CBA to initiate diversity program in accounting

By MIKE JACCARINO
Newswriter

Citing their mutual interests in diversity, officials with the College of Business Administration and the Notre Dame Alumni Association have come to terms on a five-year funding commitment of $200,000 for the development of a model diversity program in the College of Business Administration.

Conceived by Thomas Frecka, chair of the College's department of accountancy, and Brent Iman, national director of recruiting for Coopers & Lybrand, the program will focus on minority accounting students in the College. Funding for the program will span a five-year period and will be comprised of a $200,000 contribution from Coopers & Lybrand as well as $350,000 in individual donations from the firm's 160-plus Notre Dame alumni.

Funding will be allocated for additional staff involvement, supporting more extensive mentoring, advising, and tutoring of minority students within the accounting curriculum, said Frecka. The program allows for an increased number of internship opportunities available to accounting students, the development of workshops and seminars on cultural diversity, as well as the possibility of funding for minority scholarships and financial aid.

"We want to attract minority students to the College of Business Administration as well as retain them by offering a supportive environment, conducive to keeping them here," said Marlen Crittendon, student advisor for the College and one of the architects of the program.

The program reflects the relatively low minority participation in accounting and consequently the growing need and desire for minority representatives in the professional accounting marketplace.

"A small number of minorities go into accounting and in general the accounting firms want to increase diversity in the workplace in order to relate to a more diverse field of clients," said Frecka. "Notre Dame has one of the top accounting programs in the country and so is a logical place for the development of a model diversity program to eventually be implemented at schools across the nation."

The program, which will be fully in place by the fall of 1996, indicates a growing pursuit by Notre Dame officials of a more diverse student population and a recognition of the benefits of such diversity. Frecka has been on a "Making Notre Dame like the real world - the real world" recruiting mission and believes that students here have a better understanding of how to live in a diverse world and how to utilize the talents of different cultures.

"Diversity also makes Notre Dame more attractive to corporations seeking to improve their workforce in their own countries," Frecka said. The pursuit of diversity has taken shape across the nation, with the program being designed to both serve the region and provide students with career-related experiences.

Alumni to serve in Appalachia

Special to The Observer

Eight Notre Dame alumni will join 100 current students in the University's annual Appalachian Seminar, a six-credit course designed to introduce students - and this year, for the first time, professors - to the culture and social issues of Appalachian and to provide an opportunity for direct contact with impoverished regions. From March 10-15 the Notre Dame contingent will work at 10 sites in four states to provide health care, home repairs and other services through community and religious organizations.

The Notre Dame alumni will work with nine students in Gary, W.Va., a former coal town that has been plagued by economic hardship in recent years. The project is jointly sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association, the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business Administration, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Social Concerns and the Center for Economic Education.

"Many of our alumni worked on similar service-learning projects during their undergraduate years at Notre Dame," said Brandenberger. "This is an excellent opportunity to once again work and learn side by side with students and residents."

Other components of the Appalachian Seminar have been designed to both serve the region and provide students with career-related experiences.

"Sometimes people think these projects are just about volunteering to help others in need," said Brandenberger. "That's important, but what we're really doing is integrating service with learning."

The Appalachian Seminar has been offered each semester during fall and spring break since 1980. Three other experiential learning projects are scheduled for spring break 1996: students will live for a week with people with disabilities at the L'Arche community in Chicago; an environmental issues seminar will be based in Cleveland; and the annual Washington seminar will provide students with direct contact with political, Church and service leaders in the nation's capital.

Panel encourages students to offer service to others

By SARAH CORKREAN
Newswriter

In an effort to increase awareness in creating community among races within the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, Saint Mary's Justice Education Department presented part four of their "Conversation Series" entitled "Is Community Still Possible?" yesterday evening.

A four person panel gathered before faculty and students to incorporate a mix of race, sex, age and religion into the conversation. After responding to a new resolution on the issue, students were given open discussion time.

"We're really doing is integrating service with learning."

The proceeds of the raffle will benefit the social program "There are Children Here." Get your tickets here

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It's March once again, which to sports enthusiasts is an anticipation of that long-awaited and much heralded event of athletic excitement—BASEBALL OPENING DAY! Oh, come on, you didn't think I was talking about baseball, did you? But baseball fanaticism is obviously not in my blood. Being from Cleveland makes cheering for baseball pretty pointless. Actually, I think the Cavs' uniforms are heinous enough to turn me off to the whole sport. Let's face it, the city of Cleveland seems to be a little clueless when it comes to picking colors for their teams.

I was going to explain my philosophical beliefs on why I could care less about "March madness," but I was told ever-so-gently and with only a few threats of physical violence that if I did, my roomies would soon speak to me again. That is not so good for my social life. So, I will ignore my audience and avoid having to enter the witness protection program by wishing you all a very happy bunch of baseball games.

You can call me in April, though, when it's time to worry about the skin weather with the start of baseball season. OK, so April in Cleveland isn't exactly tropical. But if you, too, have been counting the days since the end of the World Series... well, then you probably need professional help as well because that's really pathetic, though, you people from cities with a history of good, or at least passable, baseball teams just wouldn't understand. Let me tell you how it feels. For the last 40 years, the Indians couldn't have bought a bat. But until two years ago, you could walk into an Indians game with half inning and buy field box seats a row behind the plate for less money than it cost to buy a hot dog.

I saw my first Indians game when I was eleven, and there were enough empty seats for the entire population of North Dakota. I didn't care, though, because I was watching a real baseball game in a real stadium. My favorite all-time player was in a white, especially at the fact that there were absolutely no disdainful fans in the stands. But when they started to laugh, I was amazed that they really spent the whole time laughing at me. That had much more respect for the players afterward that I don't think I was nailing in the head by a pop fly for the rest of the season.

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Rabin's widow: Fight for peace to continue

By CHRIS OELERT
Associated Press

HACKENSACK, N.J. Hours after a terrorist bomb exploded in Tel Aviv today, the widow of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel will continue to fight for peace and will overcome its enemies.

"To our enemies, we say we will continue to fight most now, and in the future," Leah Rabin said during a ceremony at Fairleigh Dickinson University here to honor her husband and his late husband. "We will continue defending our homes and our families.

"We will continue our search for peace and at the same time, we will pursue you and hit you hard," she said, quoting her husband's words. "We will eliminate you. We will overcome you."

Rabin accepted honorary degrees for herself and her late husband amid news of today's bombing at a Tel Aviv shopping center, the fourth terror attack in Israel in the past nine days.

The honorary degrees were given as a memorial tribute to the late prime minister, and in recognition of his widow's continuous public support of the peace process. FDU is affiliated with the BioTechnical Institute in Tel Aviv.

Rabin was assassinated Nov. 4, 1995, in Tel Aviv. Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old law student, is charged with the murder. The late prime minister would have been 74 on Friday.

On Sunday, at the opening of a photo tribute to her husband at a Manhattan gallery, Mrs. Rabin said, "There is no alternative to peace. We just have to continue on that road."

The exhibit portrays Rabin in 30 photographs, with his family and in the company of such notables as President Clinton, Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, Golda Meir and Richard Nixon.

Mrs. Rabin, speaking Sunday, said of the recent bombings: "Again we are so shocked by the horror. We can only imagine the horror that had only one purpose, to destroy the dream."

And referring to her husband, she added: "We all have to be very strong like he was."

The exhibit is scheduled to tour the New York area and cities around the United States.

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Auction to benefit homeless

In light of recent renovations, these workers are preparing to move boxes of materials into the Preservation Office, newly located to the left of the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union off of Douglas Road.

Special to The Observer

The Center for the Homeless in South Bend will receive a majority of the proceeds from a fund-raising auction to be conducted March 15 by the Notre Dame Club of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The auction will be held in conjunction with the club's Universal Notre Dame Celebration, an annual event to update alumni on the state of the University.

As a part of the UND Celebration, the Fort Lauderdale club will honor talk-show host Regis Philbin, a 1953 Notre Dame alumnus and classmate of club president Harry Durkin. Philbin, who previously has donated his services in support of the Center for the Homeless, will assist in the auction of some 40 major items. About 60 items also will be available in a silent auction.

George Kelly, special assistant to the athletic director and a member of the Notre Dame athletic department for 27 years, will be the keynote speaker.

Established in 1988, the Center for the Homeless is an outgrowth of community concern for those in need of shelter and related services. The project is a partnership sponsored by four sustaining members: Notre Dame, the city of South Bend, the United Religious Community, and the Junior League.

NCAA Tournament Trip...

By Greg Louganis

These and other events this year were brought to you in part by Student Activities

Want to help plan events next year? And get paid for it?

Three positions for programming assistants are available for 1996-97 for students who are creative, disciplined, and have leadership abilities. Be responsible for improving campus life by bringing lecturers, comedians, and entertainers to Notre Dame.

Applications are available in the Students Activities Office 315 LaFortune and should be returned by March 8th.

Interviews will be conducted March 19th and 20th...

Please remember to sign up for an interview when you turn in your application.

Call Gayle Spencer with questions @ 631-7308

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A series of Tuesday evening lectures on Catholic thought

Michael S. Sherwin, O.P.

on "Reconciling Old Lovers: John Paul II on Science and Faith"

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leader of multi-culturalism within the community, is president of the Sisters of Nefertiti, an African-American women's group that promotes awareness of various cultures.

Paul focused on the awareness "that has to be developed and present on campus if after the five year contribution period has expired.

Right now the accounting industry has been interested in diversity related issues so they've been very supportive in the area," Crittendon said.

"We hope Coopers & Lybrand will continue to be leaders in their support, but we hope they prompt others into following suit in their attention to diversity related issues."

Communication, it is even necessary to talk about developing community within inner city areas.

Especially for such a homogeneous college community such as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, it is more of a challenge to develop a sense of community within all racial communities and having a basic understanding of how diverse life outside of this college community actually is said Murray.

Rounding out the panel was Robert Price a Notre Dame architecture graduate, who works for a Chicago firm which focuses on inner city developments.

Price stated that "an effective mode of action is to get involved with community and get to know your neighbors to help eliminate fears to build bridges."

"The conversation series builds understanding not only for social work majors, but the college community in general, which is a stepping stone to developing community unity," said sophomore social work major Sara Kuenhne.

Celebrate a friend's birthday with a special Alumni ad.

Alumni Family Hall
The on-campus, summer hotel for Alumni and Friends is now accepting applications for:
• Desk Clerks
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Full and part-time employment opportunities available for enthusiastic students. Benefits include an hourly wage, paid accommodations, and unique opportunities to meet Notre Dame Alumni!

Applications are available from Marilyn White in the Alumni Association Office Room 201 Main Building.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Monday, March 18 by 5:00 PM
You will be asked to sign-up for an interview time when turning in the application. Interviews will be held March 19th and 20th. Questions? Call Amy at 631-2746

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member of the committee, countered that O'Hara would only have a say in choosing an advisor for the first year the group exists. According to Linton, this allows the group to be focused at its inception.

Patrick agreed with Linton, and reminded the CLC that all advisors can be called into question by the Office of Student Affairs.

Preacher then said the main theme of her resolution by expressing her frustration over the events surrounding the issue.

In the spirit of Christianity," Preacher said, "O'Hara has to do is say, 'We accept you into the community.'

Father Patrick Sullivan emphasized that Preacher's resolution was simply a repetition of last year's CLC resolution to O'Hara which O'Hara rejected. He further stated that the best way to make headway on the issue is to endorse the ad hoc committee's report as strongly as possible.

Preacher expressed concern that the leaders of GLND/SMC, whose work she feels has gone unappreciated, will continue to be a part of an illegal and not funded group. According to Preacher, even if O'Hara supports the committee's recommendations, most members of GLND/SMC will remain in that illegal group since they desire the level of recognition that the new group proposed by the committee will not supply.

However, Patrick stressed that various gay and lesbian leaders had advised him that gay and lesbian students would join the proposed group if the package presented to them was to their liking.

In other OLC news, the Council agreed to meet three more times before the end of the year instead of just once. This was done in order to hear O'Hara's decisions on the OLC's resolutions on co-residentiality and du Lac and to have the time to respond to O'Hara through further resolutions if need be. It will also give O'Hara time to formulate her decision after deciding on the ad hoc committee's report.

Patrick announced that O'Hara had asked for an extension for her decision on both resolutions. The CLC decided to ask Patrick to advise O'Hara to deliver her decision on the co-residentiality resolution the week before March 18, and her decision on the du Lac revision resolution the week before March 25.

Thus, the CLC will now meet three more times: March 18, March 25, and April 1. This will also afford them the time to discuss other issues they have worked on this year.

Different members of the CLC updated the council on the progress of these issues yesterday. The campus calendar project and the project to improve BeeSprouts through student input are both near completion. According to O'Hara, the surveys regarding the transportation needs of different groups of students are coming back now. A report will be made by Student Government on the matter and sent to O'Hara by the end of the school year.
Gays kept out of armed forces

Associated Press
LONDON

A ban on gays in the military will remain because of fears the armed forces, the government said today.

A policy review team appointed by the Ministry of Defence concluded that any relaxation of the ban "is likely to have a detrimental effect on operational effectiveness." Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames told the House of Commons.

Four gay people have challenged the policy in court, so far without success. They are seeking to appeal to the House of Lords, the final appeal under British law.

"There would have to be a non-defense reason to change the current policy," Soames said. "Accordingly, we will fight this case every inch of the way if we have to."

The case was brought by former Lt. Commander Duncan Lustig-Pean, 36, ex-Royal Air Force Sgt. Graeme Grady, 32, ex-Royal Air Force nurse Jeannette Smith, 28, and former naval weapons engineer John Beckett, 25.

They have said they will appeal to the European Commission of Human Rights if they do not prevail in British courts.

Hamas strikes again; 11 die with bomber

By MISH COFFEY

A Hamas suicide bomber blew himself up yesterday outside Tel Aviv's biggest shopping center, killing at least 11 other people and wounding more than 100.

Victims included children dressed in costumes for a Jewish holiday.

Israel army radio said at least 18 people died in the attack outside the Dizengoff Center shopping mall, the fourth bombing in Israel in nine days. Forty-four innocents died in the three previous bomb attacks, including 18 in a bus bombing in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The Muslim militant Hamas group claimed responsibility for today's bombing, as it did for the other three. The bombing war, which has struck at the heart of Israel's two major cities, has traumatized the country and left peacemaking with the Palestinians in a shambles.

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A panel of lawyers representing a number of legal careers will discuss their career paths.

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME
Net surfers carve out niche in cyberspace

By PIERRE-YVES GLASS

In their unending war to prevent English-language domination, the French are turning their attention to an international arena of all: cyberspace.

As Internet begets Internet, French-speaking Internet promoters — from France's Ministry of Culture to cyberspace crusaders in French Canada — are working on the first-ever online French searching software and a French vocabulary for Net users.

The goal: to allow Francophone "cybernauts" to use the Net without submitting to English, which dominates the worldwide computer network.

"For me, the Internet is the theater for a new colonial war," said Alain Caristan, a researcher at INRIA, France's research computer institute.

" Anglicophones created the Internet. They're at the heart of its growth," he said. "There's a danger it'll stay that way."

Challenging the English-speaking world's cultural bulldozer is nothing new to the French.

Since January, radio stations have been required by law to play a minimum of 40 percent French-language music. Since 1984, television advertisements and product labels to be in French. And France spurred the European Union to limit non-EU — i.e. American — television programs.

On the Internet — a global, often anarchic web of interconnected computers — new information and user jargon is nothing new to the French.

Search programs like Yahoo (http://www.yahoo.com) or the popular Webcrawler (http://www.webcrawler.com) are tools that enable users to find what they're looking for and are virtually all in English. They are geared to find information in their own languages. And search engines often can't handle accented letters.

In February, a group of French researchers put the first all-French search engine (http://www.1plus.fr/lokace) on the Net. Francophones use it to find information in any of the thousands of French-language sites.

The Montreal Computer Research Center in Quebec plans to launch another all-French "moteur de recherche" in coming weeks.

Many users also want to stop the use of English slang by some French Net surfers.

Scientists, professors and other users in France, Canada, Belgium and Switzerland feed proposals to an office of the French Ministry of Culture, which recently began a list of French Net jargon.

Many of the terms come from Quebec, which has a tenth of France's population but about as many Internet users — between 100,000 and 400,000.

Words Quebeckers coined that are now in widespread use include "fureteur" for Internet user and "m茅trilleur" (machine-gunner) for flamers, someone who shoots off an angry, often obscene e-mail diatribe.

Other proposed cyberspace slang includes "proverbe" for offline — when you're no longer hooked into the Net.

For Pierre Oudart, who oversees the list, the Internet is a chance to unite Francophones around the world.

In geographical space, the French-speaking world is dismembered, he said. "But in virtual space, via the Internet, the entire French-speaking world is at your fingertips, from France to Quebec or elsewhere."

By Pierre-Yves Glass
A mericans, pull-up a seat and listen. So grab your co mforted by a warm crowd of like-warmed pint of Irish stout. The pub, on America would be unbearable.

With the pub, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland to Christianity in the 5th-century. St. Patrick is renowned for missionary work, such as baptizing thousands and assisting the sons and daughters of Ireland to become disciples of Christ. With this in mind, everyone can "go to the pub to enjoy themselves and be reassured that St. Patrick is working towards saving our souls," McGivern said.

And with added protection against the penalty of sin, I see absolutely no reason to avoid the pub. In fact, the only thing to avoid, according to McGivern, are "plastic shamrock joints.” McGivern speaks of those bars that stick a mere shamrock on the window and tout an Irish name. You know, I can’t think of any of those places in South Bend, a pub is not just a bar, a place to grab a bottle of beer or half-crowd of like-minded people laughing and drinking. But whether in the Emerald Isle, or here in South Bend, a pub is not just a bar, a place to grab a bottle of beer or half-warm pint of Irish stout. The pub, on March 17, serves as a taste of Ireland, a taste of Irish social life. Remember, in Ireland, the pub is the cultural epicenter for activity.

Thus, spending Paddy's Day in a pub is a great idea for us Irish-Americans. And the reason goes far beyond needing to drown our longings for Ireland in whiskey. It’s the pub atmosphere, more than the pint, that makes this holiday. Without the pub, St. Patrick's Day in America would be unbearable.

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My So-Called Life in the Huddle
The ups and downs (and dents) of one night on

By ANDREA JORDAN

Two nights in May, I was working at the Huddle and, finally, after a long wait, I get an order for Sorin Hall.

This order consisted of a sandwich and an order of breadsticks totalling $5.40. That is no problem to make. It only takes 10 minutes tops to get this order ready and bagged up.

By 10:15 p.m., a second order could have been in. I run inside and see what is going on. I look around, watch the pedes-
trians scatter like bugs when I whip around corners and prepare for the double thump as they disappear under my wheels. In my opinion, "pedestrian" motorbikes should be banned from the street.

I'm only joking. I really don't drive like this. But enough about my driving skills; let's talk about the real concern that many Huddle Drivers have-

tips. Tips on an average night are good. Tips on a good night are even better. But if I drive carefully, every second counts. One tip is as good as the next.

My So-Called Life in the Huddle begins. When I step outside, it is no longer just raining, but pouring down enough rain to submerge a good-sized city. As I drive to Lewis, I wonder what is the best route. Considering all the space renovation of the Main Building takes up, either side will be long and tedious.

I decide to take the route near the Basilica with a pathway guarded by a rail and a fence. At first, the pathway looks big enough, but I guess I judged incorrectly. I hit the railing because I can't see how close it is because of the rain. I decide to back out and go the other route. Big problem - I hit this fence, too. Then I decide to get out and take a look at the trouble. Well, I just happen to be trapped inside the Huddle-mobile since the space between the rails is only an inch. Great. No time to panic. I tell myself, just keep thinking calmly, and eventually you'll make it. I keep it at it for about five attempts to move for

Since I am back on track, I feel better. I add a tip to watch out for those sneaky curbs. The Huddle-mobile bumpy or bunched up for either side of the street.

I knock on the door and deliver the food. Suddenly, the person who gave me a ten with the response of "Keep the change" gives me a ten with the response of "Keep the change." I happen to be trapped inside the Huddle-mobile once again with my final destination being Lewis Hall.

This order takes 10 minutes tops to get this order ready and bagged up. At 10:15 p.m., a second order is called in for Lewis Hall. The order calls for a sausage and a pepperoni calzone, with tips.

The weather factors into whether or not a delivery shift is good or bad. If it is warm outside, drivers generally have an easy time of getting to their destination whether it is day or night. But, if it is cold and rainy, then the drivers must trek around the Huddle gathering the food for the order. Then they have to make sure everything is packaged correctly.

Afterwards, they go to the Huddle cart and climb in with their arms overloaded. It is a good possibility that they have two or three deliveries at one time. This is the case, they must make every second count while driving and delivering the food. One order may be in North quad and the other in South quad, requiring some cross-campus maneuvering. When this happens, they do everything short of giving blood to get the food out in a timely manner. And one would think after all that hustle and bustle, a person would give a tip, but they usually do not. If that scenario did not convince people to give up the green, then perhaps the next might.

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Drink, Drank, Drunk

By JOHN GALVIN

If you’re a crazy college kid, it’s about that time. Yes, it’s about time to put away those beers and pull out your Huddle Mobiles. For, you see, spring break is here, and yet you’re going to live in the time of your life. Don’t waste your time pre-tanning or bickering over accommodations because next week at this time, you’re going to be somewhere warm and happy. No texts, no papers, no snow...just you and a mass of other beautiful college nuts indulging in life. Yes, a place where the water meets the shore and pleasure meets risk...Risky? Yes, your indulgence of fun and sun can be a bit risky. But, just how much do you know about alcohol?

Did you know that alcohol’s effect as a depressant is achieved from poisoning your central nervous system? When ingested, alcohol passes from the stomach into the small intestine, where it is rapidly absorbed into the blood and distributed throughout the body. Because it is distributed so quickly and thoroughly, the alcohol can affect the central nervous system even in small concentrations. In low concentrations, alcohol reduces inhibitions. As blood alcohol concentration increases, a person’s response to stimuli decreases markedly, speech becomes slurred, and he or she becomes unsteady and has trouble walking. Very high concentrations, often achieved by binging, can easily cause coma and death. The American Medical Association has defined the blood alcohol concentration level of impairment for all people to be 0.04 grams/100 liters of blood. The following is a generally accepted guide to the effects of alcohol.

Normal
(0.01 - 0.05 BAC)
- Everything is normal.
- You talk about the weather.
- You can taste your drink.

Ruzzing
(0.03 - 0.12 BAC)
- You show-off your new J.Grew bathing suit and talk of doing things prohibited by Du Lac.
- You’re losing your attention, judgment and control, and it makes you sad.
- You’re losing your attention, judgment and control, and it makes you laugh.
- You’re better at dancing around than walking.

Tipsy
(0.09 - 0.25 BAC)
- You are either laughing or crying too much.
- Your general loss of critical judgment, perception, memory and comprehension makes you the joke of all of your more tolerant friends. (You’re laughing too because you have no idea what is going on.)
- You discover that the wall is of great assistance when walking.
- You want to take a little nap.

Sluppy
(0.18 - 0.30 BAC)
- Every part of you is at the Huddle. You’re with friends, yet alone in your stupor.
- Your slurred speech is almost as slow as the thought that follows it.
- People look at your lethargic body and chuckle.

Pathetic
(0.25 - 0.40 BAC)
- You lie there, yet fully conscious.
- You’re losing your attention, judgment and control, yet you’re still conscious.
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- You’re better at dancing around than walking.

Out-Cold
(0.35 - 0.50 BAC)
- You’re completely unconscious.
- Your body is cold.
- Your circulation and respiration is dangerously slow.
- You’re in someone else’s bed.
- Death is knocking at your stall.

Dead
(0.45 - BAC)
- You die from respiratory arrest.

If you’re going to indulge in alcohol, keep in mind that alcohol is most rapidly absorbed when the concentration of the drink is between 10% and 30% (mixed drinks). Below 10% (beer) is not as easily absorbed due to the low concentration gradient of the gastrointestinal tract and not readily eliminated. On the other hand, concentrations higher than 30% (hard alcohol) tend to irritate the mucous membranes of the gastrointestinal tract, causing increased secretion of mucus and delayed elimination. Hence, beer is no safer (in terms of drunkenness) than the other alcohol; if anything, it is perhaps a riskier and more costly method of intoxication.

If you would like to control your susceptibility to extreme intoxication, food is the answer. Food taken along with alcohol results in a lower, delayed blood alcohol concentration because alcohol is absorbed most efficiently in the small intestine, the ingestion of food can slow down the absorption of alcohol. Food and alcohol both affect the emptying of the stomach. Food empties much faster than alcohol. The pyloric valve at the bottom of the stomach will close in order to hold food in the stomach for digestion and thus keep the alcohol from reaching the small intestine. While alcohol will be absorbed from the stomach, it is slowly and less efficient transition.

The type of food ingested has not been shown to have a measurable influence on this effect but does the larger the meal and closing in time between eating and drinking, the greater the diminution of drunkenness.

Wherever you go next week, remember that even though you are a wild college student, a little moderation will allow you to control your craziness.
By JOHN KEKIS

ALBANY, N.Y.

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Hurlers propel squad to fourth place finish

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Give them a little sunshine and some time to grow, and they will respond. At least, that seems to be the case with the Notre Dame softball team.

Coming off a tournament in which they lost three of four games and struggled to adjust to playing in the outdoors, the Irish more than redeemed themselves at the NSCA Leadoff Classic over the weekend. Playing against 24 of the nation's top teams, Notre Dame walked away with a fourth place finish and reason to hold their heads just a little bit higher.

"Considering who we played and everything else, I am happy with our overall performance this weekend," said Irish head coach Liz Miller. "We try to schedule the toughest possible schedule early in the season, so we can be fully prepared once the conference season starts."

After falling to Washington 7-1 on Saturday afternoon, the Irish were forced to take on Texas A&M in the consolation bracket. To combat the Aggies' explosive offense, Miller sent starter Ferri Kohata to the mound for the third time in three days, and the senior didn't disappoint. In leading the Irish to a 3-1 victory, Kohata did not allow an earned run and limited Texas A&M to just six hits in seven innings. For the weekend, Notre Dame's No. 1 starter allowed just two earned runs in 21 innings and was credited with the win in all three tournament triumphs.

"I was real pleased that she was able to go out and perform at that level for three days," said Miller. "She had never really done that before, so it was good to see her throw well and give us everything she had in her three starts."

Center fielder Jennifer Giampaolo and first baseman Elizabeth Perkins drove in one run apiece, and the Irish were able to capitalize on two Aggie errors to earn their third victory of the weekend. The win propelled Notre Dame into the championship game of the consolation bracket.

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Murray homered and drove in a pair of runs to help the Irish rattle Rainbow starter Kelly Gentle.

Third baseman Kara McMahon went 1 for 4 with one run batted in, and left fielder Katie Martinez collected a pair of hits as the Irish jumped out to a 2-1 lead only to relinquish it just an inning later.

Notre Dame starter Joy Battersby had her problems with the Hawaii offense, allowing five earned runs in four and one-third innings. Despite her troubles, Miller is pleased with the way that her No. 2 starter has developed in just her second tournament of the young season.

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Must be 21+ by September, 1996

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**RHA Exec. Board**

- There will be a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in running for a RHA Executive Board position
- At least 1 representative from each ticket must attend this meeting, to be held in the Haggar Game Room.

**Elections**

**Student Activity Employee Applications Available Now!**

Applications are being accepted from now until March 22 for all positions in LaFortune Student Activities Office (under the supervision of the Student Activities Office) and Stepan Center.

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crucial victories to clinch the "w" for the Irish.
Simone, who has played all season with a nagging foot injury, defeated Chris DeVore in the no. 3 singles position, 6-3, 7-6. O'Brien easily defeated Gavin Songtin in the 10th slot, 6-3, 6-1.

At No. 4 singles Patterson dropped the first set 3-6 to Brady Blain. But the freshman showed a lot of character as, with the match on the line, he came back to overcome Blain in the second and third stanza. Blain and Patterson battled in those last two sets, but Patterson out fought Blain winning in dramatic fashion 7-5, 7-6.

Sprouse and Pietrowski were beaten by Illinois hosts, Jeremy Sutter and Jerry Turk respectively. The loss was just Sprouse's third of the season through twelve matches.

Sutter jumped on top in his match with Irish captain Sprouse as he won the first 6-3. Sprouse bounced back in the second as he battled to win the second set tie breaker. But, Sutter outlasted Sprouse as he clinched the point with a 7-5 win in the third and decisive set.

Turk defeated Pietrowski in straight sets, something uncharacteristic of his outstanding play so far this season.

Senior Jason Pun was defeated in a grueling three set match by Jakup Teply.

In Sunday's match against Miami of Ohio the Irish gut points from some different sources, which has been their style all year.

"In the last three matches we have had different guys step up big," Sprouse explained. "I think that is a great way for it to happen. Everyone feels like they are contributing and it is great for team moral."

The Irish won the doubles point with wins at the nos. 1 and 3 slots. The Sprouse and Pun team and the Simme and Patterson duo picked up victories and got the Irish going against the Bobcats.

Sprouse picked up his ninth win on Sunday. Classmates O'Brien and Pun also picked up victories as O'Brien was the only singles player to win both matches over the weekend.

Pietrowski dropped his second match of the weekend at the no. 2 position. Simme and Patterson lost their nos. 3 and 4 singles matches on Sunday after both won Saturday.

The Irish have depended on their depth all season long, and it came through for them this weekend in Illinois.

■ Sports Briefs

Intercollegiate Bowling: Any students interested in intercollegiate bowling competition, please call Jason at 4-1065.

Interhall Sports: All off-campus women interested in playing interhall soccer please call Bridget at 273-2264.

Volleyball: Come see the Irish Men's Volleyball Team take on Tulane-Marycrest of Iowa on Tuesday, March 5th in the pit (auxiliary gym) inside the JACC. Games announced by Mike Mathis, the voice of volleyball.

■ Football

Recruit wins Watkins Memorial Trophy

Special to the Observer


Nelson is an All-American Wide Receiver for McDevitt High School, who are the Pennsylvania AA State Champions. He received national attention when he unveiled the first Community Action Poster ever done by a high school athlete. Nelson and his quarterback, Jordan Scott, handed out and autographed posters to grade schools and to midwest football programs in the midstate area.

Nationally, the posters were distributed by the National Alliance of African American Athletes.

The award is given in honor of Franklin D. Watkins one of the founding fathers of the National Alliance of African American Athletes. The National Alliance is the largest community service organization of African American Athletes in the United States. This award is given annually to a Black male scholar athlete who has taken a leadership role in articulating the cause of the African American community.

The award is sponsored by DANKA, a business equipment giant, and the award will be presented by Dick Engle, President of Central Business Systems.

The Fifth Annual Award Presentation will take place in the Heisman Room at the legendary Downtown Athletic Club in New York City.

Nelson completed his high school career with 185 catches for 3,132 yards and producing 34 touchdowns.
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weekend.

Among the others qualifying were Jeremy Siek, foil, and Eric Bille, epee. Siek finished second to Thorston Becker, who once again squeaked out a 5-4 victory over Siek. Foulist Paul Capobianco and epee Phillip Lee each finished sixth and may be added to the team based on a strong regular season and tournament.

"It was a big disappointment that Paul (Capobianco) didn’t make it," lamented Auriol. "He had a good season but a bad tournament. It was a nice surprise to have Anne Hoos qualify. It looks good for us to qualify the maximum of ten members for the championships."

This is Siek and Lester’s third and de Bruin’s fourth consecutive appearance at the NCAA championships. Lester and de Bruin finished second last year.

“We have a good chance to make the top three like last year,” said Auriol about his prospects for the upcoming NCAA championships. “Every year, the goal is to win the national championship. When I look at the season and regionals last week, the results were good.”

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Pitching falters in final two losses to New Orleans

By DYLAN BARMER
Sports Writer

Something strange happened to the Notre Dame baseball team this past weekend.

The Irish won convincingly against then 6-1-1 New Orleans' ace and National Player of the Week Steve Stanson on Friday night, behind a strong performance from their own starting pitcher, only to drop the next two games, surrendering 23 runs in the process and limping to a triple, five runs and a team high five RBI. Second baseman Randall Brooks also fared well after being moved to the bottom spot of the order, going 6-12 with two runs scored.

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Around the Horn: Irish centerfielder Scott Sollmann's two-run triple in the seventh inning of the 11-7 loss to New Orleans was the 19th of his career, moving him even further ahead of Shaun Fitzmaurice, who is second on the Notre Dame all-time list with 14 three-baggers. Righthander Richard's 6-14 performance from the leadoff spot moved his average to .371, tops among Irish regulars.

Senior catcher Bob Lisanti, known more for his glove than his bat, continues to thrive at the plate this season. Lisanti leads the Irish in victories (2), innings pitched (14 2/3), and strikeouts (11). His 3.07 ERA is first among Irish starting pitchers.

Happy 21st Birthday, Adrienne

Love,
Mom, Dad
Jennifer, Bryan, and Rusty

The Irish were hitting on all cylinders on Friday night, using a 12 hit offensive performance and a six and two-third, three-run bid from sophomore Christian Parker to knock off Stanson and the Privateers by an 8-3 score.

The newly renovated Irish lineup proved instrumental in the win, as new leadoff hitter Rowan Richards went 2-4 with two runs and an RBI, and Scott Sollmann, who was coming off a 2-3, two hit performance from the number two spot in the order. Sollmann turned in a 2-3, two run performance against Southern Mississippi, surrendered nine hits and five earned runs to the surging Irish bats in five and two-thirds innings, and Irish freshman Alex Shilliday continued to impress on the mound with two innings of no-hit, three strikeout ball to close out the game.

"Christian Parker pitched as well as he has since he's been here," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri following the win. "Alex (Shilliday) pitched with all the poise you would expect out of a veteran. It was a great overall win for us."

So what happened to the Irish over the next two days? The answer to this question can be summed up in two simple words: bad pitching.

"The next two days we were faced with the fact that our starting pitchers did not pitch as well as Christian Parker did in the first game," said Mainieri.

But the problems for the Irish weren't merely confined to the starting pitchers. The entire Irish staff, not-so-proud owners of a bloated 6.39 ERA, simply could not get the job done in the final two games of the series, surrendering 25 hits and issuing 12 walks to go along with the aforementioned 23 runs.

"It's really tough to win when you're giving up eleven or twelve runs a game," commented Mainieri. "We have got to get better on the pitcher's mound - there's no question about it. I know we have the talent to do it."

On Saturday it was Darin Schmalz, coming off a shutout gem against Navy last weekend, who bore the early brunt, as the Privateers exploded for four runs in the third to turn a 0-2 deficit into a 4-2 lead. Schmalz got hit (walk) early in the inning, when the Privateers used a walk and two singles to load the bases before first baseman Miguel Rivera knocked in two runs to knot the score at 2-2. New Orleans would get three more hits and two more runs in the inning, and Schmalz never recovered, leaving the game after giving up a triple to centerfielder Jim Cariou to open the bottom of the fourth.

The Irish, who at one point trailed 7-2, would rally to tie the score at 7-7, however, using a five-hit, five-run seventh inning to pull the game back within reach. But the Irish bullpen let the offense down, surrendering two runs in both the seventh and eighth inning, and the game ended a 11-7 New Orleans victory.

The story line for Sunday's game bore a striking resemblance to the previous game, as the Irish jumped out to a 1-0 lead before a five-run second inning by the Privateers left them trailing up at a 5-1 deficit. This time it was Craig Allen, who at 0-3 on the year has struggled thus far, who took the early lumps, surrendering six earned runs in just one and a third innings while struggling with his control all the while.

Notre Dame continued to battle back, at one point narrowing the gap to 6-6, but the Irish pitchers faltered, and the Privateers tied on runs in the final three innings to preserve a 12-7 victory and improve to 8-2 on the season.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tournament. As a result of this advance to the championship semi-finals of the Big East Notre Dame Women's better be careful what one up two defeats to the Irish in their newly discovered nemesis: Basketball team defeated a Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, the University of Connecticut's for NCAAs qualifies eight prospective games.

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Irish depth secures winning weekend

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

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Sunday the top and bottom of the Irish lineup lead the way to yet another 4-3 win.

The squad got off to a good start in winning two of the three doubles matches to win the point. As usual, the Irish played well when they struck first giving them confidence going into singles play.

Against the Illini the no. 2 and 3 doubles teams clinched the point. Brian Patterson and Jakup Pietrowski continued to prove that they will be a force for the Irish. The freshman and sophomore duo has come up big for the Irish in big matches. They won a tough match over Gavin Sontag and Chris DeVore 6-5. In the no. 3 doubles slot dual matches John O'Brien and Ryan Simme continued their solid play. The Irish beat the Illini team of John Manpearl and their no. 1 singles player Jeremy Sutter by a score of 6-8.

Seniors Sprouse and Jason Fun dropped their doubles match as Jerry Turek and Brady Blain were victorious in an 8-4 match.

On the singles side the Irish were lead to a victory, not by the usual sources Sprouse and Pietrowski, but by the 3, 4, and 5 players. Junior Ryan Simme, Patterson, and senior John O'Brien came up with...