ND announces tuition hike

Rate of increase declines for 7th consecutive year

By JAMIE HESLER
Assistant News Editor

A 5.5 percent increase in undergraduate tuition and fees for the 1996-97 academic year, announced by the University yesterday, marks the seventh consecutive year that the percentage of tuition increase has declined.

The increase will bring the cost of tuition at the University to $18,810, up $810 from last year. While the total increase equals over $900, the percentage of increase is the lowest that the University has implemented since 1960.

According to Dennis Brown, assistant director of Public Relations, the declining trend in tuition increases over the past few years demonstrates a University commitment to moderating the cost of tuition increase.

"Operating costs of the University continue to go up on a yearly basis, but the commitment (on the part of the Admini­strators and the Board of Trustees) has been to bring the tuition increase down while maintaining the quality of education," said Brown.

The University has also demonstrated a commitment recently to increasing the amount of scholarship assistance available to students, according to Brown. A move by the University in the past few months will add $5 million to funding for financial aid and will allow the University to offer an additional 425 scholarships over the next four years.

"With this move, combined with other enhancements, we expect that University-­sponsored scholarships will see tuition/ page 3

Minor SMC blazes spark fire awareness program

By MAUREEN HURLEY
News Editor

"Want to see your college campus up in smoke?" Poster boasting this slogan are scattered around Saint Mary's LeMans Hall, as fire safety becomes a hot topic following two minor fires in the residence hall last week.

According to Richard Chlebek, director of Saint Mary's Security, two unrelated fires caused by unattended candles spread at 6:40 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the second and third floors of LeMans Hall. Both fires were detected and extinguished by resident advisors before causing structural damage.

"The damage was minor, compared to what it could have been if it had happened at 4 a.m., when everyone was sleeping," said Chlebek.

Security reports state that a student's bookshelf was damaged in the second floor fire, and there were scorched marks on the students' desk in the third floor fire.

"There was no real monetary damage," Chlebek said.

The student handbook states that burning candles is prohibited, as it is viewed as a "fire hazardous activity.

"The rules are there to protect us. People really shouldn't have candles or an open flame in their rooms," said LeMans resident advisor KayLynn DeCarli. "With the recent fires, people are being more serious," she added.

According to DeCarli, the fires sparked a hall-wide fire safety awareness program. All students in LeMans Hall are required to view the security video, "How Fast it Burns.

"If the B.A. had shown up 30 seconds later, this whole building probably would have gone down, since it's such an old dorm," DeCarli said.

Man, I hate these training wheels...

By BILL CONNOLLY
Assistant News Editor

Outgoing Student Body President Jonathan Patrick finalized his chairmanship of the Campus Life Council and new Student Body President Seth Miller outlined his goals for the council he will chair at yesterday's C.L.C. meeting.

Patrick outlined the three points he will focus on when formulating the C.L.C.'s report on co-­residentiality. These include the history of co-residentiality, the discussion of the issue at the C.L.C., and a call to action for the Board of Trustees on the matter.

Patrick also pointed out the presence of the campus calendar on the World Wide Web next year, which will include descriptions of campus organizations. Student Senator Kate McShane emphasized that she and Judicial President Tom Mazzie will continue to address the new departments to address various aspects of student life," said Miller, the Student Body President.

The Student Government Executive Coordinators selected were:

• Kate McShane, Intellectual Life
• Molly Dehnen, Student Life
• Chris Trentia, Controller
• Stacy McNally, Public Relations
• Jen Divido, Chief Counsel
• Jeff Ward, Athletic Resources
• Catherine McCarron, Gender Relations
• Steve Marshall, Information Technology
• Jeff Catalina, Financial Aid

"We are blessed with talented people working for us and are excited about this year," said Murray, the student body vice-president.

Yesterday marked the first day of the new administration.

Rotary Foundation awards scholarships

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Three seniors and a recent graduate were awarded scholarships by The Rotary Foundation to study abroad for the 1996-97 school year. Scholarship recipients Jesse Barrett, Maria Capua, Jason Subler, and Catherine McIntyre will be beginning their programs in their respective countries this summer.

The Rotary Foundation awards scholarships yearly for students to study in foreign countries. The students must pass a selection process that includes interviews at the local to district level and they must also take a language aptitude test.

You must be accepted to the University yourself, but other than that, The Rotary Foundation takes care of all the other arrangements for you," said Jesse Barrett, who will be going to American University of Cairo in Egypt.

Scholarships are given for single year and multi-year programs in any country in which there is a Lions Club. The scholarships are granted to students that The Rotary Foundation considers to have qualities of good leadership and good citizenship, as well as an ability to express themselves.

A disgruntled sibling tours the campus during Sophomore Sibs Weekend.

The Observer Staff Report

As one of the first official acts of their administration, the Seth Miller-Megan Murray Student Government Administration announced the depart­ments and department heads that would be serving in the upcoming year.

While last year's administration consisted of only four departments, Miller and Murray have created an additional four departments to their staff. Gender Relations, Athletic Resources, Financial Aid, and Information Technology are the new departments.

"We think Student Government's potential on campus is underutilized, and we created the
A need for change

As the spring weather finally heads into South Bend, I look out of my window from my third-floor apartment and see basketball courts down at Stetson. I find myself wondering about the basketball participants. This leads me to ponder my Bookstore experience last year as a freshman. I had been here at Notre Dame. More than anything else, I've been impressed by the majority of whom were white, cheering on the NBT II team, a team of black students. At the same time, the crowd boosted the eventual winners, Models inc., whose members were black. I thought it troubling at the time, and I continue to feel that way.

Sport ahead to 1996. As it is an election year, I have been inundated with vast information about presidential candidate Pat Buchanan and the future of America. His campaign story appeals to a distinct group of Americans, placing the blame for all problems in the United States on the Catholic Holy Father. Buchanan says he is against abortion. He said he would use a veto power to block the constitutional amendment. This is a perfect example of why the Constitution needs to be amended. He would like a shorter term for the president and would like to have a lifetime appointment for a Supreme Court justice. Buchanan is also for the death penalty and the death penalty should be used.
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Tuesday, April 2, 1996

SMC to host classical guitar recital

The Department of Music at Saint Mary's College will present a classical guitar recital on Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. featuring Dean Wachs and Gerry Zubko. They will perform works by Fernando Sor, Antonio Lauro, and Mauro Giuliani.

The recital will take place in the Little Theatre located in the Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dean Wachs, who teaches at both Saint Mary's College and Indiana University South Bend, has been playing the guitar for over 30 years. He began his classical guitar studies with Richard Winstor in 1974 and continued until 1982. Wachs began teaching guitar in 1978 and has been teaching at Mendota's Guitar Shop for the last 16 years. Gerry Zubko earned a bachelor of music education degree from Indiana University South Bend in 1982. He studied guitar under Richard Winstor and has taught guitar at Andrews University, Indiana University South Bend, Southwestern Michigan College, and the Community School of the Arts in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

He currently offers private lessons at Mendota's Guitar Shop and teaches part-time at the University of Notre Dame.

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SAT., MAR. 30
3:30 p.m. A Kammom Hall resident was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sports injury.
2:31 p.m. A Howard Hall resident reported receiving a harassing telephone call.
1:00 p.m. A Dahn Hall resident was transported to the Clarke War Memorial.
3:36 p.m. A South Bend resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.
1:29 p.m. Security apprehended two juveniles for the theft.
11:59 a.m. A University employee was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a back injury.
7:15 a.m. Security apprehended two juveniles that were in possession of a stolen purse. Their names are: Sean O'Sullivan, 16, and Chad Elswick, 16, both freshmen.
7:15 a.m. A Carroll Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center.
12:45 p.m. A visitor reported the theft of her purse from the Joyce Center Arena.

■ SECURITY BEAT

FRI., MAR. 29

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Easter: The full moon fever of those Europeans

Today's column will be utterly void of controversy, with a simplistic and chatty description of a boring topic, like how I have decided to repent my evil ways and thus airy-fairy religious information. Even Opening Day was cool days. I mean, what the hell happens never get my columns printed on any of this information is correct. Most Christianity doesn't have a monopoly on the knowledge of just how many writers have the Easter at all — just to show that the Resurrection to various myths from antiquity. The fertility cycles of Adonis (Syria), Atys (Phrygia), Osiris (Egypt), and Dionysus (Greece) are all about death and rebirth, and most involve trees and journeys into the underworld. Practically every culture throughout the world has similar cycles of rebirth and rejuvenation. Easter is just the Christian version.

Difference is, the cycles of antiquity were all celebrated either in August or October at the harvests. The northern Europeans evidently celebrated at the beginning of spring. And since the Church wanted to expand control over Easter, why bother holding a festival of rebirth in the fall? Makes sense. I don't mean to lessen the importance of Easter at all — just to show that Christianity doesn't have a monopoly on human culture or history. Easter, the Equinox, what have you, is a time to rejoice at the coming of Spring and the banishment of crappy South Head weather. I can't believe I'm actually looking forward to 45 degrees and horizontal rain.

So, eat, drink and be merry, etc., etc. Hey, we've got a four day weekend coming up. Sounds like a three-day celebration to me.

Matt Apple is a creative writing graduate student at Notre Dame. Party hardly at http://www.nd.edu/~mapple/ or call the idiosyncratic pagen at matthew.t.apple.16.nd.edu.

Matthew Apple

With that kind of lead-in — and with the knowledge of just how many writers this week will bleed their passion for the Savior onto the page — how can I resist writing about Easter? I have fond memories of Easter as a child: being forced to dress up in dumb three-piece suits handed down from my uncle, waking up my parents at 6 a.m. as my siblings and I scoured the living room and dining room for our Easter baskets.

Now there's a thought... what do eggs and bunnies have to do with a Christian holiday? Hmm, I probably ought to do some research before I write any more about this. Hold on. Stay right there. I'll be right back.

Okay, I'm back, that didn't take too long. The wonders of modern technology — I don't even have to go to a library to find authoritative information (books are obsolete, man). From obscure World Wide Web files, I present the following.

Food for thought, eh? I have no idea if any of this information is correct. Most likely it's simply interesting speculation — for instance, I'd like to know where the French and German words for Easter come from, because, since Easter is an English word, they sure didn't come from "Eostre." And they still haven't explained my sudden craving for Easter chocolate.

The thing about the moons is pretty interesting, though. It has a ring of truth to it. After all, the "Christmas tree" was adopted by Christianity from various Germanic/Celtic tree-huggers, as was "Santa Claus," whom the Church painted for no apparent reason.

And, of course, there is the relation of the Equinox to the first Sunday of April, which is...
Mothers deserve their own ‘right to life’ for health risks

Mary Beth Ellis

**Letter to the Editor**

Abortion’s actions require different view

**Dear Editor:**

I finally did it last night. Clinton was right to veto the ban, and pro-lifers especially ought to agree. Mothers always have a right to an abortion if their health is at serious risk, let me explain.

Abortion is generally appeal to some Kantian notion of the dignity of life. Human life is ultimately valuable, and may not be traded for any other end. As long as each person endowed with life, and are also endowed with a right not to be killed, thus killing generally and abortion specifically is wrong. Let’s just think about the old is that.

Because I have a right not to be killed, I have a right of self-defense. This principle is generally established in law as well as morality. I may use reasonable force, not deadly force, not to save my life, but to protect my person. In Texas this right is extended to protect property, but that then was Texas.

What has this got to do with abortion? After all, the pro-lifer may argue, the fetus is innocent, my attacker is guilty. That may be so, but my right of self-defense does not depend on the innocence of my attacker. Suppose someone put LSD (or perhaps some other powerful drug) in your coffee that would have killed you. Do you have only one right to self-defense? It would imply that almost no adult has a right of self-defense, at least against viral infection. Mothers deserve their own ‘right to life’ for health risks.

Mary Beth Ellis, a freshman at Saint Mary’s College, pulled another all-nighter to write this piece but is functioning just fine.

**Graduate Student in Philosophy**

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**Abdul-Rauf’s actions require different view**

**Dear Editor:**

This is a response to David Hart’s editorial on Christiane’s article on March 20. David, your characterization of my article as “racist and ignorant” sounded rather harsh and unconvinced. To doom a person as “racist” for enjoying spending time with people of one’s ethnic background seems a little overdone. But since your main concern was on Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, I too will skip to that discussion.

You faulted Likely for not having “pride and respect” in her country because she supported his position of not standing during the national anthem. You mentioned her appreciation of “countless other freedoms” for which Americans have fought and died. I too cherish those privileged American “freedoms.”

But I noticed your seeming inability of seeing things from Abdul-Rauf’s point of view. Perhaps it has been part of your experiences to face hostility because of your ethnicity, or your religion.

Perhaps you haven’t felt the anger and humiliation imposed on you by others when facing discrimination. And would wish that almost no adult has a right of self-defense.

Not every American’s experience has been a full enjoyment of those freedoms. I believe she was struggling to be known here as “Barbara” because her mother, who appears with a two-liter of Coke to be self-dispersed between us like morphine to women in childbirth. We turn our backs hanging our heads against the wall, telling each other how stupid we are and no one will listen to us. Barbra appears to be on her own, at least not until next weekend.

12:58 AM: “Karma Chameleon,” that eighties anthem, is rushing blind business, ears up on my Walkman. Work ceases for this important event, and Barbra is now on her way, eager to see the merit of the work. Why a chameleon? Who is the chameleon, anyway? Is it the guy singing the song or the girl who is up next? Let’s see, if it is the guy, somebody should clue this guy in to the fact that most women really don’t appreciate being compared to reptiles.

1:48 AM: Barbara emerges from her room to announce the fact that she is dropping out.

“Don’t be absurd,” I tell her. “How will you get into any other college?”

2:10 AM: I hate the Supreme Court. If I live to dawn, I am never a poli sci minor. It is a silly sub­ject of these views that he endorses. In Clinton’s grounds that the legislation did not adequately provide for those abortions required to protect the health of the mother (although perhaps Apple’s remarks were just incautious). I think Clinton was right to veto the ban, and pro-lifers especially ought to agree. Mothers always have a right to an abortion if their health is at serious risk, let me explain.

The fetus that threatens the mother is not the unfortunate victim of a miscarriage. If it were in a delusional rage you attacked me with a Samurai sword. If it were an irresponsible abortion, it would be unjust to kill it, if it were a wrongful abortion, even though you were completely innocent. It is my innocence that counts. It is because I am innocent that I have a right of self-defense.

The fetus that threatens the mother is not the unfortunate victim of a miscarriage. If it were in a delusional rage you attacked me with a Samurai sword. If it were an irresponsible abortion, it would be unjust to kill it, if it were a wrongful abortion, even though you were completely innocent. It is my innocence that counts. It is because I am innocent that I have a right of self-defense.

Some people seem to imply that women are weaker, more vulnerable, or more vulnerable, and thus lose their right to self-defense. But such a view is absurd. It is a little bit like to no adult has a right of self-defense, at least against virus.

On the other hand, people have traditionally failed to respect women as people. Great thinkers such as Aristotle and Aquinas had no problem relegating women to the status of second-class citi­zens. Such traditional views of women are evil and should be consigned to the trash heap. If we were to bring out once occasioned like nazi horror stories, we would wish that almost no adult has a right of self-defense.

Therefore, I believe that is the unfortunate victim of a miscarriage. If it were in a delusional rage you attacked me with a Samurai sword. If it were an irresponsible abortion, it would be unjust to kill it, if it were a wrongful abortion, even though you were completely innocent. It is my innocence that counts. It is because I am innocent that I have a right of self-defense.

CHRISTIANA LIKELY

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Soap operas get "The East Village' hit!

By JOEY CRAWFORD

Everyone has heard of Brandon, Kelly, Steve, Donna, David, and Valerie. But has anyone ever heard of Eve, Daphne, Tom, Lisa or Mick? Probably not. These are the characters of the new melodrama produced by Marisex Multimedia, "The East Village," which director-producer Charles Platkin characterizes as "Melrose Place to Holes in a Slacker." The combination creates some outstanding results, but this mesh is not the only interesting aspect of the program. Let's take an "inner look."

"Melrose Place / 90210 meets Slacker." The field, namely the soap opera genre, has created a media experience. With this in mind, the entertainment field, namely the soap opera genre, has created a melodrama for the future.

"The East Village" is combination of text, on-location video shots (taken throughout New York City), audio samples, and video clips (not available until the sixth episode). It is one of the first Websites that thrives on original entertainment. "The East Village" can be found at http://www.theeastvillage.com on the World Wide Web. It promises to bring the same sexuality, controversy, mystery, suspense, and cheese that soap operas have brought to the TV screen for years to the comfort of the computer monitor...without the commercials. But how was the idea of an interactive soap opera conceived?

Platkin explains "The Internet is definitely here to stay as an entertainment medium, and soap operas are a natural sort of programming for the Web. The Web is an ideal medium for serialization because content can be added and accessed 24 hours a day."

Co-producers Jonathan Braun and Platkin reflected on what aspects of entertainment could translate successfully to the Internet. They wanted to keep the audiences coming back on a regular basis. Using television as a model, they realized that prime time soap operas possessed the entertainment qualities that they desired to keep the audiences yearning for more. The production duo teamed up with staff writer, Anne Marshall, to create a believable soap opera contained within the universe of the Internet. What the tandem created was the story of 24-year-old Eve, who lives in the East Village of Manhattan. The story is told in the form of the melodramatic diary entries of the young writer Eve. Together with the text, photos, audio bytes, and video clips, "The East Village" is a full multimedia experience.

"The East Village," using the local area establishments, apartments, and streets as a backdrop to create a stylish, urban look...deals with romantic plots with some traditional soap opera themes: amnesia, unexpected pregnancy, friendship, love tension, etc," maintains Platkin. "But all of the issues are treated on an East Village scale."

"The East Village" represents "Manhattan's last bastion of Bohemia." Artists, anarchists, business men, and a variety of other characters call this former marshland home. It is among these high-scale apartments and double-decker buses that we find the main character Eve Bamsay, "a previously privileged, tastefully neurotic 24-year-old editor and aspiring celebrity whose daily triumphs and travesties are the centerpiece of the East Village." Bamsay is played by independent film veteran Hope Adams who has appeared in "The Electric Urn" and "Treat Her Like a Lady." Adams is also set to appear in the Disney film "Nahs off U.S.A." The interaction with the other characters (who are played by veterans of the stage, film, television, and modeling) is done through articulate, yet concisely diary entries.

Katherine Keating, director of public relations, assures fans that despite the fact that "The East Village" is centered around Eve, many other characters' perspectives are taken into dramatic account. "The main episode is taken from Eve's point of view, but her focus is on the affairs of her crazy friends. All you have to do is click on a different point of view to get another character's perspective of the events that occurred." In addition, biographical information pertaining to all of the characters is just a click away. "The East Village" and entertainment in general has been greatly enhanced by the Internet. The serializing of content can be added and accessed 24 hours a day. Cool.

To visit "The East Village" site, go to http://www.eastvillage.com

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By JASON HUGGINS

World Wide Web Correspondent

I miss many things about surfing in Malibu, beach, waves, I miss the most (even more) surprise, but South Bend's alternative music (tan oyster) Most of us have to suffer we go back home for breaks that sacrifice of their favorite mail friends at other school. But lament no longer! Use Dame and Saint Mary's site any radio station at (http://www.audionet.com) sible. Almost overnight, Audio network, offering live broad WRB Pittsburgh. Using Progressive Networks (http AudioNet is able to digitally bring network: stations online. All a station in Internet connection, so WVU With RealAudio technology link in AudioNet's web page without download delays. PI mono signal and the...
An Open Letter in Response to the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

A. Introduction

I write in response to the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. The final report is the culmination of a process that began on March 6, 1995. At that time, I wrote an Open Letter to the University community explaining the rationale behind the decision of the Office of Student Affairs to deny official University recognition to Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC).

In the Open Letter of March 6, 1995, I also established the Ad Hoc Committee. I asked the committee to advise me on how, apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, Student Affairs could do a better job of meeting the needs of our gay and lesbian students. In particular, I asked the committee to consider the following questions:

1. How can the University through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?

2. What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rector, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals, to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?

3. What additional resources should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

In the year that followed, the committee submitted two interim reports— the first on May 1, 1995, and the second on December 1, 1995. The committee published its final report on February 29, 1996. The final report reiterates our recommendations from the first interim report that address the portion of the committee's mandate relating to the training of rectors, hall staff and Student Affairs professionals. The final report also offers new recommendations that relate to the remaining parts of the committee’s mandate.

I am very grateful to the committee for all of its efforts. It is clear to me that the committee worked hard to stay within its mandate, while at the same time giving authentic voice to the feelings of fear, frustration and isolation that they heard from many of the gay and lesbian members of this community to whom they listened.

In submitting its final report, the committee notes: "The recommendations we offer represent our best efforts to address the needs of gay and lesbian students within a community that is committed to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church."

In this single sentence the committee captures the two goals of the Office of Student Affairs with respect to our gay and lesbian students: Our desire to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students and our desire to do so in a manner that allows us to remain faithful to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Each of these goals is critically important to us. For this reason, before responding to the specific recommendations of the committee, I would like to return to some of the discussion in my original Open Letter regarding these dual goals.

Second, as a Catholic university, we strive to create a community for our students premised on behaviors and expectations that are consistent with Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. One such value is the very inclusiveness discussed above. Another is the guidance provided by the Gospels and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church on issues related to our sexuality. Thus, as you know, Notre Dame has an explicit student behavioral policy that expresses our belief that a genuine and complete expression of love through sexual union requires a commitment to a total living and sharing together of a man and woman in marriage. We call all our students—whatever their sexual orientation—to chastity. Chastity requires those who are single to refrain from sexual union.

We recognize that this call is a difficult one. It is a call which sometimes receives little societal reinforcement from the media or elsewhere. But it is the clear call of the Gospels with respect to our sexual mores, and it is the ideal for which we strive.

What we ask of our students as individuals, we also expect philosophically and conceptually of student organizations that seek official University recognition. To receive University recognition, a student organization’s purpose must be consistent with the mission of the University and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The Office of Student Affairs desired recognition to GLND/SMC because we found the group’s discussion in its application materials regarding the range of ways in which gay and lesbian students might live out their orientation to be inconsistent with official Church teaching, as were expressions of dissent from Church teaching made by some of GLND/SMC’s leadership in conversations and correspondence with our office over the years. This is not a characterization with which GLND/SMC necessarily agrees.

The two goals discussed above—building an inclusive community in which our gay and lesbian students feel prized, and remaining faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church— are not goals that we regard as mutually exclusive. On the contrary, we believe that both goals can be attained. Their integration, however, does present special challenges.

It is for this reason that in drafting the mandate for the committee’s work, I asked the committee to advise me on channels, apart from recognition of GLND or another student organization, through which Student Affairs could better meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students. It is the judgment of Student Affairs that in our particular institutional milieu a student organization is not the appropriate mechanism for best integrating our dual goals.

There are those who are critical of the parameters within which I asked the committee to work. They regard the parameters as evidence that Student Affairs wishes to retain some control with respect to this issue. I do not dispute this. Retaining some measure of institutional control is the way that Student Affairs seeks to balance our desire to support our gay and lesbian students with our responsibility to remain faithful to Church teaching—a Church that prescribes each of us for our uniqueness, recognizes every one of us as a member of the body of Christ, regards the sexual dimension of our humanity as a gift from God and calls all of us to chastity in the exercise of this gift.

The final report of the committee notes that we have taken some small but important steps during the past year in recognizing the sense of alienation experienced by our gay and lesbian students and in increasing our outreach. The committee acknowledges, as do I, that a great deal of work remains to be done in this regard. The committee expresses its hope that the recommendations offered and the collaborative spirit which animated its work will move the University closer to becoming the kind of welcoming and inclusive community that we strive to be. This is a goal that I fully share.

Within this framework, let me respond to the specific recommendations of the committee.
B. Response to the Committee's Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1:
That the Office of Student Affairs incorporate into its orientation program for all resident assistants and assistant rectors a workshop on how to assist gay and lesbian students.

I accept this recommendation. For the last several years the Office of Student Affairs has included a workshop in hall staff training entitled "Sexuality and the Christian Tradition." As noted in the committee's final report, this year the hall staff orientation program also included a workshop on gay and lesbian student needs. Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, organized this workshop. The workshop included presentations by the Director of the Counseling Center, the Director of Campus Ministry, a member of the Department of Theology, an undergraduate gay student and an undergraduate lesbian student. These presentations were followed by a period for questions and answers. Student Affairs also intends to include discussion of these issues in pre-service or in-service training for hall staff in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 2:
That the Office of Student Affairs offer continuing professional education to all residence hall rectors on the psychosexual development of college-age students, both heterosexual and homosexual.

I accept this recommendation. As noted in the committee's final report, the Office of Student Affairs began efforts in this regard during this academic year. Student Affairs devoted two rectors' meetings to discussions on the psychosexual development of college-age students. The second meeting was an all-day workshop led by a noted psychologist. Student Affairs intends to continue these efforts in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 3:
That the Office of Student Affairs make resources available to assist rectors in sensitizing their staffs and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

I accept this recommendation. During the past few years the Office of Student Affairs has made a concerted effort to increase the resources available to rectors to sponsor programs in the halls on a wide range of issues. Student Affairs distributes a manual to rectors that describes successful programs sponsored in each hall during the preceding academic year. This manual also lists programs and resources available through a variety of University departments within and outside Student Affairs. Funds are set aside in the budget of the Vice President for Student Affairs to subsidize hall programs on topics relating to diversity, intellectual life, spiritual growth or developmental issues. This same budgetary line, which to date has not been fully utilized, will also be available to support programs sensitizing hall staff and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

RECOMMENDATION 4:
That in their words of welcome at the beginning of the year, residence hall rectors be encouraged to specifically articulate their willingness to be a resource for those who are struggling with issues of sexual identity or who are self-identified homosexuals. Rectors should also communicate to the hall community the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

I accept this recommendation. This recommendation first appeared in the committee's May 1, 1995, interim report. The Office of Student Affairs distributed the text of this recommendation to the rectors at our opening meeting in August 1995. Student Affairs specifically requested that each rector include these messages in their words of welcome. Student Affairs will continue to do this in the years ahead.

RECOMMENDATION 5:
That a University group of gay and lesbian students facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration be constituted. This group, which would stand in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, should assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group's advisor(s) should be selected by the student members and approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. However, for the first year, the Vice President should solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint an advisor or advisors to convene the group. Through its advisor(s), this University group should receive University funding, publicize its meetings and have use of University facilities for its meetings.

I accept this recommendation subject to the discussion that follows. Let me begin by saying that in formulating this recommendation, I believe the committee chose language designed to stay within the mandate which I gave the committee—i.e., to advise me on how, apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, the University could sponsor through Student Affairs a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support. I do not believe that the recommendation calls for creation or recognition of a gay and lesbian student organization, nor would I accept such a recommendation.

I consider the following language in the recommendation to be of particular significance in distinguishing this University group from a student organization:

(a) The group is facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration;
(b) The group stands in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs;
(c) The group shall assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church;
(d) The group's right to receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings comes through its advisor(s);
(e) The Vice President for Student Affairs plays a role in the selection of the advisor(s).

Let me comment on each of the above portions of the recommendation in turn and add my own content to some of the language in an effort to clarify my intentions with respect to implementation of this recommendation.

A key part of this recommendation is the notion that the University group of gay and lesbian students shall be an entity not subject to student club or organization status. In other words, this group is not to be organized as an independent group, but is to be a group sponsored by the University, as distinct from a student club or organization.

I regard the concept of facilitation as calling for a higher level of involvement and an even more direct University link than that normally associated with the role of a faculty/staff advisor to a student club or organization. On the one hand, to facilitate does not mean to control, nor does it mean to lead. On the other hand, I would expect the faculty/administrator advisor(s) to be present at all meetings of the University group; to be willing to assist the conversations of the group, in whatever ways are appropriate, as the dynamic of the group evolves; to exercise sensitivity to the portion of the recommendation that calls for the meetings of the group to take place within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church; to function as a liaison between the group and the Office of Student Affairs; and to play an administrative role with respect to the portion of the recommendation that calls for the right to receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings through the advisor(s).

The recommendation states that this group shall stand in a special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs. I intend to implement this part of the recommendation by establishing an ongoing relationship between the faculty/administrator advisor(s) facilitating the group and a member of my Senior Staff. I have asked Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who served as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, to serve in this capacity. I will ask the advisor(s) to the group to meet with Ms. Firth on a regular basis to report on how the group is progressing, to review upcoming publicity of meetings and to process requests for University funds from the budget of the Vice President for Student Affairs for expenses associated with meetings, such as advertising expenses or expenses for food or meals that might be provided in connection with meetings of the group.
The recommendation notes that the University group shall assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The University group exists to assist gay and lesbian students in coming together in a facilitated setting in which they can learn from each other and provide support to each other. As such, I regard the University group as fundamentally an institutionally-sponsored group that is designed to support our gay and lesbian students, not as a student club or organization. Thus, although I expect that leaders will emerge informally as happens in any group dynamic, the group will not have officers, directors or other titled positions, nor will it sponsor events, activities or programs apart from its meetings.

Like any group, I expect that this group will evolve and establish its own dynamic. The nature of the relationship between the group's advisor(s) and I will allow for ongoing review and evaluation of the group as this process unfolds. Moreover, Recommendation 6 contemplates creation of a Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. I expect to appoint some members of the group to the Standing Committee. This will allow the group direct input into recommendations for campus-wide educational programming sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, as well as in the group's part of the continuing dialogue on the needs of gay and lesbian students and issues related to campus climate.

The recommendation states that the group may receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings through its advisor(s). As I discussed above, I expect the advisor(s) to play an administrative role in this regard. Recognized student organizations enjoy these same privileges, but the fact that exercise of these privileges comes only through the advisor(s), who as part of the special relationship with the Office of Student Affairs will be in regular conversation with Ann Firth, distinguishes this group as directly University-sponsored.

Finally, the recommendation suggests a mode of selection for the advisor(s) in which the Vice President for Student Affairs plays a role. The recommendation states that for the first year of operation, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint advisor(s) to constitute the group. Therefore, the recommendation contemplates that the members of the group shall select the advisor(s) subject to approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

It is clear from my discussion that I regard the advisor(s) as playing a key role. Given the concept of facilitation outlined above, the advisor must be someone with whom the student members of the group feel comfortable. At the same time, because the group is directly University-sponsored, the advisor must be someone with whom Student Affairs can work. In the weeks that remain during this academic year, I want to invite gay and lesbian students to make an appointment with or write to me or Ann Firth to suggest faculty or administrators who might fill the role of advisor(s).

I have a genuine desire to see the University group for which this recommendation calls succeed. I do not believe that we will find person(s) with the collaborative skills that both the members of the group and this office need. I also want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group unfolds. I believe that continuity of the advisor(s) might prove important in this regard. I am not prepared to commit at this time to the portion of the recommendation that calls for student selection of the advisor(s) after the first year. It is my hope that this will become a moot point in the course of actual operation of the group, i.e., that after soliciting names from gay and lesbian students this spring, the advisor(s) whom I select for next year will prove to be person(s) whom the student members of the group and this office will want to continue in the position for several years.

The University group constituted under this recommendation shall be known as Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students.

Following publication of the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, the co-chairs of GLND/SMC wrote to me on March 18, 1996. In this letter GLND/SMC discusses some of its reflections on the final report. The letter states the following: "We are especially heartened to see that the Committee, despite the restrictions of its mandate, recommends the formal constitution of a student group of lesbians and gay men." Noting that the Ad Hoc Committee mentioned that GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the gay and lesbian students to whom the committee listened, the co-chairs call on me to formally constitute GLND/SMC as the University group serving the needs of lesbian and gay students in our community. Attaching a copy of its constitution, GLND/SMC applies to be formally constituted as the University group of gay and lesbian students.

I think it was entirely appropriate for the committee in its final report to give voice to the reflections shared with the committee by the gay and lesbian students to whom they listened regarding the role which GLND/SMC has played in their lives. Moreover, notwithstanding the differences that Student Affairs has with this group, I recognize that in the dispute surrounding the refusal of this office to grant recognition to GLND/SMC, GLND/SMC has functioned as an agent for change. As I acknowledged in my original Open Letter, I believe that Student Affairs acted too slowly and presumed too much about the adequacy of our outreach to gay and lesbian students in prior years when we relied on services offered to students on an individual basis through the Counseling Center, Campus Ministry and hall staff.

At the same time, as I have discussed above, I do not believe that in formulating this recommendation the committee acted "despite the restrictions of its mandate"; rather, I believe that committee worked hard to stay within the framework of its mandate. I do not think that the committee's recommendation calls for recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, nor would I have accepted such a recommendation. I think that the recommendation calls for a new University-sponsored group facilitated by faculty/administrator advisor(s) and standing in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, not for a student club or organization. As outlined above, this is the basis on which Student Affairs is prepared to move forward. Thus, while acknowledging GLND/SMC's contribution to this debate, I do not accept GLND/SMC's call to be formally constituted as the University group contemplated in this Recommendation 5.

On March 26, 1996, I received a letter from the Campus Life Council (CLC) offering the CLC's reflections on the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee. With respect to this Recommendation 5, the CLC encourages me to solicit input from GLND/SMC with respect to the planning of the University group in order to assure the creation of the best option for our gay and lesbian students and to encourage GLND/SMC's ownership of and collective participation in the University group.

In response to the CLC letter, let me repeat my earliest invitation. Any gay or lesbian student is welcome to make an appointment with or write to me or Ann Firth with suggestions for faculty or administrators who might serve as advisor(s) to the University group. Moreover, any gay or lesbian student will be free to join the University group and, together with the other student members, help to shape the group within the parameters that I have discussed above. With respect to the CLC's reference, however, to GLND/SMC's collective participation as an organization in the university group, I reiterated what I stated in denying GLND/SMC's direct request in this regard. Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students will be a new University-sponsored group of gay and lesbian students that is different in significant ways from a student club or organization.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

That a standing committee on the needs of gay and lesbian students be created to advise the Vice President for Student Affairs. It should be the task of this committee to act as a resource to the Vice President in identifying the ongoing needs of gay and lesbian students, to continue the dialogue begun by the Ad Hoc committee, and to assist in the implementation of campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues. The committee's membership should consist ofappropriate members of the faculty, administration and student body. At least half of the committee's members should be gay or lesbian persons.

I accept this recommendation. I have asked Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, to serve as chair of the Standing Committee. I also want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group and this office need. I also want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group and this office need. I also want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group and this office need. I also want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group and this office need.
RECOMMENDATION 7:
That the University Counseling Center continue to play a vital role in providing ongoing psychological support for those struggling with issues of sexual identity.

I accept this recommendation. The Ad Hoc Committee included Dr. Patrick Utz, Director of the University Counseling Center, and Dr. Susan Steibe-Pasalic, Assistant Director of the University Counseling Center. I know that the Counseling Center stands ready to continue its role and to enhance its efforts in this area.

RECOMMENDATION 8:
That Campus Ministry provide forums for gay and lesbian students in which issues regarding faith and sexuality can be discussed in a non-judgmental atmosphere, while at the same time challenging students to live up to Christian ideals. Campus Ministry should also provide retreat experiences geared specifically to gay and lesbian students. In addition, Campus Ministry, in consultation with the University Counseling Center, should develop and offer retreats open to all students who wish to explore issues relating to sexuality and faith. I accept this recommendation. Father Richard Warner, C.S.C., Director of Campus Ministry, and Father Robert Dowd, C.S.C., Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, have indicated that Campus Ministry looks forward to the opportunity to implement the suggestions in this recommendation, as well as to continue the outreach provided by the pastoral support group for gay and lesbian students which Campus Ministry currently sponsors.

RECOMMENDATION 9:
That the Office of Student Affairs coordinate forums on sexuality, personal development and faith for the campus. There is a need to engage students, whether heterosexual or homosexual, in meaningful conversation about their sexuality and the integration of sexuality and faith. While Campus Ministry has offered students some opportunities for such dialogue, most notably through its “Keeping the Faith” lecture series, a more comprehensive program which will reach a greater number of students should be developed. Given the large percentage of undergraduates who reside on campus, the possibility of hosting such forums within each residence hall should be considered. I accept this recommendation. I wholeheartedly agree with the committee’s observation that the Office of Student Affairs needs to engage our students—whether heterosexual or homosexual—in meaningful conversation about their sexuality and about the integration of sexuality and faith. Although initiatives have been undertaken, I agree that a more comprehensive program targeted at a greater number of students is necessary and that the halls provide natural forums for such programs.

RECOMMENDATION 10:
That du Lac, the Faculty Handbook and the Staff Employee Guidebook include specific statements which articulate the University’s intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and which express the University’s desire to welcome and support the gay and lesbian members of this community. In addition, the University should take steps to heighten awareness of the procedures in place to address harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. The University’s current discriminatory harassment policy provides for the appointment of a University ombudsperson who can serve as a resource to those who are the targets of discriminatory harassment. All materials publicizing the University ombudsperson should include a specific statement that the ombudsperson can be of assistance in addressing incidents of harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. I accept this recommendation as it relates to du Lac, and I will encourage the appropriate officers to accept this recommendation as it relates to the Faculty Handbook and Staff Employee Guidebook. Each of these publications now includes the University’s current discriminatory harassment policy, which does articulate specifically the University’s intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. The recommendation calls for including words of welcome in these publications, for heightening awareness of existing harassment procedures, and for publicizing the availability of the University ombudsperson as a resource for incidents of harassment based on sexual orientation. I accept these suggestions as they relate to Student Affairs, and I will encourage the appropriate officers to accept these suggestions as they relate to faculty and staff.

RECOMMENDATION 11:
That in orienting new students, faculty, staff and administrators to Notre Dame, the offices responsible for such orientation should make affirmative statements which articulate the University’s intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and which express the University’s desire to welcome and support the gay and lesbian members of this community. I accept this recommendation as it relates to Student Affairs, and I will encourage the appropriate officers to accept this recommendation as it relates to faculty, staff and administrators. In my remarks at Freshman Orientation, I cover a number of issues, including a summary of some of our more significant behavioral expectations. Consistent with the discussion of our dual goals in the introduction to this letter, I always include a clear statement regarding the University’s expectation that students will reserve sexual union for marriage, as well as a discussion of the University’s intolerance for harassment in any form. For the past several years, my discussion of harassment has included a direct reference to harassment based on sexual orientation. Moreover, this year I preferred my remarks on harassment based on sexual orientation with words of welcome and support to our gay and lesbian students. I will continue to do this in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 12:
That the Vice President for Student Affairs should raise to the University officers the issue of modifying the nondiscrimination clause which appears in University publications to include sexual orientation. I accept this recommendation. This recommendation asks me to raise to the officers of the University the issue of modifying the nondiscrimination clause which appears in University publications to include sexual orientation. I will raise this issue for consideration by the officers. Raising this issue for discussion is obviously not a decision on the merits of this issue. I am sure that the officers will give this issue and all of its attendant complexities full analysis and discussion.

C. Conclusion
I realize that my response to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee will not satisfy all members of the University community—in particular, those who regard recognition of GLAND/DMC or creation and recognition of a student organization as the only acceptable solution. I believe, however, that, taken as a whole, the recommendations that I have accepted offer a significant base on which to build.

Like the committee, I think that the dialogue surrounding these issues has moved the University beyond where we were as a community a year ago. Like the committee, I acknowledge that we still have much work to do. The recommendations for hall staff training, continuing education of rectors, campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues, forums on integrating sexuality and faith, the University-sponsored group, the efforts of Counseling Center and Campus Ministry, better communication of our intolerance for harassment based on sexual orientation, as well as the role of the Standing Committee in continuing our dialogue on these issues, represent the beginnings of a more comprehensive approach toward addressing the needs of our gay and lesbian students.

The members of the committee spoke of the respect and trust for each other that grew in the course of their work together. May this same spirit characterize our work as a University community as we move forward in implementing these recommendations. I send this letter as I closed my original letter a year ago—a little further in our journey but with many miles still to travel. I ask you to join me in our continuing efforts to build a community in which each of us can realize our God-given potential—a community that is faithful to Gospel values which call us to charity in a society that frequently settles for less, and a community that is faithful to the inclusive call of the Gospels both to see Christ in each other and to be Christ to each other.

Professor Patricia A. O’Hara
Vice President for Student Affairs
April 2, 1996
few key strokes to offer a variety of audios as well. "The East Village" offers yet another unique aspect. Loyal fans will be able to "clip" to receive exclusive information pertaining to their favorite characters, including those vicious rumors that are characteristic of television dramas.

During the first viewing, "The East Village" seems as shallow as "soaps." But upon a deeper look, the soap opera examines some very controversial subjects. It is not just random information on a computer screen, but rather an examination of what our culture has become. Keating explains, "The East Village" is pure entertainment. It is not slow, and it is certainly not for day-time soap audiences; rather, it is geared towards a younger crowd.

The amount of work put into this World Wide Web effort must also be appreciated. The concept is truly unique and stands to gain a cult following as large as "Malrose Place" and "90210." "The East Village" will take some time to develop into a truly prosperous form of entertainment, but bear with it, because most serials do take a while to develop.

remember the first few episodes of "Beverly Hills 90210," "The Brenda Years"? The plots were so simple, and the acting was so bad, yet the show has evolved into one of the most-followed television series of the decade. "The East Village" fans do not need to tune in at a certain time each week. Studies show that serials are revolutionary sound technology from (www.realaudio.com) called "RealAudio," transmit radio broadcasts from subscrib­

onders can listen to any type of music from around the world. And AudioNet is one of many companies making this possible.

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ers to go global in Pentium PC and an I - 80 voice. You only have to click on RealAudio to hear the audio in real-time. The sound quality is equivalent to a good tape recorder to run it available for all computer platforms (PC, Mac, Unix).

The cool part is that the stations offered by AudioNet are first-rate—everything from alternative music to classic rock, the rap or hip-hop, though.) AudioNet also offers five broadcasts of most major sporting events, and even has a jukebox with over a hundred CDs in their archives.

By now, you might be thinking, "Yes! Yes! This is a dream come true! But what do I need to make it work?" To connect from your dorm room or off-campus, you'll either need a minimum of a 446 PC or 68040 Macintosh, tons of RAM (memory), the RealAudio software from the above web address, software from the IRC (Information Resource Center) and a 28.8 kbps modem. When the campus "ResNet" is finally turned on, you'll need the appropriate hardware and software to connect to that funny looking white box in the corner of your room. Call the OIT for superfluous advice next fall.

To check out AudioNet you can also use any PC, Mac, or Sun SparcStation in the clusters. You'll need some insatiable fortitude to set things up the first time, but once you do, you'll be very happy.

AudioNet is on the cutting edge of Internet technology with its new approach to radio broadcasting. This is the future of radio, and it is available now. The Internet won't save the world, but it should definitely make it a better sounding place.

As for me, AudioNet finally makes living in South Bend bearable. Well, almost. We still don't have cable TV...

The Pill For Men?

Dr. Dennis Brown of Massachusetts General Hospital and colleagues claim that it may be possible, at least in principle, to disrupt the acid environment during sperm development... " opening the door to new contraceptive research protocols that would prevent normal sperm maturation."

Due to high cost and time commitment for research, many drug companies are backing off from developing new contraceptives. Therefore, the idea of a chemical contraceptive for males may be more of a vision than a reality.

Alcohol Promotes Spread Of Cancer

The next time you drink-de-luscious you may face a larger risk than ending up at the Linebacker. Binge drinking has been recently linked to the spread of cancerous tumors. Dr. Shampar Ben-Elyahu at Tel Aviv University, with colleagues at UCLA, report in the April issue of Nature Medicine that "...acute alcohol intoxication supresses natural killer cell activity and promotes tumor metastasis." Alcohol suppresses your natural immune response to the spread of cancer.

Since about half of all cancers are spread, and because this process may occur before the detection of the primary tumor, the risk of excessive alcohol consumption should be taken seriously.

Man's Blood May Harbor Cure For AIDS

New Yorker Steve Crohn has the first known substance in the world that will defeat the HIV virus. Scientists already know of many individuals who remain healthy for a very long time between infection with HIV and developing full-blown AIDS. However, the difference in the case of Crohn is that he appears to be completely resistant to HIV infection.

Scientists have already identified one set of biochemical compounds, known as chemokines, which appear to be acting in his body's defense against invading bacteria and viruses.

Despite the potential that lies in Crohn's blood, scientists stress that any vaccine or treatment is still a long way off.

F DA Approves Nicotine Spray

Smokers trying to quit are getting a new weapon: a nasal spray that gives them a squirt of nicotine to help resist cigarette cravings. The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that Nictrol NS is approved for sale, even though inhaling the pure nicotine poses a small risk that smokers will become dependent on the mist as they are on cigarettes.

The nicotine nasal spray, developed by Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc., enters the bloodstream faster than gum or the nicotine patch, offering the potential of almost immediate relief from the urge to stop.

McNeil Consumer Products, which will sell Nictrol NS, said the spray will be in pharmacies later this year.

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Mixed results at Purdue invite mixed reactions

BY BRIAN REINTHALER

The outdoor track and field season is officially under way. The Irish got out of the blocks last Sunday in West Lafayette with the Purdue invitationals.

Two Notre Dame athletes in particular proved to be quick starters, turning in quality performances in more than one event early on.

On the women's side, junior Alison Howard was outstanding in more than one event. She finished fourth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes, with times of 12.58 and 25.91, respectively.

However, senior Matt Piana was very pleased with Howard's showing. "Matt Piana just had a wonderful day," Piana said. The third-place showing of the season-opening meet was sophomore Errol Williams. The highlight of his day was running 1.5 miles in under 4 minutes. Williams crossed the timing light first at a time of 14.24, just three hundredths of a second behind in front of Indiana State's Will Lash (14.27). Williams proceeded to grab second place in the 800 meters, with a 2:22.38 performance.

Other strong times for the men were contributed by senior Derek Seiling who finished third in the 1500 meter run and junior Pat Gorman who captured third in the 800 meters.

Long-distance races proved to be the strong suit for the women as senior Kristen Dudas, freshman Kelly Peterson, and sophomore Monica Reichbach all turned in top finishes.

Dudas took fourth in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:41.91, while Peterson finished eighth in 4:44.63, and Reichbach managed ninth in the 5000 (18:31.7). The field was also key, especially for the men, who gathered a total of five places. Senior Lamar Justice was the standout of the group, responsible for two of the two impressive finishes. Justice captured second in triple jump with a distance of 14.69 meters (48.0-25) and third place in the long jump with a bound of 6.90 meters (22.75).

Also, junior Thomas Davidoii added a fifth place in the triple jump with a 13.55, sophomore Chris Smith piled in a No. three finish with a toss of 56.25 meters (184.49). However, these results did not please Brown. A jump of 16-06.0 won the pole vault.

"Neither of us were happy with our jumps," the freshman said. Yet, according to Brown, their junior team is more focused on worry at this point in time.

Brown further explained, "Some individuals performed well at Purdue. Others of us did not. It was our first meet and though we are all looking to improve." The Irish will begin to look for that improvement as they face their home opener this weekend at Moose Krause Field. The meet begins tomorrow with Western Michigan Saturday.

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"Our goal is certainly to win the meet," Piana said. "We're going to bring a lot of spirters and are strong in the field events. Let's just say it's interesting."
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Softball weekend. Starter Joy Battersby pitched six shutout innings in the second game on Saturday to help propel Notre Dame to a 5-0 victory. Knudson and second baseman Meghan Murray each drove in a pair of runs to secure the victory.

"Jenna Knudson has really been a pleasant surprise for us at the plate," said Miller. "She has improved her hitting so much since the beginning of the year. It's good to see her contribute the way she has for us.

"Kobata was back on the hill in the third game of the series on Sunday, and the results were pretty much the same. Rutgers managed just six hits in six innings, while the offense, led by Knudson (one RBI), Giampaulo (two hits), and first baseman Kelly Rowe tow (RBI), filled the Irish to a 4-0 win.

Starter Angela Bessolo drew the starting assignment in the finale, and the freshman continued to show signs of future stardom. In the 8-2 win, Bessolo limited the Scarlet Knights to just one run in five innings while striking out five in the process.

"I didn't pitch as well as I'd like, but the weather was kind of a factor," said Bessolo. "I'm getting more confident each time out with the defense playing the way they have. Hopefully, I can keep improving through the end of the year."

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Tennis weekend's matches at Washington University were mixed for the Saint Mary's tennis team. The team beat Augsburg College 7-0, but lost to Washington University 1-7.

The matches started with bad weather in Saint Louis, and Belles Head Coach Katie Cromer said Augsburg agreed to play in decision of playing the full match. The weather did not stop the action as the coaches did not pull the players off of the courts after they finished the fifth match.

"We did as I expected against Augsburg, but I don't think we played our best against them," said #1 singles player, junior Kate Kobata. SMC lost all of their matches against Washington University except for freshman Merrey Graham's win at #6 singles, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

"I am happy with the play. I just wish we could have gotten over the hump and won more of the matches," Coach Cromer said.

The matches were close with Kobata losing 6-4, 6-4, and #2 singles player Sarah Satra losing her match in three sets, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

"Katie played a good match," Cromer said.

"The girl she played from Washington took the #1 Division III singles player in the country from Rhodes College to three sets.

"In doubles against Washington University, we were down 6-0, and came back to 7-4, but we could not catch up with that little margin for error," Kobata said.

Ann Underwood's absence from the lineup hurt the Belles this weekend. Normally the #5 singles player, Underwood missed the match for personal reasons this weekend. Thus, for the second time this season, freshman Emily Genserumped stepped into the #5 spot, and the rest of the team also adjusted accordingly.

Going into the match, there was some concern over how the weather would effect the Belles. The traveling did not make a difference to the team, according to Kobata.

"The day kind of blended together into one long day, but I don't think it had any effect on the play," Kobata said.

Kobata also felt that her match against Augsburg was not a particularly good one.

"I started out slowly and did not do well in the first set, but really picked it up in the second set," Kobata said.

Cromer felt that the match was a good experience for the players before the Belles' program is highly ranked in the country.

The Belles' host the University of Chicago at 3 p.m. "I don't think that we will walk over them, but we should be able to win," Cromer said.

"They were also playing at Washington this weekend and looked like a decent team, but I think that we can beat them if we play like we should."
Junior southpaw Gregg Henesy will get the nod against the Falcons of Bowling Green as the Irish go for their seventh straight victory.

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Baseball

Christian Parker leads Irish to sixth straight win
By DYLAN BARMER Assistant Sports Editor

Ah, memories. The Notre Dame baseball team had the chance to relive their MCC days yesterday, blanking Butler University 3-0 in a last-minute matchup at the Eck.

A less than impressive throng of 47 was on hand for the contest, which was arranged this morning to help fill in the gap which was created in the Irish schedule after their series with Big East rival Villanova was canceled last weekend.

The win was the sixth straight and fourteenth of the last sixteen for the 16-7 Irish, and was marked by quality pitching and timely hitting.

Christian Parker improved to 5-0 on the season, crafting a seven inning, six hit shutdown in what was, at least statistically, his best performance on the hill this season.

"I've been pitching better the last few weeks," said Parker, who came into the game with an unblemished 4-0 mark but a 5.28 ERA. "I just figured I was going to go out there and go right at them this week. I've been pretty fortunate so far this season, but I know today that I was going to have to go out there and put zeros on the board."

Parker did just that, hitting his spots to the tune of three strikeouts and only two walks, while pitching out of serious jams in the sixth and seventh inning.

Parker's control seemed to be much improved, as the pitcher who came into the game averaging a walk every 1.41 innings allowed just two free passes in seven solid innings.

The thought of Christian Parker threw great, commented head coach Paul Mainieri. That was one fine performance of control that I've seen him exhibit. He got the clutch outs when he needed them."

And George Restovich got the clutch hit when the Irish needed it.

The senior first baseman boosted his team high .881 total to 26 when he lifted a two out, two run double into the gap in left center in the bottom of the ninth inning, scoring Paul Turco and Scott Sollmann.

Christian Parker

The two runs would prove to be all the Irish would need, as both teams exhibited solid pitching on the mound.

"Both their pitchers did a nice job," said Mainieri of Butler's Steve Magill and Jeremy Galier, who between them surrendered just seven hits on the afternoon. "They played well in the field also. We had to earn every thing we got today."

The Irish pitching, which seems to be improving by leaps and bounds, was also extremely solid, as Parker

Irish snap losing streak
By JOEY CAVATO Sports Writer

Some teams look to rebound from a three game losing streak by returning home. However, the Notre Dame men's tennis team last home match was in February and their next home match will be on the tenth of this month.

"So far, the start has been the best of the Irish," explained head coach Ryan Simmie. "We've had a few games taken out of us and have gotten ready to get back in the flow of things." Simmie explained.

John O'Brien picked up an other win Sunday as he continued to propel the Irish at No. 6 singles. O'Brien earned a point for the Irish as he overcame Mike McC of SMC 6-3, 6-2.

"After struggling early Ryan has been on the upswing as of late," Byllos observed.

Simmie thinks that his better play has been due to his lack of pain in his foot.

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Senior captain Mike Sprouse upset Hoosier sophomore Derek Pope, 6-2, 6-4, and helped the Irish break their losing streak.

Notre Dame dominates Big East debut
By MIKE DAY Assistant Sports Editor

Even in a new situation against an unfamiliar foe, it seemed just like old times.

The way the Notre Dame softball team opened up the Big East season, one would have thought they were back in the MCG wiping the floor with powerless league rivals. This time around, the competition may have been different, but the outcome was still the same.

Indeed, the Irish experienced little trouble in their first ever Big East weekend, sweeping all four games against Rutgers to improve their mark to 22-10 overall and a perfect 4-0 in conference play.

"I couldn't think of a better way to open up our first season in the Big East," said Irish head coach Liz Miller. "I think we kind of set the tone in the first inning of the first game, and that just kind of inspired us through the rest of the weekend."

Notre Dame wasted little time showing Rutgers that they were ready to be accepted as the newest member of the conference. The Irish jumped all over the Scarlet Knights pitching for 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Katie Murnen led off the inning with a single, and the Irish never looked back. Murnen finished the game with four hits in five at bats to go along with three runs batted in. Right fielder Jenna Knudsen collected four hits, and center fielder Jennifer Gianpaolo added two hits and two RBI's in the winning effort.

"The way we swung the bats in the first inning was absolutely incredible," said Miller. "We set out to provide some support for (starter) Terri Kobata, but I didn't anticipate what happened. I have never seen anything like that as long as I've been in coaching."

As impressive as the Irish offensive juggernaut performed, Kobata matched the effort on the mound.

The senior All-American lost a perfect game in the last inning but still finished her best outing of the year with 12 strikeouts in five innings.

The Irish carried the momentum...