McGraw's team slaughter Duke and UGA. He's never seen "The Ruth" dominate a game or Danielle Niece terrorizing opposing guards.

This guy has never seen a lacrosse match (sort of like soccer as interpreted by hockey players). He's certainly never seen Dave Poulter's pitchouts. Write it down — you heard it here first — the Irish will be in the Frozen Four next year. This guy has not seen Liz Miller's softball team, which has "gone yard" more than any team in Irish softball history. This guy has not seen Michelle Dasso, with the heart of a tiger, or Ryan Sachire, with his rocket serve, compete for our top-20 tennis programs. This guy has not seen Notre Dame's track team and stars like Joanna Bennett, Jennifer Englehardt, Dore DelBartolo, Liz Grow, Emily Breeno, Patty Rice, et. al. This guy has never seen Munchausen West fly down the track in the 200 or up in the air in the long jump. And does this guy know that pale vaulter Mike Brown was an inch and a half short of 18 feet at the NCAAs?

Mr. Nothing To Do has REALLY not seen Paul Mainieri's baseball team. How about Jeff Wagner, returning after sitting out three weeks with a stress fracture, and jacking three homers (1,300 feet worth) in a doubleheader! Jeff and Brent Ust, who is merely the best pitcher in the Big East for the second year in a row, are battling to see who will break Mr. Vaught's career Big East home run record. If those guys are not interesting enough for Mr. What Do I Do After Football, about how Aaron Straw? Ah! Aaron did last year, as a FRESHMAN relief pitcher was lead the NATION in ERA Coach Mainieri put Aaron in the rotation this year and Aaron is doing his best Kerry Wood impersonation. When Aaron and has 93 mph heater are on the mound, there are enough scouts in the stands that catcher Paul O'Toole probably glows in the dark from all the radar guns aimed at the back of his tools of ignorance.

Steve Stanley runs like the wind, is a classic leadoff batter and flags down everything in the center garden. Fellow freshman Andy Bushby is a throwback to Pepper Martin and the Gas House Gang, battling at the hot corner and banging at the plate. The Irish have to pay extra to get his uniform cleaned.

Streak hitter Jeff Felker is good for a 10-15 stretch each year, when his dad drives out from Baltimore. "Felker's Foof," his off-beat cheering section, which manages to stay barely on the north side of good taste, provides inspiration. Alex Porzel could become another...

Unusual players like Ben Cooke and Jeff PORZEL are rally starters. And Matt Nuesbaum is a perfect model for all that is great about America's national game. Matt was off-car after for two years as a fill-in player. Through hard work and an off-season fitness program Matt has built himself into a productive hitter. He has hit four homers and has been a key part of several inning rallies.

Some whiners’ feelings were hurt because we didn’t hire Rick Majerus (and sidekick Sonny Vaccaro) to coach men’s hoops. NOBODY doubts that Rick would have filled the Joyce and won lots of games, but I, for one, am glad that we remained committed to winning with class.

Majerus braggs about trading in his Catholicism for "Playboy," admits to sympathy for academic cheating, and has spent the past few years traipsing around the country looking for new worlds to conquer (which must make the Utah AD feel like Hillary Clinton when Wilie is interviewing interns). Majerus and Sonny Vaccaro (they, in my amplified) may appeal to the "Animal House Crowd," but it’s not the Notre Dame way.

Notre Dame is not perfect, but we won’t get better because of people who carp from the sidelines. Take a long look at the Notre Dame jar — it’s half full, not half empty.

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Will Kosovo Be Another Vietnam?

Vietnam means a host of things to different people, clearly, but when the military and political pundits on CNN compare Kosovo to Vietnam, what do they mean? The Vietnam experience, a place populated with peoples with last names different from our own, really seems to represent some of Vietnam's rhetorical appeal. But Vietnam also brings to the fore important issues of morality in the campaign; trying to win without winning, the need to teach what the world is a little more evil today than it was two weeks ago. Now in defense of Clinton and company it may be argued that the Serbs, no time for a self-sacrificing war, would have expended the same 400,000 plus Kosovars at any rate. But this is purely a spurious argument. Until two weeks ago, the most reliable reports suggest that Serbia had killed approximately 2,000 ethnic Albanian Kosovo by air, not to be noted, was done over a series of months. This is no surprise, but it is by no means of the same magnitude as the tragedy we see before us today.

The implications for the region and for U.S.- Russian relations are clear. The region as a whole has been greatly destabilized, with Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania all bearing the brunt of the mass exodus of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo. Soon, the situation in Russia, a cutout of Serbia, will have its own inquiry into the morality of the present military campaign, it is simply taken as a given that the U.S. in pursuing a moral crusade, and yet, some do not associate with the U.S. government and NATO intervention. This being the case, however, might the moral crusade have been questioned? And yet in a political context of winning popularity, the conflict in Kosovo can be given a moral spin, where does one begin?

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Baseball '99: The Fat Get Fatter

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I'm not just talking about the salaries either; one that goes unmentioned is the price we pay for the sport itself. Watch any baseball game and is there anything more frustrating than you don't get to see any balls or even the semblance of a ball? It's all one long, grinding, waiting marathon. Watching a baseball game and not being able to see a single ball becomes as frustrating as trying to read something that is upside down. It's a condition that like a burgeoning wildfire was getting bad while nobody is noticing it. Kind of like the Mets or City Royals. By the time we arrived at where we are now, there is no hope, you can just wait for the inevitable. Lots of people complain about the game and some even cry to save it. But if the world is left unthinking in this perfect world, least of all baseball, but this scenario seems a whole lot better than death. Somehow, between the birth of raining balls and the world's end, I was able to crack the "fireball," we became far too comfortable with this excess. Or at least too immune to it. We as fans have hurt our silent approval, to say the least.

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"Go" is an incredibly fast-paced story that follows three groups of people during a late-night adventure. Liman opted to film by focusing on three different points-of-view, an interesting option that truly paid off.

The film begins by following Ronna, a struggling supermarket clerk played by Sarah Polley. Ronna needs cash quickly because she is about to be evicted from her apartment. As luck would have it, an opportunity arises when Simon (Desmond Askew) needs someone to cover his shift. Ronna seizes the moment, and extra cash, but still needs a little dough. Ronna is asked to do a few more things, but the film goes on to reveal how the characters are interconnected.

The film ends with following Ronna, a film brimming with energy. The setting is realistic and even absurd. The school is much like a palace, complete with an oceanside prom scene. It is actually the slogan for the latest Hollywood production. It is a film that revolutionizing the industry. It does not make the same Hollywood garbage that is so often decried. Instead, Liman takes a few risks and pushes the medium of film making, particularly the events that go down in Las Vegas with good old Simon. Amazingly, everything they do has some effect. Liman shows the viewer the repercussions of one’s actions, those that result from a night of sex, drugs and violence. To reveal any more of the plot would do injustice to Liman and his film. Just know that this is a wild ride — with incredible camera work, superb acting by a rather young cast and an extraordinary soundtrack.

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"Grosse Pointe Blank"

Director: George Armitage
Starring: John Cusack, Minnie Driver, Dan Aykroyd and Joan Cusack

By JULIE HAMILTON
Assistant Scene Editor

Convincing Martin Blank to attend his 10-year high school reunion is no easy task. How can he return to his hometown and explain that he "freaked out, joined the army, went into business for himself" and became a professional killer?

Welcome to Grosse Pointe High School's Class of 1986 reunion, the setting for the dark comedy "Grosse Pointe Blank." This is a film that humorously approaches the topics of high school reunions, things left behind and long-lost loves. Socializing with former classmates in his old gymnasium is not on Blank's list of things to do; he's a man whose friendly ice-breaker would be: "Hi, I killed the President of Paraguay with a fork, how have you been?"

Martin (John Cusack) just hasn't been himself lately. His assistant, Marcelina (Joan Cusack), inquires, "If you don't mind me asking, sir, is it the job? Is it getting to you?" Martin simply shrugs off the emotional consequences of killing people by stating "It's not me" if ever confronted face-to-face with the victim. He figures there's a reason he was hired to kill them: It's just a job.

As if he doesn't have enough identity issues, add the beautiful Debi (Minnie Driver), Martin's high school girlfriend whom he hasn't seen or spoken to since the night of their senior prom, when he never arrived to pick her up. Even though he left her in the past, Martin hasn't forgotten about Debi. He has recurring dreams about her on a weekly basis, which qualifies him as "obsessive." (Remind anyone of Ben Stiller in "There's Something About Mary"?)

So Martin ends up in Grosse Pointe on the weekend of the reunion by coincidence; he's assigned to a "job" there. He returns to the scenic city to find his childhood home replaced crudely by an "Ultimate" convenience store. To say the least, he is shocked, asking the clerk in amazement, "What are you doing here?"

The job that Blank has been sent to complete was originally assigned to his hyperactive competitor, Grover, portrayed by Dan Aykroyd. Grover is furious that Blank has edged his way onto his job and decides to make Martin his target instead. Now it is only a matter of time before a showdown erupts between the two killers.

When Debi and Martin finally come face-to-face, the most humorous conversation opportunities in the film result. Debi enters her broadcast booth at the local radio station. She can't believe that her "long, lost love" has returned. But Debi doesn't let him off that easy. She grills him on air about the emotional damage he caused her by leaving on the night of the prom without explanation. Martin concentrates on Debi so intensely that he hasn't even done the job yet. The night of the reunion arrives and the clock is ticking. Martin has to decide what he's going to do: Make the kill or get the girl?

The chemistry between the former lovers returns substantially and is visible at the reunion. Unfortunately, the inevitable happens, and Martin's career interferes with the outcome of the evening.

"Grosse Pointe Blank" is an entertaining and humorous film that doesn't necessarily fit into the mold of most movies as a strict comedy, drama or romance. For something different but satisfying, rent Grosse Pointe.
The Irish softball team hung onto its undefeated conference record this weekend with a doubleheader sweep of the Scarlet Knights in the bottom of the sixth.

They added another run in the bottom of the seventh after the number nine hitter singled in a runner from second with two outs. The Irish ended a final inning threat on the same play when the runner on first tried to stretch it to third and was gunned out by catcher Kris McClure.

The Irish offense lit the spark in the third inning with Amy Labee's solo home run, her third of the year. The Run set an all-time team record - 18 home runs in a season.

Notre Dame added more runs in the fourth inning with the help of three Rutgers' errors. The fourth run came in the fifth inning when Labee doubled and later scored on a sacrifice fly by McFly.

The second game lasted only five innings as Notre Dame defeated the home team 9-1.

Seven batters had hits for the Irish, led by Alkire and Jarrais Myers who each went 2-for-3. Notre Dame scored three runs in the second, one in the third and five in the fifth for the eventual 9-1 victory.

The Irish were supposed to travel on Villanova on Sunday but both games were rained out. The games were rescheduled and will be played today at noon.

Sharron is expected to start game one while Bessolo is the expected starter for game two.
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Why should I go?

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What do I do when I am there?

When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. It is common practice during Adoration to genuflect on two knees, instead of just one (like you do whenever you enter a chapel.) You can stand, sit, or kneel—whatever helps you pray. And then you pray. There are many ways to pray—you can do spiritual reading; you can pray a rosary; you can sit in silence; you can even just talk to Jesus—like you would to a friend. The most important thing is that you love Him and allow Him to love and strengthen you.

What does the Church think?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in a pyx or a monstrance, is a recognition of the wondrous Presence of Christ in the sacrament and stimulates us to unite ourselves to Him in a spiritual communion. It is, accordingly, eminently in harmony with the worship which we offer Him in spirit and truth...


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Corporate presence in sports too much, must stop

By TED FOX
Sports Columnist

Watching the Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins do battle at the Joe Louis Arena Sunday, the thing I noticed most was not the hockey or the teams. It wasn't the crowd noise or even the little "Fox Box" in the upper-left corner. No. what I noticed was on the ice, but it had absolutely nothing to do with the game being played. What stuck out the most for me was an on-ice advertisement. Now normally, seeing this would not catch my attention. Everything in sports is sponsored by someone now, so seeing a "Pull's Bar & Grill" logo that's bigger than the Red Wing doesn't really come as much of a surprise. However, this ad was different for one special reason: It was for Sea World. You know, Sea World, the aquarium that tries to act like it's some sort of an amusement park with a whole bunch of fish and that whale of a whale, Shamu, but fails miserably because there really aren't any rides — unless you like being thrown off Shamu's snout into some seriously dirty water. These two small pieces of the ocean pie can be found in Aurora, Ohio and Orlando, Fl. Notice neither one of these places was Somewhere, Mich. For some reason, that really bugs me. The corporate presence in sports is already bad enough. Every jersey has a logo. Every piece of board bears a sign. The halftime shows are brought to you by NASAQ and the trivia by AFLAC. People watch the Super Bowl to see what those frogs are going to croak out before a disgruntled Iowa named Louie tries to make them croak. You can take the official aspirin of NASCAR and drink the official non-carbonated beverage of the NBA all while eating the official pizza of the Detroit Pistons and watching golfers at The Masters hit the official ball of players born between September 10, 1950, and December 2, 1977. You can sit down after New Year's and watch the AT&T Rose Bowl or the Nokia Sugar Bowl. Or maybe you like the Toyota Gator Bowl or the Insight.com Bowl. The NBA is on NBC and boxing runs on pay-per-view for the price of a small car, while you end up watching two rounds. Major League Baseball on Fox has the base cam and the catcher cam and the Skoal dip and the fan in section 126, row 13, seat 2 cam. Heck, if the prohibitionists were still having rallies, I wouldn't be all that surprised if they were sponsored by Budweiser, or maybe O'Doul's (because, hey, that's what they drink when they're not drinkin' beer). Speaking of beer, when they used to show it, I knew I got more into the Bud Bowl during the Super Bowl than the real game. I mean, a "real live" football game between Bud and Bud Light beer bottles broadcast during every commercial break? If that wasn't heaven, I don't know what could be. What's the point of all this rumbling? I'm not really sure either, but I think it goes something like this.

Dear Corporate Sponsor:
We can accept your sponsor-ship of just about everything there is in sports today, but please don't advertise the main attraction of another city in our hometown arena. The line has to be drawn somewhere. I don't know about you, but I don't want to go to the JACC to see a big University of Michigan logo plastered on the floor because they gave the university some money. I don't want to go to a Bulls game and see the Potonsi horse on the sideline because they paid for a skybox at the United Center. If a team or an organization is going to allow every aspect of its existence to be sponsored by someone, at least make it something relevant to the city that the team is in. That at least makes sense. Maybe I'm way off base on all this. A lot of people probably don't care what they see advertised or where it is displayed. For me, though, whenever I see that Sea World sign, I always wonder "Why?" I guess I'll never know.

Unless, of course, Sea World offers to pay to melt the rink for the weekend to give Shamu a place to swim, forcing the Wings to go on an extended road trip. I guess I could understand then.

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Irish upset high-ranked William and Mary

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team pulled off its biggest win of the year yesterday, beating No. 9 William and Mary 5-4, advancing its record to 18-4.

"We played very intense — our kids knew William and Mary was a tough match, since they're top 10," said coach Jay Louderback. "We really want to finish in the top 12 teams, and we knew that we needed to win this. It's exciting, we put ourselves in a real good spot with the win."

Fifteenth-ranked Notre Dame won four of six singles matches and raced to an 8-0 win at No. 1 doubles to clinch the victory. Irish seniors Jen Hall and Marisa Velasco, playing in the final home matches of their stellar careers, provided the spark that the Irish needed.

Since losing to UCLA in the National Team Indoor Tournament on Feb. 21, the Irish have won 12 of 14 matches, with their only losses coming against top 10 teams Arizona State and Tennessee. With Sunday's loss, 9th-ranked William and Mary fell to 17-6.

Velasco equalled her biggest win of the year, beating 38th-ranked Carolijn van Rossum 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles.

"Marisa played her best match of the year. She lost to this girl last year in three sets, and I could tell that she didn't want to lose again," said Louderback.

"It was a good feeling to play her again and get some revenge," said Velasco. "I was fired up — it was my last home match. I didn't make too many errors and pulled out the win."

Hall teamed with sophomore Michelle Dasso as Notre Dame's eighth-ranked No. 1 doubles team smashed William and Mary's 14th-ranked Tari Ann Toro and Laura Taaggart 8-0 to clinch the win with a 5-2 Irish lead. The Tribe went on to win the final two matches at No. 2 and 3 doubles to close the gap to make the final margin 5-4.

"I didn't feel like I played my best in singles, so I wanted to redeem myself. I knew that all of our doubles teams were tough, so we just came out fast and went from there. It was a fun match," said the two-time All-American Hall.

Notre Dame sprinted out of the gate in singles, winning four matches in straight sets. Junior Kelly Zalinski and freshman Becky Varnum gave the Irish a quick 2-0 lead. Zalinski beat Lindsey Sullivan 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5 singles, while the 60th-ranked Varnum beat 79th-ranked Delphine Troch 6-3, 6-1 at No. 4 singles. Jessyca Arthur gave the Tribe its first point of the match with 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 6 singles over Irish sophomore Kim Guy.

Velasco won her match to put the Irish up 3-1, and when Dasso won, the Irish were feeling good at 4-1. Dasso edged 42nd-ranked Toro in a tight match at No. 1 singles. She served for the first set at 5-3 but Toro saved set points for a service break and then held serve to rally to 5-5.

Dasso won the final two games of the set. In the second set, it was Toro who went ahead, leading 4-1 before Dasso rallied to force the set into a tiebreaker, which she won 7-4 for Notre Dame's fourth team point of the match.

In the day's only three-set singles match, Carlijn Buis kept William and Mary alive beating 62nd-ranked Hall 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 at No. 2 singles.

After Notre Dame closed out the match, the doubles teams of Troch and van Rossum and Buis and Sullivan beat Irish foes Varum/Velasco and Lindsey Green/Zalinski 8-6 and 9-8 (7), respectively, to make the final margin 5-4.

"When push comes to shove, we're ready to play on match day. We knew we had to win, so give us credit," said Velasco.

The win over the ninth-ranked Tribe marks Notre Dame's second win over a ninth-ranked team this year. On March 6, the Irish defeated Wake Forest 7-2.

In addition, William and Mary beat No. 2 Duke earlier this year, the one team to defeat Notre Dame on its home courts.

Notre Dame closes out its regular-season home schedule with a 10-1 record, the one loss coming against Duke. The Irish have won at least four singles matches for the 19th time in 24 dual matches and boast a 97-49 dual singles record.

On Friday, Notre Dame won six singles matches in straight sets and swept doubles on their way to a 9-0 win over the BYU Cougars.

Winners in singles for the Irish were Green, Zalinski, Dasso, Varnum, Hall and Velasco.

BYU's Brooke Leavens rallied from 0-5 in the second set and saved two match points in the tiebreaker before Irish senior Velasco held on for a 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) win at No. 3 singles to complete the singles sweep for Notre Dame, marking the eighth time in 23 matches this year the Irish have won all six singles matches.

In doubles, the teams of Varnum/Velasco, Dasso/Hall and Green/Zalinski were victorious to complete the 9-0 sweep for the Irish, the third shut out in four matches for Notre Dame.
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Baseball

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when sophomore Ben Cook hit a two-out single past the Panther second baseman, stole second and scored off a single by third baseman Jeff Perconte.

The Panthers got on the board in the fifth inning as leftfielder Chris Deliaignore tripled to start off the inning and scored on a sacrifice bunt by fellow outfielder Stuart Rykaeeski.

In the bottom of the inning, however, the Irish scored two more runs off of doubles by designated hitter Jeff Wagner and first baseman Jeff Felker. Those runs proved to be all the Irish would need, as Hellman kept the Panther’s bats stagnant for the victory.

Hellman matched his fifth complete game of the season and improved his record to 7-1 on the season. In the process, he lowered his career ERA to 2.03, well below the Irish record of 2.36 set by Nick Paulichio from 1955-56.

John Schultz took the loss for the Panthers, however, as Irish batters to win the game and sweep the series, 9-3.

After struggling at the start by giving up four runs over the first three innings, Kalita was able to settle down and give a solid seven-inning performance, striking out seven while allowing only three walks and five earned runs.

On the offensive end, O’Toole recorded solo home runs in the first and third innings to close the score to 3-2 in the fourth inning. Ben Cooke scored to tie the game after reaching base on a fielder’s choice, advancing on a line drive to left field and a double-steal with Porzel, and scoring on a grounder by Perconte to the second baseman.

A four-run fifth inning by the Irish broke the game wide open, marked by pop fly by Ust that scored O’Toole, a run by Porzel off a wild pitch, and a two run homer by Strickroth. The left fielder took first base for the afternoon as a substitute for Felker, who was out for the game due to a wrist injury on Saturday.

"I hate to sound like a broken record," Mainieri said, "but whenever one of our players gets injured for us, someone’s able to step up. Take Strickroth, for example. He got two base hits and a home run, and that turned out to be one of the deciding factors for us.

After scoring two runs in the seventh, the Panthers used one more rally in the top of the ninth, tying the game on a two-out single by Dickinson. The left fielder took first base for the afternoon as a substitute for Felker, who was out for the game due to a wrist injury on Saturday.

"As good as I feel now," he said. "I’d much rather win it in the top of the inning by shutting them down."

Duff earned the win for the Irish, lifting his record to 3-1 on the season, while Vickrey took the loss for the Panthers.

With the sweep, the Irish improve to .25-8 on the year and 12-1 in the Big East, while the Panthers drop to 7-5 in the conference, good enough for third place in the standings, and 18-14 overall.

Paul Mainieri
BASEBALL HEAD COACH

In the nightcap, the Irish took the first lead of the game in the sixth behind a double by Perconte down the left field line, a bunt single down the middle by Stanley and a fifth-baseline play ball by O’Toole. In the eighth, the team added an insurance run with a sacrifice fly by Stanley that scored Coke.

The Panthers’ bats were silent until the top of the ninth inning, when their senior first baseman Steve Dickson hit a two-run homer to tie the game. In the bottom of the inning, however, Ust got on base quickly after a full-count walk before advancing to second off a Wagner groundball.

A hit by Felker to the shortstop advance to third and scored off a sacrifice fly by Falk that scored Coke.

It was another balanced offensive performance for the Irish, with seven starters collecting hits in the nightcap.

WHENEVER US, SOMEONE’S STEP...
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Donations will be collected at Campus Ministry:
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112 Badin Hall and at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 18.
Irish blow big lead, drop Big East matchup to Hoyas

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sport Editor

The men's lacrosse team saw its four-goal, first-quarter lead evaporate under the pressure of a strong Georgetown attack and the angst of mental errors as Notre Dame fell 12-8.

The Hoyas improved to 6-2 on the year while the Irish lost their second straight to fall to 5-4.

"We learned what it takes to make plays at a high level," head coach Kevin Corrigan said.

"The combination of mental errors and not finishing the opportunities we had is the difference between winning and losing. There isn't much room for mental errors at this high of a level."

For 14 minutes, 41 seconds, the Irish played flawless lacrosse. Controlling the ball on the offensive zone and forcing Georgetown turnovers at midfield, the Irish jumped out to an early four-goal lead.

"Anytime that the Hoyas did make a shot in the first quarter, Irish goalie Kirk Howell stopped them cold. Howell made 17 saves on the day while allowing only 11.

"We can play smart defense and limit the other team in the kind of shots they get, then we are going to be fine," Corrigan said.

"Kirk is an outstanding goalie," Corrigan said. "If we can play smart defense to limit the other team in the kind of shots they get, then we are going to be fine because Kirk is going to make plays. He is going to make the plays he needs to make and he is going to make some goals, too."

Brad Owen opened the Irish scoring with a goal just 58 seconds into the game. The senior midfielder drew past his defender on the left side of the goal and beat Howell goalie Brian Hole to the far post.

The Irish hit the scoreboard again with eight minutes to go in the first quarter. Tom Gatzell took a Todd Ulrich pass and found the back of the net for his 18th goal on the year.

The Irish struck again when Steve O'Steen flipped a loose ball past Hole to give the Irish a 3-0 lead.

Gatzell scored for the second time with 2:16 to go in the second quarter. His goal would represent the high water mark for the Irish as Georgetown began its comeback.

The first mental error of the day came with 19 seconds left in the first quarter. Irish goalie Kirk Howell came out of the net to attempt to pass the ball up the field. Howell attempted to pass the ball over the top of a Georgetown's Keith Baker, but Baker intercepted the pass and took advantage of the empty net, putting the Hoyas on the board for the first time.

Georgetown dominated the second quarter as the Hoyas reeled off three more unanswered goals to go into halftime tied 4-4.

"We kept them from having the ball in the first quarter," Corrigan said. "They didn't have the ball enough to get many scoring opportunities. In the second quarter it was exactly the opposite. We didn't have possession enough so we came out even at halftime."

The Irish got the first goal of the second half to regain the lead. David Ulrich came from behind Hole and wrapped the ball past his right side for a goal.

The Irish lead would be short-lived, however. Scott O'Steen combined with first team all-American Greg McGawera just 10 seconds later to tie the game. Ulrick and McGawera teamed up again two minutes later to give the Hoyas a 6-5 lead.

One minute later, the Hoyas struck for their third-straight unanswered goal. Greg Hubbleman beat Howell on a high, hard shot.

Steve Bishko and the man-up unit stopped the bleeding for the Irish with 6:28 left. Bishko got an assist from senior Ned Webster on the goal.

Webster joined senior captain Chris Deseau to tie the game with less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter. The goal marked Dunace's 100th of his Notre Dame career.

The Hoyas pulled away with three more goals while holding the Irish scoreless for close to 17 minutes. The Irish defensive strategy stopped the Irish from executing the way they need to, according to Corrigan.

"They played us in a way where one guy has to step up at a time," he said. "They shut people off around the ball. We are a team that has to get ball movement on offense. They took that away from us and said 'Beat us man-to-man.' They took us out of the rhythm of our offense and we didn't recover in time to make plays."

John Flandina ended the offensive drought for the Irish when he scored with 3:17 remaining in the game. Bishko picked up his fifth assist of the year on the goal.

Georgetown got two late goals to finish the game leading 12-8.

While the Irish offense was not quite up the challenge of eight-ranked Georgetown, the defense held yet another high-powered attack below their yearly average. The Hoyas came in averaging close to 18 goals per game and have twice scored 22 goals in a single game. Corrigan, however, still sees room for defensive improvement.

"We have the potential to be one of the best defenses in the country," he said. "But we still make too many mental errors. If we play mentally as hard as we play physically, then we will be one of the better defenses in the country."
Round of 512 begins with coconut bras, baskets

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Despite the cold weather and gray skies, the Speran basketball courts were host to a Hawaiian luau Sunday afternoon during the 27th annual Bookstore's round of 512.

In one of the day's most entertaining games, Aloha Means... "We Suck" came prepared for its match-up with Lipsky Business, bringing a grill, a chef and wild rides.

Debated in grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts and coconut bras, the team of Holt Zoldier, Rob Mallary, Steve "Coconut" Tarchan, Mike Perron and Lance LoClerc looked confident before the start of the game. They went through organized rebounding and shooting drills, while taking time out for several photo opportunities with fans.

Risky Business, with team members Kevin Callagno, John Curry, John Garica, Tim Byrd and Geoff Marriner, got down to business as soon as the game began, quickly putting Aloha Means... "We Suck" on the defensive. The independents' no-look passes by Lipsky Business were too much for the Challengers to handle, as Lipsky Business advanced to the second round.

"Our extra size helped us," said Callagano. "We were able to crash the boards and get a lot of rebounds.

John Garica led Risky Business on the offensive with eight baskets and Kummerer was called down a team high 10 rebounds.

Aloha Means... "We Suck" was disappointed with the outcome of the game and blamed the loss on the slow cooking of its personal chef Kevin Weinmeister.

"We had nothing to eat at halftime," said Mallary. "If our chef had the food ready, then we definitely would have won.

Weinmeister did manage to get the grill going and the shish-kebab cooking before the end of the game so the team could enjoy a post-game snack.

LoClerc thought the non-traditional basketball attire had something to do with the disappointing final score.

"It was fun, but our coconut bras kept getting in the way," he said.

Zoldier, who scored a team-high five points, added that they "felt a little exposed wearing grass skirts.

In one of the final games played Sunday, Mushroom on a Stick put forward a solid performance against Women Scorched. The teams matched up evenly in the beginning, breaking with Mushroom on a Stick out ahead 11-8 at the half.

The second half told a different story, as Mushroom on a Stick quickly increased its lead, holding Women Scorched, led by captain Charlie Roth, to only two points.

"We're a second-half team," said Mushroom on a Stick point guard Timmy O'Neill. "We come in with a field of heart.

The quick passes and dominance in the paint gave Mushroom on a Stick a big edge and the 21-10 win.

Matt Murphy led the team, lighting up the court with 11 baskets.

"We have really solid players and we ran the court well," said Murphy. "We had some good transitions, but we need to work on our outside shooting.

Roommates O'Neill and Murphy said their friendship off the court was beneficial on the court.

"I know when Murphy's going to do before he does," said O'Neill. "When he zig, I zag. It's like poetry in motion.

In other tournament action Sunday, Team 15, led by captain Jordan Raniszewski, squared off against Shiny Happy Naked People. Team 15 controlled the game from the outset and quickly disposed of its opponent 21-4.

Along with Raniszewski, team members Errol Rice, Jon Reither, Andy Marshall and Andy McGriff combined tough defense with strong inside play for the win.

"We were just trying to play a solid game," said Raniszewski. Looking ahead to the team's next game, he added, "Rogues we'll be able to tell ourselves more in later rounds, face some tough competition and that the game will be won by the team with the most defense.

Raniszewski led Team 15 offensively with 15 points and combined with his team's defense led Raniszewski and group to a 17-13 win.

Several of the top-32 teams took to the court with less than a day to end, easily disposing of their opponents. From a field of hundreds of teams, there may be a few Cinderella teams waiting for their chance at an upset and a run for the finals.

Friday: Preliminary Round

J. Luke's vs. Politick defeats Get Windy (21-3)

Four A's defeats Flat Chopped Tat Dancing (21-13)

504 Authority defeats Hot Daniel (21-10)

Depressed defeats If you can't beat us on the court... (21-2)

The Big Two Should've... defeats Points in the Street (21-4)

The Highmen defeats The Thundering Herd (21-1)

The Chief defeats Team SMS (21-2)

Homer & Stove News Team defeats

Four A's (21-1)

No Skills II defeats the Church Goddesses (21-0)

NSS II defeats One Night Wonder (21-3)

Pool A Woodland Nuns defeats Shame

Punishment & Showdown defeats Queen & Crew (21-9)

Ol' OM defeats Let's Playin' Foolin' (21-11)

The New Cars defeats Egyptian Business (21-6)

The Ironhorses defeats Nothing Hot Yet (21-3)

Brock Truck of Suck... defeats Team Women Win (21-0)

Two Suckers defeats Smokey & the Bandits (21-7)

The OGs defeats Don't Ask Questions (21-10)

Saturday & Sunday: 512 Round

5 defeats 108 (21-9)

Maximums defeats New Sticks (21-10)

Arriving from Alaska, Gary Brick's... (21-6)

570 Magnetics defeats 570 Fifty-Five (22-20)

Dixieland defeats The Woodlawn Little Car... We

The Old Creeps defeats 504 Authority (21-4)

Kool Kids performs (21-2)

Reggie Scary & Small Work... defeats The Back Seat (21-5)

The Blue Jays defeats the Leprechauns (22-10)

Wreckin' Rats defeats 91s and a Sump (21-5)

Fast Break Or Medium Domains defeat Executioners & the Infernals (22-1)

5hope were able to put off any Morse, Omega defeats Pumping Dollars (21-17)

1st Mean Age defeats Greg Loves New Adventures (21-5)

3 Team Phoenix defeats A Dong and the Pelicans (21-17)

The Brouchers defeats TANG (21-10)

3 Months in 475 (21-7)

Seven Minute Abs defeats PW Staff

Women who will keep you from scoring (21-12)

Snickers & a Gag defeats We'll Stick it Out... (21-0)

Risk Barese & Dr. What is not a Goth... (21-4)

Body Nudgers defeats Rapabusters in Medicine (21-13)

Wannabe Bums defeats Baphol's Boys Team (22-3)

Mushroom on a Stick defeats Women Scorched (3-1)

Hall Tough defeats Garfield and Friends (21-12)

Hines & Teutonic's defeats Crises... Luther & His Believers (21-13)

Hook it Up defeats Hot Girls (21-3)

Rookin' Robs defeats Boston Boys & 4 Tenis (21-20)

Team 203 defeats 3.5 Girons (21-0)

Spit Puthol, Rob Dolte & 3 other Guys defeated Oakland - Sick Losers (21-1)

Denver Communist (21-3) defeats Two Thick, Two Thin (21-10)

Cheaters defeats Give me an eye (froghouse) (21-12)

Team 15 defeats Raging Milk Maid (21-7)

Hustler's says with a future defeat Pill's Girls (21-12)

Determinations defeats Coordinator (21-18)

The Cook defeats Raging Milk Maid (21-12)

Great White Hope defeats Phil and the Four Fools (21-10)

The Chosen defeats Team 391 (21-2)

An Army defeat, the brain of the world, (21-0)

Losny Elster defeats You're Terrible, Ma!... (21-10)

Dopey Honey defeats Selma Hook & F.C. (21-2)

Govan, Arden & the New Comers defeat Mushrooms (21-17)

The Stiffie defeats Bob Chopski & 4 Tenis (21-8)

Round 1 Round 2 Best defuses

1st Place Girls defeat Flavourful Plunder (22-0)

1st Place Girls defeat Plague Doctors (22-13)

If Only They Give Points for Hours defeated Mushroom on a Stick (21-8)

Whirly Bike's defeats Team 415 (21-5)

Four A's Who Play with All the Rules defeat No Koi (21-13)

Lustily and the Datallys Wonde'ru Drinks defeated mushroom On a Stick (21-17)

Suck it defuses Looks Like a Pomp (21-9)

The Worst Team Ever (21-9)

The Tradition Continues...

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Sophomore Tony Driver, competing with two others for the running back position, replaced Tony Fisher in the lineup after just three plays Saturday.

Tony Fisher started the game with the first team offense, but Tony Driver subbed in after three plays. Both tailbacks looked strong all day with Fisher scampering for a 20-yard run against the first team defense on the fourth series and Driver consistently running north-south up the field between the tackles.

The third back in the lineup probably will be Terrance Howard, who originally came to Notre Dame as a safety. Howard saw some action with the second team offense and did not disappoint, with a couple of nice gains. The quarterbacks had trouble throwing the ball in the scrimmage.

Howard, Terrance Howard, Arnez Battle and Eric Chapell ran the option well all day, with Battle running a keeper on the option for a long touchdown against the first team defense. Jackson had a 50-yard completion to Joey Gethers, otherwise he struggled with the passing game, overthrowing receivers and having a few balls dropped by his wideouts.

"He struggled. It's a combination of things. Number one, it was extremely windy, and number two, there were some different breakdowns," said Davie of his starting quarterback. "I'd be the first to tell you that he wasn't near as accurate or as sharp as he should be."

Many other positions made noteworthy contributions during the scrimmage.

The young offensive line is starting to come into shape. Howard, left tackle, Jim Jones (left guard), Mike Candy (right guard) and John Treaday (right tackle) have been starting alongside center John Merandi, the lone returning starter from the unit.

The fullback position seems to be loaded with Joey Goodspeed and Tom Lopianski looking the bulk of the work with the first team.

Highly regarded sophomore Mike McNair saw limited action in Saturday's scrimmage. Davie was excited about his top two fullbacks. "I'm impressed with our fullbacks. Joey Goodspeed has really had a good spring and I think some of that has to do with Tommy Lupienksi breaking down his neck."

On the injury front, receiver Jay Johnson fractured his right thumb in practice on Friday and fullback Jason Morray is out with a rib injury. Cornerback Donald Dykes has been out all spring with a sprained ankle and will not return to practice this week. Junior cornerback Brock Williams, suspended for breaking an unspecified team rule, may come back this week, according to Davie.

"He's got a couple of criteria he's got to reach for me but he's coming close," he said.

Sophomore Shane Walton, the leading scorer on the men's soccer team in the fall, has been practicing with the team as a backup cornerstone. He also has been returning punts, along with Raki Nelson, Javin Hunter and Joey Gethers.

Dawg is unsure if they have a starter at that position as of yet, based on the inexperience and also the fact that they haven't been tested because of the lack of an aerial attack thus far.

Deevers Harper and Lee Lafayea started in the scrimmage with Walton, Clifford Jefferson and Ron Israel as the key backups. With the return of Dykes and Williams and incoming freshman Gerome Sapp, Albert Pere and Jason Beckstrom, there will be heavy competition once the fall rolls around.

First team linebackers Ronnie Nicks, Anthony Demnan and Rocky Boiman have all been impressive in the spring drills. Nick, a senior who has battled nagging injuries throughout his career, has had two huge hits, one on Wednesdays against Raki Nelson and again on Friday against Driver.

Demnan, a junior and a backup for Timmy Friday the past two years, has taken a leadership role on the defense, according to Davie. Davie also mentioned senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders and senior defensive end Lamont Bryant as leaders for the young defensive unit.

Senior walk-on Mark Rule is seeing action as the number one quarterback, although he didn't play in the scrimmage. Gary Godsey, an incoming freshman, who was recruited as a tight end and possible defensive end, will also get a look at quarterback in the fall. However, the 6-foot-7, 255 pounder from Tampa, Fla., may be better suited to play his former positions.
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DAN SULLIVAN

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
David Letterman, Sharon Stone, David Cassidy, Vincent Gill, Mahmoud Abbas

Happy Birthday! You have to speak out and let those around you know exactly what you want. You always do good and do so your intention to rule your world, you are likely to become indispensable. The more you assert yourself, the happier you'll be. You're ready for a change and need to know that you can make a difference. Your numbers are 3, 22, 9, 31, 40.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Satanic romance will be passionate and exciting. However, if it involves someone from work, put on the brakes. (000)

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A involvement in groups may overburden your plate. Expiration is evident if you aren't careful about the way you handle yourself and your commitments. (000)

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5 Woman for cubicles
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21 Oil cartel
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33 Novelst
34 Flu industrial center
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Sluggers take Big East lead
By BILL HART
Associated Press

Weekend skies cleared, allowing the Irish baseball team to take a commanding grip of first place in the Big East standings by sweeping conference rival Pittsburgh.

"We had a lot of guys playing hero for us," head coach Paul Mainieri said, "and that's what I would call a total team effort."

The Irish got the ball rolling Saturday afternoon with sophomore ace Aaron Heilman on the mound for the first game of a doubleheader.

The Irish pitching staff performed admirably during Saturday's doubleheader sweep over Big East rival Pittsburgh. Notre Dame pushed its record to 18-14 on the year.

'77 grad Browner leads '99 Hall of Fame inductees
By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associated Press

Having received numerous awards as the Irish defensive end from 1973 to 1977, Ross Browner's latest accolade — election to the National College Football Hall of Fame — proved his career among the nation's best.

The two-time unanimous All-American was officially announced Friday along with 14 other players and coaches. As a four-year starter, Browner played on the defensive line of both the 1973 and 1977 National Championship teams.

Between the two trophy wins, the Warren, Ohio, native won the Outland Trophy, which honors the nation's top interior lineman, as a junior in 1976.

As a senior, he added the Lombardi Trophy as the nation's most outstanding college football player, the United Press International Lineman of the Year award and finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

"This is symbolic that it was all worth it — all the hard work, all the desire, all the sacrifice, all the crying," Browner said from the South Bend Tribune at Friday's announcement at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend.

It wasn't long after Browner first suited up for the Irish in 1973 that he became a starter — one practice, to be exact. All that then head coach Ara Parseghian and assistant Joe Caputo needed to be convinced of Browner's ability was proven in that first outing.

"At the first practice, Coach Yonio said, 'Just get me in there and hurt 'em,' and that was the last time I played on the freshman team," Browner said, according to the South Bend Tribune.

Aside from his gridiron achievements, it was his commitment to education that drew Browner to Notre Dame. When Parseghian promised Browner a chance to play as a freshman, he also assured him a good education.

Browner said it was the selling point that kept him from instead playing at Ohio State. Browner graduated in 1978 with a degree in economics, before playing from 1979 through 1986 first with the Cincinnati Bengals, where he was drafted in 1978 as the eight overall selection in the first round. He later played for the Green Bay Packers.

The journey as one of the top defensive linemen at Notre Dame also had its share of setbacks for Browner.

After an outstanding freshman season that saw him rank third on the team in tackles, he missed the 1974 campaign for disciplinary reasons. Far from a stumbling point, Browner insists that it also helped shape him.

"That was one of those hurdles I talk about," he said. "You analyze it — how it happened — and make sure it does not ever happen again. You learn."

This year's 12 player and three coaching inductees will be formally inducted next December at a ceremony in New York.