If stone could speak

These statues outside of O'Shaughnessy Hall have seen a lot of football and baseball games the past few days as students have enjoyed the weather with a game on the quad.

Underground gay group files for recognition

BY JULIE BARRETT
News Writer

In what may be viewed by the Notre Dame administration as a bold move, The Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) registered yesterday to be officially recognized as a student group by the University.

GLND/SMC "realizes that we could help more students if we could sponsor lectures, have meeting space in LaFortune, a telephone line, be able to hang posters up with educational information and be able to advertise in The Observer without a University censor——in other words, be able to do what other student groups do," said Michael Vore, a former co-chair of the group.

The group's move for recognition now has been motivated by the recent attention gay and lesbian issues have received through the Safe Haven and Burchaell issues this school year, according to Vore. Because these issues are "alive enough in people's minds," Vore asserts that the time is now to try to effect change.

Student Affairs has not reviewed the group's letter and registration form at this point and is, therefore, unable to comment on the issue, according to Student Affairs Vice President Patty O'Hara and Assistant Vice President Father Peter Boccas.

University President Father Edward Malloy could not be reached for this story.

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"Besides the mistaken impression that gay or lesbian orientation is unacceptable in Catholic teaching, the biggest roadblock in the way of getting GLND/SMC recognized is the Holy Cross Order," Vore said. "Observers of the group signed a letter stating that the Order still maintains that it ordains no homosexuals, even though an order is pending.

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Farmer's Senate victory stands despite charges

By MICHAEL SCHOLL
News Writer

Tyler Farmer's victory in the District 3 (South Quad) Student Senate election will stand even though he was found guilty of two counts of campaign violations, according to a ruling released by the election ethics committee of the judicial board.

In a hearing held Wednesday, the committee reviewed allegations made against Farmer by his opponent, Alumni Hall junior Dave Certo. Certo charged Farmer, a Morrissey Hall freshman, with violating several of the campaign regulations listed in the Bylaws to the Undergraduate Constitution.

The committee concluded that Farmer had violated the Bylaws by posting three of his campaign posters on bulletin boards located in Alumni Hall. It also found Farmer guilty of posting two posters in Morrissey Hall that violated the 11" by 17" size limit in the Bylaws.

However, the committee acquitted Farmer of charges that he included "ethically question- able messages" on some of his posters and of the charge that he had been campaigning in a University censor——in other words, be able to do what other student groups do," said Michael Vore, a former co-chair of the group.

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ND vehicles switch to natural gas

By TRAVIS SMITH
News Writer

Notre Dame Transportation Services are converting six of their vehicles from liquid gas to natural gas as a trial program. In charge of the conversion are Marty Greer of ND's fleet and vehicle maintenance and Northern Indiana Public Service Corporation, NIPSCO.

As of now, three of the six cars have been converted, but none are in use yet. According to Ogren, "We have a target date of April 2 to have all the vehicles in use.

The vehicles being converted include one campus security car, one landscaping truck, one laundry truck, two preventative maintenance trucks, and one building services vehicle.

"We are trying out natural gas as an alternative fuel because of our concern for air quality," said Ogren.

Although natural gas does not eliminate emission, it does burn much cleaner than liquid gas. In addition, natural gas is much cheaper. While a gallon of
Too much research can be a bad thing

It's hard for a reporter to not be critical, even of a place like Notre Dame. Despite its greatness, this University has set standards so high for itself that it is difficult not to get disillusioned every once in a while.

In the past four years, the focus of this University has changed dramatically. It appears that the commitment to undergraduate education is being passed up for the more glamorous goal of becoming a National Catholic Research University.

Who's goal is this anyway and how realistic is it?

At a Board of Trustees meeting last month, a group of trustees met with students, including myself, to discuss a report we had done on the future of undergraduate education at Notre Dame. Among the trustees assembled, there didn't seem to be a clear consensus on the desirability of becoming a National Catholic Research University.

Many of the trustees questioned whether the goal of becoming a "research" institution was feasible. Most students and trustees agreed that if excellence in Catholic undergraduate education had to be sacrificed, the whole University would be unjustified.

If some trustees seem unconvincing about the whether Notre Dame should aim to be a National Catholic Research Institution, one wonders who made this goal in the first place.

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**Students in trouble with federal taxes**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The government is worried that college students may be cheating on their taxes. Any portion of a scholarship applied to room and board or travel has been taxable since 1987, assuming the recipient already earns above a certain minimum.

"There is a concern that many taxpayers don't know the room and board portion of the scholarship is taxable income," said Gail Ellis, a spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service. The agency last month collected information from Harvard University on scholarship recipients, university officials confirmed.

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**Is the circus coming to town?**

While other students took advantage of the weather to play common sports like football or baseball, Pasquerella East freshman Mary Dwyer decided to practice her juggling skills.

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**Local judge expresses on hate speech**

**BY CHRIS WERLING**
News Writer

A veteran of the radical free speech movement on college campuses of the 1960s and current Appeals Court Judge was cautioned against hate speech codes in a lecture at Notre Dame Thursday. Judge Boggs of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently gave a lecture titled "Can or Should the Government Stop Someone from Speech that is Alleged to be Hate Speech?" sponsored by the Federalist Society at the ND Law School.

Boggs drew upon his experience during the free speech movement as he "grew up intellectually in the sixties when student radicalism began with Free Speech movement at Berkeley, when the notion of free speech of paramount value was very widely held," said Boggs.

Boggs attended Harvard University and studied under Justice John Paul Stevens, then the University of Chicago Law School.

As Boggs spoke on distinguishing between types of speech and what should and should not be considered lawful, he drew on actual law reviews and the Fighting Words Doctrine, which says that words are distinguished by the "quality of speech." These law reviews suggested "the notion that there are ways to combat or suppress a particular kind of speech without going to the notion of kinds of speech." Boggs said.

Boggs admitted the difficulty in differentiating between lawful and unlawful speech and said, "basically, in my view, those distinctions are not successful."

While arguing what the government should or should not do in the judiciary sense, Boggs cited three lower district court cases which "seem to indicate the old time religion of the First Amendment is in full force."

In the first case, John Doe vs. the University of Michigan, the University apparently "had a fairly conventional speech proposal that made possible various types of offenses in speech," Judge Abraham Cune, whom Boggs described as "quite liberal," struck down the speech, is decision which the University of Michigan did not appeal.

The second of the three cases that Boggs spoke on was reported in October 1991, and called the Board of Regions of the University of Wisconsin vs. the U.S. district post. According to Boggs, in this case, "the newspaper of the University of Wisconsin at Madison had printed various newspaper articles which were found offensive to some."

Boggs said the U.S. district court replied to these articles in a manner that "struck it down and specifically focused on the fact that the rules clearly reached beyond the narrow confines of the Fighting Words doctrine."

The final of the three cases which Boggs focused on was the Leaven vs. Harrelson case. This case involved Michael Leavens, a white professor, who "has become quite controversial for speeches and articles written" that lacked racial eloquence.

In the Leaven case, the University did nothing bear what was bearing in his (Leaven's) classroom" while "marching in and shouting" as other forms of disruption took place. The district court ruled similarly in this case as in the other cases that his "constitutional rights were found to be violated."

Boggs also applied the concept of First Amendment rulings to a current Supreme Court case entitled RAV vs. St. Paul, Minnesota involving "flying the flag on their lawn," said Boggs. He then gave the result of the trial explaining that "the Minnesota Supreme Court agreed to statutes that this was unconstitutional" and said that it could be narrowed to apply only to Fighting Words, which then resulted in an appeal since it was not agreed upon that those actions were only fighting words.

Regarding the Minnesota case, Boggs said that "my suspicion is that the court will not come down with a ringing decision in either direction." Boggs finally ended by suggesting three ways of his own to better the controversy of First Amendment rulings. His first suggestion was that in a person's private action he or she "should not be denounced, they should not be opposed by ostracism" or be defamed in any way.

Boggs followed with his second suggestion that "action which would constitute other crimes" should and "can be punished under those statutes or contexts of the crime."

The third and final suggestion of Boggs was "a content neutral application of servility" which meant that rulings passed in any type of community would be passed for all groups and no group would remain exclusive inside of the ruling.

Boggs concluded that "obviously the hate speech situation runs through a myriad of specifics."
WASHINGTON (AP) — Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey dropped out of the Democratic presidential race last week in a string of setbacks, telling a roomful of editorial board members and Senate colleagues, "we ran out of gas."

In a pre-Raymond news conference, Kerrey said he was ending his once promising candidacy with regret but with great pride — this is no retreat and this is no surrender. "We ran out of gas." He even took aim at fellow candidates who ran out of gas.

"We had a lot of spirit but unfortunately we didn't get a lot of media," he said. He called Kerrey's few bad breaks along the way, conceded that a few more mice fell into the electrical, but said that even so, "I consider myself the luckiest man in the world." Kerrey gave way in good humor — joking that he could re-main in the Senate, but a Nebraska newspaper reporter who coveted his national travels would have to go home and cover county commissioners now.

He made clear he is ready to resume his role in the Senate. "For me the fight is simply going on to new terrain," he said.

Kerrey's friends counseled him in weak Third in New Hampshir's first-in-the-nation primary, and came away from last Tuesday's eight primaries and caucuses in debt and with much more often than men and women had been targeted in a Bush campaign.

Bush, a "soldier's soldier," had often written about the Gulf War as a young man during the buildup to the Gulf War, it objected to Bush's handling of the bombing of the U.S.S. Nevada to Hitler, writing that "whatsoever may be said of Hitler, he was a soldier..." Instead, it simply was a "cold war..."

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ND alumni to broadcast educational conference

By KATHY MASSA

Notre Dame will be the focus of over 700 cable stations and 15 million people nationwide Sunday, in a satellite broadcast interactive educational program.

The topic of Sunday’s Alumni Continuing Education telecast, to be aired at 2 p.m. is raising elementary school children. It is the second of two programs on education. In November of ’91, Alumni Education began the series with a telecast about educating the preschooler. In November of this year, the educational series will conclude with a program focused on the high schooler.

Gates probes successors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three of six candidates to replace Police Chief Daryl Gates are accused of misconduct and Gates has been ordered to investigate the allegations — a move himself Gilbert said his group called News for America, was eliminated.

“aright about the entire selection process. So he should show a little grace and ask the commission to set up a special investigator,” said the ACLU’s Benjamin Rector.

Sheinbaum ordered the probe after Xavier Hernandez, chairman of a Mexican-American group called News for America, alleged that three of six seminarians who had violated police policy. The group also complained that two Hispanic candidates were eliminated.

Gates wouldn’t comment, a spokeswoman said.

Sunday’s program will include a panel of educators discussing the issue. “Parenting the Elementary School Child: How to Nurture a Positive Self,” in front of a live studio audience. 125 groups nationwide and over 8,000 colleges via satellite.

Alumni clubs across the country worked with their respective dioceses to bring together viewers from the community to watch the telecasts. Groups receive the telecast free of charge in addition to educational packets, an enrichment video tape and a packet for the director of each site.

In addition to the panelists and the studio discussion, the production team will splice in video of elementary school kids and parent-teacher conferences. In this way, the program is aesthetically interesting and of high production quality, according to Kathleen Sullivan, director of Alumni Continuing Education.

“It is believed that Notre Dame is the only University in higher education ever to offer enrichment programming for alumni and their communities through satellite technology,” said Sullivan.

Teleconferencing regarding family issues began at Notre Dame in response to a statement by the bishops, released in January, which emphasizes “children and family first.” The bottom line of these programs is “to spotlight issues where Notre Dame excels, like faith and Christian marriage,” according to Peter Pranica, assistant director of the ND Alumni Association.

“Interactive conferencing offers many advantages. It offers practical information about important topics,” said Pranica.

“People feel comfortable taking programming from Notre Dame because many alumni met their spouses here,” said Sullivan.

Feedback from viewers has been phenomenal, said Sullivan and Pranica. Many have been pleasantly surprised that such great programming is offered at no charge. Alumni have praised the provocative content and high quality of production, said Sullivan.

“These telecasts provide a much needed and valuable resource for our families as they seek creative solutions to challenging problems,” according to a diocesan Des Moines.

“The telecasts are a rich model of dialogic enrichment for Churches and other institutions in America,” said Frances Forde Plude, Associate Provost at Syracuse University, an expert in Catholic teleconferencing.

The program on Sunday will be broadcast from WNDU at 2 p.m. The studio audience includes local educators, but others are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Kathleen Sullivan at 239-6186.

Black pro-lifer equates abortion with ‘genocide’

By MARA DIVIS

Genocide of the human race is being committed through abortions in the United States every day, according to Delores Grier, vice-chancellor for Community Relations of the Archdiocese of New York.

Grier is also founder and president of the Association of Black Catholics Against Abortion, spoke at Notre Dame Thursday on "Race Genocide Through Abortion."

She said she considers abortion murder, that terminating a pregnancy is taking a life. "A baby is a human being," she said. "Our Constitution says that everyone has a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I believe that life begins at conception. A baby shouldn't have to be born to be protected."

Grier said that the incidence of abortion is higher among minority groups, often due to lack of money, opportunity and education.

"Seventy-four percent of free abortion clinics in this country are in black and Hispanic communities," she said.

This is due in some areas to research-oriented hospitals and health care groups who use the aborted fetal tissue for experimental purposes. They find that the incidence of abortion is higher in these groups, so they establish clinics in these communities, she said.

However, she said that despite the statistics of disadvantaged and underprivileged minority groups, these people have no excuse to "resort" to abortion in the situation of an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy.

"We (blacks) have a spirit that says God never gives you more than you can bear," she said. "Blacks have survived nearly everything, (including) slavery and lynching. We can survive nine months of pregnancy."

The United States does not value life the way other cultures have in the past, Grier said. Since other cultures have assimilated themselves into the United States, people have slowly come to accept a "culture of killing," she said.

"Africans count the unborn as waiting to be born," she said. "But integration brings imitation."

Grier said that the nation should outlaw abortion, realize that "we don't have to kill to solve our problems."

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The Observer
Grier: Abortion threatens blacks

BY COLLEEN CONLEY
News writer

Using her ten fingers to tick off arguments against abortion, Delores Grier, vice chancellor for the archdioceses of New York, referred to abortion legislation as the beginning of the death party.

Speaking yesterday at the mock courtroom of the Law School, Grier, who is the founder and president of the Association of Black Canadians Against Abortion, labelled abortion a "race genocide," and called for prayer and the elimination of apathy to end abortion's legalization.

Delores Grier said abortion is like many other debates in U.S., "taking of the future of black America, and also the taking of the future of white America...this is genocide, black or white, that's genocide—we're killing ourselves."

Grier said that poor, black women have been doing abortions for years, and that abortion rights proponents are not pro-choice, but pro-abortion, and that there can be no middle ground in between. "They are for the death party," she said, and urged people to "take a stand and be what you are. Be pro-life, be pro-abortion, but don't say I'm pro-choice."

"Abortion supporters are often afraid to say they support killing," Grier said, and she challenged what she called their cowardice, referring to a biblical passage in which Jesus said, "Let your mouth be lukewarm." Grier added that people use pro-choice terminology because they don't want to be associated with murderers.

"Asserting that materialism and greed typically accompany the abortion industry," Grier said physicians who perform abortions are enjoying lucrative returns in terms of compensation, taking in much more than $100 an hour for their services. "If Mandy can't stand what they're doing, but the money is good," she said.

"I further fault abortionists because they are trained and educated to be "dealers of death," proud to say I'm a pregnancy terminator," Grier alleged that "every doctor that does an abortion is a hit man." She said that many are driven to drug and alcohol addictions and advised her audience to "pray for them."

Referring to women who seek abortion as a means of sex selection or for reasons of fetal deformity, Grier said they are "killing for convenience," and she fears the day when unborn life is aborted for other genetic purposes, such as undesirable skin or eye color.

She advised abortion opponents to support the cause through prayer, and in particular, to pray peacefully in front of pre-abortion legislation offices between the hours of nine and seven o'clock, or sooner, because persistence will do it, that legislator will call you in and say, "Let's talk." Grier said.

Grier added that gaining influence with a legislator is an opportunity to remind him or her, "too, that we can be on the unemployment line" if he or she does not respect life. Grier continued by saying that life does not come from the government and that laws "can not take away from the fact that we're tampering with God's creation."

Grier said she objects to politicians who believe in the pro-life cause but capitulate to political survival, citing civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, who Grier said assumed a pro-abortion mentality when he joined "the death party of the Democrats...he had to change or not be in the party," according to Grier.

"Killing is never necessary to resolve any problem, Grier said and abortion experts are always available in the form of expanded church programs and adoptions."

In a closing question and answer session, Grier advised her audience to "pray for them." Grier also said that abortion is a "race genocide," and called for prayer and the elimination of apathy because existence is abortion is the beginning of the death party.

Grier criticized the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, for spreading the idea through "Negro Project" that black people are inferior because they believe children come from promiscuous sex.

According to Grier, "black people believe in the fifth commandment: "Honor your mother and father," and to ignore the existence of abortion is an affront to those who are in the beginning of the death party."

Grier asked that their names remain confidential, not to fight for the needs of less fortunate Americans are sub-divided into three classes: those we see, our prejudices and stereotypes, and. . . to fight for the needs of less fortunate people.

"We've been arguing for the last year that Catholic teaching insist on a distinction between sexual orientation and sexual activity, forbidding the latter, but acknowledging the former," Vore said. "Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame/SMC have always maintained a neutral stance on questions about activity, so that we wouldn't conflict with Catholic teaching."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basketball fans' behavior offends Christian reader

Dear Editor:

Recently I decided to attend a game of basketball between our team and a team from St. Johns. Almost immediately, I became alarmed. You see, a play from St. John's made a mistake of some sort, and the fans began to cheer this event. John almost immediately, I became upset, and immediately exited the JACC.

Upon introspection, it occurred to me why I had become frightened. Here we were, a group of believers, playing a game with another Christian school, but it was no "game," and it certainly was not Christian. Christians don't mock one another, and take delight at another's misfortune. How do you think that young man from St. Johns felt? Did any of you barbarians stop to think about that? Regardless of our "victory," I don't think any of us were winners that day.

I have a problem, I can count on one of the insightful Observer writers to clear things up for me.

This year, I've learned so far where I'm safe in South Bend and where I'm not, that I'm not in love with Tootsie Pops. It was getting to where I'm thinking of going to the infirmary for counseling. Now, thanks to the Inside Column, I don't have to. I do have a few problems left though.

First off, even though I now understand love, I'm still having a problem with sex. It's more difficult because although I can love (not real love, just chocolate cake love) Tootsie Pops, I can't have sex with them (well, it's harder for guys at least).

Mr. Schwartz is at least correct when he says, "sex is especially confusing, because sex involves people." I won't mention the fringe (I hope they're still just fringe) elements for whom sex does not involve only people. How many emperors, kings, scientists, and intellectuals of all sorts have we lost due to sexually communicable diseases? Mr. Schwartz's view is especially dangerous in this day of AIDS. I really hated to bring that up again, but it's become a fact of life even Catholic boys and girls (and that's what we are, don't give me this women and men stuff can't ignore).

I happen to be Catholic myself and to believe in the Church's views on abstinence before marriage, and I don't normally judge other people's sexual beliefs according to my own standards, but actually recommending to young people that they try to "control their sexuality" and just enjoy sex for its physical pleasure is not only stupid, it's plain dangerous.

I understand where Mr. Schwartz's motivations are coming from, the world is full of Catholics who don't want to be held responsible for their sins. Mr. Schwartz by no means the first to try to ease his own guilt and have a daughter, to think about at what age you're going to tell your little girl to forget about love and "just enjoy the physical side of sex."
Shenanigans
sing and dance
their way to
California

By STEVE TANKOVICH
Accent Writer

Shenanigans is going west. Shenanigans is continuing its 10th year anniversary celebration with its annual spring tour. The tour, through several cities in California, including San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, and Los Angeles, will take place from March 7 through March 16.

Shenanigans, Notre Dame's only singing and dancing ensemble, is a group of 18 singers and dancers, eight musicians, and a sound technician. The group puts on several shows a year for Notre Dame students and faculty, as well as the public.

This year, Shenanigans has put on a successful Christmas concert, performed at Freshman Orientation Weekend, football weekends, and most recently at Junior Parents' Weekend. As has been the case for the last several years, they will also be performing during Commencement Weekend in May.

Shenanigans was started in 1982 by Rick Ward, a member of the Glee Club who organized with several of his friends who wanted to include dancing with their singing programs.

The group is led this year by Dean Sipe, a junior from Pangborn, who is the acting General Manager. The group's advisor is Charles Lennon. Joe Clair is Shenanigans' Tour Manager. All of Shenanigans' performances are videotaped by Emil Hoffman, former dean of the Freshman Year of Studies. "It's amazing how much he does for us. He's a really nice guy," says Sipe.

The group is getting very excited about the tour next week. In the beginning, there were concerns with going to California because of the money factor. Sipe explains, but enough was done to make the trip possible.

The tour is ideally set up so that it pays for itself. Donations will be taken at concerts, and t-shirts will be sold. Also, many Notre Dame alumni clubs are sponsoring concerts in their cities.

Shenanigans will be leaving this Saturday for San Francisco. They then travel to the University of California-Berkeley, where they will perform a benefit concert for the homeless.

Sacramento and San Francisco are next on the group's itinerary. In addition to an evening concert at the P u n c h l i n e, Shenanigans will do a special concert for the AIDS ward at San Francisco General Hospital.

After a day of traveling down the coast to Santa Barbara, Shenanigans will do a show at a popular lunchtime park and then move on to San Diego.

In San Diego, Shenanigans will perform at a local Ronald McDonald's house. They will stay the night in San Diego, and then be on their way to Los Angeles.

"Friday is sure to be a highlight of the trip, as Sipe explains, "I'm going to Disneyland." In addition to visiting the park, Shenanigans will be able to perform at Disneyland.

After seeing the sights, the group will perform one final concert at Cal Poly University in Pomona, before returning to South Bend.

"There's a great feeling of satisfaction after a show because [Shenanigans] is totally student-run," admits Stanford sophomore and two-year piano player, Mike Cotter.

By JENNIFER GUERIN
Accent Writer

N ext week, 47 dreams will come true. Financed by alumni clubs in Georgia and Florida, as well as other donations, a representative group of the Voices of Faith gospel choir will embark on their first extensive tour ever.

The student-run Voices of Faith, combining dedication and musical talent, has been an aspiration of Voices of Faith alumna last year to transform a long-standing dream of touring into reality.

After performing for alumni at various functions over past years, the ensemble was approached by people interested in organizing and financing a trip for the week of this year's spring break. Touring has been an aspiration of Voices of Faith club leaders for a few years, and they readily
before heading back to Florida on their Spring tour.

The opportunity to have 20 people to come out before," stated Barrett, "we were really flourished until 1988, when, according to Barrett, an "influx in quality people" and skyrocketing interest brought the group to its current size. The 75 members of the Voices of Faith include talented singers from a variety of backgrounds who join together throughout the year for performances at Notre Dame and in the South Bend community.

Barrett emphasized their primary purpose is to worship and praise God, not to entertain. The co-presidents agreed that more exposure will help people to understand the message of the group.

Performing at Notre Dame is quite different from performing for other audiences. Although the audiences enjoy the shows and let the choir know this, "the Catholic audience in general receives us in a different manner," said Johnson. They participate less vocally and actively than most recipients of the gospel tradition.

Despite this fact, members find the group a source of comfort and belonging. Andre Barrett noted, "It has been a stabilizing force for me over the four years," an opportunity to share similar cultural traditions with people who have common religious and ethnic ties.

Johnson, a sophomore, hopes the tour will become a regular event on the Voices of Faith calendar. "I would love to do it again," he said. "We always enjoy sending our message out, as long as it’s received well."

The group charges a flat fee for singing at each location on next week’s tour. Most of the money, raised by alumni clubs in the performance area, will cover the expenses of travel. Some of the locations will also be charging admission.

To save money, members will be staying in the houses of area alumni, whenever possible. They hope to return home with a small profit, which will be used to purchase new musical equipment and robes for the singers. A campaign to raise money for these robes, which are very expensive, will probably begin on campus very soon.

Notre Dame senior Raghib Ismail donated $2,500 of his own money to the choir, and two individuals involved in the Spring Break tour of the south each donated $1,700 to cover expenses for two of the concerts.

The Voices of Faith move more and more audiences with their shows each year. With increasing exposure they hope to help people realize they offer a distinct and intense spiritual and emotional message about God. Theirs is a form of praise and celebration—a form they hope to use to strengthen themselves and their audiences across the nation.

The Glee Club pays the majority of the expenses for their current spring break trip. Revenues are generated from concerts and records sales.

"The Glee Club is a musical and social organization that travels extensively throughout the country and throughout the world. Its members act as ambassadors of the University bringing music as well as the Spirit of Notre Dame to alumni and others," according to senior John Ufda.

The Glee Club is currently operating under the direction of Dr. Mark Ring. Its Co-presidents are Dennis Brown and John Thiede.
Smoking and Monk's brave new world

After reading the new policy on smoking, I actually had a kind of Montague-Bolgia thought about Medjugorje, which is tobacco-growing country.

The priests there don't discourage the members of their flock from smoking. The priests tell them to abstain from smoking one day a week as they abstain from meat, or wine, or any other of God's good gifts.

The priests say such acts of self-denial please Our Lady. The priests promise the people that if they will attend Mass faithfully, God will send rain to water the fields where the tobacco is growing.

This discernment of God's will must have been passed onto the priests like second-hand, or side-stream effect, smoke from the visionaries whom Our Lady has allegedly befriended.

Maybe Medjugorje will be the last bastion for Catholic smokers in the free world. Maybe the priests at St. James' can turn smoking into a sacrament that will make the sun dance.

Maybe Donors, subject to nicotine fits, could start a new club for Catholics at Medjugorje, defender of smokers' rights, to pray for them.

The new ground-rules are clear evidence that we have come to the end of an era. Maraschino Lizards are always regarded the use of tobacco as morally wrong, since it harms the body, which is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Catholics are finally catching up with the Fundamentalists in outlawing smoking as a study activity. At denominational colleges like Bob Jones and Wheaton, you have to renounce smoking—as well as card-playing, dancing, and drinking—as a condition for acceptance.

Born-again Christians are always looking for new ways of showing that they are not brain-washed. I've met Notre Dame students who go to Mass every day of the week except Sunday, because that's when their religion requires them to go under pain of sin.

Smoking as a vice is becoming very expensive—cigarettes are starting to cost two bucks or more a pack, and it's become a lifetime habit, even for occasional smokers who have a high tone. As a lifetime smoker, I'm embarrassed to light up, even in my room, if non-smokers are present.

Those who continue to smoke tend to be throwbacks, neanderthals, lone wolves, rednecks who drive trucks, or curmudgeonly old priests.

The generation now flowering taken great pride in having clean lungs as good teeth. There is no glamour to smoking for them except as a form of rebellion that proves that they're free-spirited.

Students paying $18,000 a year for their education don't go out of their way to be decadent, but if you tell them that you have passed a rule forbidding them to drink anywhere on campus, you may wake up on Sunday morning to find their dead soldiers all over the Grotto.

It's the rare student who smokes at Notre Dame; and those undergraduates who do smoke are usually occasional smokers who light a couple of times in the evening.

The backsliders at Bob Jones and Wheaton are probably more hard-core in their smoking than any student who gets hooked on cigarettes at Notre Dame.

Smokers have a way of being very visible to one another. The smokers who are most visible to me are the workers staffing the dining halls. I see them taking smoke-breaks when their work allows them to come up for air.

They rely on cigarettes, enjoyed with coffee, to give them their mid-morning or afternoon pickup. Life would be harder for them, if Notre Dame became officially smokeless, since their salad days, when they were wet behind the ears, they relied on smoking as a way of dealing with stress.

I'm trying to decide if the task force on smoking deserves my forgiveness. I think probably it does, at least until after the dust has settled, and we can discover whose bulls have been gored.

At first, I had a feeling that the rules go too far; now I'm wondering if they go far enough. If clean air is the name of the game, let's change a lid on the place that will keep out the pollution, starting with the two cafes of Pall Mall

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Globetrotters beat Generals; provide fun and folly for fans

By RICH SZABO
Sports Writer

From the very beginning, one could tell that something was amiss at the Thunderdome, as the scoreboard listed the quarters in the order 1-3-4-2. This would be no ordinary basketball game. Instead of the Fighting Irish, the ACC was rocked by the wizardry of the Harlem Globetrotters, their talent and showmanship stealing the hearts of fans, young and old, who came to pay them a visit.

From the opening strains of "Sweet Georgia Brown" to the final "Trotter dunk, the audience was captivated by the performance of the Clown Princes of Basketball as they defeated the Washington Generals 72-63.

In winning the game, the 'Trotters extended their world-record winning streak of over 7,500 games, a streak covering the past 20 years.

As the players were being introduced, the fans got a taste of what the evening had in store for them when "Sweet" Lou Dunbar, the reigning "Clown Prince of Basketball" went up to announcer Steve Fisher and demanded that he be introduced next. Fisher, of course, left Dunbar til the end.

Mixing sometimes serious basketball with usually amazing feats of dribbling, passing, ball-handling, and dunking, the Globetrotters took on the Generals with a light-hearted attitude and plenty of good-natured goofing around.

Last night's performance included some vintage Globetrotter antics. With the score 34-28 in favor of the 'Trotters, Dunbar ran into the audience and absconded with a lady's purse. As the referee tried to resume play, Dunbar was running around with the lady's wallet, trying to keep it. When peace was finally restored, Dunbar pulled the lady out onto the court for a dance session, and the remainder of the 'Trotters joined in.

The biggest laughs of all were brought forth by Dunbar and Matthew "Showbiz" Jackson, who took any and every opportunity to contribute to the play-by-play with rips on the announcer, the various Generals players, and especially the officials. At one point, Dunbar even managed to convince the ref that a two-shot "hugging" foul should only be worth one shot since he only hugged the guy one time.

At one point, the Globetrotter decided to ham it up in front of the cameras, lining up in front of the channel 46 cameraman and saying, "Hi South Bend. We watch channel 46 all the time." After Dunbar kissed the camera, the "Trotters then approached the channel 28 camera and commented on how they only watched that station some of the time.

As the game continued, the team undoubtedly fulfilled the wishes of some of the young children in the arena. Once, a young boy in a wheelchair was brought on court and had a basketball spin on his finger. On another occasion, Dunbar had another young boy make a basket and then gave him a Globetrotters shirt. Dunbar and the child flexed for a while, and then the leading 'Trotter sent the boy on his way wearing a new shirt, only after trying to hawk it off on the parents for $25.

Of course, no Globetrotter show would be complete without the famous bucket routine. At the end of the third quarter, after knocking a few cups of water on the crowd, "Showbiz" threw an entire bucket of water on a ref and the fans sitting behind him. Later, heading directly into the stands, Jackson proceeded to launch a bucket of confetti into the fearful crowd.

It never really mattered who won, but then again, the outcome of the game was never really in any doubt. The fans came to be entertained, and they left satisfied.

From pulling the ref's shirt up in front of a TV camera to throwing a basketball attached to a string at an unsuspecting woman, the evening was a relaxing and enjoyable event, as the Globetrotters worked their magic and thrilled the fans, reminding everyone of how much fun the game can really be.

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(Clockwise) The trotters played a face-paced game, while "Sweet" Lou pulls the shirt off of the referee. The other official watches as they finish their famous warm-up show.

(Left) The "Trotters pose for the TV crews during a short time out.
(Above) "Sweet" Lou Dunbar drinks a Coke with a happy fan.
(Below) Dunbar dances with a member of the audience Thursday evening.
**Wrestlers expected to score big at Regionals**

By JIM VOGL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame wrestling team will compete in the NCAA West Regionals on Saturday at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"It’s a possible two team race," said Irish coach Fran McCann.

A balanced Notre Dame squad (6-5 in dual meets) and host Northern Iowa (ranked tenth) would appear to be head and shoulders above the rest. Northern Iowa lost to fifteenth-ranked Purdue, a team that narrowly escaped a 19-18 win over ND a week ago.

The NCAA finals, held March 19-21, will take 20 wrestlers from each region. First-place finishers receive automatic bids, while about 90 percent of second-place finishers will qualify.

The other spots could be filled by a third wrestler in a particularly strong weight class. In the West region, McCann sees 118 as the weakest, while 142 and 157 have more depth. Irish junior Junie Boyle (15-6-2) could sneak in at 142 with potential. Even freshman Matt Boujon, unseeded at 134, could pull an upset.

"He’s beaten the number one seed, but he lost to the kid who I think is going to be seeded number four," said McCann. "But he’s capable of beating anybody in that weight class."

McCann also said Souhelen lost to the number one seed by only one point.

"Going into this tournament, it’s such a mental thing right now," explained McCann. "The teams that are usually successful are the ones finishing strong. I feel really good because we finished the season strong."

The team hopes to ride the momentum of a successful season’s end and have a good week at practice.

"It’s a long season, it’s a growing season, it’s a tough season, and we’re really healthy, and mostly we are in good shape," said McCann. "I am looking forward to it and I know the seniors are. All of them have a good shot at the nationals, and for some of them, it will be their first time."

Louderback shuffled Notre Dame’s doubles lineups and he believes that the new combinations will pay off in the future.

"We switched the doubles teams and I think the combinations will be alright," he commented.

They worked well enough against the Wildcats. Although the Irish lost to Faustman and Tholen and Eniko Bende and Schwab lost their matches, Katie Clark and Kristy Doran were able to knock off the number-one singles player, recognized in the month of February. McCann sees a chance to show off against one of the nation’s best teams.

Freshman Laura Schwab blasted her way to a backhand past her Tennessee opponent. Indiana visits Notre Dame today in the first-round action. If Notre Dame wins, they will move on to play either Texas A&M or Colorado. But the Irish are not looking ahead to the Aggies, who are one of the top teams in the Southwest Conference, or the Buffaloes, who Notre Dame crushed in dual-match play in early February.

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Like many numbers of other Notre Dame students, the tenth-ranked Irish men’s tennis team will head to the Gulf of Mexico this weekend. But rather than partying, coach Bob Bayliss’ squad will be playing tennis, while enjoying the spring weather of southern Texas.

The H.R. College Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, begin tomorrow night.

With his squad seeded first in the 16-team tournament, Bayliss is wary of the team’s position as favorites.

"These teams are putting a target on us now," said Bayliss. "We are only second to the Aggies, who are one of the top teams in the Southwest Conference, or the Buffaloes, who Notre Dame crushed in dual-match play in early February.

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**Ellis to compete in Dunk Contest**

**Observer Staff Report**

The Notre Dame lacrosse team heads to Pennsylvania for Saturday's Lacrosse Classic to face Villanova.

The Irish will look to notch their second win of the season, the first being a 23-4 victory over St. Bonaventure.

Standing in the way of an Irish victory will be a solid Villanova squad, and history. The Irish have lost the past three meetings with the Wildcats and will be facing a team considered one of the best in the nation.

Villanova topped Notre Dame 15-9 last season behind Rick Ballinger's hat trick and three assists. He will again be the centerpiece of the Wildcats' attack, but he will be aided by the play of Sean Haggerty and Jason Foote.

Mike Sullivan

The Irish will counter with a defense led by Ed Lamb, who totaled eight ground balls in the win over St. Bonaventure.

**Goalies Chris Parent and Ryan Jewell split time in the season opener, and both looked impressive. The defense must continue its strong play against Villanova, a team which scored 12 goals in its season opener.**

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**Irish hockey visits balmy Albany for a long lease**

**Observer Staff Report**

The Notre Dame hockey team travels to the city of Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend to participate in the NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Tournament.

It's a sort of homecoming for Irish coach Rick Schafer. Schafer left as an assistant coach at Notre Dame in 1980, to become the founder and head coach of the Alaska-Fairbanks hockey program. Schafer built the Nanooks up, and he had them competing with the nation's best squads. In the 1984-85 season, Schafer's squad met Princeton, Ohio State, and beat Notre Dame in 1985.

This trip will pit Schafer's Irish against his old squad in the opening matchup. Schafer plans to use Alaska-Anchorage/Alaska-Fairbanks Air Force to reach the season total.

The Alaska-Anchorage has been ranked as high as fifth in the nation this season, but the Irish have suffered a recent slump. The Seawolves, nonetheless, have compiled an impressive 19-7-1 record this season.

It was Alaska-Anchorage who knocked Notre Dame out of the nation's top 20 last season. The Seawolves whipped the Irish 10-2 in the finals, and headed off to the NCAA tournament.

To get to the Seawolves, the Irish beat Alaska-Fairbanks in overtime. The Irish beat Alaska-Fairbanks in overtime, and had a thrilling game. Lou Zadra scored twice to lead Notre Dame to a 4-3 win over the Nanooks.
God designs the great white shark

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**Irish basketball seek NCAA bids**

**Blue Demons, Purple Aces await Irish invasion**

**By JENNIFER MARTEN**

This is it. The Notre Dame men’s basketball team is down to the wire. Two games remain in the schedule, DePaul and Evansville, both are over break and both are away. The Irish (14-12) meet the Blue Demons on Saturday in Chicago and take on the Purple Aces on Monday, March 9.

In order for Notre Dame to get the tournament bid that everyone had been clamoring about recently, the Irish must have a successful weekend.

“We have to have success,” said Notre Dame coach John MacLeod at a press conference yesterday. “I don’t know whether we will need to win both games or if a split will do it. If we’re 14-14, that’s probably not going to help our chances. I don’t think the NCAA selection team takes a team at 500.”

The Blue Demons were defeated 74-69 in their last effort against Notre Dame on January 29. Since that game, DePaul has played flawless basketball going undetected until Marquette beat them last week. With senior forward David Booth and junior forward Curtis Price back from injuries, the DePaul lineup is one to reckon with. Also, freshman Howard Naibah has been a suprise for the Blue Demons.

“I think the DePaul that we will see Saturday night will be the DePaul that beat Florida State, the DePaul that has been on a tremendous streak since the 29th of January,” said MacLeod. “He (Nathan) is really explosive. I’ve been watching him since the last time we played and he’s really put up some numbers. Booth is the kind of guy who can score just about any time he wants. If it’s not there, he can make it play for himself. Nobody can do that.

“Defensively, the entire DePaul team causes all kinds of problems for us. I remember the last time we played them, we had a difficult time running our offense."

**Women close season against Old Dominion**

**By RENE FERRAN**

Amazingly enough, the Notre Dame women’s basketball team finds itself in a better position this year than last year for an NCAA bid.

In 1991, the Irish entered the last week of the season with a 14-14 record, the 22nd position in the Associated Press rankings, and yet no guarantees for a berth in the 48-team NCAA tournament.

And when Notre Dame was upset by Dayton in the next-to-last game of the regular season, its dreams of a berth in the 48-team NCAA tournament were shattered.

But this season, when the Irish will have to win their last four games just to reach the .500 mark overall, they know that such a run will sweep them into the big dance. Notre Dame has been clamoring about the NCAA’s conferenec’s first-ever automatic bid to the NCAA’s.

But first, Notre Dame (11-15, 8-4) closes out its regular season tomorrow night against Old Dominion (15-10). This is the fifth meeting in the series, with the Monarchs holding a 3-1 edge.

Not to be overlooked, Marie Koscielski will be joining Mayer this year as her co-captain and doubles cohort. Koscielski has also played in the top-three spots her four years at Saint Mary’s.

“Marie is what I call a classic tennis player,” said SMU tennis coach Dr. Jo-Anne Nester. “Ellen has had everything fall in place for her game.”

Teammate Natalie Kloepfer describes the exciting duo as great friends who complement each other on the court. While Koscielski is seen as “quick as a bullet,” Mayer steps onto the court looking deceptively mellow. But it soon dawnes on opposing players how dominating Mayer truly is.

“We will be really strong if we stay healthy,” said Nester.

“We have the same feeling going into the (MCC) tournament as last year,” said sophomore Sherri Orlosky, “but I think this year, we will be more focused and intense, knowing we can get an automatic bid.”

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**By NICOLE McGRATH**

**And Now a Word From...**

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Take a look at some of the tennis players who will be taking a shot at the Saint Mary’s Hall of Fame. This hall will not be filled with trophies. It will be filled with women who have been seen sports moments provided by the Belles.

A shoe-in for the tennis showcase, Ellen Mayer will shine if she lives up to last year’s games in her senior year.

Mayer has played in the top-three spots at Saint Mary’s all four of her tennis career. As co-captain, Mayer is ranked #35 in Division III singles, a division which includes over 230 teams.

Never before has Saint Mary’s had a woman nationally-ranked in the singles category.

Not to be overlooked, Marie Koscielski will be joining Mayer this year as her co-captain and doubles cohort. Koscielski has also played in the top-three spots her four years at Saint Mary’s.

“Marie is what I call a classic tennis player,” said SMU tennis coach Dr. Jo-Anne Nester. “Ellen has had everything fall in place for her game.”

Teammate Natalie Kloepfer describes the exciting duo as great friends who complement each other on the court. While Koscielski is seen as “quick as a bullet,” Mayer steps onto the court looking deceptively mellow. But it soon dawnes on opposing players how dominating Mayer truly is.

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