Law students rally for school loan forgiveness

O'Hara on right track to aid service-minded graduates, former dean says

By ERIN LaULIFA
Asian News Editor

With rain running ink off their posters, a group of Notre Dame law school students and their supporters rallied Friday outside the Main Building for loan forgiveness for graduates who pursue public service careers.

"Law students really want to come here to be public interest lawyers ... They want to follow the words of the Pope, but they just can't afford to," third-year law student Ben Horne said to an assembled crowd.

Rudy Monterrosa, a second-year law student, led the crowd in a chant of "Harvard, Yale, NYU. Loan forgiveness — we want it too," in reference to three leading law schools that already have loan forgiveness programs.

Monterrosa decided to attend Notre Dame Law School because of its commitment to public service, he said.

"I think what we do at Notre Dame is very important... I think we do things to help our community," he said.

Many law school graduates practice corporate law immediately after graduating as a means of paying off their debts, said Monterrosa. Some of those

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Howard: Judge science for self

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

Our elected leaders should avoid partisanship and act upon their values, not political Expediency, when making decisions affecting public life, said Dennis Hastert, speaker of the House of Representatives, Saturday.

Hastert, a Republican from Illinois, spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium about the importance of maintaining a core philosophy of beliefs in leadership.

"Our mission is made easier when the politics of division takes a back seat to the progress of unity," Hastert said. "Unfortunately, some of the most important ideas get lost in a thicket of partisanship."

Hastert went on to list some of his party's primary objectives, including using a portion of the federal budget surplus to cut taxes, and putting the rest towards paying down the national debt. He said that if the debt remains the same, one college-age American will spend approximately $190,000 during his lifetime just to pay off the debt's interest.

Hastert, a former high school teacher, also discussed the importance of quality education. He said he encourages greater partnership between public and private schools in this country and, at the same time, respects the many different circumstances that affect schools across the nation.

"We should encourage expansion of educational opportunities for all children, whether they be in a public school or a private or parochial school," he said.

"No child should be denied quality education just because his or her parents are saddled with financial restraints."

In both his speech and the subsequent question-and-
Is Elian a child of revolution?

Yes, you know the story. Elian Gonzalez was found in an inner tube in the Gulf of Mexico last May and has been in Miami ever since. His parents have been estranged since the 1960s, and Elian has lived with his mother's family in Cuba. But why did the United States President decide to take in Elian, and not his mother, into his home? Many people are asking those questions these days.

As one of the observers of the situation, I am sure that Elian’s family would have been reunited with him if Cuba had not been ruled by Castro. In fact, Elian’s mother was a child of the revolution and is probably a Communist. Her parents have limited rights over their children. She could not be with her children until she married a Cuban. By then, Elian’s father was 20 years old and had already fought in the civil war. It was not until the year 1980 that Elian’s parents were able to get married and live together.

The Grohman family, however, has more rights than the Castro family. They have the right to send their son on a vacation in the United States, but not the right to bring him back to their home in Cuba. This is because Castro’s government has no love for the Cuban-American community. It is a small group of people who fill in the gaps left by the Communists.

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It is also ironic that Castro is now the spokesperson for parental rights, especially considering he kidnapped his own son approximately 30 years ago. When I was in Mexico, he was even more hostile towards his own children. He was not going to let his father bring him back to his mother. Instead, he sent the boy to a couple in Mexico that he trusted.

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Congressman shares past with Black Law Association

By HELENA RAYAM

About 20 years ago, Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., sat in his Memphis, Tenn., home doing homework to prepare for his future. "When I was growing up, we couldn't go outside until we finished our homework," said Ford. After years of working before playing, Ford and his neighborhood playmates include five lawyers, three doctors and a military officer, among others. Ford, a Democrat, reflected on his road to Congress and his political career in law students during Saturday's lecture, "Self Help: Empowering Ourselves with a New Attitude." The lecture was part of the 27th annual Black Law Student Association's (BLSA) Alumni Weekend.

"All of my life I've dreamt about running for Congress and serving my district," Ford said. At 26, Ford was elected to the House of Representatives as the youngest member of the 105th Congress. He was re-elected to a second term in 1998 and currently will run unopposed in the 2000 congressional elections. "This man comes from a proud political tradition," said BLSA president Tamara Walker, who attended elementary school with Ford in Tennessee. Ford's father was a representative in the U.S. House, and several other family members are political officials. Because of Ford's political roots, the University of Michigan School of Law graduate had some difficulties separating himself as a candidate.

"I was not really taken seriously initially by my opponents," said Ford, adding that people referred to his election as a "graduation gift." "The nucleus of my opponent's campaign was that I was young and inexperienced," said Ford. "All of that criticism about my age...helped mold the political platform I had," said Ford. Since his election, Ford has faced the challenge of trying to be heard as a young congressman in the minority party. Ford said even on some partisan issues like gun control and campaign financing, Democrats and Republicans still desire political efficacy.

"In the end, we all pretty much want the same thing," said Ford. "I'm a Democrat, but I'm a Congressman first. No matter how much I hate your political views, no matter how much you hate my political views, I would never want to hurt one of your constituents."

Nevertheless, the "demise, incivility and corruption" in politics are examples of political corruption that Ford said, are frightening. "These have damaged our ability to attract smart, vision-ary, and capable people," he added.

Ford referred to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," reiterating one of King's point that everyone is connected and in the world for a common purpose. "As corrupt and idealistic as it sounds, this system only works if you get involved," said Ford. "Our challenge now is to figure out how we strengthen that mutuality."
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answer session, Hastert touched on a number of issues of importance to the Catholic University audience.

He said he hopes President Bill Clinton will not veto the partial-birth abortion ban which the Senate passed last week, but he acknowledged that that may not be likely. The Speaker also said he hopes to prevent foreign aid from going to groups that would encourage their governments to enact legislation that strengthens abortion rights.

Hastert stopped short of endorsing a national death penalty moratorium, such as that recently enacted by Illinois Governor George Ryan, but he did say there should be some guarantees to DNA testing and a quality defense in capital punishment cases.

Hastert also addressed the controversial selection of the House chaplain, saying he hoped the appointment of Father Daniel Coughlin to the position would "help us heal" wounds brought on by accusations of anti-Catholicism. Presbyterian Reverend Charles Wright was initially selected over a Catholic priest who had more support among the bipartisan nominating committee.

While Hastert said the committee was intended only to select three nominees, the House Republican leadership was charged with anti-Catholicism. After this controversy erupted, Hastert selected Coughlin on the advice of Chicago archbishop Cardinal Francis George. The Speaker said his critics on this matter were engaging in a dangerous game.

"Those who try to use religion as a means for political maneuvering can unleash disastrous consequences, like a child playing with matches," he said.

Hastert was elected Speaker of the House in January 1999, shortly after Clinton's impeachment. He represents Illinois' 14th Congressional district, in Chicago's western suburb. He has been a member of the Illinois legislature since 1986 and spent 16 years teaching government and history at an Illinois high school.

His speech on Saturday was a part of the Hanley Lectures on Values and Public Policy, which are delivered both on campus and at the University's study program in Washington, D.C.

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because human life begins at conception, the current process used with in vitro fertilization actually kills human life. The current technique for the process involves fertilizing multiple eggs and then selecting those which are potentially most viable for transplant into a mother. Those fertilized embryos deemed unfit for transplant are discarded.

"Each person must be protected from the moment of conception," said Howard.

The techniques and implications of cloning and genetic manipulation also arose during Howard's presentation.

Noting that cloning research could make possible the use of cells for spare organs, Howard said all such actions must be analyzed by the action itself, by the means and ends used.

Cloning, Howard argued, perverts the idea of personhood. If cloning became a reality, someone could become the daughter of her grandmother or the sister of her mother.

The Human Genome Project, which could soon present the layout of an entire person's genetic makeup, must also come under examination.

Each of us, said Howard, is born with five to 20 genetic errors in our DNA that could become evident as we age. No one is conceived with perfect DNA.

Howard also discussed the implications of stem cell research that could involve removing the brain cells from aborted fetuses. Such cells are used by research institutions for treating dementia associated with HIV. Howard noted alternatives for sources of such cells such as the placenta. Still, he argued, any undifferentiated cell obtained for research that can potentially grow into a complete human violates ethics as well.

While Howard criticized contemporary secularism that "has become a religion in and of itself," he concluded his presentation on a positive note.

"God is calling collegians to work for life," he said.

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lawyers intend to move to public interest law once their loans are repaid, but they often become "trapped" in the lucrative corporate world.

Thomas Shaffer, a former law school dean who still works at Notre Dame's Legal Aid Clinic, spoke in support of loan forgiveness. He praised current law school dean Patricia O'Hara for her commitment to loan forgiveness.

In her first year as dean, O'Hara has made financial aid -- which includes scholarships and loan forgiveness -- one of her five top priorities, according to third-year law student Marisa Salizar, who helped organize the rally. Salizar added that the University is currently seeking a donor to assist with loan forgiveness.

Bally organizers wanted the event's message to be a positive way to thank the University for recognizing the issue of loan forgiveness. Shaffer said.

There are different ways for law schools to help students who intend to pursue public interest careers. One is to offer scholarships at the beginning of their three years of school.

Schools can also forgive loans. For example, one possible method involves sending a graduate a check for a certain percentage of tuition costs after each year the lawyer works in public service.

The lawyer then uses that money to pay off loans.

The problem is that the debt of some law students approaches $100,000 or more, Shaffer said. In addition, lawyers who serve Americans who can afford legal services generally outnumber those who serve citizens who cannot, he added.

"It keeps the poor locked out," Shaffer said, explaining that because lawyers help in "unlocking" doors for the poor, more public interest lawyers are needed.

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Jimmy Gurule, Professor, Notre Dame Law School

Discussion to Follow

Monday, April 10th

100-104 CCE, McKenna Hall

3:00 – 5:00

*Based on the Provost's Taskforce Committee Report on Diversity and Community
Illness may impede Elian custody handover

The cousin who has stepped in as Elian Gonzalez's surrogate mother battled illness again Sunday, creating a possible obstacle to the meeting between psychiatrists and the 6-year-old's Miami relatives to arrange a custody handover. Psychiatrists and a psychologist are scheduled to meet this week with the Miami relatives at Attorney General Janet Reno's request. Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle and temporary guardian, said he was "willing to house" a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Monday. But he asked that it be scheduled as quickly as possible in view of his daughter's admission to a hospital Sunday. Marisela Gonzalez has been hospitalized several times in recent weeks, suffering from exhaustion.

President Weizman may resign because of poor health

Jerusalem

Citing his health, Ezer Weizman said Sunday he would likely resign before his term ends in 2003 - the first time the Israeli president spoke openly of stepping down since allegations surfaced that he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from a French millionaire. Accusations surfaced in December that Weizman had accepted over $300,000 in gifts from a French textile magnate between 1988-93, when he was a cabinet minister and a legislator. Police, in findings published last week, recommended closing the case - but only because the 5-year statute of limitations had run out on two of the most serious charges, fraud and breach of public trust.

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Peru

People cheer in the streets of Lima, Peru, upon hearing that presidential candidate Alejandro Toledo led in the polls just moments after voting ended in the presidential and legislative elections. Exit polls Sunday night were not consistent in reporting whether Toledo or President Alberto Fujimori won the preliminary election.

Rural voters likely to decide president

Exit polls in Peru have predicted a victory by either candidate, but the rural areas, where Fujimori has a strong following, could determine the outcome.

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru

President Alberto Fujimori led in early results Sunday in Peru's presidential election, but appeared headed for a runoff vote in his attempt to win an unprecedented third five-year term.

Unofficial results from 99 percent of precincts showed Fujimori pulling ahead of Alejandro Toledo, with 48 percent of the vote in his opponent's 45.6 percent, the independent polling firm Apoyo said.

Hours earlier, an exit poll by the same firm gave Toledo 45.2 percent to Fujimori's 43.6 percent. The poll did not take into account isolated rural areas inaccessible by road, where support for Fujimori was visible this time.

If Fujimori fails to win outright, the nation's top political leader would set up a runoff vote in May. The winner would serve a five-year term.

Fujimori, 61, popular for having crushed leftist insurgencies and ending economic chaos, was facing the most serious challenge of his career from 54-year-old Toledo, a U.S.-trained economist.

Toledo, wearing a red bandanna around his head, greeted tens of thousands of supporters outside a downtown hotel Sunday night.

"The crowd chanted 'the dictatorship has fallen,' and 'Toledo president,'" he cautioned that it was premature to claim victory. But he said, "there is reason to celebrate the dawn of a new democracy in Peru." Apoyo director Alfredo Torres said the exit poll figures were based on interviews with 35,000 voters in 70 provinces. The margin of error was 5 percentage points.

Fujimori's exit polls have proved highly accurate in past elections. But Torres said last week they would not include samples from the remote rural areas where 10 to 15 percent of the voters live.

19 killed in Marine Corps aircraft crash

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz.

A Marine Corps aircraft attempting to land during a nighttime training mission crashed and burst into flames, killing all 19 aboard and adding to a checkered history for a new breed of hybrid plane that can take off and land like a helicopter.

The MV-22 tiltrotor Osprey, which looks like a turbo prop, is part of a new generation of aircraft scheduled to eventually replace all of the Marines' primary troop-transport helicopters. The military began flying the aircraft six months ago.

The four crew members in Saturday night's crash were from a task force headquartered in Quantico, Va. The passengers were 14 Marines from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and one from Marine Corps Air Station-Miramar in San Diego County, according to the Marine Corps.

On Sunday, investigators were reviewing the crash site at Marana Northwest Regional Airport west of Tucson. Few details were released.

Carol Ward, who lives about five miles from the airport, said she watched the plane fly by her porch. It disappeared behind a mountain and a few seconds later "I saw the smoke and this big old light," she said.

The dust from the crash "just eliminated the sky," she said.

A heap of twisted, charred metal was visible at the scene and aerial footage showed a large blackened patch on the airport grounds.

Military officials said the downed aircraft had been attempting to land at the airport when it crashed.

It was one of two Ospreys simulating the evacuation of civilians, similar to what Marines would do if they were removing people from an embassy in a hostile country.

The mission was conducted with night vision goggles and infrared radar, officials said.

Firefighters said witnesses reported seeing the plane head straight down and become engulfed in flames after it crashed.
ND experts debate Ugandan cult crisis

Professors discuss Church's responsibility in mass murder by former Catholic priest

By MARIBEL MOREY

Several hundred members of a doomsday cult in Uganda died in what appeared to be a mass murder at the hand of its main leader, a former Catholic priest named Kibweteere. After he was suspended from the Church, the priest named Muwunga said.

"The Catholic Church can never penetrate very deeply [in Ugandan society] because of the total lack of services offered. The gap in is what is available [in the Church] and what's wanted," Gaffney said.

So many Ugandans need the services kicked off by the Church, but there are not enough resources to meet all the need, according to Gaffney. In a religious sect, people's needs can also be served.

"Kibweteere's sect may have been the result of political, economic and religious factors within the government," Gaffney said. Muwunga stressed the significance of the doctrine and the rule of the Catholic Church in Uganda.

"Distortion of religion can manipulate people. This is a phenomenon that we're very familiar with in Uganda, because of the total lack of services offered," Muwunga said.

"We know that this is a distorted group, a governmental intervention and an intervention in religious activities is now in question," Gaffney said. "But we must know that the government will probably have more interest in these groups," Gaffney said. "The problem is that these groups are more beneficial, except for the perverse group."

The government should be more involved with religious groups, Muwunga said. "The government mechanism that overlooks the activities of these organizations needs to be conscious of the issue of religious fundamentalism."

Lots of government officials are not examples of human virtue. Do we not know if they are going to take over these religious institutions?" Gaffney questioned.

The economic issues cannot be altered quickly, but the religious and governmental dilemmas should be addressed, according to Muwunga. "The Church should learn that dismissing priests that have made mistakes is not the solution," said Muwunga.

"The Church should stay away from the hierarchical framework in Uganda and become more sensitive to the needs of the people." Muwunga said.

"This problem is a sign that the Church needs to revitalize itself. Something is wrong with the system," Charles Muwunga, Kroc Institute scholar.

Instead of changing the Church's structure, Gaffney places this issue on an international level.

"This is a phenomenon that we didn't understand at home, and have a difficult time understanding it abroad," Gaffney said. "Kibweteere and Gaffney believe the government should take a role to prevent this problem."

"We're feeling that the problem lies within the government itself," Gaffney said.

One of the reasons it was not reported was because of the government leaders who were in the cult, said Gaffney.

While Muwunga places more emphasis on the Church's need for change, Gaffney believes that the government needs to structure local government more effectively. Both, however, fear that the government will meet this issue to control religious groups especially given the Catholic Church's influence within the country.

Rice: Push pro-life agenda to general public

By MIKE de la ROSA

Because the Supreme Court will not outlaw abortion, activists must change public opinion to a pro-life stance, said law professor Charles Rice at this weekend's Collegiate Pro-Life Leadership Conference.

"The Supreme Court is unanimous, and overturning Roe v. Wade is not one vote away. The objective is to honestly change minds and hearts," said Rice in his lecture, "Law, Politics and the Right to Life."

Rice spoke on the ethical nuances of abortion and euthanasia. He noted that a doctor could prescribe drugs to prolong a patient's life. A problem arises, however, because there is no way to monitor whether treatment is given for beneficial or suicidal purposes, he said.

"Both abortion and euthanasia are moving beyond the law in that the law cannot determine what the intent of the doctor is," Rice said.

Rice said abortion, as a whole, is wrong, regardless of regulation.

"Intrinsically abortion is like lining up a school-age child against a wall and shooting her," he said. "Regulating abortion by saying you can't do this without your parents' permission makes abortion equivalent to getting your ears pierced."

Rice has advised numerous pro-life organizations around the country, including the Free Speech Advocates of Catholics United for Life.

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SMC alumnae board holds spring meeting

By COUNTEY BOYLE
News Writer

Saint Mary's Alumnae Association's Board of Directors focused on how to stay in touch with campus happenings at its annual spring meeting on campus last weekend.

In an effort to make contact with current students, members met and socialized with graduating seniors Thursday night at a reception at the Beringer Alumnae House.

"We were pleased with the crowd. We had about 50 seniors there. The purpose is to network; we do this in the spring because people are still interviewing [for jobs] and [to see] if there is anything [we] can do to help out," said board president Deborah Johnson Schweiwer.

Board committees, including the Student Alumnae Committee, Alumnae Resource Committee/Committees and the Networking Committee, met Friday and Saturday.

"The Student Alumnae Committee is focused on how we can stay informed. We also had a student leaders luncheon as a sort of year-in-review," Schweiwer said.

Updates were given by College president Marilou Eifert, vice president and dean of faculty, and Patrick White, associate dean of faculty.

The board also discussed summer service projects affiliated with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Reunion 2000, which will be held on campus June 8 through 11. The Alumnae Association also established and voted on several awards Saturday afternoon. The Distinguished Alumna Award will go to a member of the Saint Mary's community who has displayed outstanding service to the College and who participates in ongoing work for the Alumnae Association.

The Alumna Achievement Award will honor an alumna who has had significant personal and professional accomplishments and who has proved to be a leader in her professional field.

The Humanitas Award, established this year, will honor a woman with outstanding personal and volunteer accomplishments.

The recipient also must exhibit concern for the interests and welfare of her fellow human beings, have personal dedication, compassion, selflessness and sacrifice through social action.

To wrap up the day of meetings, the members elected new board officers. New leaders include C.C. Shaughnessy Nossinger, president, Kerry Long, vice president, and Julie Strazzabosco Graham, secretary. Officials will serve a two-year term and which will take office after Reunion 2000 activities.

SMC to hold canned food drive

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Sodexo Marriot Food Services will host a food drive this week at Saint Mary's. All donations will go to the North Central Indiana Food Bank.

Canned foods can be left at the Noble Family Dining Hall or The Crossings snack bar from April 9 through 15. Sodexo Marriot will match all food donations received.

The food services organization will hold the drive in response to the problem of hunger in America. According to Foodchain and Second Harvest, two of the nation's leading hunger relief organizations, one in four children does not eat regular meals each day because of the lack of food in their homes. There has also been a 40 to 55 percent increase in requests for emergency food assistance in the past year.

More than 25 percent of all the food produced for human consumption is wasted each year in America, roughly 96 billion pounds of food, according to the agencies. On average, the working poor spend 60 percent of their monthly income on shelter, leaving little for utilities, food and health care.

This is the second year of the Sodexo Marriot food drive at Saint Mary's. "We would like to get as many people involved as possible," said Kelly Keschnick, human resources assistant for the organization.

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Mike Marchand

Questionable Freedoms

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Mike Marchand is an off-campus junior English major who is not ashamed to admit that he is driving a red minivan in classes while his truck is on the disabled list. He would like to apologize to former Observer columnist Sean Vivek for mistakenly ripping off his column name to use as the headline of this column. Mike’s column appears every other Monday and his e-mail address is Marchand.3@nd.edu.

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Mike Marchand
Is this a ‘Christian’ university?

If Notre Dame is to serve the message of the Gospels it will need to undergo a radical transformation. Trying to follow Jesus is not simple. So here is a radical agenda that will provoke you to think and must, I hope, to disagree.

Open admissions. Notre Dame should accept every student who applies. The University of New York has perhaps the most innovative admissions policy of any university as it accepts everyone. A Notre Dame diploma is not necessary. Did not Jesus invite the poor, the children, Samaritans, prostitutes and women to follow him to the Kingdom? Why do we refuse students because they do not come from a well-nourished family?

We need to open our doors to those who are victims of the economic inequality inherent in our economy.

Sliding-scale tuition. Freezing tuition at more than $20,000 is neither radical nor acceptable for a school that wants non-rich students. Ultimately, tuition should be fixed and irrelevant to 10 percent of our expenditures or less. A Notre Dame student, Catholic, we should be 34 percent Latino, not seven percent as it is now. We need to open our doors to people of color.

Shut out the furnace. The University should be governed by a body consisting of an equal number of students, staff including faculty, staff including students, student organizations, and community members (including the Church, alumni and possibly Indiana residents). Board members should be elected on a one-person-one-vote basis. Currently less than one percent of the Notre Dame community (the administration, including vice-presidents, the president and the trustees) control the University. We should democratize the decision-making of the overwhelming majority of both the well-informed students and faculty. For instance, last year the majority of students and faculty supported including sexual orientation in our school’s non-discrimination clause. However, the Faculty voted it down.

Enlist the student body. The University should issue a statement that the war was a war of the rich against the poor. We need to stop teaching the poor about the sins committed by the poor in the rich.

Spurn reparations. Notre Dame has prostituted itself to a rich elite. Just look at the University’s rank in the US News and world report rankings. As Debartolo who gave $39 million in 1989 and the Mendozaos who gave $190 million. In return, they are appointed trustees, they have buildings named in their honor and can rest assured that Notre Dame will continue to promote their conservative values. A school that by its very name implies injustice and inequality for the poor, cannot expect funding from the rich, corporations and the military.

This is a radical agenda, but I hope you will see it as one committed to our values that corporate sponsorships only tarnish.

If these policies cause more students to apply than Notre Dame can handle, I suggest that the most fair and loving admissions strategy — open admissions — be a top priority. But by addressing the root causes of structural inequalities, by challenging the powerful interests who control this university and repudiating our commitment to injustice, we will make Notre Dame radically different.

Aaron Kreider
Think. Question. Resist.

Rape victim responds

Try to imagine yourselves in this situation. You are relaxing on a weekend night, socializing with friends and drinking so much to be cognitively coherent. At some point in the evening, you find yourself alone with one of your friends, and before you realize it, things get physical. Although you have not actually consented to this, you find yourself wishing you could stop what is happening to you. You awake the next morning and realize you have engaged in non-consensual intercourse with your friend and are left to deal with the consequences of what has taken place. Not an entirely unfamiliar story, I’m sure.

Sadly, I think that many of us have encountered situations like this at some point during our time at Notre Dame. And yet, it was not until I reported my recent experience with acquaintance-rape that this issue started being openly discussed in The Observer and across campus.

None of us want to think of ourselves as being vulnerable, unable to control ourselves or easily victimized. We lock our car doors to prevent automobile theft and we try not to leave our books and electronics unattended when we venture to the basement of the library or outside. It makes sense. However, we rarely protect ourselves against personal victimization. We do not look at our friends as being possible perpetrators of rape. When we are having fun at parties and hanging out, we rarely stop to consider what our friends, however, are doing to burst the fantasy that rape does not happen, and it doesn’t.

I want to enjoy my time on campus, and I’m sure that many of you do. However, I fear that you may be equally unaware of the power and influence that rape has. I have left the protection of my own personal experience to burst the fantasy that rape only happens to others, and that it doesn’t happen to me.

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Rape is a real problem on this campus. I have been able to dose the door on Monday when I saw the front page of The Observer and knew that my story was out. Part of the reason I have decided not to press charges is because I did not want to make a public issue out of my very private experience. I hope that I am not opening the door for any unnecessary speculation or alarm when I tell you that I am a senior this year. I am close to completing my final senior year at Notre Dame, and I did not want this last month and a half to be interfered with any further investigation. I want to enjoy the time I have left here with my friends, and I do not want to feel that I am being a burden to those who are left to deal with the consequences of what has taken place.

I hope that the students, faculty and administration of Notre Dame are finally willing to take responsibility for what has happened. Ultimately, the only justice that we can seek is the healing and the freedom for those who have been raped. I hope that the students, faculty and administration of Notre Dame are willing to take responsibility for what has happened. Ultimately, the only justice that we can seek is the healing and the freedom for those who have been raped.

I am glad that one good thing did come from this whole situation: it triggered a very candid discussion of rape at Notre Dame. It is, however, unfortunate that my report was the reason this discussion was ignored. We need to learn to speak about the prevalence of rape before it gets to this point. We need more informational meetings and peer advising on this topic. We need to become more aware that rape happens, and it doesn’t have to be violent or involve a total stranger to be recognized as a violation. We need to take more personal responsibility for ourselves, while we expect others to take responsibility. I think the students, faculty and administration of Notre Dame should never think for one second that this can’t happen to us.

Thank you again for all of your support and advice. I hope that the students, faculty and administration of Notre Dame will continue to speak openly and not see these concerns as too much. However, I believe that the University should never think for one second that this can’t happen to us.

Aaron Kreider

April 16, 2000

Anonymous

April 5, 2000
Siegfried Ramblers’ spirit of community helps unite the dorm

By TIM LOGAN
Scene Writer

Three years ago, Siegfried was a girl’s dorm. It had 246 female residents, a security guard and pink tiles in the bathrooms.

But when Flanner Hall closed and was converted into faculty offices, the female residents of Siegfried and neighboring Knott Hall were sent to West Quad and the Flanniers moved in.

Siegfried still has the pink tiles of old, but the dorm has spent the last three years forging a new identity and building new traditions, working to create a community inside the walls of this building. And that community has been formed, with hall events gradually growing and the dorm making its presence known on campus to increasing degrees.

Events like the just-completed Scrambler Week, which included a Stonehenge concert, a golf outing and a dance, raised hundreds of dollars for the Conor Murphy Rose Marrow Fund and brought the dorm together.

But it is the spirit of community found in each of the dorm’s six sections that truly unites the residents. “Everyone always has their doors open,” said junior Tony Bondi. “It is a welcoming place.”

The community that has been built in the dorm over the past three years is evident in the high number of juniors who are staying to live their senior year in the dorm. Next year, 41 members of Siegfried’s first male freshman class will be the first group of men to live in the hall for four years.

The building itself is one of the more comfortable on campus. Built in 1988, it has full air conditioning and laundry facilities. Every floor has cable television in the lounges, in which many friendships are formed during SportsCenter.

Athletes in general are a uniting factor in Siegfried. Residents have made their presence felt on the interhall athletic fields all year. Accomplishments have included a second place regular season finish in football, second place in the playoffs in ice hockey and a championship in interhall bowling. Siegfried’s team also won the fall interhall basketball tournament and knocked off Matt Doherty’s team of basketball coaches at Midnight Madness in October.

The Ramblers’ rivalry with neighboring Knott Hall lives on in the Flanner Cup, a series of athletic competitions and feats of strength for bragging rights between the two dorms.

While Knott may occasionally win the cup, they have never been able to match Siegfried in one area. The Ramblers have campus’ only interhall marching band, a gaggle of Notre Dame band members and other musicians who try to inspire the dorm’s football team to victory each Sunday of the interhall season. The band was founded during the stretch run of the 1998 season and played at every game this year, helping the Ramblers reach the second round of the playoffs for the first time.

Community is built in other ways in Siegfried, through the well-attended dorm Mass each Sunday, through the many section events each month.

With large freshmen and sophomore classes picking up where this year’s juniors have left off, a new generation of Ramblers—one that has never been asked “Isn’t Siegfried a girl’s dorm?”—will take the hall, and its growing sense of tradition and community, into the future.
PETA asks, 'got beer?'

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) recently claimed that cows are mistreated during the milking process. PETA has attempted to draw attention to this issue by claiming that other drinks like beer are actually better for you than milk. In their advertising campaign, PETA parodied the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board's "Got Milk?" slogan, replacing the word "milk" with "beer."

College students have been waiting for this for their entire lives. Someone is actually trying to convince them to drink more beer.

According to PETA, in addition to being loaded with fat and cholesterol, dairy products are frequently contaminated with pesticides and drugs, and they are linked to diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers. Also, "dairy cows" today are treated like milk machines. They are continually prodded to keep them lactating so farmers may take their milk. Trying to save time and money, farmers often cause cuts, injuries and electric shocks to cows’ udders.

"Knowing how cows suffer in the dairy industry is enough to make anyone lactose intolerant," says PETA president Ingrid Newkirk.

This is an interesting argument by PETA, but when was the last time someone was seen "binge" drinking milk? Or has one ever even seen someone pulled over for driving under the influence of milk?

Many anti-alcohol groups have picked up on this theme and disagree with PETA's rather irresponsible stance. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) are outraged at the publicity of animals.

Unfortunately for PETA, most college students side with MADD and SADD. According to a Memolink.com survey, nearly all of those surveyed believe drinking beer is less responsible than drinking milk, suggesting that most respondents do not accept the position of PETA. Even though the argument presented by PETA seems to have fallen on its face, one must admire the creative attempt to protect the welfare of animals. So, the next time someone is funneling some milk, think about the cows.

ET CETERA

Mike Revers

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Scene

Tech Column

Console or computer?

In the past few months, the battle over where video games are played has become a heated one. The gaming world has seen a rise in competition between the rise in games for the computer and the anticipation of some new gaming consoles that are coming to the market. Until the recent explosion of computer sales, the debate on whether or not to purchase computer games or the traditional gaming console was pretty much a non-issue.

However, with more and more households purchasing a computer or multiple computers, the computer gaming world is expanding into the traditional games once reserved only for the gaming consoles from Nintendo and Sony. With this explosion, the converse has happened as well, with the big sellers from the PC crossing over to the gaming console. With all this cross-prejudice of games between the platforms and the computers, the battle over which will reign supreme is going to be a good one.

The leading front runners will be the Sony PlayStation II, due out in the fall of this year, the Sega Dreamcast already available, the Nintendo Dolphin due out in the fall next year and the X-Box from Microsoft, which is a computer based gaming system due out next year. Most of these have already caused a lot of fanfare, but the real story is who will come out on top. The specifics on the game systems are listed below:

POLYGON POWER

X-Box: 108 million polygons per second

PlayStation IV: Around 20 million polygons per second

Project Dolphin: "As fast as our friends at Sony have," said Nintendo Chairman Howard Lincoln.

Dreamcast: Around three million polygons per second

Nintendo 64: Around 150,000 polygons per second

PlayStation II: Around 360,000 polygons per second (thanks to comparable effects)

MAIN CLOCK SPEED

X-Box: 660 MHz

PlayStation II: 300 MHz

Project Dolphin: 400 MHz

Dreamcast: 200 MHz

Nintendo 64: 93.75 MHz

PlayStation: 33.66 MHz

MEMORY

X-Box: 64 MB

PlayStation II: 256 MB

Project Dolphin: Unannounced

Dreamcast: 16 MB

Nintendo 64: 4 MB

PlayStation: 2 MB

With the specifics outlined above, it would appear that the X-Box is poised to take the gaming world by storm. However, Microsoft is neglecting one thing — time. The X-Box is not scheduled to arrive until the following year, and with the way Microsoft promises, I would look to see it in 2002.

Also, the trend in home appliances now is to incorporate all-in-one devices where the consumer can get more than one service out of them. The only company to really embrace that is Sony. The PlayStation is really a revolutionary system in gaming. Regardless of the upgrades to the polygons rendered which helps sharpen the picture, Sony has incorporated a DVD player and many other features that can make it even more than a gaming system.

The question over which console will reign supreme is a difficult one, but I am betting on the PlayStation II being a formidable competitor. The most appealing feature to me is the inclusion of backward compatibility with the old PlayStation games, so that the purchasers of the new system do not have to throw out their old games. With such fierce competition, the consumer will be the eventual decider — but I would look for a huge increase in the production of computer games and console games to be eminent. However, when the PlayStation II is released in the fall of this year, my XBOX will go toward its purchase, before I buy into the fanfare of these other systems.
PGA

Singh rises to occasion, wins the Masters at Augusta

◆ Journey to top battle poverty, suspensions

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - The last leg of Vijay Singh’s improbable journey was an uphill battle for the green at Augusta National. That was the easy part.

Singh had toiled in the jungle, pounding balls in stinging swarms and wondering where all that might lead. He found out Sunday when he slipped the green jacket over his broad shoulders.

"I didn’t think I’d win. I was just a struggle, but it was a peaceful struggle," Singh said after winning the Masters. "I would never swap that for now." Singh beat back the biggest stars in golf to claim its most prestigious prize. He stared down a challenge from David Duval, ignored an early charge by Tiger Woods, and calmly staved off 3-under-69 to win his second major championship. Singh rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the last hole, knocked the ball as he returned from the cup and embraced his family. His 9-year-old daughter and son ran to give him a hug. Singh had told them earlier that day he was playing well enough to win.

"It was so focused on what I was doing," Singh said. "It meant a lot." And it showed when last year’s winner, Jose Maria Olazabal, helped him slip into the coveted green jacket.

"He’s a wonderful guy," a beaming Singh said.

Singh played tours on five continents and won more than the golfing gods weren’t looking down on Augusta. He did. Following those dire predictions, Singh said. "Even though I didn’t get off to a good start Thursday, I never gave up. I was able to get back into the tournament and that’s the most important thing.

He turned in a 7-stroke victory, the lead grew to 5 strokes, and enough to hold off the likes of Woods, who won a 3-under-69. He finished at 4-under, five strokes back, in fifth place.

That was six strokes behind champion Miguel Angel Jimenez, who pushed Tiger’s historic 1992 victory a little further into the memory banks. At least I gave myself a chance, Singh said, referring to the opening 69. "I thought I had a chance to come close, but I didn’t think I could make up six strokes." Singh was in the fairway, waiting for the group ahead to tee off on No. 1, when he glanced up at the large white scoreboard and saw the score was in.

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"I knew it was going to be a struggle, but it was a struggle that I could win," Singh said. "It was a struggle that I could win." Singh rose to the occasion, earned a $2 million paycheck, played well enough to win the coveted green jacket.

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Woods, an overwhelming favorite at the start of the week, wound up missing key shots on the par 5. He still needs five more green jackets to catch Jack Nicklaus.

"I’m going into this week that every time I play, this is what I’m going to do, Woods said. "Even though I didn’t get off to a good start Thursday, I gave it my all and made it back into the tournament and that’s the most important thing.

Woods, who opened with a 72 and was nine strokes back after two days, got the deficit down to three strokes early Monday morning.

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about what he feels about his teammates. Not only are we a better team with Troy, but the reasons he wanted to come back fit: he talked a lot about people here. He turned down a million dollars to come back and by a part of Notre Dame for another year.”

The influence of Doherty, who flew in from a recruiting trip for the announcement, played a major factor in Murphy’s decision to come back for his junior year. Although Doherty didn’t want to force Murphy’s hand, their close relationship helped Murphy in his Notre Dame’s direction.

“The meetings with Coach Doherty, the time we spent talking about things, really made me see what I want to do,” Murphy said. “I really feel comfortable with Coach Doherty, and I really like playing for him. He was definitely a reason why I wanted to stay in school.”

Doherty tried not to sway Murphy too far in either direction, but helped him to choose by putting him in contact with Jordan and other NBA players like Pat Garrity and Raef LaFrentz, as well as seeking out information from agents and draft experts. The first-year head coach placed a premium on maintaining the close bond he forged this season with Murphy, regardless of his decision to stay or go.

The biggest thing in the whole deal is that he doesn’t think, his family doesn’t think, they are just trying to tell him,” Doherty said.

“Do I have an opinion? Yes, but I want to have a good relationship with Troy Murphy when I’m 60. When Murphy is 60, it’s going to be up to our guys to think I made a decision on their careers for my sake.”

Irish players like David Graves and Harold Swanagan were more than willing to provide their buddy an open ear. After Notre Dame’s season-ending loss, the two sophomores stayed up until 4:30 a.m. bashing out their feelings with him before the team’s trip back to South Bend.

“We talked a lot in New York after the Wake Forest game. Graves said, ‘I really never had talked to him about it before. I kind of wanted to keep it to him, but then in New York, it seemed like there were a lot of things on his mind. Me and Harold and him were in the room and we sat down and talked about it for a good hour. We talked and we just wanted. We said everybody, especially Coach Doherty, is, going to try to get you to stay, but I was like, this is your dream. You’ve got to look at it seriously.”

After Murphy carefully considered the possibilities, he came to the conclusion that he couldn’t reneg on the promise he, Graves and Swanagan had made as incoming freshmen. They made a pact to restore Notre Dame basketball to its glory days, a goal that is still in the making and one Murphy wanted to help fulfill.

Murphy’s decision wasn’t set in stone until Wednesday, when he relayed his decision to Doherty by phone and several teammates in person. Yet his choice didn’t come as a surprise to his friends.

“I think he just wanted to be a kid for a little bit longer,” Swanagan said. “It wasn’t really surprising because his demeanor and the way he acts, he acts like a kid. You want to stay and play in college.”

Not everyone felt as assured that Murphy would return. Close friend and freshman guard Matt Carroll, Murphy waved him back and forth in second-guessing the decision.

“But I’ve started thinking he’s out of here,” Carroll said. “And then some days I’d think, well we have so much fun together and we have so many things to look forward to. Why would he leave. He has everything. He could have left. But then again, how could he pass that (the NBA) up?”

When Murphy asked for Carroll’s advice, Carroll tried to put himself in Murphy’s shoes. In doing so, he thought he would opt to stay at Notre Dame.

“If I was you, I think I would stay,” Carroll said. “I’m not saying this for selfish reasons for me and the team. I just think Murphy would have everything you could want here. What more could you want? You’re going to play in the NBA, you’re going to be a lottery pick, no matter what. What’s one more year of having fun? You can’t take this back, and I think he realizes that.”

When push came to shove, Murphy agreed.

“I love Notre Dame,” Murphy said. “I love my teammates.”

He brushed aside dreams of donning a NBA jersey to keep the team together. And although playing in the NBA remains one of Murphy’s top goals, that’s for another day, another year.

So the 19-year-old will stay in school and be a kid for at least one more year. One more year of Morrissey Manor dorm life and eating at South Dining Hall. One more year of hanging out with the guys and 4:30 a.m. flights back to South Bend. One more year of settling up for the Irish and aiming for a NCAA championship.

With Murphy now penciled into the starting lineup, the Irish return all but one starter, and add All-Big 12 forward Ryan Humphrey to the mix. This year’s NT championship run­ner-ups could make a run at the 2001 or 2002 NCAA Championship in the manner of Michigan State a week ago. The Spartans were led to the title by Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson, seniors who weighed the same decision as Murphy a year or two ahead of him. Maybe the Irish will get the same results — at least that’s what Murphy and Co. hope.

“I think we can be a great team next year,” Murphy said. “I think we’ll be at the top of the Big East and the top of the country. We’re a young team and we have a lot of guys coming back. I think we can accomplish great things with this group, and I look forward to a great year next year.”

Sophomore Troy Murphy (No. 3) exchanges a high five with teammates Matt Carroll (15) and David Graves (34) in Notre Dame’s NIT victory over Xavier.

Erhu Recital by Ms. Ma Xiaohui April 6, 2000, 6:30 pm: Jordan Auditorium College of Business Administration, University of Notre Dame

Erhu Soloist, Ms. Ma Xiaohui, is one of the most outstanding traditional musical instrumentals in China and the concertmaster at the Traditional Music Orchestra in Shanghai. She has performed regularly in China, Japan, Europe and the United States and recorded over 30 CDs. She won many musical awards and was the first musician to give an erhu recital at the Shanghai Spring Music Festival.

Erhu, a two-string fiddle, is an old Chinese instrument, the earliest record of which dates back to the Han Dynasty, around 500 AD.

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BASEBALL

Walk-on Gagne earns fifth win

By BRIAN TRAVERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame pitchers Aaron Heilman and J.P. Gagne pitched strong wins as the Irish took two out of three games from Big East opponent Boston College this weekend at Eck Stadium.

Gagne, a freshman walk-on, scattered six hits and struck out three on Saturday to earn his fifth win while Irish batters pumped out 16 hits as Notre Dame defeated BC 12-1. The Irish offense was led by sophomore designated hitter Ken Meyer with a 3-for-3 game that included two doubles, three runs, and a RBI. Sophomore centerfielder Mike Heilman, a Notre Dame junior, was 4-for-4 on Saturday to remain unbeaten and extended his hitting streak to 16 games.

Gagne (5-0) pitched six strong innings to remain unbeaten and become the first Irish pitcher to start 5-0 since 1996, and the first freshman to do so since 1990. Leftyfielder Mike Nauzmann earned his first career save, allowing only four baserunners in the final three innings.

Boston College could not take advantage of its opportunities Saturday, managing only one run on ten hits. Eagles’ batters hit into two double plays, and stranded 14 runners in the game, while senior leftfielder Brendan Nolan (1-4) allowed eight runs in four innings to take the loss.

Heilman, a Notre Dame junior, tossed a complete game Sunday to win the opener of yesterday’s doubleheader 10-6 while BC senior righthander Steve Langone shut down the Irish in game two as the Eagles won 11-6.

Heilman (6-1) threw his big east leading fifth complete game of the season as he scattered eight hits and struck out five in the opener. Junior righthander Erik Olson took the loss for the Eagles, allowing four runs on five hits and six walks in the first five innings.

The Irish offense was led by senior first baseman Jeff Felker who went 3-for-4 from the plate with a home run and three RBIs, and DH Paul O’Toole who connected on his sixth home run in his last ten games at Eck Stadium.

In the nightcap, Eagles pitcher Steve Langone shut down the Irish bats, and the Boston College offense bungled out 17 hits as the Eagles defeated Notre Dame 11-4.

Senior righty Scott Cavey struggled in his second straight Big East start for the Irish, allowing seven runs on 11 hits over 5 1/3 innings. Only four of the runs were earned, however, and many of the 11 hits were not hard hit balls.

“Cavey did not pitch as poorly as the numbers suggest,” head coach Paul Mainieri said. “He moved around the strike zone well, pitched around the hitter, and held the ball well. Some of the hits they had, they couldn’t have placed in better spots.”

On the other side, Langone (4-2) pitched brilliantly, allowing only one unearned run off nine hits in his fifth complete game of the year. The Eagles’ offense was led by second baseman Mike Gambino with a 4-for-4 performance that included three runs and three RBIs to finish the weekend series 8-8-12 and extend his hitting streak to twenty games.

Porzel, a junior shortstop, collected singles in each game to extend his career long hitting streak to 14 games.

Notre Dame now looks ahead to midweek home games against Purdue, Bowling Green, and Toledo, where the team will look to gain some important non-conference wins, and add some depth to the pitching staff.

“These midweek games go a long way toward an at large berth in the NCAA tournament,” Mainieri said. “And are important for improving the depth of our staff.”

Freshman Matt Laird will get the start on Tuesday as the Irish take on the Purdue Boilermakers at 6:05 p.m. in Eck Stadium.

PRO TENNIS

Agassi sends U.S. to Davis Cup semis

Associated Press

INGLWOOD, Calif. Andre Agassi drew the United States from the brink of Davis Cup elimination Sunday, when Pete Sampras overcame a strained thigh to send the team to the semifinals.

Agassi beat Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 to win the final match 7-2. Sampras followed with 18 aces in a 6-4, 6-7 (7-6), 2 win over Slava Dosedel in the final to clinch a 3-2 victory.

The United States will play Spain, a 4-1 winner over Russia, beginning July 21 in Spain.

Playing a fifth and decisive match for the first time in his seven-year career, Sampras hit a backhand winner off a 113 mph serve by Dosedel to win the tiebreaker 7-2 and set off a red, white and blue celebration among the 12,002 fans at the Forum.

After sharing hugs with teammates Agassi, Alex O’Brien, Jared Palmer and captain John McEnroe, Sampras jogged around the court holding an American flag overhead as “Celebration” by Kool and the Gang blared over the loudspeakers. He passed the flag to Agassi for a lap, then McEnroe did the same.

Sampras played with energy and power, two ingredients sorely missing in his first round loss to Novak in Friday’s opening singles. The 7-6 (11), 6-3, 6-2 loss was the worst of Sampras’ Davis Cup career.

After Agassi proved the Czechs from winning the series by beating Novak, Sampras took the court and quickly broke Dosedel for a 2-1 lead.

He provided a scare when he pulled up after a running forehand and limped to the chair at the changeover. Sampras strained his left thigh on the shot and he hardly moved for some shots in the next game despite holding for a 3-1 lead.

But he recovered and resumed his serve-and volley game to great effect. Dosedel had no answer for Sampras’ booming serve which reached a high of 129 mph early in the second set.

Sampras broke Dosedel for 5-4 lead in the second set when the Czech netted a forehand volley off a drop shot by Sampras. Then Sampras served a love game, punctuated by a 124 mph ace, to take the set 6-4. The crowd chanting, “Let’s Go Pete,” Sampras had two break points with the third set tied 4-4, but his two consecutive unforced errors allowed Dosedel to hold for 5-4. They stayed on serve until the tiebreak.

Dosedel sent a forehand wide to give Sampras the match and the first of his two successful matches.

Sampras won his next two sets 7-5, 6-0, and clinched the victory when Agassi beat Novak in a straight set. Agassi’s 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory was his 78th straight-set win and the 12th straight that was decided without a third set.

Agassi, as expected, needed the most games to win, 75

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blue shirt and a blue and gold tie, underwhelmed a suit jacket, in the media room between the football and basketball offices in the Joyce Center, announcing a decision he thought he would never have to make.

"I wanted to play four years, have a good time and get some gear," Murphy said of his initial plans when coming to Notre Dame. He's reached the latter two goals, and then some.

Coming out of Delbarton High School in New Jersey, a prep school known more for its academics than its athletics, Murphy was considered a top 50 national prospect. He averaged over 30 points a game against relatively weak competition.

Murphy lived a life not uncommon for many Notre Dame students. He grew up in the suburbs, near New York City, in middle upper middle class neighborhood, with two loving parents. Murphy wasn't caught up in the crazy world of big-time high school and AAU basketball, where players are looked upon as commodities by coaches and agents. In fact, he considers his AAU coach, Tony Sagona, a friend and confidant who helped him make his decision to bypass the NBA draft.

He was projected as a solid Big East prospect, a player that might be able to start at Notre Dame. But after leading the Big East in rebounding as a freshman, suddenly everything changed for Murphy. In the full, a reporter asked Murphy what his plans were for after his sophomore year. Thus began the speculation. Never mind that Murphy hadn't even thought about leaving Notre Dame early for the NBA.

Murphy was asked if he would have considered entering the NBA if there was no speculation, no constant questioning.

"Probably not," Murphy responded.

Yet after each ensuing game, some reporter would ask whether or not he'd be staying. The Internet was full of talk about the Murphy saga. As the season progressed, the NBA question even overshadowed the team's accomplishments at times.

Murphy could probably hear the Crash's "Should I Stay or Should I Go," ringing in his head every time he entered a press conference.

Such is life in this sports-crazed society where a 19-year-old's decision is front-page news.

A week ago against Villanova, a senior point guard student wrote on an Internet message board that campus opinion had shifted to where most people thought Murphy would leave. When the message was posted, several people looked at this kid as having some "inside" information.

The funny thing was that Murphy had any clue whether Murphy would turn pro or return for his junior year. Not me, not anyone on campus, not even Murphy himself. But that didn't stop people from calling his dorm room every day, asking Murphy about his plans. It didn't stop people from posting popular sports related topic on campus from being the Murphy (Change) Saga.

"The media, the Internet, the drivers of that thing," Murphy said, "and all of a sudden it forces a young man to explore." Delbarton, said "Agenas are calling him and they're all good. Very good and may not be good enough. I think it's bad for the whole process."

These past few weeks have shown how this side of sports, off the court, where reality can be cruel. Consider the plight of former Big East underclassmen who decided to leave school to chase the NBA dream.

St. John's sophomore point guard Erick Barkley was so disgusted that this past year by the NCAA for alleged infractions committed while still in high school, he transferred to Brooklyn, hyped as the next star at St. John's City College, in the same way Doherty said.

"It was one of the worst experiences I have ever had. Anything I have with any of my teammates -- I wouldn't trade those for anything."

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish finish undefeated in league play with close win

By STEVE KEPPLE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team completed an undefeated season in the Great Western Lacrosse League on Saturday by defeating a tough Butler team 12-11. The Irish have now won or shared the GWLL title in nine of head coach Kevin Corrigan's 12 seasons.

The fourth-ranked Irish established an early lead against the Bulldogs by scoring three quick goals in the first 10 minutes of play. Sophomore Devin Ryan put the Irish on the board first, and David Ulrich and Steve Bischo each followed with goals of their own.

It looked as though Notre Dame was going to run away with this one much like in the previous contest against Ohio State. But the Bulldogs battled hard and kept it close with goals from Chris Vosburgh and Doug Patterson before the period was over.

The Irish, who controlled the ball for most of the second quarter, once again made a run of three goals to go ahead 7-3 before the half. The quarter was highlighted by the play of both Jon Harvey and Tom Glatzel, each scoring twice. Glatzel, last week's player of the week, led the team in scoring for the second straight game with three goals and two assists. Glatzel's three goals now put him only seven behind last year's total of 26 with four games still left to play.

Notre Dame, who never trailed in the game, held a commanding 10-6 lead with just under 11 minutes left to play after a David Ulrich goal. Instead of conceding defeat, Butler went on a tear to tie the game 10-10 with five minutes left. This Butler run was led by their top scorer, Mike Regan, who netted two goals during the spurt. Regan, who was unstoppable at times, led all scorers on the day with four goals and two assists.

The Irish were not about to let this one slip away and rallied back as Steedman Oakes and Jon Harvey scored two goals in the next two minutes. With little time remaining, it appeared as though the Irish would walk away with yet another GWLL win — but not before Mike Regan brought the Bulldogs back within one with 18 seconds left on the clock.

Following Regan's goal, Butler got the ball back on the ensuing face-off, after Notre Dame committed a procedure foul that gave the Bulldogs one last chance to tie it.

Ryan Ward from Butler ended up with the ball with eight seconds to play and fired a shot that was blocked by Kirk Howell that saved the game for the Irish.

Notre Dame is now 5-3 and looking to improve each week as they prepare for the NCAA tournament. The Irish will next take on the Army Cadets.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Belles make clean sweep of opponents

By KATIE MCVoy
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team made a clean sweep this weekend, defeating Alma College and Tri-State College Saturday and Sunday.

Saint Mary's faced Alma at the Notre Dame tennis facility, forced to play inside due to inclement weather.

Because Alma was a conference match and had given Saint Mary's a challenge last year, Coach Dee Stevens began her regular line-up.

"We were expecting them to be a challenge," Knish said. "They were a conference team and they had given us trouble last year."

The match got off to an exciting start with the first doubles match. The top doubles team, composed of Knish and Katie Vales, took the first set of the game 6-3 with very little resistance from their Alma opponents. However, the second set was a different story.

"We were very confident coming in," Knish said. "We took the first match easily," Knish said. "The second set we were a little too confident and we kind of let up and made a lot of unforced errors."

Luckily the Belles held on to some of their game and won the second set 7-6 in a tiebreaker, winning the match.

Vales also had an exciting singles match, having to go all three sets before claiming the victory. Coming from behind with a 1-6 margin, Vales won the second two sets to earn the "W."

The rest of the morning's matches were uneventful. Trisha Jones, Natalie Cook, Knish, Becky Kremer, and Lindsay Mollan recorded wins in singles. The doubles teams of Cook and Kremer, and Victoria Cox and Elisa Ryan also scored points for the Belles.

The second game of the day proved to be very exciting. Surrounded by families and fans, the Belles faced off against Tri-State.

Stevenson took the opportunity to start a different line-up. Marta Dziekan and Angie Sander went to three sets in their singles matches. Both came up with victories.

Sander, who played No. 3 singles, went immediately from her intense singles match to another intense doubles match. Trained up with Dziekan, Sander faced another tough match, winning the match 6-6.

"It was really great competition," Dziekan said. "We played hard for about four hours straight."

The Belles went undefeated again, taking the match 9-0. Jones, Mollan, Elisabeth Speich, and Cox won the four other singles matches, and the doubles teams of Jones and Mollan and Sarah Bialer and Leslie Ortiz finished the day 3-0.

The team attributes a lot of their victory to confidence coming into the match and to their fans.

"We came out there and we didn't waste any time," Jones said. "We had so much support from our fans." Dziekan added: "It was a long day, playing from 8:00 to 8:00. The support was an immense strength and the love and care of the fans really pulled us through.

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The tandem of senior Sarah Searing and Katie Cunha added a point with a win at No. 3 doubles. William and Mary saved face with defeat of Greene and Zalinski at No. 2 doubles.

The win was a crucial one for the Notre Dame women as they look forward to greater success that lie ahead. The squad's high level of play late has left them excited about their chances of making a run in the forthcoming NCAA Championships.

The road to these same championships resumes right away as the Irish return home to battle the Hoosiers of Indiana on Tuesday.

The Irish will be looking to capture their fifth consecutive win over their state rivals, who are off to a solid 10-7 start.

Indiana is led by junior Jessica Anderson, a tremendous singles player who has amassed a solid 28-9 record on the current campaign. Kelly Blanch will take to the court at No. 2 singles and will likely provide Becky Varnum with a stern test.

While Indiana does boast some solid singles talent, they are indeed top heavy. Notre Dame will no doubt sport the deeper singles arsenal and should have an edge as the singles matches progress.

Indiana's top doubles tandem is a pairing of its top two singles players. The coupling of Anderson and Blanch is ranked 32nd nationally.

While the Hoosiers have dropped their last four meetings with the Irish, they lead the all-time series by a count of 9-4.
Irish end losing streak with 13-10 win over Eagles

**First weekend game ends in loss to Connecticut**

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

The women's laxmen ended a rigorous week of road trips victorious, finishing 1-1 for the weekend. The Irish rise to 4-6.

For the duration of the six game slide, the Irish averaged six goals per game, but they scored four goals in the first six minutes against the Eagles to take the lead early. Danielle Shearer contributed two while sophomore Alissa Moser and freshman Anne Riley also scored.

Boston College refused to concede the match, evening the score with four straight goals. Then Irish attacker Angela Dixon countered with two of her own to make the score 6-4. Irish tri-captain and leading scorer Larel O'Shaughnessy, and midfielder Maureen Doyle each scored to end the first half at 8-7.

Co-captain Kathryn Perrelli and Moser kept the Irish lead at 12-9, matching the Eagles' two scores to open the second half. Boston College still wasn't ready to give up as the Eagles' leading scorer Emily Ryan scored her fourth goal of the game to bring the tally to 12-10 with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

The determined Irish defense countered the Eagles' attack, holding the home team scoreless for the remainder of the contest. Doyle had the last word for the visitors, scoring once more as the clock ticked down.

Perrelli led the Irish in assists, totaling three, while O'Shaughnessy added two. Dixon and Doyle also assisted on goals for the Irish.

Notre Dame outshot Boston College 33-21. Irish goalie Valerie Leuchs made 10 saves, while Eagles' goalie Emily Ryan allowed 31 points. The Irish defense completely shut down by the Huskies, the Irish allowed a season-high 17 goals.

The freshmen continue to dominate the Irish offense. Dixon, Riley, Shearer, and Kelly McCardell have combined to score 31 of the team's 83 goals, and 31 of the team's total of 121 points thus far this season.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your resources will be callers due to trivial matters. Do not overreact to financial situations or do nothing about it. Put your efforts into ways that can make each cent count. Your numbers: 3, 30, 57, 66.

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Designated hitter Ken Meyer hit 3 for 3 for the Irish in Notre Dame's 12-2 victory over Boston College.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy passes up NBA draft to stay at Notre Dame

◆ Decision results from love for Notre Dame, teammates

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Troy Murphy picked friends over fortune Friday and announced his decision to return to Notre Dame for another year. "I'm going to stay here at Notre Dame and I want to be part of this team," Murphy said in a press conference Friday. "This team is a brotherhood and we have a lot of chemistry and that's why I'm coming back again.

After Notre Dame's season ended March 30, the sophomore All-American explored his options with the help of his parents, head coach Matt Doherty, his AAU coach Tony Sagona, his teammates and NBA players such as Michael Jordan. Draft experts predicted Murphy would be picked between eighth and 15th in the NBA draft, guaranteeing him a multi-million dollar contract.

In addition to the 23 points and 10 rebounds per game that Murphy brings to the table, his return says mountains about the team's cohesiveness and chemistry. Murphy made his announcement, with coaches and teammates in tow, confirming that he couldn't forget either his time left at Notre Dame or his relationships with teammates and coaching staff.

"The young man's turned down a million dollars," Doherty said. "That says a lot.

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Women's Tennis

No. 14 Irish knock off 16th-ranked William and Mary

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The 14th ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team continued its meteoric ascent to the top of the national rankings with an impressive 6-3 victory over the No. 16 Tribe of William and Mary.

The Irish took four of six singles matches and won two of the three doubles matches contested in winning their second match over the Tribe this season. In a much-anticipated match that was the first for the Irish against a ranked opponent in more than a month, the Notre Dame women left it all out on the court.

After an uncharacteristic No. 1 singles loss by team leader Michelle Dasso, the Notre Dame supporting cast stepped up in a big way to carry the day. Dasso dominated her first set, scoring an easy 6-0 victory, before faltering later in the match. The Tribe's 34th ranked Carlini built stormed back to upset Dasso winning the last two sets 6-4, 6-1.

With their leader failing to provide the usual quick strike point, the rest of the Notre Dame women were forced to raise their level of play. Sophomore standout Becky Varnum did just that as she netted brilliant come from behind decision over 53rd ranked Delphine Troch. Varnum dropped the opening set but rallied to capture the next two, evening the score at one apiece. After senior Kelsi Zalinski failed in her bid to tie Jennifer Hall for the most career singles victories, the Irish found themselves in a 2-1 hole.

Down 2-1 the Irish dug deep, Tina Vaughan, Lindsey Green, and Katie Cauba all won in straight sets to put the Irish on top by a 4-2 rout. That decisive margin meant the Irish would need to win just one of three doubles matches to secure victory.

Dasso and Varnum left little doubt as to the outcome of the match, as they got the needed win right away. The pair trousoned William and Mary's top pairing of Bux and Troch 8-5.

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