Pokorny to lead
SMC Class of '97
By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's College juniors got a chance to revisit the public by voting for senior class office due to a penalty of the Pokorny ticket by the Board of Governance Elections Committee. The John Pokorny ticket, including Laura Loh as Vice- President, Karyn Connally as Secretary and Katie Ellsworth as Treasurer, were penalized for handing out their platform on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. The penalty resulted in a 15 percent reduction of the Pokorny ticket's votes, which caused the runoff.

The runoff election took place all day yesterday during break, lunch and dinner in the dining hall, and 64 percent of the junior class voted.

This 15 percent reduction again applied, however, in order to win in a runoff election, a ticket needs only the greater amount of raw votes.

The Pokorny ticket, who ran under the campaign slogan "329 reasons to vote for us" (citing all of the names of the junior class members), lost to the junior class votes. "We are absolutely ecstatic to be representing the class of 1997 next year," said president of Pokorny.

The Anne Korte ticket, with Carolyn Deppisch as Vice-President, Courtney McEvers as Secretary, and Laura Loh - 36%
Pokorny - 52% (After 15% deduction)
Abstained - 28%

By BILL CONNOLLY
Assistant News Editor

The welcome brochure for Bertrand Hall's Community History Room describes it as a special place "where you can spend a few minutes, a few hours, or a few days."

Here, on the fifth floor of one of the oldest buildings on Saint Mary's campus, the college has managed to bring together pieces of its history stretching back to the founding of the University. However, a surprising number of people did not include co-residentiality as a factor when deciding to send their child to Notre Dame. For instance, Ed O'Brien, father of senior Tom O'Brien, did not take residence hall status into account. The safety of its students, the university's International Study Program, is of the utmost importance to the Board of Trustees, many parents are letting their voices be heard.

Most parents are quick to note that single-sex dorms were the primary reason their child chose to attend the University. However, a surprising number of parents did not include co-residentiality as a factor when deciding to send their child to Notre Dame. For instance, Ed O'Brien, father of senior Tom O'Brien, did not take residence hall status into account. The safety of its students, the university's International Study Program, is of the utmost importance to the Board of Trustees, many parents are letting their voices be heard.

Despite threat of terrorism, students remain safe
By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Single-sex dorms are the exception rather than the rule at major Catholic universities across the country. Many institutions, among them Boston College, College of the Holy Cross and Catholic University, have long-standing co-residential policies.

We have had co-ed dorms for 26 years, and we have no regrets," said Robert Capalbo, director of Student Housing at Boston College. "I believe that the policy reflects what students are looking for in a college experience."

Many administrators reported positive effects from the programs. "Co-residentiality has a good socializing effect on men, it breaks down the atmosphere a lot less oppressively competitive," said Robert Friday, vice president of Student Life at Catholic University. Other positive effects include better-kept halls and less damage done to the halls themselves.

Despite threat of terrorism, students remain safe

By MATT L OUGHRAN
News Writer

With the increased number of terrorist attacks that have occurred in Europe and the Middle East in recent weeks has come a greater concern for the safety of Notre Dame students abroad.

Both terrorist concerns are justified due to the reported violence, there is no need to worry about the University's own overseas, according to both students and directors of the University's International Study Program.

"The institute where the students reside is quite safe," said Thomas Bogenschild, director of the Program, who said that his focus on the safety of Notre Dame students has been concentrated on London and the Middle East.

When the suicide bombings recently occurred throughout Israel, more than 60 people were killed in a nine-day period.

But despite these attacks, Notre Dame students in Jerusalem are safe, according to Bogenschild.

Students have identification cards to get in and out of the safety of its students, the Notre Dame International Study Program knows the importance of communication with its branches.

"We talk with the local directors and the Board of Directors there on a day-by-day basis," he said of the study program in Jerusalem. During Spring Break, the program directors had an "up-to-date consultation" with the local branches of the program in Jerusalem.

In addition, Bogenschild added, "I am in very close contact with Notre Dame faculty who have expertise in the Middle East."

Brian Lewis, a Notre Dame theology major studying in Jerusalem for the semester agrees that the University's students are not in danger. The Taxtir Ecumenical building, where the Notre Dame students are lodged, is quite safe, Lewis told The South Bend Tribune. However, recently, the students have been confined to camps and to their residential area, which is on the outskirts of Jerusalem near the West Bank border, when in the past, they made one or two weekly trips into downtown Jerusalem.

Safety measures have also been strict for Notre Dame students in England, according to the Director of Notre Dame's
In Praise of Humanistic Studies

"I said 'Humanistic Studies.' I have always have to repeat it when people ask me about my major. It's called Humanistic Studies, or HUST for short, and nobody cares if it's probably one of the best decisions I've made since I've been here.

With its pillars of literature, philosophy, history, and art appreciation, the HUST program aims to educate the whole person. It strives to develop in every student superior skills in the critical, creative thinking, reading, writing, and speaking. It's an exercise in our Notre Dame's PLS major, studies which highlight the importance and relevance of the liberal arts.

And what is the purpose of a liberal arts college? I think it should be to educate us in those liberal arts enlarge our intellectual horizons, refine our tastes, develop our thinking of ourselves and others, and give us a context for further learning. This kind of education we're receiving as HUST majors can continue throughout our whole lives.

Now that we are versed in the works of classical writers and thinkers like Virgil, Dante, Erasmus, Freud, and Voltaire, we have a springboard from which to continue our reading and reasoning styles. But no other major does present so much predicaments.

Often when I am asked what I will do when I graduate, I cannot answer with one specific answer of accounting or architecture or pre-med majors might do. Instead of presenting any one thing, HUST prepares us for anything.

When I look at the jobs held by graduates of these liberal arts major in the career variation is overwhelming. In skimming only one of 10 HUST grads, I encountered everything from lawyers to doctors to administrators and museum curators. The HUST major is not alone challenging, but many students opt to couple HUST with another major doing so, this students being in many insights from their respective majors.

And one of the most important things this major can teach us is how to think and use the thoughts and opinions of my peers. As a junior I came out of a day of classes knowing at least two new words, a new geographical inhabit, and I've probably been exposed to at least two new ideas or cultures I had never before considered.

A liberal arts college offers many ways to pursue those artlets. Vergerius said, "We consider those studies liberal which are worthy of the human mind, and not the mere habit of the mind in which we attain and practice virtue and wisdom; that education which calls the faculty, trains, and develops those highest gifts of body and of mind which render human beings, Humanistic Studies, in my opinion, is one of the best ways to pursue the liberal arts and to broaden your mind.

I urge you undergraduate especially, to consider HUST as a major or to compliment a major you are already pursuing. The skills you'll acquire and sharpen are invaluable. And the peers and professors you come to know and respect are beyond reproach.

And when people ask you what you will be doing after your HUST major upon graduation, you can tell them, "Anything I want. HUST can take you anywhere."
In a survey given last week, approximately two-thirds of Saint Mary’s students polled stated that they were in favor of a completely non-smoking environment in the dining hall. This issue surfaced as a result of an dining hall employee survey. The results showed that smoking in the dining hall was bothersome to many employees. In addition, the dining hall had received comment cards expressing negative comments about smoking.

All of this was taken into account, it was decided that students should be questioned to gather information concerning this issue.

In the survey, it was proposed that the smoking section be moved to the North Wedge room as opposed to the Grill Bar area where it currently exists. Not all parties involved are convinced that this is the best solution. "Moving the smoking section to the North Wedge room will be very confusing for all involved. The North Wedge room is often reserved," dining hall manager Kevin Kerwin said.

Student reaction has been mixed. Some students see no reason for any change at all. "The present smoking situation is convenient for both smokers and non-smokers," stated sophomore Monica Caravia. A total of 279 students replied to the survey - 179 were in favor of a completely non-smoking environment, while 91 students voted to maintain a smoking section in the dining hall.

The dining hall employees and other students against smoking in the dining hall, led by first year student and dining hall employee Amber Fraiser, stated that this survey was just the first step. Fraiser is working with Student Body President Sarah Sullivan and the Board of Governance on a proposal in the hope of ultimately banning all smoking from the facility.

"It will be a long time before this happens. Right now we are taking little steps in working to move the section," Fraiser said.

McNeill: Weigert brings 'vision' to new position

Kathleen Maas Weigert, associate professional specialist, faculty liaison and academic coordinator at the center for Social Concerns, was appointed to a newly established position, associate director of academic affairs and research, according to Don McNeill, executive director of the center.

"In this new position, her vision and energy will be focused on helping the center and Saint Mary’s move to network and share present and future resources and innovative programs with other institutions of higher education," said McNeill of Weigert.

A member of the faculty since 1974, Weigert is an associate professor in American Studies and Notre Dame to network and accounting companies. Wrapping up the conference is Ronald Cohen, chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Throughout the day there will be papers presented by 21 of the 40 chapters. They are all student written and presented, with technical copies ranging from taxes to auditing. In addition, there will be four sessions presented by students on individual chapter activities.

Commenting on the fact that this is the first time in ten years that the conference will be held on a college campus, Beta Sigma chapter President John Poter said that it is a great honor for such a unique, student driven event to be held here at Notre Dame. We are especially proud to have many speakers that are so well known and established in our field.

"This will be an excellent chance for the University to have some exposure for its business and accounting programs," added Poter, who is also the Michigan chapter chairman. "Our accounting program is ranked number one in the nation, and this is a big opportunity to show our facilities to other members of the organization.

James Witenbach, professor of accounting and faculty advisor for the Notre Dame chapter, commented that Notre Dame can help the conference as well. "The conference is usually held in a large city, but I think having it at Notre Dame creates a draw that you don't get anywhere else."
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leading issue for O'Brien was the superior academic
reputation of Notre Dame.
However, O'Brien believes that "The current residential
system provides a positive, unique character for the
school." Joe Schramm, father of sophomore Jason Schramm,
agrees with O'Brien. "This sys-
tem allows students to build
lasting friendships while at the
same time keeping them fo-
cused on their studies."
Yet, when asked if he was in
favor of a form of co-
residentiality at Notre Dame,
Schramm commented that he
hoped the University would institute co-residentiality at
some dorms to "promote understanding of the real world."
O'Brien also believes the University should look into co-
residentially. "They should at
least investigate making it an
option for upperclass students
who desire it."
However, a majority of the
parents talked to did not believe co-residentiality was a positive for Notre Dame. Mary
Cromley, mother of freshman
Tom Cromley, is against co-
residentially at Notre Dame
because it would take away
from the unique character that
both O'Brien and Schramm believe the University possess-
es.
"Single-sex dorms give kids
more freedom to work and live
at a stage in life where they
are still developing toward
being mature."
Unlike O'Brien and Schramm, Cromley believes that the current residental system is important to main-
taining tradition at Notre Dame. It provides a dorm unity
which translates into a cam-
pus-wide unity unparalleled by
other universities.
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London Program Anastasia
Gutting
Gutting explained that the University has a "two-pronged
approach" to teaching safety methods to its students study-
ing in London: (1) initial assessment and (2) ongoing
action to this approach at sources the U.S. Embassy
and the British local police
authority, the London Metro
police, after information for
the Notre Dame students.
Notre Dame also provides
additional guidance.
One point the London
Program stresses to its stu-
dents, Gutting said, is that "if
you're in a potentially danger-
some situation, calmly and
quickly follow the instruc-
tions." The Program also
advises the students to avoid
areas that are likely targets.
For example, she said, attacks like the recent IRA
bombings are geared toward "economic disruption rather
than mass destruction." Thus,
they are usually aimed at
financial districts.
Gutting stressed the importance of "being conscious of the
nature of that threat in deciding how
to implement" a plan of pre-
cuation. In reference to these attacks, Gutting noted that two bomb
explosions in London right
before the Notre Dame stu-
dents went on break in February, and they occurred in an area "where students
would not be." A third bomb
exploded when students were
off traveling over break, she
added.
According to Gutting, extra
precautions are taken at par-
ticular times. For example,
during the Gulf War, when
Americans and Brits were anticipated as being specific
targets, students were advised on how to dress to play down
Americanism. In addition,
guards patrolled the students' residential quarters, and cam-
eras were used to increase
the security of the building.
No students have gone home
as a result of the recent vio-
lence, Gutting added. And,
according to the head of the
Program in London, "things
have quieted down." Gutting
said, "The students have
adopted the mode of the Brits."
Notre Dame student Jane
Nicknish agrees. Though
Nicknish is studying in London
through another university,
she has been directly affected
by the bombings and the bomb
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NAACP problems necessitate adaptation

Organization faces competition, scandal and lack of funding

By DAVID FREDDOSO
News Writer

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has come under scrutiny regarding its own internal health and its continued relevance in assisting the African-American community in recent times, according to Dianne Pinderhughes, a member of the department of political science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Among the major problems within the organization is its "financial and internal organizational crises and recent criticisms and concerns about its conservative political stance within the broader black community," she said.

On the centennial of the famous Plessy v. Ferguson decision of the United States Supreme Court, Pinderhughes addressed an audience of students and faculty in an insinuation of the Henkels Visiting Lecture Series on the Prescience of Segregation in American Life. She presented her analysis of NAACP by examining its development, its participation in voting, its voting before 1866 to take a rigorous literacy test in the early twentieth century, and had anyone whose lineal ancestors had not been passed in southern states and had been involved in the water mark. But this advance was not disproportionate small numbers of blacks to vote. It was in this extremely hostile environment that the NAACP was founded, and from these beginnings that it went on to play a major role in securing full voting rights for blacks.

Pinderhughes then spoke of several of the successes which the NAACP has had in its attempt to assist the African American community. The most famous advance was the 1954 Brown decision, which ended segregation in public schools, at which time, says Pinderhughes, the NAACP reached its "high water mark." But this advance was not without negative consequence.

"That very success meant that the association began to be pressured by public bodies in terms of its political activities, which were perhaps in violation of its tax-exempt status," said Pinderhughes. At that point, federal tax law required that the NAACP be severed from its litigating arm, the Legal Defense Fund.

Pinderhughes finally spoke about the NAACP's current problems. She stated that the organization must now battle the resurgence of conservative civil rights groups. The NAACP has gone from being one of the only major civil rights groups to becoming one of many, and consequently it must compete with other friendly organizations for legal resources and donations.

"Currently, the NAACP has suffered from the loss of its Legal Defense Fund, which, since its official separation, has increasingly separated itself from the NAACP in its political positions. But these problems are exacerbated by organizational difficulties. The last president of the NAACP was dismissed in a sexual harassment and discrimination scandal, and its national governing board is seen as being inefficient and to a great extent closed to new ideas. Many are also dissatisfied with the board's tendency to emphasize political action as opposed to nationalist themes or economic themes," said Pinderhughes.

She indicated that the NAACP will have to adapt its role as it enters the 21st century to assist the African-American community. Among her suggestions for change, she included a greater involvement in the part of African American youth. "It will be a process of communication, action, and helping young people understand that there really are important things that the public sector does," she said. The organization's current president, Kwesi Mfume, already plans to appoint a youth director. For now, the group's focus will remain the same. "Anti-discrimination policy in voting rights, segregation in elementary, secondary, and higher education levels, housing discrimination, employment, and Affirmative Action remain highly active policy areas in which the NAACP is and has been involved," she stated.

As for the tactics in this continuing battle against discrimination, Pinderhughes suggests, "the association is most effective when it is able to link its consistent, stable, relatively conservative approach, which does not typically involve protest, with organizations capable of protest, and of organizing and managing more volatile kinds of strategic activities."

But at this point, nothing is certain about the organization's future. "We will have to wait to see whether it will be our NAACP, or a completely different organization," she admits.
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attention in working for gay and lesbian rights. Prior to coming to the HRC, Birch served as chief lobbyist for Apple Computer Inc., helping the firm develop its policy granting benefits for the domestic partners of homosexual employees.

Although she herself is not Catholic, Birch called on Notre Dame as one of the premiere American Catholic institutions to confront homosexuality on campus with decency and openness.

"The fact remains that a year ago members of Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College suffered a stingy setback and an enormous amount of pain in their drive for status as a recognized, University-sanctioned student group," she said.

John Blandford, co-chair of GLNSMDC, which was one of several campus groups which organized Birch's visit, lauded Birch's words. "She represents an important addition to our ongoing desire to foster discussion" on issues of gays and lesbians.

If the recommendations of the ad hoc committee are accepted, Birch said the University should appoint a watchdog whether a professor or an advisor, or an advisory committee -- trusted by both administrators and gays and lesbians.

"Whatever is done should create a state of trust," she said.

But if the ad hoc committee's report is rejected, Birch suggested that a University-wide referendum be held to "believe that more than 50 percent of the faculty and students at this University are open-minded and loving," she said.

That the Church eventually extends an unconditional welcome to gays and lesbians is important, said Birch, because many Americans currently abuse what they consider to be the authority of their religious community. Birch called on Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to act to "create a state of trust." The words "gays and lesbians." Birch says her hope for tolerance in the principles of fairness and equality that are reflected in the U.S. Constitution and in Christianity when its tenets are free from misinterpretation.

But she also recognizes that what sounds good in theory often does not work in reality. "When I first became active in America's gay and lesbian communities, I was... confident that the American ideal would protect homosexuals and heal their wounds." Deep was our confidence in the American hope that it took the gay and lesbian communities decades to conclude, regretfully, that civil rights are as likely to be withheld as granted, despite the Constitution.

Birch took to task those politicians who she felt were obstacles to those civil rights, specifically Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan.

"If we [the HRC] do nothing else in 1996, we are going to get rid of Helms," she said.

Buchanan's name elicited the same response. "He has made a solemn vow not to appoint any gays or lesbians in a Buchanan administration, no matter their qualifications. And all in the name of family values," Birch said. "Anti-Catholic bigotry is shameful and immoral. So is anti-Semitism. And so, too, is anti-gay bigotry."

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and Mia Pavlik as Treasurer, who ran with the campaign slogan "Women on the rise" received 36% of the junior class votes. "We campaigned our absolute hardest to the class of 1997, and it is unfortunate that our fresh and new ideas were overlooked. We are hopeful that next year will be a success like we had planned," said Anne Korte. In addition, 2.8% of the class abstained.

"The election results remained consistent, which shows that this was indeed the ticket that the junior class wanted to represent them next year," said elections Commissions...
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"Dear Children! I invite you to decide again to love God above all else. In this time, when due to the spirit of consumerism, one forgets what it means to love and to cherish true values, I invite you again, little children, to put God in the first place in your life. Do not let Satan attract you through material things but, little children, decide for God who is freedom and love. Choose things but, little children, decide for God who is freedom and love. Choose"
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London

The mad cow scare has left huge stockpiles of frozen hamburgers at McDonald's and Wimpy, piling future days of doing burgerless business onto the menu today after three chains in Britain, put beef back on the menu today after three chains in Britain, put beef back in their restaurants.

"I was surprised that this was here," said Amerily Hershberger, who was one of the organizers of the latest tour of the restaurant. "I walked in and I was really surprised." Hershberger, along with Regina Hall Resident Assistant Karina Masucu and Gennifer Tarkowski, organized the tour as a hall activity.

"We were looking for an event to teach our section a little more about Saint Mary's and its history and what it has to offer," said Masucu. Some of the history students can browse through is older than the College itself. Paintings, photos, and reproductions of early college founders fill the walls, handmade lace and religious garments from the days when the sisters did mending for the Brothers of the Holy Cross fill glass cases. Although no one could lift it, Margaret Bertrand is an immense structure that is the second oldest on campus. Dating back to the Civil War years, built in 1862, it housed Saint Mary's Agricultural Academy from 1863 to 1930. Today it holds the archives, business offices, and computer services of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

And Saint Mary's Hall Community History Room is open to the public every day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tours can be arranged by calling Sister M. Campbell at 784-5867.

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ND/SMC Ballroom Dance Team!
Military pushes China-Taiwan crisis to brink

By ELAINE KURTENBACH and CHARLINE FU
Associated Press

BEIJING

Chinese President Jiang Zemin was inclined to be accommodating when Taiwan's president did the unthinkable and visited the United States last summer.

Then he heard from the military. Bombarded by hundreds of letters each day from officers infuriated by his mild stance, Jiang quickly got the message that China must react strongly to the affront to Chinese sovereignty over the renegade island.

A month later, China's army was firing test missiles into the strait that separates Taiwan from the mainland as a warning to stop efforts to gain the island.

Taiwan's president decided to attend a reunion at his alma mater, Cornell University, last June. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher assured Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen in May that Lee would not get a visa to visit the United States.

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Democrats, Dole clash over minimum wage hike

By MARCY GORDON

Congressional Democrats failed again Thursday to force a vote on raising the minimum wage, but promised to keep the issue alive this election year and to challenge Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. Republicans accused them of political opportunism and partisan attacks on Dole, who is President Clinton's certain election rival.

Clinton quickly expressed disappointment at the outcome and blamed the Senate's Republican leadership for harrasing efforts "to give 10 million Americans an immediate pay increase.'

"With every day that the Republican leadership continues to stall, the value of the minimum wage continues to fall closer and closer in a 40-year low," Clinton said in a statement.

"If we value work, if we share family values, we ought to raise the minimum wage, and help lift the lives of millions of America's workers." Knowing they face a tough fight, the minority Democrats said they'll try again and again to bring up the issue, which they are framing in terms of family values.

Democrats later told reporters they were encouraged by the size of the vote in their favor and its bipartisan character. "We have more than enough votes to pass minimum wage," Dole said. "Sooner or later, this will pass. ... We'll be back offering this week after week until we get it passed."

Across the Capitol in the House, Republicans beat back two attempts by Democrats to attach an increase in the minimum wage to a measure increasing the government's borrowing authority.

Both were procedural motions. Republicans defeated one by ruling that raising the minimum wage would violate a "Contract With America" law enacted last year that forbids the federal government from imposing regulations on local governments without compensating them for their cost.

The Republicans "are doing procedural pirouettes to avoid a real debate and preventing the public from seeing where they really stand on this issue," Labor Secretary Robert Reich said in an interview. "At a minimum, the public deserves to have its representatives stand up and be counted."

Reich noted that Clinton proposed an increase nearly two years ago and the GOP had supported one in 1989. "Time is running out in this Congress," he said. "The minimum wage is almost at a 40-year low in terms of real purchasing power."

The White House has insisted that Dole is using the minimum wage to play election-year politics.

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Compelling doctrine teaches controversy

Nor Dame sure has been bringing some pretty strange folks on campus lately. A medley of advertisements for gay/lesbian speakers have appeared in The Observer, courtesy of the right-thinking Counseling Center, the GU, and the Center for Social Concerns. Now, this Saturday (during the Final Four, so it's doubly evil), a fellow named Derrick Bell will be on campus, spreading a corrosive message of a different sort.

Bell is a controversial black law professor, whose claim to fame was resigning from Harvard Law School's faculty. Now, I can respect resignation itself, but Bell is a man who has no respect for what he calls the "classical American legal tradition." His motto is, "If the law is bad, violate it!"

However, I don't think Bell will be violating the law this Saturday. Rather, I think he's just trying to make himself controversial. At Stanford, he was supposed to lecture on the history of affirmative action. But when the Economics Committee voted not to choose a percentage calculation -- they did so with the intent to figure out how many students were unjustly persuaded by a few flyers. With such a high percentage calculated it appears the committee was out to penalize the ticket for other reasons.

For such a violation, I feel the penalty was steep. I understand that the violation should not have gone unnoticed and a 15 percent reduction is fair for the primary election. However, since both tickets are re-campaigning for runoff, is it fair to have an 15 percent reduction remaining? It appears the committee was out to penalize the ticket for other reasons.

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Unfortunately, he seems to have made a career out of making himself controversial. At Stanford, he was supposed to teaching constitutional law, but instead focused on "black-white" issues that many students finished the course without learning anything. When the Economics Committee voted not to choose a percentage calculation, they did so with the intent to figure out how many students were unjustly persuaded by a few flyers. With such a high percentage calculated it appears the committee was out to penalize the ticket for other reasons.

I share Bell's pessimistic view of the pedantic, ineffective cry for more "education" to solve society's problems.

There, our agreement must end. While I, as a pro-lifer, can have no illusions about America's capacity for tremendous moral evil, I don't see it where he sees it. egalitarianism has no power to save; if that was his faith, he is well lost of it. But if he rejects that creed, to what ought black prophets call the nation?
A Different Kind of Spirituality at Notre Dame

By J.R. Yanchak

Have you ever been really afraid? Not the kind of fear that comes when you realize you have a test in two hours, 200 pages to read and a notebook that closely resembles a novel written in Sanskrit. How about the kind of fear that sends uncontrollable chills up your spine and threatens your control of your bladder?

Ghost stories told around a flickering campfire or in a dimly-lit room, and the conjecture about the unknown offered by curfew, isn’t it? The spire that competes with the Basilica and Golden Dome nearby for domination of the sky and the peculiar circular windows invoke an air of almost palpable menace. No less threatening your control of your bladder?

Someplace as old as Notre Dame almost seems required to have its share of tales of the unknown and unknowable. The ghosts of Notre Dame’s past still walk the corridors and lurk in the rooms of some of its most venerable buildings, while other areas of campus are plagued by rumors and innuendo about unnatural happenings.

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The tale begins with Gipp (a notorious big-partier according to tour-guide Bryan Furze) returning from a late night of reveling off-campus. In the olden days, all dorm doors were locked after curfew, and you were out of luck and in a lot of trouble if you weren’t in your room by curfew. George found himself locked out in the frigid South Bend winter night. He turned to his roommate, Joe Oracko made a crucial field goal, the arena was empty when he left, and left many believing Rockne had spotted the undead of ND aren’t limited just to the basement of Cushing Gym.

The movie went well until she switched the switch was made, the ghostly image of the projectionist at Cushing discovered. The rat and cockroach problems expanded out of control, and left many believing Rockne had been an investigator. Further investigatory interviewing the next night, turned up no leads.

If ghosts aren’t enough to send the night out in fear, Notre Dame also offers some supernatural—locations as well. How about a network of tunnels? The tunnels are heated to prevent curious undergrads from actually spending all the stadium lights kick on at home or finding it still vacant. The groundskeepers have seen Rockne visiting the site of his own death.

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night, but Hall led him to seek an unlocked window, he found the stadium empty. He entered the stadium late one night and the hackles on the back of his neck rose as he walked the stadium floor. When kicker Jerry Lewis to the multi-talented rock world seem to love Elvis the best, though, and the everyday facade of South Bend weather, the university bureaucracy has taken care of most of the younger Vegas years. He says, "I don't care if you like them or not, they don't want to hurt people, they just want to make a mockery of him." Cass is a true die-hard Elvis fan and does not like the fact that most impersonators that are seen on television tend to be the older, fatter Elvis. He complains that most of today's Elvis imitators exaggerate everything by using such things as cheesy pasties, sideburns and wigs that look like sheep dogs painted black. Because Elvis is "in his full time of operation" he is able to take on the full look. "I try to imagine what it was like for [Elvis]," he says, "because I don't want to look like Bozo."

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is one season at Georgia Tech enough to convince Stephen Marbury he’s ready to play in the NBA?

One of Marbury’s older brothers, Donald Marbury said. "That’s my dream. I just want to follow my dream..."

But an NBA scout, speaking on condition he not be identified, said there’s no definite way to determine Marbury’s draft standing because there several top underclassmen who haven’t decided whether to leave school, including All-Americans Marcus Camby, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and Ray Allen.

"He looks like he has a good opportunity to go fairly high," Cremins said. "But all this stuff (about leaving school) is really premature."

Marbury could not be reached for comment but said several weeks ago that he didn’t think the transition to the NBA would be difficult.

As a freshman, he averaged 18.9 points and 4.4 assists per game, leading the Yellow Jackets to the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

"For me, the NBA game will be a lot easier than college," Marbury said.

"In college, they play all these trick defenses: the box-and-one, the triangle-and-two. In the NBA, it’s strictly one-on-one. If you can go one-on-one, play defense and catch the ball, you can go there and be successful in the NBA."

Marbury’s quickness and ball-handling ability put him a step ahead of most point guards. If Iverson chooses to remain at Georgetown for another season, Marbury likely would be the first point guard selected in the draft.

"Point guards are born — not made," said Marty Blake, the NBA’s director of scouting. "He’s an excellent point guard with future NBA skills."
Boys of summer prepare for upcoming openers

Associated Press

Bobby Bonilla won't be starting in right field, and he won't be at third base. The Baltimore Orioles have a new spot for him -- designated hitter.

"Bobby is very valuable to us," manager Davey Johnson said. "He'll be our cleanup hitter," Johnson told Bonilla that early on he would be an "insurance policy" at third and the outfield.

Johnson revealed his tentative lineup Thursday, and he won't start to claim the third base job. Early on we want him to play, Johnson said. "Bobby will eventually play the field, but early on we want him to play DH.

Surhoff overcame a rocky start to claim the third base job. Johnson told Bonilla that early on he would be an "insurance policy" at third and the outfield.

"It's a little disappointing, but I'll do what it takes," Bonilla said. "I don't want to rock the boat."

On Thursday, Bonilla hit a two-run homer and an RBI single as the designated hitter in the Orioles' 1-3 exhibition loss to Atlanta.

The Orioles reduced their roster to 26 players -- one over the limit -- by optioning outfielder Mark Smith and left-hander John Vukovic to Rochester and assigning reliever Keith Kennedy to their minor-league camp.

Twins

Kirby Puckett reported vision problems, and was being tested by specialists.

Team physician Len Michienzi said it was too early to tell whether the problem was serious, but doubted it was related to Puckett's heaving by Cleveland's Dennis Martinez on Sept. 28, 1995.


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"The doctor said this could clear up in a day, a week or more. We don't know. If I can't see, I can't play. It's kind of a waiting game now," Red Sox manager Kevin Mitchell told Bonilla that early on he would be an "insurance policy" at third and the outfield.

Kevin Mitchell and Stan Bellinda, both essential to Boston's chances at winning another AL East title, probably will not be on the opening-day roster.

White Sox

Darren Lewis thinks he's coming down with something only the start of the season can cure. "I'm getting the spring training blues," he said after an 0-for-4 outing in Chicago's 4-3 victory over Texas on a cold, rainy day before a small crowd at Nashville, Tenn. "You just can't wait for the season to start."

Cardinals

St. Louis trimmed its roster to 27 by returning second baseman Gerardo Parra and pitcher Matt Morris to the minors, and placing four players on the disabled list.

Pitchers Mark Petkovsek (inflamed right rotator cuff) and Mike Morgan (sore right shoulder) were placed on the 15-day disabled list. Joining them were infielder Mike Gallego (strained right hamstring) and pitcher Donovan Osborne (broken rib).

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FENCING

NCAA's on tap for fencers

By WILLY BAUER 
Sports Writer

Topping last year's third place finish is on the minds of all eight of Notre Dame's fencers attending the NCAA championships at Yale this weekend. The contingent consists of this year's best and brightest Irish fencers.

The strongest teams for the Irish will send the maximum of two fencers. For women's foil, freshmen Sara Walsh and Myrhia Brown will try to continue their successes. Walsh is considered one of the best in the field going into the competition. Walsh braved the defending champion from Penn State earlier in the year.

Brown has also fared well, in addition to matching Walsh's 80 wins, she fenced well against the defending champ from the Nittany Lions losing 5-4.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to regain confidence

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

If there will be a time when the Notre Dame men's tennis team is up against the wall, now is that time. The Irish have lost four of their six matches this season and are seeing their record once at 6-1 to fall to 6-5. This Sunday the squad will try to turn things around and get back on the winning track as they square off against region foe Indiana.

The Irish still stand at 6-0 in the Midwest region and will finish the last six regular season matches with five in their region including matches against the very tough Northwestern Wildcats and fourth ranked Michigan Wolverines.

After competing in five matches over the last two weekends the team has had some time to recuperate and get some solid days of practice.

"We have had a really good week of practice," commented captain Mike Sprouse. "We finally get a chance to work on some things." The Hoosiers rate around tenth in the 18 team region and are led by super sophomore Andrew Hall who is ranked in the top twenty at the end of the fall season.

After leading the team early in the season the No. 1 and 2 singles players Sprouse and Jakup Pietrokovski have allowed junior Ryan Simun and freshman Brian Patterson to carry the weight of the team more recently.

Head coach Bobby Bayliss would like to solve the current inconsistency problem the Irish have faced.

"Early in the year Mike and Jakup carried the weight but recently it has been John O'Brien," Bayliss mentioned. "Bylls will be also looking to see some improvement in the top doubles tandem of Sprouse and Jason Pun who have started off quickly but struggled in the past two weekends."

The No. 2 doubles duo of Pietrokovski and Patterson, after being formed at mid-season have been leading the way in double play, most recently up-sweeping two doubles from Duke.

As the team heads into their final six matches before Big East Tournament play and NCAA Regionals, they will look to rebuild their once unshaken confidence.

"Right now we need a win," Sprouse expressed. "We need to get some confidence in each other. It has nothing to do with tennis, we simply need to gain some confidence before post-season play."
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BY DYLAN BARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

On a bitterly cold late March afternoon, a day too cold to de- lude one into thinking spring had arrived yet, the Notre Dame baseball team took the field at Frank Eck stadium.

The game, which saw the Irish down Indiana State 5-4 in front of a handful of Irish faithful, was less than spectacular, as the two teams combined to commit eight errors and squander numerous scoring opportunities. But all that really mattered was that the Irish had come home.

"When we were out there at the beginning, it was hard to remember the last day of fall practice, which was the last time we were on the field," missed head coach Paul Mainieri. "It was great to be back, though, it really was. It was just great to be able to play a game at home, and I think the kids were really excited about being back out here."

The win against the Syramids marked the first time in twenty-one games that the 14-7 Irish had the opportunity to relax in their own clubhouse following a game.

"It was just neat getting our first game in here on the home field, to open it up with a win," commented Raul Urcano following the victory. "I was glad that I could be a part of it."

The game was the first ever for Wagner, a freshman who continued to aid the Irish cause, turning in a 2-3, 2-BB performance.

Another freshman who played a big part in the Irish's first home win was pitcher Alex Shilliday, who earned his second save with a three inning, four hit, four strikeout showing in relief of winner Gregg Henseh.

"Really feel fortunate to have gotten in this game," commented Shilliday, who displayed a veteran's poise in pitching out of numerous jams late in the game. "It was a great feeling to be out there. I try to make it so it doesn't bother me that much whether I'm pitching on the road or in my own home, but it is a good feeling to be back home."

The Irish, who will follow a weekend series at Villanova with 13 straight games at home, should learn to enjoy the feeling. Of the team's remaining 34 regular season games, 26 of those games will be at the Irish home.

"It will be fun to get in the groove and start playing our games at home," said the laid-back Wagner. "It's a lot easier to teach your kids when you know you're staying at home instead of traveling every weekend, coming back and then going back out on the road."

So will the day soon come when Eck will be graced with the presence of a horde of cheering Notre Dame baseball fans? Don't count on it.

"We won't get those crowds for awhile," said Wagner. "When it starts warming up, we'll get the fans.

Good thing there's so many home games left."

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Sanders steps to the forefront

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

At his initial spring football press conference, head coach Lou Holtz designated two major areas which concern him heading into next season. Those areas include the lack of a game-breaker in the receiving core and the heavy losses to graduation in the secondary.

The secondary dilemma has become a primary concern to Holtz. "Secondary is a problem," Holtz said. "We lost three starters in the secondary."

While, a certain amount of experience still exists at the cornerback spot, the departure of LaRon Moore and Brian Magee leaves both safety positions up in the air this spring.

"Safety is a problem," Holtz admits. "But right now the two frontrunners would be A' Jani Sanders and Jarvis Edison or Ty Goode, those three. Then, Benny Guilbeaux has a chance and possibly Mario Strayhorn."

Among these three, Edison has the only experience after being the top backup to Moore last year. His action, however, was limited in six games last year after suffering a lacerated liver against Texas. Due to a wrist injury, Edison currently has a cast on his arm that will be removed on April 3.

"Based on experience Jarvis has the upper-hand," defensive backfield coach Tom McMahon commented. "But we're going to base it on performance as well."

Going from the sidelines to playing every down may not be easy at first, but McMahon believes raised expectations about the freshman will help.

"I think the expectations are that they are going to be full-time players," he said. "With that expectation, their expectations can come up and I expect them to be a lot better players because of the fact they know it's their time to play."

"It's actually kind of scary," Sanders admitted. "You know it's an adjustment, but it's nothing really we can't handle."

Sanders may be called upon to handle the strong safety spot along with Guilbeaux.

Even though he did not see action last season, Sanders is highly regarded by the coaching staff.

Holtz cited Sanders as a player he was anxious to see during spring practice. "He's (Sanders) a great athlete and he's really smart," McMahon said. "Benny's a bigger, stronger guy," McMahon added. "They all have their strengths and hopefully we can just put them in positions to play toward that strength.

McMahon's optimistic sentiments at the end of practice Wednesday echoed Holtz's comments earlier that day regarding the extremely positive attitude present on this spring squad.

"We're undefeated," McMahon said. "You can't have a bad attitude if you're undefeated, can you?"

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Hoosiers hope ride on arm of Haniford

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Chris Dittoe has a long ineptitude to do in well in spring prac-
tice. Otherwise, he may find himself stuck on the sideline when Earl Haniford arrives on campuses this fall.

Dittoe, Indiana's incumbent quarterback, had a disappointing junior season last year as the Hoosiers stumbled to a 2-9 record.

Coach Bill Mallory successfully recruited Haniford, the Indiana high school Mr. Football from Martinsville, but Dittoe is still penciled in as the starter during spring drills.

"I really feel good about Chris," Mallory said. "It's a matter of him getting in along with everybody and pulling everything together. He's eager."

Dittoe completed 52 percent of his passes and threw for 2,214 yards last year. But only three completions went for 10 yards.

Starter on the defensive line, whom had shoulder surgery after last season. Nathan Dittoe is listed No. 1 during spring practice. Otherwise, he may find himself stuck on the sideline.

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One of the questions as Colletto begins preparing for his sixth year with the Boilermakers, still looking for his first winning season.

Purdue recovery from injury

Associated Press

PIZZIGH, Conn. - Purdue recovered from injury to start at Ohio State.

The Old Oaken Bucket win over Indiana sweetened yet another disappointing season for the Boilermakers, but the de-
parture of record-setting Mike Colletto left coach Jim Colletto scrambling for a replacement at quarterback.

During spring practice, that job has been given to Edwin Watson, who has been switched from safety.

"How he adjusts to that is one of the questions as Colletto begins preparing for his sixth year with the Boilermakers.

The biggest loss, of course, was Abost, who finished with a 145-pound game.

Purdue records of 3,635 rushing yards, 39 touchdowns and 256 points.

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**Golfers journey to Owens Tourney**

By DEREK BETCHER

Coach George Thomas and his team look to this weekend for their first serious competition since winning the Big East Championship last fall.

After tentatively adding Kit Burton to the top-five, the linksters packed off for the Johnny Owens Intercollegiate golf tournament in Lexington, Kentucky.

Burton joins co-captains Joel Repler and Brian Donohoe, ranked one and two on the team, respectively. Brian Weeks in the three spot, and number-four Bill Moore, the Big East's reigning individual medalist. After a warm-up tournament in Florida over spring break, Thomas feels his team is ready to hit the links and begin piling up the points they need to qualify for the NCAA's golf tournament.

"Obviously, that's our main goal - to get to the NCAA," stressed Thomas.

To reach that goal, the Irish will first have to earn enough points by beating competitive teams to finish in the top six in their district - thereby qualifying for a regional tournament. From each of these three regions, the top-ten teams advance to the NCAA's journey.

With a slim schedule limited by University requirements for its athletes, and without recent appearances in even a regional tournament, Thomas and his squad realize they face a challenge.

"We just have to get a lot of points every time we go out," Donohoe said.

"Unfortunately, the Big East doesn't get us an automatic bid into Regionals," Thomas pointed out.

Nonetheless, the team is optimistic about its chances, beginning with their weekend in Lexington.

"A couple of years ago, we used to go out and get pegged, but now we're beginning to gain confidence," commented Moore on his team's legitimacy.

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Irish to defend streak at Hobart

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Some teams hate to play on the road. Just ask the Orlando Magic. Reasons for losing away from home will vary. Maybe players miss the comfort of their own beds. Maybe they can't handle the pressure of a hostile crowd. Other teams seem to thrive on it. They can focus more intensely without the distractions of playing at home. The team eats, sleeps, and travels as a group. It's an against-the-world mentality.

The Irish lacrosse team has certainly shown they have what it takes to be road warriors.

Since losing its first contest at home, No. 12 Notre Dame has triumphed over four straight opponents en route to a 4-1 record.

The Irish hope to keep their road winning streak alive when they play fifteenth-ranked Hobart this Saturday.

"I think they're getting really well as a team. I think part of the reason is because the team communicates so well on and off the field," said Irish assistant coach Tim Shea.

"Having students from Notre Dame, as compared to other schools, really helps a lot. They absorb information really quickly and they're easy to teach."

Shea has been particularly impressed with the defensive play of Todd Bialous, Dave Cashen, Todd Rassias, and Andy Scollan. All of which have increased their playing time since last season. They have adequately filled some of the gaps created by graduating veteran leaders.

Freshman Laurence Galli has also showed great promise on defense.

He has stepped up on several occasions to earn the praise of his coaching staff.

The Irish defense will be especially important this weekend when Notre Dame faces Hobart.

"Offensively, Hobart is probably one of the best teams we'll face. They're in the same class as Loyola," commented Shea.

Hobart's leading scorers consist of a talented quartet of seniors. Todd Mueandel, Paul Lyle, Eric Curry, and Irish Kenny lead the team in both goals and assists.

No one is more important to Notre Dame's defense this season than sophomore goalie Alex Cade.

The Irish will need Cade to play well in the nets if they hope to slow down Hobart's offensive attack.

"Alex is coming off a huge season last year. Now he's in charge of the defense, and he's doing a great job," stated Shea.

Because of the recent ankle injury to attacker Will DelTizzo, the Irish will look to their top remaining scoring threats to pick up the slack.

The big three who will hope to find the back of the net are Jimmy Keenan, Tony Reid, and freshman phenom Chris Dussseau.

Dussseau has led all Irish scorers with four goals in each of the past two games.

"Defensively, they [Hobart] are a little less talented than the break in his recent slump.

First baseman George Restovich ignited the Irish offense this past weekend by driving in two runs while breaking out of his recent slump.

By DYLAN BARMER
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Apparently someone forgot to tell the folks at Northeastern Illinois that South Bend operates on Eastern time, causing the bus bearing the school's baseball team to arrive just fifteen minutes before the scheduled 4:00 game.

They might as well have never shown up.

The 8-12 Eagles became the most recent victim of the surging Irish (15-7), who rolled to a 6-3 win behind good, solid, all around play.

The Irish fought off the cold and the poor defense and base running which accompanied it in yesterday's game, and five different pitchers scattered seven hits in leading the Irish to their third straight win, which was also their ninth in their past ten games.

"We worked real hard on our fielding before the game today," said head coach Paul Mainieri following the game. "We hit a lot of balls to our fielders and worked on double plays. We ended up turning three double plays, and we played an errorless game. We've got a good defensive team."

Senior Craig Allen came back into the starting rotation to earn his first win of the season.

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Because the Irish play such a heavy load of four games in two days, however, Kohata and Bassolo will not be the only ones to get on the diamond.

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Irish face Knights in conference opener

By TIM MCCONN
Sports Writer

Every athletic team at Notre Dame, except football, has done it this year, so it's just natural that the Irish Softball team just follows suit.

The Lady Irish (18-10, 0-0) will play their first ever Big East Conference softball game. They travel to Rutgers this weekend for a doubleheader on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Irish are definitely excited to try their luck in the new conference.

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