MOSCOW — A triumphant Konstantin Chernenko became the Soviet Union's 10th president yesterday, giving him the top three leadership posts and a stature equal to that of his two predecessors.

Chernenko, 72, has been Communist Party secretary general, the most powerful position in the Soviet Union, since after the Feb. 9 death of leader Yuri Andropov. He also took over as chairman of the Defense Council.

He smiled broadly, waved and clasped his hands over his head when the joint session of the 1,500-member Parliament voted to also make him president.

"I certainly realize the great responsibility of the duties and powers connected with my position," he said in a brief acceptance speech. "We now, more than ever, need to work to improve the economy and the living conditions of the Soviet people."

Looking tanned and fit, he pledged to pursue a foreign policy of "constant activity, firmness, consistency in the search for ways to sensible accord. It is directed at overcoming international tension, ensuring security, our state interests in the world arena, and upholding peace throughout the world."

The vote was unanimous as usual. As in all other actions of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's nominal parliament, it reflected the thinking of the 12-man ruling Politburo.

Chernenko's rise to the presidency was swifter than that of Andropov, who became president seven months after assuming the party leadership post.

The practice of having the Communist Party leader also serve as president was established by Leonid I. Brezhnev, Andropov's predecessor, who took over as Communist Party leader in 1964 and added the presidency in 1977. Brezhnev died in 1982.

The president, formally chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, serves as chief of state. It was considered a ceremonial post devoid of real power until Brezhnev.

Chernenko, a Brezhnev protege, was nominated for the presidency by Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who has emerged as No. 2 man in the Politburo.

In his nominating speech, Gorbachev, at 53 the youngest Politburo member, said the party had decided one man should be both party leader and president.

He praised Chernenko as a "staunch fighter for communism and peace ... who has outstanding political and organizational abilities."

During its 4½-minute session in the ornate Kremlin Palace, the Supreme Soviet named Gorbachev chairman of its foreign affairs commission, a post held by Chernenko under Andropov and by No. 2 party secretary Mikhail A. Suslov under Brezhnev.

It also re-elected Premier Nikolai A. Tikhomirov to another term as chairman of the 100-man Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union.
A coalition of Democrats and three Midwest Republicans maintained a slim majority yesterday in fighting off efforts in the House Energy and Commerce Committee to derail legislation aimed at forcing natural gas prices down next winter. The bill, authored primarily by Rep. Philip Sharp, D-Ind., and lobbed for heavily by consumer and labor groups, would cap prices on several categories of gas that, under a 1978 law, would otherwise be deregulated next January. — AP

If seasonal trends hold true, Indiana's employment figures are likely to continue rising from February's heartening figures, according to the Independent Service Division. Preliminary figures show unemployment in the Hoosier state totaled 11 percent in February, a drop of 3.5 percent from last February, and a decrease of 1 percent from the previous month, the division reported yesterday. But Indiana was still above national figures. The national nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February was 8.4 percent. The seasonally adjusted figures show Indiana with a 10.4 percent unemployment rate, compared with 7.9 percent nationally. — AP

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Cameron Butz's thumbprints aren't famous yet, but they soon will be after they are seen in stores around Indiana. A month from now, the wheels, loops and papillary ridges on the 9-year-old third-grader's thumbs will be driving a race car. Others will be tracing a dog, riding in a basket under a hot-air balloon and roller skating. Cameron's thumbprints are featured on 500 colorful "Thumbing Special" posters promoting the Indianapolis 500 Festival's May 5 Children's Day activities Making all of those thumbprints onto children doing some of the same things that "L. Sick" Wilson, 61, a 51-year employee of the assembler's office, in the check. — AP

Attorneys don't expect charges to be filed in an incident in which former Center Township Assessor Henry Bayt shot an employee in his office and was ejected from the County Building Tuesday's incident toppled a day of intense intra-party political fighting by Democrats supporting the two main candidates who want to succeed Bayt. Bayt, 60, resigned his office Tuesday's incident topped a day of intense intra-party political fighting by Democrats supporting the two main candidates who want to succeed Bayt. Bayt, 60, resigned his office — AP

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Come sail away

Two sailboats glide across St. Joseph's lake yesterday afternoon. The lake, a popular spot for many students to escape from the pressures of school, are put to good use by these enterprising students who took advantage of the sailing club's boats at the first sign of clear skies and a steady breeze.

Austrian statesman speaks to freshmen

By MARY JACOBY and TRIPP BALTZ

The Austrian Consul General for the Midwest, Dr. Hans Sabaditsch, addressed freshmen enrolled in the Interdepartmental Foreign Study Program on Monday.

Sabaditsch said foreign exchange programs like Notre Dame's are beneficial to both countries. Many Austrian students, he said, are eager to spend time in the U.S. because the experience is valuable in the Austrian job market.

A question and answer period followed Sabaditsch's presentation, which included a short talk and a slide presentation. Based in Chicago, Sabaditsch has been a member of the United States Austrian Consul for the past four years.

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World economy recovery hindered by enormous U.S. budget deficits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Enormous budget deficits in the United States pose a "major potential danger" for the healthy recovery of the world's economy, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday.

A report by the fund's staff said budget red ink tends to increase interest rates higher than they would otherwise be. And that, it said, has "serious macroeconomic implications" and the borders of the countries actually exporting debt are much broader than the borders of the countries which are running deficits. The IMF said it was especially concerned about the debts of developing nations struggling to repay their debts.

"Fiscal restraint is thus clearly needed from an international as well as from an ad hoc standpoint," it said.

The report, called the World Economic Outlook, was released at the spring meeting of the 146-member organization got under way at the fund's Washington headquarters.

In recent years, the IMF has been instrumental in fashioning aid packages for debt-ridden countries.

The fund staff study said "substantial progress" was made last year in coming to grips with those countries' debts, estimated at $469 billion in 1985 for developing nations which don't export oil. Still, it said the debt-ridden nations cannot cut back efforts to reduce their budget deficits, maintain overseas markets for their products and keep inflation under control.

At the same time, the industrialized nations must maintain economic momentum so they can continue buying goods from developing countries and fight off pressures at home to bar foreign products which are competing with domestic industries, the economic survey said.

The report forecast that if the industrialized nations maintained a healthy growth pace, with more inflations and declining interest rates, the debt troubles of the poorer countries would gradually ease. For example, it said, the ratio of the foreign debt of the 25 biggest deficits to their exports would decline from 150 percent last year to 132 percent in 1987 and to 124 percent in 1990.

However, the study also found that the debt obligations of key countries would actually rise around 1987 because payments of interest would increase.

Next on the agenda

Molly Galtier, Jane Allahait, and Mary Sue Dunn seem to be listening intently at yesterday's Saint Mary's Programming Board meeting in the Haggar College Center. The board meets weekly to discuss issues of interest to the Saint Mary's community.

Americans still reading books, says survey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite competition from television, more than half of American adults read books, according to a survey released yesterday, and one reader in three manages to go through a book a week.

"In the age of electronic entertainment and personal computers, books are thriving," says the study, conducted for the Book Industry Study Group, a non-profit organization representing publishers, booksellers, suppliers, librarians and others in the book business.

The study was based on a 1981 household interview made last October.

The percentage of Americans who say they read at least one book weekly has hardly changed in five years, the study said. It is at 56 percent now and was 55 percent in a similar 1976 survey.

But the distribution of readers in the population has changed, the report notes, and it terms this trend "disturbing.

Heavy readers are reading more books and light readers fewer. And young people aren't reading as much as the young used to.

The proportion of heavy readers has doubled, from 18 percent of all book readers five years ago to 35 percent today.

Heavy readers are those who claim to have read 20 or more books in the last six months — at least one a week, on average. They said they spent 11 hours a week reading books.

The heavy readers buy about half of the books they read, borrowing others.

They also read more magazines than non-book readers, but fewer newspapers, and are more likely to be filmgoers, to have cable and pay television and to watch public TV than non-book readers.

But the study found that book reading has declined among the young.

In 1976, three-quarters of those aged 12 to 21 said they read books, and that's now down to 65 percent.

The proportion of young people who confine their reading to newspapers and magazines grew from 19 percent in 1976 to 24 percent in 1981.

People who said they read 10 to 25 books within the last six months accounted for 26 percent of all book readers, about the same as the proportion in 1976.

Those claiming to have read four or nine books in the last six months, accounted for 25 percent of those who read books. That's down from 31 percent of the book-reading population in 1976.

Light readers — one to three books in the past six months — account for 16 percent. It was 24 percent in 1976.

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Senate campaign manager is kidnapped, released

Associated Press
LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Senate campaign manager to former Gov. John Brown Jr. was kidnapped at gunpoint and later released when a ransom was paid. An area has been made in the abduction, the FBI said yesterday.

Wallace Wilkinson was abducted from his office here Tuesday morning and released about 9:30 a.m. yesterday after the payment of an undisclosed amount of money, said FBI Special Agent James Velvington.

Jerome Bush Jernigan, a 54-year-old business executive, was arrested near Wilkinson's office here yesterday afternoon by the Lexington Fayette Urban County police, said detective Michael Moylan.

Wilkinson, the owner of the Capitol Hotel in Frankfort, was abducted at gunpoint about 3 p.m. Tuesday and was taken to Frankfort, where he spent the night, Moylan said.

Wilkinson was taken early yesterday to Glasgow, where an undisclosed amount of money was delivered and Wilkinson was released.

A 1982 Lincoln Continental owned by Jim Aldridge, president of New Farmers National Bank in Glasgow, was reported stolen and later recovered by police.

The ransom has not been found, Moylan said.

Portions of the £200,000 ransom were paid in checks made out to 'New Farmers National Bank' and 'New Farmers National Bank Books,' Moylan said. The checks were cashed at a bank in Lewisburg, according to Moylan.

Police received information yesterday that Jernigan could be found at a Lexington hotel, where he was staying, or at Wilkinson's office. Moylan said.

Police staked out both locations and arrested Jernigan, who offered no resistance, Moylan said.

Jernigan was held in the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Detention Center and would be formally charged with extortion at a court appearance this morning before a U.S. magistrate, Velvington said.

Midwestern pizza parlors front for heroin smuggling ring

Associated Press

Olney, Ill. — Joe's Pizza Parlor, across from the high school, is a popular spot where the Lions Club meets every Thursday.

But federal officials say Joe's also has smuggled more heroin into the United States than the Missouri Democratic caucus is a week away — whereas the president's trip to Chicago, which was widely heralded as a boost to the economy, has gone back to work because "all of us...aren't we glad we did?"

"The ransom has much deeper and longer than almost anyone predicted," Reagan said. "But these problems have been building up for 20 years, and we were determined to find a real economic cure, not just resort — as they had so often in the past — to another political quick fix."

And in a job at his political opponents who accuse him of a lack of compassion, he said, "There's no compassion in snake oil cures."

"Joe's Pizza Parlor is in jail after failing to post a $1 million bond," said a federal official. "On Monday, federal authorities in New York found Trupiano and 30 others with participation in a ring that smuggled 11.6 kilograms of heroin into the country from Sicily over a five-year period. The heroin allegedly was shipped through three pizza parlors in Illinois and one in Wisconsin."

Small, who called Joe's Pizza Parlor "a nice, small, out-of-the-way place," said Trupiano was known as a "good Catholic" who "never missed Mass."

Trupiano, 53, even agreed to close his parlor until 4 p.m. each weekday because school officials complained that pupils were missing classes to play pinball at the cafe. Small.

Robert Maloney, a leader in the Chamber of Commerce, called fellow member Joe Trupiano "a very personable young fellow" who had lived in Olney about 10 years.

"It looked like a little old country town restaurant," Maloney said.

"There's no compassion in snake oil cures," he said. "All of us, working together and ignoring the gloomsters and punters who said it couldn't be done, have hung tough." Reagan added: "Today, as we see the taxes paid and the economy humming with activity, aren't we glad we did?"

While Reagan visited the Claycomo plant, which the White House had selected as a model of recent economic resurgence, leading Democratic contender for his job, Walter F. Mondale, toasted a Chrysler plant across the state in Fenton.

Many of the several hundred workers gathered in place to hear the president said his effort to "rebuild America from the bottom up" hasn't been easy.

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Militaryism yields to democracy in South America

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Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — Democracy has a new Latin Beat, one echoing up and down a continent.

You can hear it in the clangor of pots and pans in Chile, in the samba drums of Brazil and in the chants of election crowds in Argentina and demonstrators in Uruguay.

Across South America, the military's verse is breaking down. Where only two elected civilian governments existed five years ago, a battle is under way to decide their nations' future in the open light of parliament and the press. And pressure is mounting on four remaining military governments to hand power to other hands to the barracks.

"Civilization" is contagious. Last October's elections in Argentina drew a democratic notion in nearby Uruguay and Chile. And those movements now encourage others, even raising faint hopes in Paraguay, a land of long democrats.

"We have to unite all the opposition around a single, peaceful action plan, just as the Chileans did now," said a senior opposition leader, Juan Manuel Benitez Fontevolta, a reporter visiting Austin.

South America's new democracy movement has the hallmark of a military that reserves a "right" to intervene again that South America's politicians and others say growing public awareness, the deepening of democracy's recession, and the armed forces' own weariness of grappling with Chile's slow, sometimes监视, history of military coups.

The most immediate evidence is in Chile, the beautiful land of 11 million people strong stolidly along the coastline. The Democratic roots may run deeper than the 1970s military claim a 150-year electoral tradition. But the military ruler — the glorifying Gen. Augusto Pinochet, who now is the most immoveable.

The Chile story shows the force at work as South America transforms itself.

A protest movement to topple the authoritarian president sprang to life a year ago in the unhappy south and on the stately boulevards of this Old World-style capital. Developments in 1984 may determine whether the Marxist left or capitalist center leads the opposition, and whether strikes and demonstrations can force the army to abandon the general.

The battle lines are clearly drawn.

"We will never have a dialogue with Pinochet," Gabriel Valdes, leader of the centrist Democratic Alliance coalition, said in a recent interview.

The public keeps saying, "Enough already!"

A pinheiro spokesman, Alfredo Manrique de la Plata, government secretary general, said: "We are waiting to discuss changes in Pinochet's long-established plan for a slow return to democracy.

"But the opposition says, 'We are the only ones who have the truth, everything we say is right.' "

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In Brazil's economic woes feed the Chilian military seized in a bloody city prison where one key anti-Pinochet figure — Marxist opposition leader Manuel Amehay — has been held since Feb. 11 for calling publicly for Pinochet's overthrow.

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From his 17th-floor office suite, Marquez de la Plata said: "This is the consensus of dialog." Not all the opposition is free to protest or make dialogue, however. From his 17th-floor office suite, Marquez de la Plata can see the city prison where one key anti-Pinochet figure — Marxist opposition leader Manuel Amehay — has been held since Feb. 11 for calling publicly for Pinochet's overthrow.

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The 11-year-old military government promised national elections for the last several days when major Hawkins canceled key interest rates over a 17-year period. Chileans approved it two to one.

Within a year Chile slipped into a disastrous depression — unemployment reached 25 percent and many Chileans qualify gave way to anger, finally overflowing into violence. Simultaneously, strikes and rallies staged monthly beginning last May, protests orchestrated by the opposition, a hunger of household pots and pans in the supermarkets evening. The demonstrations were costly — 66 people were killed in 1983, most shot by police in clashes with protesters. But Pinochet ended with harder authoritarian measures and opened indirect talks with the Democratic Alliance, comprising Valdes' Christian Democrats and four other central parties.

"Talks collapsed. The Alliance denounces Pinochet's resignation and full democracy within 18 months. The general, for most Chilians just a white-uniformed figure on television screens, counters with a vague scheme for future plebiscites to endorse the Pinochet way to democracy."

But the demonstrations continue, even as the president's concessions. After insults March 27, Pinochet dismantled his economic team and pledged to relieve an unemployment.

The opposition is weakened by dissent — the legacy of the Allende years. On the other side of its two political sides, the Democratic Alliance and Allende's Democratic Popular Movement, a constellation of Communists and other Marxists. Popular young labor leader friedel Segal, a key anti-Pinochet supporter, has sought to draw the two factions closer together, but he seems to have failed.

The political differences are very deep," he said in an interview. "It's not for labor leaders to try to resolve them.

Elsewhere on the continent, the clash is not so bloody, but the anti-military fervor runs as high.

BRAZIL

By tens of thousands, to a Brazilian samba beat, T-shirted protesters are parading and rallying in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and other cities to demand "Diretas Ja!" — direct elections now — for president.

But the dem on strations c o n tin ue in the midst of this trend to democracy. The Brazilians took a protest in a rally in Rio de Janeiro Tuesday. The protesters demanded that the military implement direct presidential elections. Brazil is just one of several South American nations turning away from military regimes toward democracy. Story at left.

PARAGUAY

"Streets, who has held power for three decades, has allowed a dozen other political forces to return from years of exile. But the dissi-

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The continuing wait for an alcohol policy

Alcohol is to be prohibited in all party spaces on this campus when and where students under the age of 21 are present.

This is the alcohol policy many students expect to be handed down from the Provost as recommended by the Committee on the Responsible Use of Alcohol. More optimistic students, though, still hope for a policy less restrictive than a 21-campus.

The previous paragraph hinges on the words, "expect" and "hope." By this date, students should be mounting a formal protest, or breasting a sigh of relief, and toasting the Alcohol Committee's chairman, Father William Beaucamp. Neither a mug nor a picket sign can be raised, though, because the administration has yet to announce a new alcohol policy.

In a forum held in Breen-Phelps Feb. 21, Beaucamp said the policy should be released by April 1. One of the reasons the April 1 deadline was set was to allow any students who might want to move off campus because of the new policy to do so without forfeiting their housing deposits. The deadline for pulling contracts had been changed from April 2 to April 6.

April 1 and 6 came and passed without any official word concerning the policy. Student Body President Rob Bertino was the only "official" to comment on the policy; though he said any student who wanted to move off campus would not be penalized.

Today is April 12, 11 days past the projected release date for the policy. A source in the Student Affairs office has confirmed that the report has been completed. But still the student body is waiting for word from the Dome.

One can only assume that the administration had little concern for meeting the deadline it had set for itself. All the talk of April 1 had been nothing more than a ploy for students. Housing contracts were never seen as a problem from the administrative standpoint.

Was the committee planning all along to delay the date, waiting for a strategic time to break the news, i.e., Easter break or exam week? Was it hoping to slip the policy through inconspicuously when passions had cooled and students had other things on their minds? Or was it determined not to allow enough time before summer for an organized student rebellion?

Judging from the lack of support, perhaps we should be surprised by the announcement's absence. After all, for the past year the administration has been playing games with the students over the issue. Not since the decision to go co-ed has student social life been so affected by a single administrative decision — yet the students are left in the dark as to what the decision is, when they will be informed of it, or what its effect will be.

The administration has insisted all along that it cares about student opinion and will consider student input, but its actions indicate just the opposite — it is concerned merely with implementing its policy with the least tumult possible.

Committee member Brian Callaghan set the new date for the committee's release at April 18. Again, then, it might be announced in a letter over the summer.

— The Observer

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Convention a success

Dear Editor:

I could not be happier with this 1984 edition of the Mock Convention. How could one not be thrilled over an event which drew more than 90% of our supposedly apathetic people, have them come back three nights in a row and have many return for a 1 p.m. Saturday session after being there until 3 a.m. the morning before?

On the convention's opening night, I told the delegation about my hopes for this convention. I hoped everyone would learn how a national campaign works and how a candidate stands on the issues. Surely this happened, given the heart and soul I saw on the faces of every delegate at every session, nearly every delegate. There were the emotional utterances of "Gary, Gary," "Mondale, Mondale" and, of course, "Reubin, Reubin!"

The greatest feature, though, is that no one had to work at being educated because, while things were occurring, we were illuminating the Mock Convention's other equally important goal — meeting people and having a great time.

I am proud of the Hart-Boggs ticket. It is a refreshingly new one, steeped in those traditional Democratic ideals Mike Turpen spoke of — compassion, courage and idealism. And anyone who thinks Mrs. Boggs is a token woman ought to think again — she is experienced, effective, a great source of good will and one of the new leaders of the Democratic party.

After the long hours of the delegates, particularly on Friday night. Having begun Friday at 7 p.m., we still had more than 80 percent of the original crowd eight hours later, when, at the height of drama, Mike Boggsli conceded the Mondale campaign and Bernie Pelgrinio's Hart forces finally triumphed over the courageous, upbeat Reubin Askew campaign.

We really came together then, and the drama and emotion of that night is a feeling I won't forget.

And all this on a weekend in an arena where alcohol was not sold. I guess we all put our alleged alcohol problems behind for four days and discovered that proverbial "great social event without alcohol for sale" which is so sorely needed around here. Too bad it will be another four years, unless we can think of something for the general election next fall.

All my thanks to my committee, to Mary Anthony, Mike Beaudine, Katie Collins, Beth Deibel, Ken Fisher, Mike Hartman, Jeanie Poole, Paul Komyatte and Peter Pieretti. And a great big thanks to the delegates — you were fantastic.

Their deaths should be fairly peaceful. Some homespun napkins would be perfect, or get your hands on a few mines. This step is probably the hardest, but believe me it's an essential one. One more thing — this works best if the victims you select have large families that will have no one to provide for them once they're gone.

(3) Buy a gun and blow your head off. The details of this step can be worked out by you, depending on what kind of reaction you want your death to bring. For instance, if you want to impress on your parents and other relatives your selflessness and value in the face of death, do it in a small closed room in front of them.

However if you want a more romantic "circumstances surrounding death unknown" effect for a girlfriend, do it in some public place a distance from home where the men will get cleaned up fast without seeing them. Yes, it will be hard. But all these simple steps you can secure all the results of a suicide in El Salvador: you're dead, a bunch of foreigners are dead and their families are starving, and your loved ones have a healthy supply of Central American export crops.

Please don't think that I disagree of Reagan's efforts in Central America — quite the contrary. There are only half as many death-squad murders today as there used to be each month in El Salvador. That means something to me, and it should to you.

If someone kills only half as many people this month as last, I'd have to believe he's seriously trying to become a better person, and I'll support fully his right to own half the land in his country. I honestly believe that paying the Contras to rape a few Nicaraguan women will pressurize communists into governing more democratically.

I view Nicaragua's censorship of its press as an important evidence of its government. I'm proud of my country's censorship of its own press in order to effectively fight that in Nicaragua. But all this is getting away from the topic of interest. Young Americans have a long and proud tradition of dying for nothing. Or, if not dying, at least having their legs blown off or losing their eyes or seeing something in battle that made them go insane for nothing.

They did it in Grenada. And now you'll be doing it in Central America. And I think that's fine, my best wishes to all of you. Really Good Luck And goodbye.

Tom O'Leary
Mock Convention Chairman

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A three-point plan for military adventurers

Last week I noted with interest three particular events on the political scene: the Senate decided not to forbid U.S. combat troops from becoming involved in Central America, the president spoke at Georgetown asking Congress to be less hesitant about the use of military force, and the administration has given considerable thought on how to best use you in this noble battle. However, after a little contemplation on the probable results of your impending actions in Central America, I have devised a plan to secure the objectives at substantially lower cost to the American taxpayer.

With my program we entirely avoid the need for expensive transportation, training and general support of a large military mission. Yet we also achieve, albeit in a very fundamental form, all the foreign policy goals of the administration.

(1) Go to Martin's or Kroger's and buy a case of dark beer and a case of coffee. Distribute these among your loved ones who come to mind when you think great thoughts about your country. For example, give a pound of coffee and a banana to both your parents. Or give two bananas and no coffee to your younger brother, or three pounds of coffee to your best friend. You get the idea.

(2) Find a few foreigners and kill them. The qualifications for victims are fairly broad; they just have to speak some language other than California, although distinguishing physical traits like dark skin or slanted eyes are not necessary.

Their deaths should be fairly peaceful. Some homespun napkins would be perfect, or get your hands on a few mines. This step is probably the hardest, but believe me it's an essential one. One more thing — this works best if the victims you select have large families that will have no one to provide for them once they're gone.

(3) Buy a gun and blow your head off. The details of this step can be worked out by you, depending on what kind of reaction you want your death to bring. For instance, if you want to impress on your parents and other relatives your selflessness and value in the face of death, do it in a small closed room in front of them.

However if you want a more romantic "circumstances surrounding death unknown" effect for a girlfriend, do it in some public place a distance from home where the men will get cleaned up fast without seeing them. Yes, it will be hard. But all these simple steps you can secure all the results of a suicide in El Salvador: you're dead, a bunch of foreigners are dead and their families are starving, and your loved ones have a healthy supply of Central American export crops.

Please don't think that I disagree of Reagan's efforts in Central America — quite the contrary. There are only half as many death-squad murders today as there used to be each month in El Salvador. That means something to me, and it should to you.

If someone kills only half as many people this month as last, I'd have to believe he's seriously trying to become a better person, and I'll support fully his right to own half the land in his country. I honestly believe that paying the Contras to rape a few Nicaraguan women will pressurize communists into governing more democratically.

I view Nicaragua's censorship of its press as an important evidence of its government. I'm proud of my country's censorship of its own press in order to effectively fight that in Nicaragua. But all this is getting away from the topic of interest. Young Americans have a long and proud tradition of dying for nothing. Or, if not dying, at least having their legs blown off or losing their eyes or seeing something in battle that made them go insane for nothing.

They did it in Grenada. And now you'll be doing it in Central America. And I think that's fine, my best wishes to all of you. Really Good Luck And goodbye.

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Irish baseball team could manage only three runs as Michigan State swept a doubleheader yesterday at East Lansing. Michigan's Rolled, 7-2, and 2-0. Manager Ernie Forde combined on a five-hitter for the Spartans in the first game. In the nightcap, the Irish took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when junior David Clark's triple knocked in two. And with the home team behind for the first time, however, the Spartans scored three runs and never looked back. The Irish are now 12-12 on the season. — The Observer

An NGA Golf Review featuring golf pro Dick Walker, will be held on April 14 at 8 p.m. on the Burke Memorial Golf Course. This will be the relaunch class on the fundamentals of golf strokes and is for golfers at all levels who are looking for a short review. The cost is one dollar and registration is through the NVA office. The number there is 235-6100. — The Observer

Mike Bobinski, former Irish baseball pitcher, has been named Notre Dame's ticket manager and assistant business manager. The 26-year old Bobinski replaces Steve Osten, who last month was named ticket manager for the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League. Bobinski assumes his duties immediately. — The Observer

The ND-SMC ski team awards banquet will be held Monday, April 16. Watch for your invitation by mail. For more information, call Julie Currie at 285-4455. — The Observer

Keep training for the Irish Spring Run, a six mile race around campus, the lakes, and the golf course. It's coming up this Saturday at 10 a.m. Deadline for entries is tomorrow. Registration must be made in person at the NVA office, and a three dollar fee will be charged. Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded. — The Observer

The Bengalots banquet will be held tonight at 6 p.m. at the Poinr Express. All members are available at the NVA office for information call Tom at 1728, Angela at 5348, or Mike at 8308. — The Observer

Notre Dame cheerleaders for 1984-85 have been named. The squad features juniors Lynette Boggs, Lynn Thomas, Billy Ballenger (captain) and Joe Bach (vice-captain), sophomores Helen McCormick, Julia Pag, Kathy Rattsi, Anne Stubbs, Jeanne Poole (alternate), Rich Cramer, Ron D'Angelo, Carl Geho and Paul Marzien; freshman Pat Benning. We will make the debut at the Blue-Gold football game on Saturday, April 28. — The Observer

An Irish Guard organizational meeting will take place today, April 12, at 4:30 p.m. on Green Field. Many openings are available for the 1984-85 season. All interested candidates should attend and must be at least 6-2. Those with questions should call 1221. — The Observer

Glenn Wilson's RBL single capped a four-run inning rally, leading the Philadelphia Philles to a 7-6 victory over the Houston Astros last night. Luis Aguyao opened the inning by walking on a base hit to Reno Buehler. One out later, pitcher Bob Wulgroof, who is 2nd on the staff in saves, faced lefty David Wallace. getaway hit off the plate at the right-field and Mike Schmidt caught the ball. Schmidt then walked another lefty, and Joe Lefebvre was intentionally walked, before Wilson delivered his game-winning hit off Dave Smith, the formula reliever. This combined with his three scoreless innings of relief for the win, allowing just one hit. In other National League action, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, and San Francisco beat the Giants, 2-1. — AP

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Rose gets married
but held hitless

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose took
five walks yesterday — four to first
base and one down the side.

The Montreal left fielder got
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His next shot at that mark will
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things that happen.”

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Angels topple Brewers

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Rookie right-hander Ron Romack scuffled nine hits for his first major league victory before needing last-out help as the California Angels downed the Milwaukee Brewers 9-5 last night.

Romack, 1-0, in only his second major league game, walked three and struck out three. He was supported by California's biggest offensive outburst of the season featuring three RBIs by Reggie Jackson.

Jackson gave the Angels a 1-0 lead with a first-inning single after Jose Musielak had, 0-2, walked Gary Pettis and Rod Carew. Doug DeCinces sacrifice fly scored Carew to make it 2-0 and the Angels added two more runs in the second inning on Rich Williams' leadoff homer, his first of the season, and Carew's single. After the Brewers scored their first run on Ben Ogilvie's triple and Jim Garnett's single in the fifth, Williams' RBI single made it 5-1 in the bottom of the inning. DeCinces' second sacrifice fly made it 6-1 in the sixth and a sacrifice fly by Pettis plus Jackson's two-run single capped the lead to 9-1 in the seventh.

Buck Manning singled home Milwauk ee's second run in the ninth and Luis Sanchez added a two-run single to Randy Ready and an RBI single to Rob Vount before getting the final out.

And on the fourth day . . .

Yesterdays Results (il) Jim Gantner's single in the fifth, Willie Wilson's leadoff homer, his first of the season, and Carew's single. After the Brewers scored their first run on Ben Ogilvie's triple and Jim Garnett's single in the fifth, Williams' RBI single made it 5-1 in the

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Lovers, 21-5 Jack McLaughlin proved to be the best lover, hitting eight of 14 shots.

Today, 56 teams will head out to the frigid courts to continue the first-round Bookstore action.

At 8 p.m., the best probably is the matchup between Showtime and Five Marines Who Do It With A Gun. These teams will collide on Bookstore 10.

Later in the afternoon, Bookstore 10 will be the site of the clash between Bleeding Ax Wounds II and Another Good Recruiting Year. The game starts at 6:15, which will force fans to choose between that game and the one taking place at the same time on Step 2. In that game, Beat the Girls Sincerely Yours, L.C. Greenwood.
Six lettermen return
Talent, depth evident in backfield

By TRISH SULLIVAN
Sports Writer

In spire of the talent Notre Dame has in its backfield corps — talent which certainly deserves envy — Irish assistant head coach and running back coach Mal Moore speaks of spring ball with guarded optimism and a reluctance to make verbal commitments about his team.

"We are very fortunate to have the capable backs we do at Notre Dame," offers Moore. "They all have a lot of desire and need to maintain that attitude in order to improve."

Among Moore's rank and file are four monogram winners in the full back slot and two in the fullback position. Heading the list of veterans is junior-to-be Allen Pinkett. The 5-9, 185-pound Pinkett led the Irish in rushing, receiving, and scoring, and in 1983, started 16 in the race for the Heisman Trophy. He also records with 18 touchdowns and five consecutive season 100-yard efforts last season. Pinkett needs 1,546 yards to become Notre Dame's all-time rushing leader.

Pinkett has been viewing most of the action this spring from the sidelines. The coaching staff knows what he can do, so most of the spring chances will fall on sophomores to be.

Belles sweep four, extend streak to eight

The Saint Mary's softball team extended its winning streak to eight games with two doubleheader sweeps in the past two days.

Yesterday, the Belles demolished Bethel College, 15-8 and 16-4. Cathy Logdon was the winning pitcher in the opener, as Mary Lyn Mcsherry led the offense with four RBIs.

In the nightcap, Annie Day won her second game in two days, 16-4. Elaine Sus had three RBIs. Five other players had at least one hit, one piece, including Anne Trapp, who belted a home run.

The most thrilling hero of the four was a 2-1, extra-inning victory over Grace College. On Tuesday, Grace took a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning when Anita Rader scored on Sue Eckert's single. The Belles tied the score in the bottom half of the inning when Katie Coonan scored on a sacrifice by Kris Paquette.

In the eighth inning, Mackley doubled in Annie Trapp with the winning run.

Day allowed only three hits, struck out five and walked none on the way to the victory.

In Tuesday's game, the Belles got off to a 4-0 lead and never looked back but the win was not as easily allowed only six hits and no walks for the victory.

That was the all-around team I've ever coached at Saint Mary's," said coach Scott Beitel. The Belles are now 14-2 on the season.

Blowouts common as round one continues

By PHIL WOLF
Sport Writer

The first round of Bookstore Basket Ball XIII continued yesterday, the fourth day of action, as 80 teams took to the courts at Lyons, Stepan, and the Bookstore.

"It was a beautiful day for Bookstore Basketball," Tournament Commissioner Jeff Ilitch said last night, and, indeed, it was a very good day for some of the participants.

As a result of an impasse from waiting four days to play, the teams participating in yesterday's games seemed to want to dispel it from their opponents quickly. In 19 of the 40 games played, the losing team scored fewer than 10 points, as the winners rolled to the required 21 points.

The most notable blowout of the day was White Lightning's 23-0 victory over We Never Practiced Ever Once. White Lightning shot an amazing 23 of 25, or not one of the players on the team missed more than one shot. Perhaps a little luck or a practice would have helped We Never Practiced Ever Once as the team missed 21 shots in the afternoon.

The team's record for the fall season was a 2-1, extra inning victory over The Modern 11-0.

The high scorer for White Lightning was Chris Beiter, who accounted for six of his team's shots. The high scorer for We Never Practiced Ever Once was Pat Moore, who had 15 of his 19 points against the Dicks.

By MICHAEL J. CHMEEL
Sports Writer

Although the Notre Dame fencing team ended its season with a third place finish in the NCAA Championships, two Irish fencers will be fencing next week in Leningrad, Russia, as they will be representing Notre Dame and the United States in the 1984 Junior World Championships.

The Junior World Championships in fencing, which is restricted to athletes under the age of 20 on Jan. 1, 1984, will include the best young fencers from 65 different countries.

Irish assistant coach Steve Renshaw, who finished 3rd in the Junior World Championships six years ago, believes that the competition in Leningrad will be very tough.

"We have to pick up from our bowl game and improve from that point," explains Moore. "We're using this time to give different books to maintain our personnel. Everyone gets their chance and everyone has done well...but that doesn't mean there isn't any room for improvement."

We have to strive for perfection and the talent to back it up, the Irish backfield promises to be an exciting and explosive part of the 94 offense."

Micheal J. Chmeel