Fire ignites power plant cooling tower

2 injured in 1 a.m. blast; flames quickly contained

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor
and ROBERT PAZORNIK
News Writer

A powerful explosion at the Notre Dame power plant rocked campus early Thursday morning, injuring one Notre Dame Security/Police officer and another University staffer. Fire in a cooling tower adjacent to the north side of the power plant apparently caused a transformer to overheat in a small, nearby control building, leading to the explosion at 1:30 a.m. Officials are uncertain what caused the initial fire, which began at 12:58 a.m.

"Until people get a chance to go in there and look more closely, we don't know any of these things for sure," said Dennis Moore, director of public relations. "But we believe it was the heat that caused the explosion in the transformer." Paul Kempf, the University's chief electrical engineer and on-call security officer Jami Thibodeaux, who were among the first on the scene, were injured and transported to St. Joseph's Medical Center. Neither injury is life-threatening, according to Moore, but nor are they inconsequential.

"The injuries are not minor," Moore said. "They got humped pretty badly, they have some contusions, but the injuries are not life-threatening. The two suffered lacerations and contusions in the blast.

The fire was contained by 2:25 a.m., as Notre Dame Fire Department and South Bend Fire Department trucks were able to extinguish the blaze. A St. Joseph County fire truck was also called to the scene.

Notre Dame Security/Police and South Bend Police kept students back away from the fire and off the running path along St. Joseph's Lake behind the plant. Students came out of nearby residence halls to watch the fire after the explosion, but dispersed soon after South Bend police showed up and the fire was contained.

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Leaders approve budget after arduous debate

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

The 1998-99 Student Senate convened one final time to hammer out the Student Union budget for next year, and after charged debate from numerous parties, ultimately approved the plan.

In attempting to divide the money allocated from the Student Activities Fee and revenue from "The Shirt" project, student leaders faced decisions about their funding priorities, and several protested their allotment. Two areas that some called underfunded were gender and multicultural relations programming.

"The gender relations department and the multicultural relations department of the Office of the President were only allocated $500 each," said Jay Smith, student government executive coordinator of Public Relations. "We're asking the Senate to fail this budget. We believe it sends the wrong message to minority students on campus."

Student Union treasurer James Jesse noted, however, that the Financial Management Board (FMB) is held to the sole task of approving budgets, not solving campus issues.

"We give money based on feasibility of budget proposals," said Jesse. Former Dillon senator Jason Linster questioned the budget for Executive Cabinet, a group of Student Union programming leaders.

Jesse, Student Union treasurer, presented the budget last night at the last meeting for the 1998-99 Senate. After much debate, it was passed.

The Observer
A true martial artist can make any experience into training. This is one truth that I have tried to make a reality in my own life. Whether it is simply busy-ness with many things to do, I hardly ever encounter adequate practice. Yet, despite my dizzying schedule, I have found that even in the most mundane of chores I can perfect my kung fu. How is this possible? The following are but a few examples of how I make seemingly boring and tedious work into subtle practice and training of the martial arts.

Everyone knows how important your horse is in your life. But did you know that you could use your horse to catch a fight without your horse. To do so would be utter suicide. If you had no horse and your enemy were chasing you, you would have to run for your life, or you keeping this in mind, I practice my horse stance when walking is inevitable. While walking in the line at the ATM, the market, or office, I plant my feet, turn knees out, and open my hips to strengthen my horse stance. This technique works even when I’m doing something as simple as walking to my dorm room. Even reading a book stimulates my mind as well as my body.

In addition to keeping my horse, dishwashing and cooking is beneficial to expand coordination as well as manual dexterity. My exercise room in South Dining Hall has provided several conditions to exercise speed and agility. To be able to grab simple dishes, utensils and plates also contribute to hand speed similar to what I would need in the kitchen. Even when I have to go to class on the fourth floor, I get a quick workout in. Being on the fourth floor, I get a good amount of step climbing throughout the day without the need for cumbersome weights or equipment. I can get a good aerobic workout while going up and down the stairs instead of having to go to the athletic facilities. The classes I take are much easier when they are carried in relatively large numbers. However, that can be used to an advantage as well. If you are using weights between classes, then the need for an exercise facility is eliminated with mundane objects serving as weights.

This system also proves to be very versatile, as more books can be put into the bags for a more serious workout. With the addition of arm movement, bags become a training tool to the perfecting of movement and conditioning.

Even the most boring and wearisome classroom classes can be an asset to the martial arts training. A boring and monotonous lecturing lecture can provide the perfect setting to test meditative ability to meditate. Through concentration, a student can fight off natural sedatives that would otherwise make lesser person susceptible to sleep and therefore unable to attack. Or a second approach can be taken to test for a desire to avoid unwanted contact; one can effectively disappear from an instructor’s eye and be left to sleep. This might be a better method of training than martial arts demonstrations, I have been able to quickly assess their unconscious state of mind without disturbing my environment. Though the risks are great in this particular training technique, the benefits are in turn rewarding for those who can remain unnoticeable.

While these techniques may not seem as striking for a martial arts technique as some “hidden-axes” is what it makes so exceptionally potent. With discipline and imagination, one can perfect her kung fu to levels beyond expectations.

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Couple splits after meeting through radio contest

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A couple who married after forming a blind-date radio competition have announced they are splitting up less than three months after tying the knot. The Church of England demanded Wednesday that those who are forming the community of Brooksville had failed to lay the groundwork required by state law for an incorporation vote. "It does not even begin to meet the minimum standards," said Day, who refused a last-minute request by backers to delay the hearing. He was not asked to address the question of whether a town could use the Bible for its laws. Greg Morris, an attorney for backers of the proposed town, said they would begin to incorporate, as allowed under Day's ruling.

Car falls seven stories onto crowded sidewalk

PITTSBURGH — A car smashed through a metal barrier at a parking garage Wednesday and fell seven stories, narrowly missing people on a crowded sidewalk. No one was injured and the car's driver — a 30-year-old Ohio woman — was in stable condition at an area hospital after being treated for eye and lower injuries. Her name was the radio station's number-one ear. She said she was much amazed that she survived, let alone didn't have severe injuries." I never thought to be honest, that you get knocked down. You will. The question is, are you ready to get back up and fight for what you believe in?" Quayle said.

Quayle announces presidential bid

HUNTSVILLE, Ind. — Former Vice President Dan Quayle, trying to refurbish his image and jumpstart his GOP presidential campaign, declared his candidacy Wednesday by pledging to rebuild American values after "a dishonest decade of Bill Clinton and Al Gore." Seeking office for the first time since he and President Bush succumbed to Clinton and Gore in 1992, the former Indiana senator sought to push beyond a history of political gaffes and controversies.

"Murphy Brown is gone," he said, "and I'm still here fighting for the American family." Quayle's use of the TV sitcom in the 1993 campaign to highlight a "cruelty of values" brought him criticism and ridicule from some quarters. But he returned to the theme Wednesday, betting that primary voters will reward him for casting a spotlight on the family-values debate.

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Quayle's announcement comes as NATO warplanes zeroed in on Serb targets throughout Kosovo, hammering ground forces in an effort to limit troop movements and force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a peace deal for the province. It also came amid diplomatic efforts to revive the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

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"We will not be seen as a power vacuum," said NATO's acting chief, British General Lord Guthrie. "We are not a power vacuum, but power vacuum." NATO's "crime against humanity," said troop official and former NATO envoy to the province. NATO's anti-aircraft artillery and a NATO-led force could be "a new ways forward," he said. NATO promised a full investigation.

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Mock trial club stands up to national competition

By MATTHEW SMITH
News Writer

The Notre Dame mock trial club ended its season last week-end by competing in the Gold Flight National Competition at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

The competition featured 80 of the best clubs in the country, and although Notre Dame didn't place, it was pleased with both a solid performance and year. "It was another great year for us, and we are looking forward to next year," said club co-president Melissa Miksch.

This year the club tried a fictitious civil case involving claims that an airplane fuel gauge caused a crash. Members learned the finer points of opening and cross-examinations. Abbie Solfruth, a lawyer, and Chris Rogan, a second-year Notre Dame law student, coached the team on national law.

"We divided into expert witnesses and lawyers," said Michelle Barton, the club's vice president. "Then we divided into three teams and practiced both sides of the case." At competitions, the club is never sure which side of the case it will defend first, so it must prepare both scenarios.

In February's regional competition, the club placed second and fourth place out of a field of nine. During the year, lawyers and judges recognized team members for their excellence in role-playing. Burton received most outstanding attorney and Alan Robinson received the most outstanding witness award.

Also being recognized for excellence this year were Lauren Clark, Lauren Kommerer and Karen Seymour. Other contributing members this year were Cheryl Axli, Melissa Beiling, Zack Bray, Mark Donahue, Colleen Feeney, Ryan Klein, Chris Lambert, Crissy Manary, Jared Marx, Jim Pastore, Chris Prina, Noel Radley, Chris Roche, Jim Beckury and Jeff Staffings.

Saint Mary's hopes to improve technology

By BRIDGET EGAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) discussed its plans for next year at Wednesday night's meeting, which was second since the new officers took over.

Saint Mary's hopes to begin broadcasting its own cable channel next year, since the wiring is already in place, said Kelly Dugan, technology commissioner.

"The possibilities are endless (for the cable channel). How far we take it is all up to the students," Dugan said.

Student Government Association will receive a new computer and possibly a scanner, according to Dugan.

The technology commissioner is a new position to the Board and members hope the commissioner will motivate the Board to become more technologically aware.

A representative from Newton Manufacturing Company presented the Board with new ideas concerning promotional items such as t-shirts and pens for the upcoming school year.

In other BOG news:
- Each of the Board presidents gave reports on her goals for the '99-00 academic year and decided collectively to continue the Parent Newsletter, which began this year, and that the newsletter will be published twice a semester.
- Student Academic Council presented its idea for a Saint Mary's Pride Week in the fall.
- The Residence Hall Association noted that it is still in need of representatives from Holy Cross, Annunciata and McCandless Halls.
- Student Activities Board (SAB) said it will begin to schedule events for the fall semester soon and is open to suggestions from students.

All of SAB's committees have been filled. BOG will have one more meeting next Wednesday before the end of the year.

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Gingrich returns to Washington

Majority Republicans whisked a final $1.74 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 through the House on Wednesday, paving the way for yearlong combat with President Clinton over tax cuts and spending.

The near party-line vote was 220-208. Senate approval was expected by Thursday, which Republicans hoped would help them pinpoint their tax-cut drive even as Americans contended with the April 15 deadline for filing income taxes.

The plan signals the issues the GOP wants to highlight in this year's run-up to the 2000 elections: a 10-year tax cut totaling at least $778 billion, using Social Security's enormous surpluses to reduce the national debt, and extra money for defense and schools.

"A new agenda for the new millennium," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, a presidential hopeful.

He added, "We ought to march into the next century, the next millennium, with our heads held high."

Cingrich said the measure failed to adequately use federal surpluses to bolster Social Security and Medicare for the baby boomers' retirements or to boost up other social programs.

"The budget passed by House Republicans fails short of what the American people need for meeting the challenges of the 21st century," he said in a statement.

Democrats also said the budget would do little more than let Republicans claim they were finishing the budget on time, which Congress has achieved only since making April 15 the legal deadline in 1987.

"This looks like we're making the trains run on time, but in truth, down the tracks a train wreck awaits," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, ranking Budget Committee Democrat, referring to upcoming battles with Clinton.

The measure, which does not require the president's signature, sets overall totals for detailed tax and spending bills that lawmakers will produce later this year.

A prolonged duel with Clinton over those bills seems all but certain. For one, Clinton wants far smaller tax cuts. In addition, Republicans say they will pay for their defense and domestic spending increases by cutting other programs, which Democrats and even some Republicans say is unrealistic.

Even so, completion of the budget by Thursday in itself would mark a political victory of sorts for Republicans. GOP leaders want to cast themselves as performing their work on time.

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Food will be served
Ribbons will be handed out at North Dining Hall

Wednesday, April 14th
Panel Discussion Sorin Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
wl reps from SOS (Sex Offense Services),
Campus Security, Resident Life, St. Joseph Medical Center, and South Bend Police
Food will be served

Thursday, April 15th
Panel of Survivors
Foster Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
Food will be served

Friday, April 16th
Wear jeans in protest of Italian court finding that women wearing jeans cannot be raped.

House passes new budget plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Majority Republicans whisked a final $1.74 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 through the House on Wednesday to raise money for his new political action committee.

"I left the Capitol with an extraordinary sense of happiness," Gingrich told the crowd, which greeted him with three standing ovations. "As a visionary and a strategist and a teacher, I carried us as far as I could."

Entering the dining room where more than 500 guests had assembled, Gingrich smiled as he basked in the adoration of well-wishers, television cameras charting his every move.

"It's fun," he said.

The dual, expected to take in more than $500,000, marked Gingrich's re-entry into political life after his abrupt resignation from the House last November.

"He was a major transitional figure making his own transition," said Rep. J.J. Hayworth, R-Ariz. "We haven't heard the last of Speaker Gingrich. History isn't finished with him. Nor is he finished with history."

Gingrich also is setting up a consulting firm but is banned from lobbying his former colleagues until January.

A prolific fund-raiser, Gingrich remains a powerful figure in the Republican Party, which he brought to majority status in the House in 1994 for the first time in 40 years.
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**Starr criticizes Counsel Act**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr rebuffed allegations that he abused his office as "completely bogus" on Wednesday but stunned some of his harshest detractors by adopting their disdain for the law that empowered him to investigate the president.

"Amid a steady stream of criticism from Democratic senators, the controversial prosecutor mixed a legalistic defense of his staff's tactics with reflective and conciliatory statements. "I think there are ways in which I do search my memory and conscience and could have done something in a less public way ... and I despair," Starr testified — at that point discussing the public battle last year to force Secret Service agents to testify about the relationship between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

"We tried any number of ways. But that is certainly one example that comes to my mind," Starr said.

Asked at a point whether he would do some things differently in his five-year inquiry, Starr paused, then said he regretted the way the House treated the salacious report he sent alleging Clinton had committed impeachable offenses in concealing his affair with Ms. Lewinsky. "I would be much more positive with the House of Representatives in saying, "Treat the material cautiously in light of the nature of this material," he told senators. "I don't think I did enough."" Hemorrhoids on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, who had waited for months for the opportunity to grill Starr, were caught off guard when Starr sent in his testimony calling for abolition of the Independent Counsel Act. "If you live long enough, you'll experience everything. I never expected to be sharing that judgment with you," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

At the White House, press secretary Joe Lockhart said it was "difficult to see how you reconcile" Starr's investigation with his objections. But Lockhart added, "We'll leave it to more objective commentators and historians to draw their own conclusions."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said Starr's reasoning that the independent counsel law was flawed because the process had become too politicized was like "Jack the Ripper calling for more neighborhood patrols because of the surge in crime."

Starr reiterated that he believes he has the power to indict Clinton after the president leaves office, and he said his criticism of the 1978 law wouldn't interfere with his continuing duties as independent counsel.

The law expires June 30, and Starr recommended to the Senate panel reviewing it that future that it not be renewed because it was "conceptually dubious" and "structurally unaired."

Starr's $40 million investigation and the impeachment trial it prompted was so emotionally charged that some senators have suggested a cooling-off period before a final decision is made on whether to reauthorize the law.

"I am going to take some time for my part," committee chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said. "Feelings are high and emotions are high."

No consensus exists for how to fix what critics say are the statute's flaws — chiefly the lack of a way to hold independent counselors accountable for their tactics and the money they spend. Starr said the law violated the constitutional separation of powers between the branches of government and leaves the investigator vulnerable to political attacks.

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**Election 2000**

Dole attacks Clinton's policies on Kosovo

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (4/15/99) For the 4,000 midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy, Elizabeth Dole stood for a moment: "I ticked off her travels through Bosnia and Beijing and endorsed ground troops in Kosovo — all part of her case for succeeding President Clinton as chief executive.

"Credibility counts. And if you wonder about that, look at the U.N. weapons inspection mess in Iraq, or today's tragedy in Kosovo," Mrs. Dole told the joint assembly of men and women in their summer whites.

"I don't call on Clinton to "use all the power necessary" to defeat Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's campaign against Kosovo. She announced she was leaving Thursday for the Kosovar refugee camps in Macedonia and Albania to "let the refugees know that we care and hear their plea."" Dole's speech, which her press release dubbed "Hawkish World View," aimed to underscore her GOP candidate's denial credentials and create enough of a national stir to attract contributors.

Without naming him, Dole primarily took aim at Clinton: "We've been let down by the people we should look up to."

The midshipmen in Alumni Hall responded with snickers. On Yugoslavia, she said: "If the NATO commanders and the Joint Chiefs of Staff say that ground troops are required to accomplish our goals, then my answer is yes."

Neither the Joint Chiefs of Staff nor NATO commanders have made that assessment.

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**In a question-and-answer session, one midshipman asked pointedly, "Are you willing to send your own sons and daughters to bleed in Kosovo, ma'am?"**

Dole, who has no children, said yes thenammered to repeat her line about approving troops if recommended by NATO and military leaders.

For all the jabs at Clinton, the unnamed target between the lines of Dole's speech was Texas Gov. George W. Bush, considered her strongest competitor for the 2000 GOP nomination.

Bush has been criticized for what the Wall Street Journal's editorial page called a "vague and tepid ... almost Clintonian" statement on Kosovo.

One senior Dole adviser said she wanted to emphasize her experience on foreign policy at the expense of Bush.

But when your opponent pressed Dole on her vague call for the defense of Taiwan against China, she said she needed time to study. "I am not yet an announced candidate, much less the elected nominee of the party," she said.

"Sounding like the Cold War-era Ronald Reagan whose name she invoked, Dole spoke expansively about the immediate need to deploy a missile-defense system."

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Pakistan's nuclear technology, which includes its missiles, is a concern for its neighbors. Pakistan tested its latest missile in a launch near Istanbul, adding to tensions in the region. The Pakistani government has been under pressure to curb its nuclear program, but analysts say the test is a cause for concern.

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Media Gives No Rationale for NATO Bombing

As I was getting ready to write this column for today, I thought about what was happening in Kosovo these days, like the women and children getting carted off in one direction while their husbands, fathers and brothers are carted off in another — to die. And I thought about how we were bombarding Kosovo and how we — and NATO — were trying to contain the conflict. So I thought I would write an opinion piece on it.

Nakasha Ahmad

There is a reason why people suggest that one should write things down to get a clearer picture. Writing has always refined my ideas and put into clearer focus not just how I want to say something, but what I actually want to say. So I sat myself down with a vague idea about what I wanted to write about — what is going on in Kosovo and how something is wrong.

But when I started to write, I didn’t know what I wanted to say. Bits and pieces of news fragments caused after one another in my mind, trying to organize themselves into a coherent and meaningful pattern, into some kind of black-and-white sense. I remembered hearing Senator John McCain on a talk show saying that we needed to go to Kosovo for our national interest to show the world that the U.S. was still a power — and adding the humanitarian reasons as an afterthought.

I remembered a representative from the Quaker faith on yet another talk show saying that bombing Kosovo is not the answer and can’t solve our problems. I remembered the pictures of the refugees flooding into Albania and Macedonia. I remembered people debating about whether humanitarian interests should even affect American foreign policy and military involvements. And I remembered hearing others debating, not on whether we should have gotten involved for humanitarian reasons, but whether bombing Kosovo was the humanitarian solution.

This is probably a really long way of saying this when I started to write, I didn’t know what to say because I didn’t have any opinion. As the beginning, I had thought the bombing was a good thing because I thought that this would stop the madness from Kosovo. Now I don’t know what to think. And I blame this on the lack of good, solid background information. I do realize that this is a complicated issue and that even if I had all the background information in the world I’d probably still be confused. The point is that I am deprived of the information that I need to really make an informed decision.

If you read the newspapers or watch the television news or CNN, you get news about what happened that day — how many bombs were dropped, how many missiles deployed, which high officials made what promise — and to whom — the number of people dead, the number of people left. This is not to devalue that information. It is important that we know what is going on right now and that we be kept informed of what our country is doing.

But we were never given the background information that we would have needed to make an informed and intelligent decision in the first place. The battle was not placed in context. We weren’t told the history of the area, or who started the conflict or what had taken place before. There was no narrative — the news media treated it like something sprung out of the blue. What we needed — and what we still need — is background information, context and the history. Yes, it’s complicated and would take time and space to tell. But why else do we have all-news networks? Isn’t it to keep us informed? Surely newspapers can bump the story on Prime William’s broken finger to give us some context on the conflict? We all know the reasons why this won’t happen, but it would be nice, wouldn’t it?

We need to know what is going on. Not just because American women and men might be in danger, but because there are human beings in danger. Instead of the 1001 pundits on FoxNews, MSNBC, and CNN shouting their opinions — many completely uninformed — and winning their 15 minutes of fame, we should have background and history on the conflicts affecting us right now.

The news media have the purpose "to inform, to instruct and to entertain." Surely the first two should have precedence over the latter.

Nakasha Ahmad is a junior at Saint Mary’s College. Her column appears every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Viewpoint

Thursday, April 15, 1999

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Women Have Divine Right to Choose

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to MUN [my emphasis] the noble mission of safeguarding life, and MUN [my emphasis] must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves." This is a rather curious quotation from the Catachism of the Catholic Church in protest against abortion. Let's make something perfectly clear.

Men have no part in the creation and bearing of human life beyond their origination in the right place at the right time. While some might assume certain responsibilities to the mother and the child after this point, many are absent emotionally and financially, or, worse, they worse their hopes and destruction on the persons they perceive as their personal property.

So it seems the Catachism has erred in its reversal of the sex roles by denying agency to the sex which truly embodies the creation and safeguarding of human life in both its origins and beyond.

What would we just call this "third language"? Perhaps our religious training has led us astray from certain anatomical and reproductive realities. Maybe we think that the female body is a mere receptacle through which God pushes each human life into the world. It wouldn't be so strange to think considering our religious myths teach us that this is how God the Father brought diversity into the world in human form.

If our religious misunderstanding does not sufficiently explain the exploitation of women's bodies, the other God of patriarchal culture — the relentless pursuit of personal property and power over others — provides the missing link. How can we not try to appropriate women's reproductive capacity for ourselves when certainly we know that women's bodies are, in a grossly commodified world, the only essential units of production?

Let's take a deeper look.

What if we properly acknowledged woman as the life force that she is. This would imply imparting to her a divine status (in the same way that God the Father is divine). How could our patriarchal culture and religious order survive the realization of the divine as feminine?

If an alien landed on the planet earth and took a look around, it would likely come to the conclusion that human life is the key to life's creation. It would wonder why such instantly powerful creatures as women are not held hostage rather than treasured privilege. Without the blinders of our cultural conditioning, this alien would see that something is terribly amiss with regard to the prevalent social order.

What may not be so obvious to the alien is that it serves the patriarchal structure as the ultimate way to control women and exploit them. It provides the missing link, the structural exploitation of women's bodies, which wreaks violence upon humanity. This is the ultimate gift of a woman's power to choose.

Of course God may have deposed women's power to choose this natural, lifegiving way, in the name of a woman's power to choose this natural, lifegiving way, in the name of God — the God of patriarchal culture — the God of a woman's power to choose. Whatever the case, anyone who deposes women's power must carry the weight of her insult. Without the power of women, the world is nothing.

Let's make something clear.

This is Life — Get Over It

This is in response to Laura Petelle's Inside Column on Tuesday, April 13, thoroughly loud freshmen who are obsessed with the Grease soundtrack to disturb fellow dorm-dwellers' ability to study or sleep. causing real problems for an already stressed student. But were the two guys buying condoms in bulk at Taco Aubin attacking why? Why was Petelle so annoyed with such trivial happenings? I am one of those "annoying" people who walk around South Dining Hall in a stoner-esque semi-cosmo, searching for anything that looks partially appetizing. In contrast to Petelle, I prove ME are those people who race around the dining hall in such a mad dash to get food that I nearly get knocked over by the force of their trays. Just a different perspective on Petelle's dining hall "hell."

Giddy girls who sing along to their favorite songs, people who believe in astrology and professors who assign a lot of work at a prestigious university — this is life at Notre Dame and all the over the world. And life is hard. News Flash: not everyone thinks, acts and feels the same way. This is life. You can get lost in the details of the issues, but ultimately it's the man's voice — or you can get over it and concentrate on more important things in life.

Ms. Petelle's column annoyed me. But it made me realize that we all need to have more tolerance for each other. Beyond the politically correct contortions in the word "tolerance," we need to recognize the good in each other and love unlabeled by our religious myths. Jesus did. So thank you, Ms. Petelle, for prompting me to think past my pride, everyday grudges. And thank you, Dad, for annoyingly reiterating to me that life is hard.

Mary Sarah Zakas
Sophomore
Cavanagh Hall
April 13, 1999
LIVING THE DREAM

Nine Students Travel South for the Center for Social Concerns' Newest Spring Break Seminar on the Civil Rights Movement

By COLLEEN GAUGHEN

The lives and events of the civil rights movement that finally stirred the conscience of America came vividly to life for nine Notre Dame participants during spring break.

The nine participants of the Civil Rights Issues Seminar are, from left, Colleen Gaughen, Colleen Harper, Emily Hardin, Matt Meehan, Alison Welter, Andrew Young, Colleen Gaughen, Adam Maier, and Alex Weltner.

The nine participants of the Civil Rights Issues Seminar in front of the Herndon House, the home of the first African-American millionaire.

The newest of the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) midsemester break programs, the Civil Rights Issues seminar offers students and staff an opportunity to explore the roots of the movement, the women and men who made it happen and what the impact has been on race relations today.

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He explained that the civil rights movement didn't begin in the 1960s but in the 1860s with the struggle for emancipation, and that the success of the 1960s is attributed to the pivotal role of the church in the black community, as it was the only institution that was led, funded and supported by African-Americans at the time.

In addition to attending the orientation sessions, participants were also required to read several articles about the civil rights movement in preparation for discussion and the central focus of the seminar, a trip down south.

The first stop was Atlanta, Ga., where the participants were immersed in the unique African-American community of the Atlanta University Center (AUC). The AUC consists of six historical black colleges — Clark Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Morehouse School of Medicine and the Interdenominational Theological Center. Participants stayed at the home of current issues of affirmative action and race relations. Kindall reminded the group that civil rights issues are still very much alive and that the struggle for equality has only just begun.

"This trip has a lot of potential for the future," said sophomore Alison Weltner. "I think people would really want to learn more about these issues now that they have the opportunity."

The nine participants of the Civil Rights Issues Seminar in front of the Herndon House, the home of the first African-American millionaire.

On the second day of the trip the group toured Kelly-Ingram Park, the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame and the historic 16th Street Baptist Church, where four girls were killed in a bombing on Sept. 15, 1963.

The participants later met the aunt of one of the girls killed in the bombing, whose very presence reminded them how very recent the struggle for civil rights really is.

"Birmingham has an aura that exudes the historical spirit of the movement," said junior Stephen Valdez. "It manifests itself in the people you meet, the sights you see and the feeling you get when you walk around the city."

One of the unanimous highlights of the trip was an emotional visit to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, which features several interactive displays on the history of the civil rights movement, including film and news footage, a walk through a sound room with voices depicting the climate of violence and intimidation that reinforced segregation in the South, and the front half of a burned out bus from the Freedom Riders.

The participants also visited Holy Family Elementary and High schools whose vice-principal William Kindall offered his personal experiences during the civil rights movement and insight on the current issues of affirmative action and race relations. Kindall reminded the group that civil rights issues are still very much alive and that the struggle for equality has only just begun.

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Hummers pound rhythmical-

ly, paint splatters and dust flies as repairs are made quickly. These efforts are to a mix of students and community members, young and old, skilled laborers and amateurs. These volunteers swarm the houses like bees, offering a willing heart and a working set of hands to participate in the national program, Christmas in April.

For the past 10 years, Christmas in April has provided students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross with an opportunity to give back to the community in which they live, work and study. Volunteers involved in the program provide assistance to homeowners who, because of physical limitations or insufficient income, cannot perform necessary repairs themselves.

The event resembles the old-fashioned idea of “barn-raising,” eliciting the help of hundreds of skilled and unskilled volunteers on each house.

Some seasonal repairs require the combined efforts of every single volunteer, as they must complete tasks including carpentry, electrical repairs and yard cleaning. “Volunteers may do a variety of things — from raking leaves to re- siding a house, painting, planting flowers — anything that would make the house appear more attractive and that the actual homeowner could not perform on his or her own. That is the whole idea,” explained senior Bobby Villarreal, chairman of the Christmas in April committee at Notre Dame.

Christmas in April is an annual, one-day event scheduled between the Indiana win- ter and final exams. This year’s event will be held Saturday. This tremendous outpouring of participants — planners expect more than 900 student volunteers — is just such a turnout.

Planning for the event begins a year in advance when homeowners apply to Christmas in April. A committee comprised of local business men and women decide which of these homes need help the most.

First, a skilled tradesperson conducts a work-scope visit to determine necessary repairs. Then, the committee will determine the bid the home meets the eligibility criteria. Each homeowner must complete the necessary application process and exhibit a need for assistance. This year, between 30 and 35 houses have been selected.

A committee of students then enter the planning stages, recruiting fellow classmates from Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross and Notre Dame to participate. David Moss, assistant director of Notre Dame’s Student Activities, agrees. He has been involved with the committee for overseeing the logistics of the event, such as transportation, food, publicity and communications.

This is Villarreal’s fourth year on the committee. During this time, he has worked on numerous houses, performing repairs such as putting up siding and caulking windows.

This year, however, Villarreal finds himself in a new position. As chairman of the committee, he is kept busy delegating responsibilities and overseeing the organization of the event, rather than actually performing most of the repairs.

“The whole thing is just a great time. You get the opportunity to meet people from the community and spend the whole day knowing that you are giving back to the com-

munity of South Bend,” said Villarreal. “Great people, a great cause and a lot of fun — that is what Christmas in April is all about.”

Mary Edgington, director of Student Activities, agrees. She has been involved with the committee for overseeing the completion of the program for three consecutive years and appreciates the extent to which students and community members are brought together.

The South Bend chapter works nated by a captain. This responsibility requires an overarching understanding of the efforts needed for renovation. Rather than performing manual labor, the captain combines the skills of trade people and community volunteers to best suit the needs of each home.

The spirit and service of Christmas in April can be seen of South Bend’s mini groups in their respective cities as well. Currently, alumni clubs in Northern Alabama, Phoenix and Chicago have brought the program into their communities. Renovations are done on a scale that one volunteer or 10 or 20 volunteers may work on a separate home, which are generally successful and greatly appreciated by homeowners.

“Homewoners are ecstatic at the significant number of people, both trade people and community volunteers, who come out to attend their homes. However, they are even more in awe at the impressive quality and amount of work that can be accomplished by the volunteers in a short period of time. In her years with Christmas in April, Edgington has seen this gratitude first hand. “Homewoners are ecstatic at the work volunteers do on their houses,” said Edgington. “Often we will even get cards from them expressing their appreciation.”

The success of Christmas in April requires extensive fundraising by various committees. The program pays for all supplies needed for each renovation. The collected fund pays for advertising, actual material and equipment to be used the day of the event, and transportation provided for the volunteers. Each year, the program purchases hundreds of gallons of paint, boxes of nails, lumber, roofing tiles, sealant and pipes.

Sign-ups for volunteers and donations began in late February and have generated a tremendous turn-out.

“It is really amazing to see how many students want to give back to the community. I think what happens a lot of times is that you have had people do Christmas in April in previous years, and they have had so much fun that they recruit people for the following years,” said Villarreal. “It gets to be addictive. It is just such a warm feeling you are filled with at the end of the day, knowing you have made a difference in the life of someone less fortunate.”

Many students wishing to give back to the community through Christmas in April participated in the Fun Run on Saturday. At 11 a.m., these students arrived at Sipan Field to complete a 5K or 10K run, or a two mile walk through campus.

All proceeds from the event benefited Christmas in April. The run provided an opportunity for new and returning volunteers to get to know one another, while generating a majority of the funds needed for this year’s renovations.

Months of preparation have already been spent to ensure Christmas in April will run smoothly. Funds have been collected, volunteers recruited and homes have been selected. Transportation, food and supplies have all been carefully organized by each committee. Now Villarreal and the rest of the volun-

teers are keeping their fingers crossed for a nice weather on Saturday.

Students interested in volunteering are urged to find out about opportunities to look for flyers posted throughout campus. More information can also be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Affairs.
A scandalously clad cast goes to school with Restoration comedy

By BRIAN SEAMAN
Staff Theater Critic

A first glance, with silhouettes and shadows masking the details of the actors standing on stage, "The School for Scandal," which opened Wednesday at Washington Hall, could seem to be nothing more than a production of a no-hits period piece. Yet as the lights come up, one realizes that such an assumption is far from the truth.

While the shapes of the costumes on the actors standing on stage are very realistic, the patterns, colors and prints are anything but archaic. One proper lady with a white powdered wig has a model sailing ship stashed away in her over-coiffed hair, while another wears a leather corset more suited to a dominatrix than a proper lady of upper-class London. An interesting, dapper man seems to have a marijuana joint stashed away in the tuck of his wig for safekeeping.

With such a first impression, it is obvious this production will be any thing but moth-eaten.

These wildly unique costumes are the creations of designer Richard Donnelly and director Mark Pilkington. The production has been a dream of theirs for over a decade. "We have wanted to bring back the authenticity of this production will be any thing but archaic," said Pilkington. "And when we finally got the opportunity to do this, we wanted to try something new."

"The School for Scandal" was first presented in 1777, yet the topics presented within it are timely even today. The story follows a group of gossips who attempt to ruin the reputations of two seemingly upstanding brothers; a plot thickened by deception, lust and high comedy.

Author Richard Brinsley Sheridan wrote the play in response to a growing trend of drama in which humor was evolving from laughing comedy to sentimental comedy. Sheridan responded with "The School for Scandal," a piece which is believed to be one of the greatest and most hilarious English comedies ever written.

The cast of 19 includes all classes of students, from seniors Rick Janor and Jenni Reiner to freshmen Steve Dunlan and Matt Lee, all of whom were chosen from a large audition pool to make up the cast. The choice of this play emanates from a 10-year absence of such a Restoration come-

dy, and it seems apparent that the cast has thoroughly enjoyed the process. "The cast as a whole was relatively inexperienced with this type of theater, yet we were all ready to work hard, learn and have fun, and this will be very obvious in the final product," said sophomore Joe Howarth.

Playing Restoration comedy is which manners and reputation are of utmost importance may seem foreign to modern audiences and actors, yet the cast and production staff rose above this problem by immersing themselves not only in six weeks of intense rehearsal, but also in a physical setting worthy of 18th century drama.

The stage of Washington Hall has been transformed into an English hall of drama, complete with billowing cords of red curtains and even footlights on the edge of the stage. All designed by Bruce Auerbach-Freshman Ryan Cunningham, who recently appeared in Pasquerilla East's production of "Godspell," relates the importance of these historically correct elements to the authenticity of the acting in the show. "Walking out onto the stage and being surrounded by the Restoration setting gives us a sense of realism, especially when our costumes are so extravagant," said Cunningham.

Without a doubt, the costumes in this production are sure to be one of the highlights, and such anachronisms combined with modern patterns and fabrics will assuredly be of great interest to the audience. The intent was to match the color and design of the costume to help suggest the nature of each character.

Each character has a distinct visible personality trait, and the costumes are designed as such. One particularly slimy character named Snake is dressed in snakeskin and each time his name is said, an eerie sound of the hiss resonates throughout the theater. Such punctuations of modern comedic elements, such as physical comedy, sight gags and double entendres, coupled with a Restoration story, are bound to assure a unique evening of theater.

Further costume innovations include a maid whose dress is made of red, gingham-print table cloths, a traveler character with a map of the world shirt and a license plate vest and a drunk whose shirt is covered with scattered scribblings of Budweiser. In this way, the play transcends the 18th century and forges a viable link to the present.

Mark Pilkington, director for "The School for Scandal," wants to make such a link apparent to the audience. He hopes that students will forgo all misunderstandings about this type of comedy of manners and enjoy the production, as Pilkington suggests. "This show is absolutely funny. People who see it are meant to have a good time, and they will," he said.

The production concludes this year's Mainstage season at Washington Hall. The production will run until Sunday afternoon, with its final show at 2:30 p.m.

The School for Scandal concludes this year's Mainstage season at Washington Hall. Production opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. and continues through Saturday night at that same time with an additional matinee Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Student tickets are $6 and can be purchased at the LaFortune Information Desk or at the door.

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Irish split two with Indiana

The Notre Dame softball team split a doubleheader with Indiana Wednesday to improve its record to 26-16 on the season.

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame scored only one run in two games against Indiana Wednesday afternoon. The one run was enough to give the Irish a victory in the first game against the Hoosiers, but they dropped the second game by the score of 2-0 to salvage their overall record to 28-16.

In the first game, raucous Kutsie McCurry hit a single off the left field wall for the Irish in the bottom of the eighth with one out. Angie Grinnell came in to pitch for McCurry.

The next batter, sophomore Lizzy Fene, then doubled to left center and Grinnell came all the way from first to score the winning run. The Irish had nine hits for the game, including two hits apiece by Fene and McCurry.

Jennifer Shannon (11-6) earned the win in the first game for the Irish. She pitched all eight innings, allowing no runs on two hits while striking out nine. In the other dugout, pitcher Teresa Martinez was credited with the loss.

In the second game, the Hoosiers prevented the Irish from crossing the plate. The closest that Notre Dame came was in the first inning when Jenny Krizich singled and moved all the way to third, but was left on base when cleanup hitter McClure flew out to right field to end the inning.

The Irish did threaten in the fourth inning when they had runners at first and second, but Jarrah Myers flew to left field, however, and Liverpool was then doubled up when she overran the play. She was catching returning back to first base, which ended the inning and the scoring opportuni-

The Hoosiers scored two runs in the third inning off Irish starter Michele Moncel (5-3), who was eventually credited with the loss. Angela Besondere relieved Moncel with no outs in the inning and held Indiana without a hit for the remainder of the game. Besondere retired all twelve of the batters she faced in order.

But it was too late, as the Irish were unable to put them-

selves in a place to threaten Indiana's lead.

"We couldn't put any hits together," said Irish head coach Liz Miller. "Give Indiana credit, they played great defense. Their centerfielder took away three hits from us. We made a few baserunning mistakes, and it hurt us."

Next up for Notre Dame is a doubleheader conference game against Boston College. The matchup between the Irish and the Eagles is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Byrd Field.

Irish leaver Hoosier dreams behind

AUBURN, Ind. - Luke Recker, Indiana's leading scorer last season, said Wednesday he would transfer to another college because he was not satisfied with his development as a player.

The 6-foot-6 sophomore swingman is the third starter for the Hoosiers to leave in the past two years.

"This is the toughest decision I have ever made," Recker said in a faxed statement. "I have loved Indiana, and playing for IU has always been my lifelong dream.

Recker had given coach Bob Knight an early indication of his intentions, saying even before his junior year at DeKalb High School that he would transfer to another school. He started 30 of 32 games and averaged 12.8 points a game as a freshman, then started 33 of 34 games last season, averaging 16.1 points per game.

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Knight was at a coaching clinic in Lutah and could not be reached Wednesday.

Team spokesman Greg Elkin said he didn't know if Luke Recker was planning to leave.

"There are rumors everywhere. I don't know," he said. "He had been going through some personal problems with the contin-

uing program, and if you're going to transfer, why don't you go through with it?"

A statement from the school, which was released by Elkin said:

"We are very sorry that Luke that his decision to transfer has occurred. We will support Luke through this transition."

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"You never want to see a player get injured, but margins are thin."

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Indians keep streak alive with victory over Royals

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Is it too early to start figuring out magic numbers? How about putting playoff tickets on sale?

At the rate they’re going, the Cleveland Indians could have the AL Central locked up by May 6.

Sandy Alomar hit his first homer since last August and Manny Ramirez hit a three-run shot in Cleveland’s nine-run sixth inning as the Indians extended their winning streak to seven Wednesday night with a 11-4 win over the Kansas City Royals.

Cleveland, which bunched all 14 of its hits in a three-inning span starting in the fourth, hasn’t lost since opening day.

And with another game left against Kansas City and three more over the weekend against Minnesota, it’s going to take a superb pitching effort to stop the Indians.

During the seven-game streak — their longest since 1995 — the Indians have outscored the Royals 69-28 and have 45 doubles, three triples, 10 home runs and are batting .311.

Roberto Alomar went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and Richie Sexson had two hits for the Indians, who didn’t get their first hit until the fourth inning off Kansas City starter Jeff Suppan (11-11).

Rookie Carlos Febles hit an inside-the-park homer and doubled for the Royals.

Barrel Colon (2-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings to improve to 3-0 against the Royals over the past two seasons. He struck out seven.

Sandy Alomar’s two-run shot off Don Wengert was his first since Aug. 1, last season — a span of 135 at-bats — and gave the Indians an 8-3 lead.

Trailng 3-2, Bobby Alomar opened the sixth with a double, and after taking third on Ramirez’s single, scored on Jim Thome’s base hit. After Travis Fryman singled to make it 5-2, Sexson’s two-run double put the Indians up 6-3.

Enrique Wilson hit a two-out single and moved to third when Rubbiib Alomar singled. The Royals had a chance to get the inning when Alomar got hung up in a rundown, but when Febles decided to throw to third and get Wilson, both runners got back safely.

Ramirez followed with his second homer, a shot to right-center that gave him a league-leading 14 RBIs.

Febles’ first career homer — a two-run, inside-the-parker — in the second inning gave the Royals a 1-0 lead.

Tim Spehr’s double put the Indians ahead 1-0 in the second before Febles drove a 2-2 pitch from Colon to deep center that kicked off the wall past Lofton and rolled toward right, allowing Febles to circle the bases.

It was just the second inside-the-park homer in Jacobs Field history and came almost a year to the day after the other one.

On April 15 last season, Cleveland’s David Bell hit an inside-the-park homer of Seattle’s Randy Johnson.

Suppan retired the first nine batters before walking Kenny Lofton to open the fourth. One out later, Lofton went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Alomar’s double.

Cardinals 9, Pirates 5

Durren Bragg hit his first two NL home runs and the St. Louis Cardinals squandered a four-run lead before rallying with the help of some sloppy Pittsburgh defense to beat the Pirates 9-5 Wednesday night.

Manny Aybar (1-0) bailed out an ineffective Kent Mercker with three scoreless relief innings and the Cardinals won their second in a row even though Mark McGwire was 0- for-4 with two strikeouts and a walk.

The Cardinals’ five relievers combined for seven shutout innings.

Pirates rookie starter Kris Benson (1-1) retired McGwire three times, only to have trouble with the rest of the lineup, surrendering eight runs — six earned — on 10 hits over 4 2-3 innings.

It was the first poor outing this year for Benson, who yielded only two runs all spring before taking a run on two hits over six innings in a 2-1 victory Friday.

Benson was in trouble from the start as Fernando Tatis had a two-run double in the first, and Bragg hit his first St. Louis homer in the second following Joe McGwire’s single. Bragg homered again in the eighth off reliever Jeff Wallace.

Benson helped get himself back in the game with a two-run double in the second — his first major league hit — as the Pirates chased Mercker by scoring five runs in two-plus innings to briefly take a 5-4 lead.

Benson might have lasted longer with better support from a Pirates’ defense that began the game with only one error in 55 innings.

The right-hander got the first two batters in the fifth, only to walk Willie McGee on a wild pitch as McGee rounded third on McGwire’s single, only to short-hop his drive.

Third baseman Ed Sprague then throw away Aibar’s grounder, scoring Castillo and McGwire and putting St. Louis up 8-2.
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Overtime goal gives Leafs win

Associated Press

TORONTO

Former Islander Bryan Berard scored 42 seconds into overtime to give the Toronto Maple Leafs a 3-2 victory over New York Rangers Wednesday night and a club-record 45th win of the season.

Mats Sundin and Garry Galley also scored for the Maple Leafs (45-29-7), who clinched a place in the Eastern Conference and home-ice advantage for the first round of the NHL playoffs.

The team's previous record was set by the 1992-93 Maple Leafs (44-38-13), who finished with 99 points.

Felix Potvin made 35 saves for New York in his first appearance against his former teammates since being traded Jan. 9 to the Islanders for Berard.

Mats Lindgren had one goal and an assist for New York, while Mariusz Czerkawski scored his 20th.

Down 2-1 with 2:12 left in regulation, the Maple Leafs tied it when Steve Thomas set up Sundin on a 2-on-1 rush during a 2-on-1 rush for the Islanders. Thomas fed Berard tied the game at 8:04.

The victory pushed the Southeast Division champions four games over .500 with two regular-season games left — assuring the franchise its fourth consecutive playoff berth in 20 years and first since 1989-90.

Meanwhile, the Capitals lost for the fifth straight time and 10th in the last 12 games. Injury-riddled Washington, playing without leading scorer Peter Bondra and top defense­man Sergei Gonchar, has been limited to only five goals during its five-game skid.

Carolina scored its third goal in the first period to take a quick lead in the second game and never looked back.

This past Tuesday, the Saint Mary's softball team swept a Calvin squad that was unde­feated until this point, winning 6-5 in the first game and 10-1 in the second game.

In the matinee, sophomore pitcher Annie Songer threw a total of three strikeouts in the game. Songer has pitched an average score for the season and is 16th in the league.

In the first game, the Belles ended the first inning down by one run at 2-1. Bats in both dugouts were silent until the fifth inning, when both Calvin and Saint Mary's scored three runs apiece.

In the seventh inning, the Belles scored two runs to take a 6-5 lead.

"As a team we pulled togeth­her and kept a positive outlook on the game," said freshman infielder Rachel Deer.

Offensively, the Belles used a balanced team effort to win both games. The Belles, how­ever, were not only strong in the batter's box, but also in the field.

Sophomore Cindy Traub caused seven of eight outs in the seventh game, with her 3-for-3 hitting performance.

"It was great," Traub said. "They came out with an atti­tude and we didn't take it. We hung in there even though we were down. It was great to come back and beat them in the first game. We took the lead in the second game and never looked back."

The Belles used their energy from the first game to take a quick decisive lead and never look back.

We were so pumped up for the first game and we came out with so much energy that we played aggressively on offense and defense," Deer said.

Freshman Kristin Martin pitched the entire second game.

Currently ranked 14th in the MIAA, Martin has a 5.12 ERA on the season.

In the second game, the Belles took the lead in the first inning and never lost it. After the first innings, the Belles led by one run. The Belles added to that with four runs in the fourth inning and three more in the sixth, while Calvin scored their only run of the game in the fifth inning. In the seventh inning, the Belles scored two more runs to finish the scoring for both sides.

The Belles will return to action today when they play conference rival Kalamazoo at 4 p.m.
Hey! You Seniors Out There!
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Well, we've entered the home stretch. I wish I could provide here some pearl of wisdom that could make these final days at Notre Dame all that you would have them be. There won't prove enough time in each day, especially as the weather improves (if ever it does!), to spend with friends and to visit those places on this campus which mean the most to you, much less study!

As I think back, oh so long ago, on my waning days at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, I remember most the late nights spent with those who had come to mean so much to me over the years. The gatherings I remember with particular fondness weren't the occasions when we happened into one another as we often did in the places we normally frequented. It was those intentional times, those times that we went out of our way to gather and to do something special together, that I remember most now. As our days together grew fewer we found ourselves particularly attentive to just such gatherings: an overnight at the lakeside cottage of one of our number; a Mass that we coordinated with a priest friend at one of the off-campus houses; a walk with a friend on the meandering paths beside the Mississippi which borders the campus.

I remember one night in particular which seems almost corny in the retelling but which meant the world to me then, and does still. Eight of us who had been particularly close during our years together at St. Thomas decided that we weren't going to leave that place without ritualizing in some way all that we had known together and celebrate all the ways that we had grown together. Although we, were all busy folks, the reality of our imminent departure compelled us to make the time that we seemed never to have. Our schedules dictated that we would gather very late and very local. We settled on a weekend night in late April. We decided that we would head to the other side of the river by car and then wade out to a large sandbar which was easily accessed from that side and which had always beckoned us from the campus side (however much the signs to the contrary might have discouraged more timid spirits).

It was Midnight before we arrived with our provisions and a guitar in tow. We settled into a large circle, stoked up a small, albeit illegal, campfire and proceeded to remember, and to sing and to pray. We didn't really have an agenda, and I don't remember that any one of us felt particularly competent to lead prayer, but we just knew that it was what we had to do; we knew it was, somehow, the men and women we had become over our years together. We had become people who knew that we were somehow bound up not only with each other, but with God, and because of God. As we entertained, and feared, life beyond the community that we had become over our years together, we had become people who knew that we've ever had, I refuse to believe that the late nineties are really all that differ­ent than the sixties, or the mid-eighties. They are part and parcel of the human, communal experience, measuring and marking our passages on the journey of life.

There was nothing particularly noteworthy about our gathering, some fifteen years ago, other than the fact that it happened, that eight people took a little time to be together and to mark the holiness of their days together. It will surely go unnoted in the recorded history of human events, but for those of us who were there, it is one of the most memorable moments of our young lives. There is irony in the fact that the moment during which we gathered to remember all that mattered most to us has become the moment we most remember. I'll close by simply urging each of you to attend to just such moments. Think twice before you say yet again that you're just too busy or that you don't have enough time; it's all the time you've got. The only shame greater than risking to gather in such a way, risking to speak the depths of our truth to one another, is not risking it, and never knowing how rich life could have been if we had.
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"I'm certainly not disappointed but I'm not satisfied,"
offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said after Tuesday's
practice — the first after the scrimmage. "He's got a ways
to go and he knows that. One thing about him, he's an inters-
pective guy and nobody is going to be more critical of his
performance than he is. I'm not concerned about it, it's one
scrimmage. The guy to me is a proven leader and a quality
quarterback and it was just one of those days."

Talking to Jackson, that scrimmage — and in fact the
early spring — is but a distant memory.

After all, he's just now get-
ing the chance to draw the
big guns. And if he has any-
thing to say about it, Jackson's first half of spring drills will only be as important
as the improvements he hopes
in the second half.

"I learned from it," he said.
"You're going to have your bad games. It's like against
Michigan State, you take the punches and roll with them.
The best thing that could happen from them is you learn
from them and try to not make the same mistakes
again."

Lucky for the man who
throw for 1,740 yards before
his injury last year that the
next step will require less
actual footwork. Rogers will
turn the Irish playbook to
the more complex elements this
week, adding the option to
have Jackson air the ball out.

Dropping from the pocket and firing passes will save Jackson
from the added strains that
running the option and scram-
bling in the zone places on his
knee.

The difference this spring is
will the offensive line give him
enough room to work from to
complete the passes.

Like a true leader, Jackson
is accepting the high road
once again. The key for the
line will be building confi-
dence in the trenches, not
rushing experience. It will
take Notre Dame longer to
perfect, but Jackson is cer-
tainly used to it.

"We just have to take it slow," he said. "We have to
take many days to build a new line, new backs and things
like that. So we have to work with whatever they're com-
fortable with."


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Jackson should benefit from a more versatile offensive attack.

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coaching staff of Chris Cardillo, Chris Ramos, John Halpin and Teme Acosta for its offensive and defensive strategy.

Leading the Ruff Ryder offense was Pyfer, who tallied seven baskets, while Roberts dominated the boards with 14 rebounds.

"It was my birthday so they made me shoot the winning basket," said Roberts, who scored four points. One of Roberts' birthday presents is a spot in the third round later this week.

In other second round action, Tres es Bueno hit the court in its second tournament game against Dogs in the Bathtub.

After playing together for only a few weeks, the players of Tres es Bueno, with Neil Friery, Nick Wilson, Tim Welch, James Malloy and JT Thompson worked well together, using quick perimeter passing and strong post play to earn a spot in the third round.

"They packed the inside pretty tight," said Malloy, the captain of the squad. "We had to rely on our outside game." Thompson led the offensive attack with his outside shooting, racking up seven points, while Wilson was a monster in the paint, bringing down 18 rebounds.

"We really counted on Nick getting the rebounds," said Malloy. "He was tough on the inside."

Dog in the Bathtub had trouble putting an offense together in the first half, scoring only four times. The second half brought a new team that was ready to play in the court.

Ty Goode led the offense with five second-half baskets, for a total of seven points. It was not enough, however, as Tres es Bueno earned the victory with a final score of 21-14.

The top seeds in the tournament were back in action today, easily sailing past their second round challenges.

In one of the final first round games of the tournament, Chlamydia is Not a Flower took on Knights Who Say Ni. Amy Spicer, Erin Smith, Mary Finley, Jamie Donnelly, Janelle Labine and Stephanie Wilkins of Chlamydia is Not a Flower, dressed in Wonder Woman outfits and turquoise spandex, wowed fans with their ability to make a human pyramid and "Tai"-ed the crowd to show their appreciation for coming out to watch the game.

"Basketball's really not our game," said Smith. "We're all Bree-Phillips football players. We went to the stadium this year, but not in these outfits."

Chlamydia is Not a Flower could not muster enough basketball skills to pull off a win, losing 21-17. The Knights Who Say Ni advanced easily and will be back in action later this week.

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The Notre Dame men's men's lacrosse team will return to action this afternoon when they face off against Army.

Irish fall to Buckeyes for third straight loss
Observer Staff Report

Buddy Lange scored with 10 seconds left to cap off a four-goal rally as the Ohio State Buckeyes defeated the 14th-ranked men's lacrosse team 5-4 in a battle of Great Western Lacrosse League rivals.

With the loss, the Irish dropped their third straight game and lost for the first time this season to an unranked opponent. The Buckeyes improved to 5-3 while the Irish stumbled to 5-5.

The loss marred an otherwise stellar performance by Stridman's Oklahoma. The junior midfielder scored three of Notre Dame's four goals. David Ulrich and John Plamena assisted on Okie's last two goals. Steve Biskto scored the remaining goal on an assist by Brad Owen.

The Buckeye defense, which came into the game holding opponents to a league-best 10.2 goals per game, stifled the Irish attack. Notre Dame's four goals represented the lowest Irish offensive output since 1995 when Princeton downed the Irish, 6-4. The Buckeyes were particularly effective in the second and fourth quarters when they held the Irish scoreless.

Irish goalie Kirk Howard had an off day between the pipes, stopping only five Buckeye shots on the day.

Notre Dame will try to get back in the win column this Saturday when it hosts Army. The Irish and the Cadets will face off at 1 p.m. on Moose Krause Field.
Lou Holtz will be visiting the College of Business Administration Building on April 20, 1999 to lecture on:

“What I wish I knew about Leadership twenty-five years ago”

This Lecture series will start at 12:30 p.m. and is being held in the Jordan Auditorium.

Lou Holtz will offer a perspective useful to current students looking ahead to careers who are wondering what characteristics and skills make a great leader. In reflecting on his experience, Lou Holtz will share what he has found to be indispensable leadership skills.

This is the second lecture of the “Leadership for Competitive Advantage and Personal Success” Series.
With another comeback win under the belts, the Irish baseball squad will hope to continue their good fortunes this afternoon against Valparaiso.

### Baseball

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Fourth, loading up the bases with no outs. But three straight strikeouts allowed him to pitch out of the jam.

The Irish took advantage of a record of fruitful fifth innings this season, outscoring their opponents 24-7 in the fifth frame. First baseman Matt Nussbaum nailed the third Notre Dame hit that made his way out of the infield for a single. Matt Strickroth cleared the bases on the first pitch to knot the game at two.

Strickroth, who is hitting 3-for-6 in his last two games, including his first collegiate homerun last Sunday against Pittsburgh, is one of the many Irish who have surprised opposing pitchers. Nussbaum fits the same description, as he was the only Irish hitter to earn two hits Wednesday.

"We spent a lot of time in the off-season with the mindset of just trying to get ourselves ready to play," Nussbaum said. "Because with a 50-60, close to 70-game season, everyone's going to get a chance to play. I know my chance would come sooner or later; it just happened to come sooner and I was ready for it." Cleveland State started the sixth with an opportunity to regain the lead, when Miller lined one to center field before freshman Steve Stanley picked it up and through to home to tag Haase at the plate. Catcher and fellow freshman Paul O'Toole made an easy play to stop Haase from reaching the plate.

"I just tried to put myself in the position out on the mound where I could throw strikes and hopefully give our team a chance to win at the end of the game," he said.

Jeff Perconte started the eighth with a walk and advanced to second on a stolen base before left-hander Mark Ritz was brought in to face the lefty O'Toole. He hit a bouncer up the middle that set up a Perconte play at the plate, which he beat out to tie the game. He hit his left shoulder on the play and immediately left the game.

Shortstop Brant Ust scored O'Toole for the first Irish lead before slugging Jeff Wagner picked up his only hit of the game to drive home Ust, making it 5-3. Ken Meyer stepped in to pinch run for Wagner and a double by Nussbaum drove him in for the final score of 6-3.

The late-inning rally has become commonplace for Notre Dame in recent games, now with 12 comeback wins this season.

"We always try to jump ahead to begin with," Nussbaum said. "It just so happens that we've been sort of a slow-starting team for most of our games. I think that's something we pride ourselves in, winning the late innings, the seventh, eighth and ninth innings. If you can win those three innings then you put yourself in a position to win a lot of games."
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**SPORTS**

**FOOTBALL**

Offensive drills prepare Jackson for upcoming season

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

The pressure of playing quarterback at Notre Dame could not be much higher for junior Jackson as he begins his second season as a starter for the Irish. Jackson must rise above the "sophomore jinx," as he returns for his second year as the starter after a surprising 1998 season. Jackson led a varied offense off of his ability to move the ball on the ground, finishing 13th nationally in passing efficiency and fourth best-ever for the Irish in single-season total offense.

But returning to top form this spring includes a more significant set of question marks for the fifth-year senior.

Still recovering from a torn knee ligament he suffered in the home finale against LSU last November, Jackson has just begun to play without a knee brace this week at practice.

To complete Jackson's "mission impossible," the Irish will enter the 1999 season short four starters from last year's offensive line, who will graduate in May.

But the Irish signal-caller isn't stepping away from the challenge. Instead, he's using it as a rallying point.

"It's definitely hard," Jackson said. "I feel like I'm pushing myself every minute trying to be the team leader, trying to show guys that I'm focused and they can be focused as well, just trying to get guys ready to compete and ready to play. I guess that's just something I'm going to have to do for this particular year."

For Jackson, the high road begins this week as head coach Bob Davie implements the second offensive phase of the spring drills. Last Saturday's scrimmage marked the end of the first practice session — to keep the ball on the ground and work on the running game.

The emphasis on offense could not have been switched in a more timely fashion for Jackson.

Though Saturday's scrimmage marked the developing battle at both the tailback and fullback spots, the quarterbacks hardly drew their weapons. Jackson turned in a mostly lackluster outing other than a 41-yard pass completion to Joey Getheral.

Field dwindles in second round

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The field of teams in the Bookstore Basketball Tournament narrowed to 256 Wednesday as the first round of the tournament ended and the second round began.

Shorthanded the Pimp's Playground Posse had a rough time on the basketball court as it squared off against the Buff Ryders at Stepan.

Combining a quick offense with a stingy defense, the Buff Ryders with HJ Robberts, Mike McCravel, Josh Brumm, Kelly Ndouque and Chris Pyle shut down Shorty the Pimp's Playground Posse's offense, leading 11-2 at halftime and finishing with a 21-2 win.

The game went really well," said Roberts. "We came together and did a lot of the things we wanted to do.

The Buff Ryders' tight defense and double-team tactics caused many turnovers and kept Shorty the Pimp's Playground Posse scrambling the entire game.

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**BASEBALL**

Irish use rally to conquer Vikings

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish scripted out another dramatic, come-from-behind victory Wednesday evening against Cleveland State at Frank Eck Stadium with a 6-3 final.

A strong effort from Viking right-hander Ryan McClarren kept the Irish baffled at the plate for most of the game, allowing just two hits in the first four innings. A strong fifth inning tied the trailing Irish at two and then an eighth-inning rally erased another deficit to give Notre Dame its only lead in the contest.

Head coach Paul Mainieri went with a pitching-by-committee format, utilizing five different hurlers to pick up the game-high 16 strikeouts in the game. Reliever John Corbin held the Vikings scoreless in the final two innings to secure the Irish rally. The effort earns him his fifth win of the season (5-1) despite having pitched just under 26 innings this season.

"Corbin's been tremendous for us this year," Mainieri said after the win, which places his team at 26-8 on the season.

Despite entering the game with a 10-19 record, Cleveland State has swung a mighty bat this season, holding a 299 team batting average. Cleveland proved that its numbers at the plate are no fluke.

First baseman Adam Miller started things up for the Vikings in the top half of the second with a home run to left field for Boss Strine. The designated hitter took an inside fastball from Aaron Heilman over the right field wall for a 2-0 Viking lead.

Heilman, who won his third big East pitcher of the week award Tuesday, started for the Irish and pitched through the second. The two runs on hits in the second were the only ones he allowed as he struck out four of the eight batters he faced.

Like Heilman in the first, Alex Shidley pitched a three-up and three-down inning for his first hit of the game, in the third. Also like Heilman, Shidley ran into some trouble in his second inning, the...