Signals indicate probable death of Chernenko

Associated Press

MOSCOW - Radio station listeners played somber music early this morning, national television changed programming and lights burned before dawn at the Communist Party Central Committee building as speculation spread that President Konstantin U. Chernenko had died. Two Politburo members reportedly cut short trips to San Francisco and Yugoslavia and returned home.

In Bonn, a spokesman at the West German Foreign Office said a Soviet delegation led by Central Committee Secretary Mikhail Zimyanin that had arrived in Hamburg only late yesterday was leaving by special plane this morning.

Such sudden returns have heralded a death in the leadership in the past.

Similarly, an unexpected switch to classical music preceded announcement of the death of President Richard M. Nixon in February 1984, and of President Leonid I. Brezhnev in November 1982.

But there was no official word about the health of Chernenko, 73, who was sick and was put out of Moscow today, U.S. officials said.

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At 5 a.m. (9 p.m. yesterday), Moscow was quiet as normal for television appearances last month. (The Washington Post, in an article from Geneva, Switzerland, reported that a spokesman for the U.S. mission to international organizations there said Vice President George Bush had received unconfirmed reports that Chernenko had died. Bush is in Geneva to address a conference today on the African drought.

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Survey to help design of programs

By MARGIE KERSTEN

Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

Do you think Saint Mary's has a healthy and open attitude toward sexual issues? Questions such as this were part of a sexuality survey distributed last week to every on-campus student by Saint Mary's Campus Ministry. The survey was distributed to help define the educational needs of Saint Mary's students and to assist in designing educational programs to help students understand and appreciate their sexuality.

The survey was divided into eight parts and topics included the understanding and functions of the male and female bodies; self image and worth; issues of decision-making; relationships; pregnancy; and other sexual issues including incest date rape, sexual harrassment, rape, sexual abuse, and homosexuality.

The survey was formulated by Saint Mary's Campus Ministry. Several people were involved in the development of the survey, which went through five drafts before being finalized.

People involved were Mary Feeley, director of campus ministry; Catherine Hale, assistant professor of psychology, and Mary Burke, a senior humanistic studies major, served as a student spokesperson.

"I think most women take themselves seriously and they want to understand their sexuality," Feeley said.

"Sexuality is an extremely important issue and it has been ignored far too long," said Feeley. Saint Mary's currently has no programs in the area of sexuality and the results of the survey will be used solely to develop such programs.

Feeley also commented that although she would like to share the results with the students, "at the same time I want to keep their confidentiality. I'm not sure we can do both. I think most students are interested in the results."

The results of the survey will not be published broken down into straight percentages although some general findings may be published in the future.

But, through educational programs that develop, students will know what needs were represented in the survey.

Feeley feels very positive about the response of students to the survey. "I feel grateful to the students willingness to participate and their candidness in responding."
Weather

March showers today and a 70 percent chance of showers tonight. High is 50, with low in the lower to middle 40s. - AP

Sexuality survey a positive step

Human sexuality seems to be a taboo topic on the Saint Mary's campus. There isn't a lot of talk about sexual issues, and people seem to be either embarrassed or uneducated about many of the issues concerned.

But conversations concerning sexual issues were stirred up last week when Saint Mary's Campus Ministry distributed a sexuality survey to every student living on campus.

The survey is extremely thorough, covering almost every sexual issue possible so many subjects are covered, those taking the survey may question the necessity of some of the questions. The diversity of questions, however, can be easily justified.

Survey results will be used to tailor programs to fit the specific needs of Saint Mary's students. A low thorough survey might not offer a true picture of student attitudes.

The survey is a one-shot opportunity. Had it refused to present all possible topics, many important subjects might never have surfaced.

The survey is divided into eight parts. The first section involves questions about the male and female bodies and their reproductive organs, while the second part deals with self-image and self-worth.

Decision making capabilities are questioned in the third section, and the fourth deals with attitudes and relationships.

The seventh section asks three straightforward questions: what a person's sexual preference is, whether or not a person is sexually active, and whether or not the person is using birth control.

The eighth and final section asks if a person would be willing to attend educational programs such as programs and students should take advantage of these programs.

Because education involves growing and maturing in many ways, it is important that students become more knowledgeable on their own sexuality. Sexual issues are not inherently immoral, and students should not be afraid to confront these issues.

Campus Ministry has an attempt to bring sexuality questions into the open. This is a positive step because it is time for Saint Mary's to recognize that sexuality is part of life.

For too long students have been led to believe that information on sexuality should not be mentioned.

Margie Kersten
Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

Someone who openly discussed sexual issues might have been considered immoral or looked upon negatively. Saint Mary's is an educational institution and as such should not limit its education by excluding information on sexual issues.

At most state universities, sexual information is readily available. There are programs available for a number of sexual topics, including rape, sexual harassment, birth control, pregnancy and homosexuality.

There is no reason why Saint Mary's should be different.
Graduate students compete in yearly M.B.A. competition

By MAURA MANDYCK  
Staff Reporter

Teams made up of graduate students from five universities were presented with a business dilemma this morning at 8:30 and were required to present a solution by 9:45 tomorrow morning. This is the fourth annual Notre Dame M.B.A. Invitational Case Competition.

The invitational, sponsored by the Notre Dame College of Business Administration and partially funded by the Johnson and Johnson Companies of New Brunswick, N.J., will take place today and will conclude with a judge's decision tomorrow evening. Representatives from Ohio and Penn State, Vanderbilt, and the universities of Illinois and Missouri, as well as a three-member team from Notre Dame are all competing in the 24-hour contest.

Notre Dame won the 1982 and 1983 competitions.

Second year M.B.A. students, Carlos Fernandez, John Lewin, and Thomas Varga, will represent Notre Dame. They were chosen on the basis of an intra-college competition on Feb. 22.

Each university is permitted a three-member team and a faculty advisor at the competition.

Each team will have 24 hours to prepare a 25-minute presentation and can bring a maximum of 10 books on accounting, finance, marketing, management, and business policy.

The presentations will be taped to facilitate the judging.

For the first time, microcomputers will be furnished and rooms in the Center for Continuing Education and the library will be available.

The teams also will be given a student liaison to answer any questions the visiting teams may have about the Notre Dame campus.

Notre Dame's faculty advisor, Dr. Paul Conway, associate professor of finance and business economics, said the team has "a lot of enthusiasm" and "the in-house competition was very lively."

The purpose of the competition, said Conway, is to "zero in on a problem, analyze it, and make proposals for its solution."

If no problem exists for the company, the team will offer advice on expanding its markets, raising funds, or starting corporate policy.

The cases used for competition are drawn from actual companies with problems or questions.

The suggestions offered by the teams are "often what has already happened," said Dr. Conway.

The teams must present "a good plan of action and be able to defend it," he said.

Ballinger commented that the competition gives the students "practical experience which to defend it," he said.

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language service of Radio Moscow's world service also began playing classical music at 10:30 last night.

Normally, the domestic radio station plays a mixture of classical, jazz and Russian folk songs along with talk programs.

At 9 p.m. last night, the two Soviet domestic radio stations on the air were both playing classical music, mostly string music with minor keys, instead of their usual mixture.

One broke in on the hour for a regularly scheduled news broadcast and the other did the same at 9:50 p.m. Neither made unusual announcement.


"They have requested that they be able to leave early," Vivienne Ascher, a State Department spokesman in Washington, said of the delegation that arrived in the United States March 3.
Suicide bomber drives into Israeli convoy, 9 people killed

Associated Press

A lone suicide attacker drove his bomb-laden car into an Israeli army truck in the northern Israeli town of Metulla yesterday, killing nine Israeli soldiers, military sources said.

At least 11 soldiers were wounded in the attack, which took place across the border from the Lebanese town of Metulla, according to hospital officials. Four were killed, five wounded and two were listed in critical condition.

In Metulla, a Lebanese army colonel told the Interfax radio station Voice of Arab Radio that the car bomb was driven by a member of the Lebanese National Resistance in revenge for a car bomb that killed seven Lebanese and injured 250 in a restaurant at West Beirut mosque.

The caller said there would be a second terrorist attack later today in Haifa, which has denied accusations in Lebanon that it was responsible for that bombing.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres was quoted as telling a Jerusalem meeting of women from NBN B'th that "We had a very bad day today. Nine of our people were killed." His student Senate Budget Committee.

This sub-budget is approved in the fall by the Budget Committee.

"We have a good idea of what will happen year to year," Novas said. "With the supply (money) we have, we allocate it to a test of our ability to give students what they want.

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If you are a part of each person," she said.

"You allocate your money, you spend it wisely with the survey through meetings with S.A.B. and student government." Burke said.

"We're involved with the content of the questions and the cover letter that accompanied the survey."

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**Johannes Hacker**

features staff writer

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Cynicism stirs the atmosphere at Notre Dame

Randy Fahs

As the death of unsettles, life goes on

Conservatives are turning history on its head

Viewpoint

Monday, March 11, 1985 — page 6
Dear Editor:

As fate would have it, I had just read an article on Nicaragua in the October 1984 issue of "The New Republic" and had just seen a television news report on the state of Nicaragua's army. When I changed the channel to listen to a show, a panel discussion on the events in Nicaragua, and the time was not long before the re-entry of the U.S. military into Latin America. The first number of the magazine included an article by a conservative government by thugs — many Somozan bosses and nista elites — and a populace where a not-whyle the masses scramble for sanctions, revolution might have promised to be, however "popular and highly Christian" the undertook economic sabotage in 1982.

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The finals of the 175-pound match.

Galios didn't throw any frontals punches, but he came early with a right. And after a flurry of combinations to the head, he hit the right spot of Packo's head. This didn't happen again. Vignone did it again and again. Sassano showed a lot of drive trying to prove himself.

Once again in the second Sassano was taken to the ground. The referee gave Sassano his standing and a yellow card. The second Sassano did not do anything to deserve it. But all they did score a lot of points. The judges, midway through the first, had given a little space to Packo's body. Finally, Sassano didn't know it but Packo's body didn't connect with his face.

In the second, Rehder got fired up and connected on a few shots to Tom's head. Taylor took Rehder to the ropes in the third and landed some combinations to Rehder's head, something he had not done before. Rehder came back and took Taylor to the ropes in the final and landed some combinations to the head that prompted Taylor to give up and win the second standing eight. Taylor ultimately won by split decision.

Thursday's first-round NCAA games at the ACC

Kansas vs. Ohio U., 12:07 p.m.

North Carolina vs. Mid Tenn. St., 7:07 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. Oregon St., 9:37 p.m.
The Observer

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points to the Notre Dame cause with six field goals and a remarkable 12-of-13 from the free-throw line. Ken Barlow added 21 points of his own, going 8-of-9 from the field in the process. Perhaps the biggest story in this game, though, was the rebounding differential. The Irish pounded the boards especially hard against the somewhat smaller Flyers, outbounding them, 37-20, and outscoring them, 12-0, off of rebounds on the offensive end.

"We really took a clubbing in the rebounding department," said Dayton coach Don Doniho. "It was the offensive boards that truly won the game for Notre Dame. They really go to the boards well and are just an outstanding rebounding team." Royal and Barlow also led the Notre Dame rebounding charge, grabbing nine and eight, respectively. But they were not the only ones rebounding well. Jim Dolan pulled down six misses despite playing only 25 minutes, and even the 6-4 Rivers had five of his own.

Rivers had the ball at the end of regulation, but his short jumper with four seconds remaining fell off, leaving the score at 59-59 and sending the game into overtime. It was Dayton which had the chance to win the game in the first extra period. With the game knotted at 67 and only three ticks of the clock left, Toney put up a shot of his own, but it, too, would not go, and the teams headed for an additional five minutes.

In last year's 80-70 Dayton win over the Irish in UD Arena, it was Toney who came up with 19 second-half points to spur the Flyers in their comeback victory. And, for a few minutes Saturday, it looked like history would repeat itself, as Toney hit five straight outside jumpers to bring Dayton from a 38-37 deficit to a 47-41 lead.

But Phelps refused to let it happen.

"Toney was my concern the entire game," said the Irish head coach. "When he hit those jumpers, I really started to get worried. We tried a box-and-one, and we tried a bunch of things. We just wanted to do anything to take him out of his game. Fortunately, we were able to get him out of his groove."

"Coach just told me to get out in front of him and give him something to look at. We wanted to try to get him out of his rhythm," said Royal, a forward who moved out top to guard the smaller Toney. Obviously the strategy worked, as Toney cooled down somewhat and Notre Dame heated up for its 20th win. Phelps celebrated the victory with a beer and a cigar, part of a tradition in which the student managers present him with both when the Irish win.

"No doubt, the Irish coach would like to see plenty more beers and cigars in the coming weeks."

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**1985 NCAA Tournament Pairings**

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through the first half to turn a tight 18-14 game into a 32-14 runaway. Oregon State is paced by 6-9 senior forward A.C. Green, who averages 18.8 points a game and has a high of 39 points. The Beavers average 59.5 points as a team to their opponents’ 56.2.

As far as the 64-team field of the tournament games, Phelps had nothing but praise for his team.

"The tournament selection committee did an excellent job putting things together. They seeded everyone well," said Phelps. "It’s an exciting field, I think the first and second rounds will be very interesting."

"I think Michigan is the team to beat in our region. We just have to do our own thing here at the ACC, though. The students have been a part of getting us here. There won’t be a student section as such, but we still need them."

The next three days will be filled with lots of hard work for the Irish, the same hard work that got them here in the first place. The payoff for that work will be Thursday night at 9:37 when the ball goes up in the air at the ACC.
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Sports

**ND faces Oregon St. in first game at ACC**

**By Jeff Blumb**

Assistant Sports Editor

It's taken four years, but the Notre Dame basketball team is finally in the NCAA tournament again. Its 20-8 regular season record, coupled with its finish as the Atlantic Catholic Conference champions, earned the Fighting Irish a bid to the ACC at the ACC for its first- and, if necessary, second-round game.

The Beavers of Oregon State, 22-8 overall and holding third place in the Pac 10 with a 12-6 conference record, will be the first ACC foe Notre Dame will face on Saturday at 9:37.

Under NCAA guidelines, tickets for individual games cannot be sold until 24 hours prior to the start of the game. The Beavers will be on sale to the general public today at 9 a.m. at the Gate 2 box office.

Approximately 1,500 tickets for all games went on sale to the general public today at 9 a.m. The Gate 10 ticket office of the ACC. Tickets must be purchased as a package for all six games to be at the ACC in each of the next five years.

NCAA tournament bids were announced yesterday and the seven ACC conference teams all received bids. Notre Dame was not among the 32 teams selected. However, the Irish are still under consideration for the National Women's Invitationa Tournament, which will announce its eight-team field this afternoon.

Despite a 20-8 record and a Northern Star Conference championship, Notre Dame's chances of getting into the NCAA tourney were slim. The Northern Star Conference championship bid, and there are only 15 at-large bids available in the tournament. Irish hopes became even slimmer in late February when upsets occurred in second week of last year's tournament.

Seven conferences, in fact, had at least two teams selected to the tournament, and 13 unranked teams received bids. Notre Dame's impressive conference play placed it at the head of all the Atlantic Catholic Conference teams except for Tennessee, UCLA and USC.

"It's a very disappointing," said DiStano, "especially because we know from all the teams we've seen this season that we are the caliber of the teams in the ACC. The Irish dropped the Flyers, 80-73, in a contest that had all the makings of an NCAA tournament game. The win gave Notre Dame a first regular season record of 20-8 overall and 4-2 against the Midwest independents. Dayton, meanwhile, closed out the regular season at 19-9 and an even 3-3 in independent-round robin play.

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With Marquette's win over DePaul later in the afternoon, knocking the Blue Demons to 19-9 and 3-3, and Notre Dame emerging as the nation's top independent, in addition to capturing the mythical Catholic League.

Donald Royal's backdoor lay-up of a pass from Dayton's Dave Ridgley with 2:34 left in the second overtime put Notre Dame up by four, 71-67. Royal was fouled by Dayton's Steddy Tonon on the play, but Royal hit both free throws to give the Irish a six-point lead with 57.7 seconds remaining in the second overtime.

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