Alvare: Abortion is powerlessness, not freedom

By SARAH J. HILTZ
News Writer

One of the most popular arguments used to refute the pro-choice argument is that the freedom of women is compromised if they are denied the right to choose. Helen Alvare, the spokesperson on abortion for the National Council of Catholic Bishops, does not believe that this is the case.

Addressing a standing-room only audience in the Law School courtroom, Alvare took a new angle on an old topic by addressing the concept of freedom. "The number one value in law is the freedom to choose," she said. "If they are denied the right to choose, women do not have the freedom that we claim to give them in the Declaration of Independence."

Many advocates of abortion assert that denying women the right to control their own lives is a violation of their freedom. But Alvare believes that this is not the case. "Every single woman who has the right to choose abortion is being independent and free," she said. "She is choosing to have an abortion, not to have a child."

Alvare also pointed out that the freedom to choose abortion is not a means of control over oneself, but is rather a means of powerlessness. "The freedom to choose abortion is the freedom to have no say in one's life," she said. "It is the freedom to be powerless."}

The installation of new water lines under the Stepan courts should be done in time for Bookstore Basketball. 

By SEAN SMITH
News Writer

The fears of those who have recently passed by the basketball courts outside of Stepan Center and apprehensively wondered about the fate of this year's Bookstore Basketball Tournament can be put to rest. Construction on the courts is expected to be completed by April 15, with the repair of the courts finished shortly thereafter.

Center Line Mechanical Contracting is putting in two 30-inch water lines that will carry chilled water and be used to supply air conditioning to buildings on campus. Michael Smith, director of Facilities Engineering, expects the two water lines to be installed by April 15, but said the process of improving and enhancing the quality of graduate student life in all its various dimensions.

Janning, vice president-elect, said that her job would be to facilitate these goals by seeking out "members of the graduate student community" and to get involved in the process. "I will be going out there so the members can associate a name with a face." In the first year with Ana Laura Roderigiiez-Gusta as the class of 1998’s student president, the Academic Council filled the position.

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Coshow, Janning take control of GSU

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Stepping into the leadership of the Graduate Student Union, Suzanne Coshow and Michelle Janning will assume the positions of president and vice president, respectively.

Their term officially begins when Bob Du Pont and Michael Falb step down at the year-ending April 7 meeting of the Graduate Student Council. Coshow and Janning won the election on a platform of "reaching out" to all graduate students and including them in all aspects including our work with the administration, which has grown more friendly and entrenched as the year has progressed.

A standing GSU seat on the Academic Council, which was acquired by last year's administration, survived its first year with Ana Laura Roderigiiez-Gusta filling the position. She did fantastic work," De Haan said. "I presented a report to the Graduate Affairs Subcommittee of the Academic Council on how I think students should fit into the provost's Office."

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Bernadin Center selects Malloy

ND president 'happy to serve' on board

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

The new Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry recently appointed Father Edward Malloy to its national board of advisors.

The center was named in memory of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago. "Before the cardinal died, the center was for pastoral ministry," said Malloy. "Now it encompasses this aspect while also training people for lay ministries.

Along with the training, the center will sponsor theological research, public discussions, and various programs in areas of concern to the Catholic Church.

Malloy remarked that his function on the board would be primarily to assist in strategizing for all proposed activities.

This appointment confirms good relations between Notre Dame and the Church and diocese in Chicago," Malloy stated. "The Chicago-area Church has a deep connection with the university."

The Catholic Theological Union, founded in 1968, is the largest Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry in North America. With a current enrollment of 350 graduate students in masters and doctoral programs, the school hopes the new center will extend its Catholic principles to more of the community.

Cardinal Bernardin died in November of pancreatic cancer. He was the 1995 recipient of Notre Dame's Luce Medal, one of the most prestigious honors awarded to grand Catholic scholars.

Malloy is looking forward to his opportunity to serve on the committee.

"We will be dealing with important works of the Church in the archdiocese of Chicago," he said. "I am happy to serve in any way that can help."

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The University of Notre Dame has received a $330,000 gift from Cornelius Brown, professor emeritus of physics, to endow a fellowship fund for doctoral studies in physics.

"The University owes Cornelius Brown much gratitude for his many years of outstanding teaching and research," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "The kindness he has demonstrated with his gift increases that already considerable debt."

The Cornelius P. and Cynthia C. Brown Endowed Fellowships, named in honor of Cornelius and his wife, will be given first to students intending to pursue doctoral studies in experimental nuclear physics. Second preference will be given to students intending to pursue doctoral studies in experimental physics.

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ON CAMPUS NEWS

"Happy Are They: Living the Beatitudes in America," by Tim Langford, director of the University of Notre Dame Press, has recently been published by Triumph Books.

According to Langford, the book's 12 essays attempt "to tell stories of regular people who do good even when no one is watching and, in the process, realize happiness. It also supports my belief that a new age is dawning, one that will see a renewal of care for one another, especially in the private and religious spheres, a movement that will be far more effective than the state ever has been.

Among those profiled in the book are 1991 Notre Dame graduate and football player Chris Zorich, now a member of the Chicago Bears, whose numerous charitable activities have earned him the nickname "Care Bear." Louis Mason of South Bend, founder of the Cornerstone Academy for Excellence, a program for teen mothers and their children, and Jenezen Geigetch, a Goshen physician who founded the Maple City Health Care Center, a community-owned facility which provides medical care with dignity for poor people.

"Happy Are They" and its authors have been praised by a similarly varied field of critics. Illinois congressman Tim Rorem wrote that Langford's book "not only revises this practicing of the Beatitudes, he loves it, too." Sister Mary Rose Meade, president of Covenant House, called the book's great source of inspiration and religion journalist Raymond Schroth said it should be read "when we are tempted to think the world has fallen apart and nothing can be done to fix it.

Langford, who has directed the University of Notre Dame Press and served on the University's faculty since 1974, is the author of several other books, including "Galileo, Science, and the Church," "The Game is Never Over: An Appreciative History of the Chicago Cubs," and "Rookie: The Story of a Season." He and his wife, Bill, are co-founders of There Are Children Here, a non-profit facility and program for disadvantaged children in Lakeville, Minn.

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Alvarè also discussed partial-birth abortions, a procedure in which the base of the brain is
shaken and the skull is crushed. Alvarè asserted that the partial-birth method is extremely dan-
gnerous, since bone chips may cause injury to the
mother.

Another potential consequence of this method is that the fetus may accidentally be delivered
alive. Alvarè stated that she has asked abortion
technicians what they would do in this circum-
stance, to which they replied they would have lit-
tle choice but to kill the newborn baby.

Women are often not informed of these possi-
ble consequences. Alvarè argued, "How could you
enhance women's freedom by not informing
them of dangers, by telling them lies?" She also
stated that these procedures are often not even
performed by ob-gyns or gynecologists.

The partial-birth method is a delivery... in
fact, it's more dangerous than a delivery.

To support her arguments, Alvarè cited pas-
sages from "Faithful for Life," a 1995 pastoral letter written on abortion, and "The Evangelius
Vita," the encyclical in which Pope John Paul II refers to "the culture of death" which supports
"inauthentic notions of freedom."

To conclude last night's lecture, which was
simultaneous on closed-circuit television in order to
accommodate the overflow of the crowd, Alvarè
involved," she said. "It had no effect on the election."
Some of the campaign goals she expected to
achieve were a post-graduate student web page, an off-campus information center, more free
food outings and the return of the alumni/Sealer's
"liquid lunch" policy." We are really ready to get
the ball rolling and continue to serve the class," said
Flannery.

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plans and on ways to improve
graduate student teaching."
He also spoke about using the Academic Council seat to
collaborate with depart-
ments and provide evaluation forms for graduate student teachers. "There is not a lot of
diversity," De Haan said. "In some cases it can't be done, but we have to find some way of making it
more uniform.
He also described possible constitutional changes that will be
discussed at the next meet-
ing. "We realize that we had a tangle of committees that we did not really need," De Haan said.
"So we decided to narrow down the committees to five
necessary ones: Social Life, Academic Affairs, Quality of Life, Gender and Multicultural Affairs and Information Technologies.
He explained that each of these committees would be
political, with agendas and platforms. Each of the other
tasks currently handled by committees will be undertaken by "secretaries" that will be
set up to tackle specific issues.

As an aspect of the De Haan-Falb administration that will
definitely carry over to next year involves the Social Life Committee.

This year we tried to branch out to different ways of hosting
events for all graduate stu-
dents," De Haan said. He men-
tioned two teams that the com-
mittee held in the faculty din-
ing room of the South Dining
Hall on Fridays.

These teams were going to support
creative ideas that are more
involved of family and
graduate students, regardless of
what culture they are from,"
Flannery said.

Another aspect that the GUS
worked on this year was the
Travel Grant Program.
By RACHEL TORRES

Saint Mary’s College students found themselves under a different kind of stress this past week as their attention focused on the room selection process. Students could be found wandering the halls in search of the “perfect room” as the deadline to actually select their room quickly approached.

New additions to the housing policy this year aimed at reducing the amount of students who misuse the system. A housing committee was also implemented to allow for student input in any changes that may occur. In accordance with the changes that were made, students are no longer allowed to switch roommates until the first day of classes. This new policy intends to curb the amount of students who volunteer to live with people just to use a good number. In addition, waiting lists may not begin for alternate housing until the first day of classes. If students are not happy with their room choice, they must wait until fall semester starts to make changes.

The uncertainty surrounding room picks is a part of life for Saint Mary’s students each spring. This year was no exception.

The room selection process provides each student interested in living on campus with a random number with which to choose their room. In the time between acquiring the number and the actual pick of the room from March 24-26, the Saint Mary’s student sits in wonder. It is almost impossible to know if the student’s desired room will be taken or will remain open when it is her turn to select.

On the night of room picks, the lobby of LeMans Hall is filled with anxious students. An amplifier system is used to announce the numbers and begin the actual selection process.

Students then move through the housing office and are asked to show their identification cards and room deposit slips at various points. As rooms are taken, members of the Residence Life and Housing Staff announce them to keep the students updated.

“It functions like a well-oiled machine,” said LeMans Hall director Jill Aitchison.

The housing policy allows students to move between residence halls. For example, if a student lives in Holy Cross Hall one year, she is free to live in LeMans Hall the next year if she chooses.

The trick to this policy is to get a good enough room pick number to better a student’s chances of living not only in the room she wants, but in the hall she wants as well.

“Once we know where our friends are going to live, it’s easier to pick a room because we limit ourselves to that hall,” said junior Jen Nelson.

A housing committee was introduced this year to increase student input in operation of room picks, in an attempt to alleviate hassles.

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Into the Catholic Christian community!

These members of the Notre Dame family will receive the Sacraments of Initiation or be received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 29, 1997

CAMPUS MINISTRY
The Triduum Begins...

Even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at baptism. Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return. The slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own "passage" or "paschal" into new life in Christ... Each year Lent and Easter are, once again, the rediscovery and the recovery by us of what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.

Alexander Schmemann

I don't remember the day when I decided to be a Catholic... and I don't mean the day of my baptism in the first few weeks of my life. I didn't decide that... my parents did. I remember long ago enquiring those who converted to Catholicism because it occurred to me that they had a choice, and I didn't feel like I did. Until I realized that the choice was mine, to claim it or not... to profess and live my Catholic faith, or not. I don't remember a particular day on which I said, as an adult, I want to be a Catholic, I want to follow Jesus. And yet I have, most assuredly... and do. Somewhere along the line, the renewal of my baptismal promise became my own. Somewhere along the line I realized that I do believe in the God of Jesus Christ and in the God in Jesus Christ... call it grace, or bum luck... all I know is that I believe. My faith in this God is so real that I want to celebrate it... even the worst of it... because the worst of it, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, is, paradoxically, the best of it. Our very salvation is tied up in it. We commemorate this great salvific event liturgically in the Triduum.

Much can be said about the Triduum, those days which embrace the Paschal Mystery. "Triduum" in the Latin simply means "a space of three days," but as it is used in the Christian tradition it is meant to signify the three days prior to Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The words of the tradition and of the present liturgical books convey the intensity and unity of the hours around the Vigil. These days call us to fast and pray, to keep watch, and to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We come face to face with the very reality of our own lives, our own dying and rising. Our oneness with Jesus as members of his body, our oneness with each other, and our oneness in the death and resurrection of Jesus is ritualized in the liturgies of the Triduum and realized in our participation in them, and in our very lives as Christians.

It is during the Easter Vigil that we as a community initiate and welcome into full communion those who have, as adults, chosen to join the Catholic Church. They have been preparing for the past several months through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Twelve will be baptized and eleven others will be received into full communion with the Catholic faith from other Christian traditions. I include their names here so that you might remember them in prayer in the days ahead:

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Amnette Beasley
Julie Carver
Mackenzie Cote
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Troy Leo
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Andrea Sinclair
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Shari Nemeth
Krittie O'Connor
Pedro Reyes
Kim Yoonof

These are important days for all of us. Days during which each of us stands alone before God to renew our commitment. It is an opportunity for us as adult Christians to say yet again, "Yes, I believe!" It is an opportunity for us as a community as well to stand side by side in our shared commitment to live the call of Jesus, to rededicate ourselves to that call, and to build the Kingdom together. Please join me with the days ahead in celebrating the glory and greatness of these days, whether it be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Church of Loretto, a residence hall chapel, or at your home parish. We join with the whole Church not only in remembering the events of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection, but, as the Body of Christ, ourselves partake in them even now that they might transform our very lives.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.
IRA bombs English railway

By SUR LEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LONDON

Two trains tore up rail track and damaged key signaling equipment early today in the northern English town of Wilmslow, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the IRA.

While no casualties were reported, the explosions caused serious rail service disruptions in the north of England. The blasts took place a day after Scotland Yard warned of the possible increased possibilities of attacks by the Irish Republican Army in the runup to Britain's May 1 general election.

Prime Minister John Major called the explosions at Wilmslow, a major signaling center for trains that is 160 miles northwest of London, an "insult to democracy at the start of the general election campaign."

Greater Manchester police said the explosions caused extensive damage and disruption to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wilmslow is on the west coast line from Manchester to London.

Police said they were uncertain whether the explosions were caused by bombs.

The most recent IRA bombing in England was June 15, when a 3,000-pound bomb injured 200 people and damaged 300 shops in Manchester.

On Oct. 7, the IRA detonated two car bombs inside British army headquarters in Northern Ireland, killing one soldier and injuring 40 civilians and soldiers.

Major said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in British-ruled Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages."

He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet."

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London.

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**Gore hopeful in talks**

Gore may improve human rights

By JOHN KING

After two days of intensive talks, Vice President Al Gore said China is promising greater access to its markets and listening with a "more receptive ear" to U.S. complaints about human rights.

Gore called Wednesday's talks with President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng "productive, friendly, searching" and said they elevated U.S.-China relations to a new level of trust.

Gore offered no specifics, however, and America's leaders have heard such promises before. The have often come away convinced they had won Chinese concessions, only to complain later that Beijing was not keeping its end of the deal.

Jiang had this to say of the highest-level U.S. visit to China since the Tiananmen crackdown: "The past few days have been productive."

"Good afternoon," the president said in English as they started their talks with an energetic hand shake.

"I think we have done some good work here on behalf of the United States and on behalf of the relationship between the United States and China," Gore said at a news conference. (He was heading Thursday to Xian and Shanghai, then ending a weeklong Asia trip by updating South Korea leaders on his talks with the Chinese.

Gore's upbeat assessment of U.S.-China relations will be put to the test in the coming months. Both the Clinton administration and the many critics of its China policy will look for tangible evidence that China is living up to its promise to become a more reliable partner.

Additionally, allegations that China tried to funnel money illegally into U.S. elections last year threaten to undermine public support for the Clinton administration's overtures.

Gore said he told the Chinese that the allegations alone won't chill recently warming relations. But it "would be serious indeed" if a federal investigation turned up solid proof of the charges, Gore said he told Li.

Earlier, an administration official said Gore did not raise the prospect of repercussions if evidence of Chinese interference surfaced, but Gore was emphatic that he had.

Gore's journey to China underscored delicate balance he must maintain to remain a loyal Clinton lieutenant while thinking ahead to his own presidential campaign in three years.

On Tuesday, for example, Gore revealed in announcements that Boeing Co. and General Motors Corp. were signing lucrative new deals with the Chinese.

Happy Birthday WOZ! From your Lafayette "23" friends.
Israel, in contrast to previous days, when officers did not call in tear gas, was met with a human chain today to keep dozens of Palestinian protesters away from Israeli Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, according to reports by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "He refuses to ... follow the peaceful means to solve the Middle East peace process," Ross spent weeks mediating between Palestinian protesters away from Israeli troops guarding an Israeli enclave in the city. Palestinian police let the crowd burn Israeli and U.S. flags, and several young men broke through the cordon and hurled stones and tear gas, and fired live ammunition in the air. Beside the injured, 32 were treated for gas inhalation.

Most of the Palestinians were pushed back into autonomous territory by nightfall, about two hours later. In Bethlehem, Palestinian police formed a human chain today to keep dozens of Palestinians from Israeli soldiers. However, there were signs that Arafat did not call in tear gas, as intended to bridge the gap and calm the violence that is eroding the peace process.

A suicide-bomb attack claimed by Islamic militants killed three Israeli women in Tel Aviv on Friday and stone-throwing riots have plagued the West Bank for the past week.

However, there were signs that Arafat was moving to lower the tensions ahead of Ross visit. In Ramallah, dozens of Palestinian police struggled to keep demonstrators — some carrying firebombs — from Israeli soldiers. About 200 protesters reached Israeli-controlled territory, where the Palestinian police could not follow, and at one point unfurled a Palestinian flag over a sign marking the Israeli zone.

The protesters hurled stones at the Israelis, who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas, and fired live ammunition in the air. Beside the injured, 32 were treated for gas inhalation.

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However, the police efforts were in sharp contrast to previous days, when officers did nothing to stop the riots.

The West Bank security chief, Jibril Rajoub, supervised crowd control, shouting at the demonstrators to move back and ordering his bodyguards to help the police.

The chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, insists that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat halt stone-throwing protests and turn, insists that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat halt stone-throwing protests and turn

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Are students at Notre Dame really snobs?

Mick Swiney

I know what he’s talking about. I call it the Wow Effect. Do you know it? When you tell people from high school that you go to Notre Dame, do their eyes widen and do they say “Wow” or “Really?” They must mean something like, “You must really be hot stuff.”

Believe it or not, this attitude caught me completely by surprise — I suppose I went through life thinking that it was just my family who was going to Notre Dame. I must have thought we were just freaks of nature when I received Knute Rockne picture books and basketball programs at every gift-giving holiday. I must have thought my grandfather just had a really good memory when he could rattle off the favorite colors of every ND football player since World War II.

It wasn’t until I went to Chicago for a while that I found out: just about everybody loves Notre Dame.

No big wonder, I guess, since it’s not something you find in everyday conversation (“Hi, I’m Mick. Do you like Notre Dame?”). It wasn’t until I started telling people where I’d been since August that I discovered the Wow Effect.

Why didn’t I see it coming? After all, we’ve got everything people think about when they hear the phrase “college experience.” You don’t have to look hard to find it — I saw it last Friday (the first REAL day of spring) when I rounded the campus and saw students milling about the quads in shorts and t-shirts, throwing footballs and frisbees, playing catch and … that game with those sticks with basketball hoops tied to them.

I walked around the campus that day and thought, what a beautiful community. I walked around the lakes and marveled at the way the Dome shines in the sunlight. I thought about the strong religious values ever-present at Notre Dame. I thought about the place of hard work in the campus culture. There’s something very American about this place, and it certainly embodies all the things prospective college students are in search of when they start filling out applications.

If I stopped to think about it, I might even go so far as to suggest that Notre Dame is the perfect university. Anyone who wanted to come here would want to come here, and most do. For whatever reason, we had to beat people to get in, and we did. For whatever reason, we had to beat people to get in.

But here’s where we get into problems … We got in.

I’m sick of people automatically ascribing me to some “upper class” within the student population of the world. I’m not better than anyone else. I have the same concerns, hopes, anxieties, dreams and ideals of any college student from Harvard to the local community college. I didn’t come to college to be placed atop some supposed hierarchy of studenthood — I came to learn, to finish my transition from childhood to adulthood on a hopeful note, spiced by a zeal for life and a desire to better the world by my presence. I didn’t see that as a right given only to those who can

make more money. We’ll be more educated. We’ll be able to have high-society tea parties, smoke our pipes and say, “Oh, yes old boy, I remember when I was at Notre Dame …”

I don’t want it. I refuse to go to school for “upper class” snobs.

But before you indignantly tell me to start packing my bags, let me most vehemently assert that I DON’T. I know these students of Notre Dame … I know them as idealists, hopeful and hard-working people who are eager to roll up their sleeves and plunge into the “real world,” ready to tackle any problem, any issue with a clarity of heart and a strength of moral conviction.

I know these students, and the fact that we, our school, and our very tradition represent the “American Dream” for a great many people outside our close community.

So what does all of this mean?

This is Notre Dame — not Harvard, not Yale, not Stanford — and thank God. This isn’t an upper-class snob factory. This is a university founded not on ideals of superiority or economic status but in diligence, community service, and loyalty to our faith.

But the only people who can keep it that way is the student body. We must always remember that we didn’t come here for the Wow Effect or the fat future salary, but so that we may spread the spirit and dedication which brought us here. We must always remember that tradition does not mean exclusion, high quality does not mean superiority.

And the one thing which we must remember at all costs is this: we don’t go to Notre Dame because we’re better than anyone else.

We go here because we’re luckier.

Mick Swiney is a sophomore Arts and Letters major.

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Most of us think of Easter as a very spiritual time, a chance to reflect on God's love for us. Others of us think of Easter as a time for candy, where an oversized rabbit hops to bring eggs and baskets of chocolate and candy, but does anyone think of Easter as a musical season? Admittedly, music is not the first thing one thinks about when pondering Easter. However, music is an integral part of the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter. One of the binding forces of the many Christians participating in this week's activities will certainly be the gift of music, in particular, time-honored hymns.

Nearly every church, church-hymn-singing has been an integral part of Christian worship. In the book of Acts, we find Paul and Silas "singing hymns to God" (Acts 16:25), who were imprisoned.

Singing hymns has been an important means for teaching Christian doctrine in a era where the church was largely illiterate. But hymns are more than just a way of disseminating knowledge; they are opportunities for all believers to express praise to God.

Many of the surviving Christian hymns, some more than six centuries old, have very interesting origins. We thought it might be appropriate to recount some of the great hymns and their histories, not just of this Lenten season, but of all time.

We begin with "Amazing Grace" by John Newton. Newton was an African-American slave. Common to all spirituals, the text which addresses the question of ages for Christians: "What made Him do it? What made Him do it for me?"

Another great hymn of the season is "The Old Rugged Cross." This hymn has two authors, Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring and was written in the 19th century. Interestingly enough, history tells us that the two authors never met.

Bridges converted to Catholicism when he was 48 and wrote the original words, "The Old Rugged Cross," originally under the title "The Song of the Seraphs." Thirty years later, Thring, an Anglican clergyman, felt the original hymn was missing a verse on the Cross and was thus inspired to add several more stanzas to it.

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Crosby begged Knapp to play the tune composed by Phoebe Knapp, who was married to the founder of music publisher. Here's another catch: she was blind from three hymns per week as prescribed by her contract with a publisher who wrote the hymn originally under the title "The Song of the Seraphs." Thirty years later, Thring, an Anglican clergyman, felt the original hymn was missing a verse on the Cross and was thus inspired to add several more stanzas to it.

To the tune of which became "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," actually composed by Phoebe Knapp, who was married to the founder of music publisher. Knapp brought the tune to Crosby in 1873. Crosby begged Knapp to play the tune several times. Then the blind woman, kneeling beside the organ exclaimed, "That's good. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!"

Joel Cummins, well-known keyboard player from Stomper Bob, has a great passion for "The Old Rugged Cross." Well Joel, did you know that "The Old Rugged Cross" was written just a few hours from South Bend in Albion, Indiana? The author George Bernard (1873-1958) was originally a member of the Salvation Army and later became ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brubaker's pick: "There Were You When They Crucified My Lord?" — This traditional Lenten hymn comes to us from the great African American spiritual collection. Some say that spirituals were "passwords" calling slaves to secret, forbidden word meetings.

"There Were You" was likely "developed" in the early 1800s by African-American slaves. Common to all spirituals, the words are gripping, and the central theme has an emotional appeal.

Anderson's pick: "Jesus Christ is Bidden Today" — This hymn is an Easter staple for a multitude of denominations across America. Interestingly, the tune is from a Latin hymn from the 14th century, but popular hymn composer, Charles Wesley (1708-1788), set it to English text and re-harmonized it. Wesley's brother John is credited with founding the Methodist Episcopal Church. The previous album offered to us by this band combined all the elements of the best rock and roll, with a slow tempo it does create a lasting mood suitable for late nights and early mornings. But, on the other hand, those who require an introduction to Cave and his Bad Seeds will need to listen to this in parallel with his previous album. In such a way will his greatest talents be most fully revealed.

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3. Beck - Odelay
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3. Pavement - Brighten the Corners
4. Suburba Soundtrack
5. Built to Spill - Perfect from now on
Stellar pitching carries Irish
By BRIAN REINThALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish bats were popping at Frank Eck Stadium once again last night, but it was the pitchers who put on the real show as Notre Dame dominated Northeastern Illinois 13-4. Sophomore Brad Lidge took the win for the Blaugold, and in five innings of work, became the fourth Irish pitcher in the 1990s to ring up 10 or more batters in a game.

"I think I had a little bit of pop in my pitches tonight," commented the right-hander. "And I was able to get my curve over. The key to getting strikeouts is being able to spot my fastball." Lidge fanned 10 Golden Eagles and walked just two, while scattering three runs on three hits.

Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri thinks that Lidge's performance "Believe it or not, remarked Mainieri. "I think he can be a lot better. He is only a sophomore now. When he gets a little more command of his pitches, he's really going to be something." Lidge was not the only pitcher to make an impression on the opposition this last night. In fact, it was junior right-hander Dan Stavisky who stole the show.

Stavisky finished last season as one of Notre Dame's best pitchers, but he was having trouble finding his groove in 1997. Yesterday represented the hurler's first appearance since the third game of the weekend against Maryland.

Coach Mainieri acknowledged Stavisky's determination despite the tough times. "He has been trying so hard," said Mainieri, "to get back to the form he was in last year. If his performance against N.E. Illinois is any indication, he is well on his way. Stavisky displayed control and poise as he baffled the Golden Eagle lineup over the course of three innings.

After catching the first batter he faced looking, sophomore Chris Reykowski went in for the hook, but also leaned under the overhanging green roof while scattering three runs on three hits.

"That Stavisky's was the highlight of the night for us," stated Mainieri. "The guys on the bench were really excited to see Dan back out there."

Senior Mike Amrhein continued to shine at the plate for Notre Dame as he extended his hitting streak to 16 games by belting an off speed pitch over the right field fence for his 401st career tally in center field. "I just been trying to stay focused," said the Irish catcher. "Catching has helped me a lot from a physical standpoint. I've been seeing the ball real well."

Centerfielder Randall Brooks must have also been seeing the ball well last night as he belted Amrhein for the team lead in RBI for the game with three. The senior continued to show signs that his hitting is coming around, going two for five with a double.

"Brooks got a big hit tonight," commented Mainieri. "That's what our leaders (Amrhein and Brooks) need to."

Mainieri was a little worried about the consistency of the offense after last weekend, but believed it would eventually show up. "We just really needed to do that (put together back-to-back strong hitting games)," said the coach. "They have continued to work really hard on their hitting this year. They are now starting to swing the bats better."

Mainieri and the Irish hope the combination of consistent offensive output and solid pitching continues when they close out their three-game homestand against Central Michigan this evening. The team will head back to the west coast this weekend to play important conference doubleheaders versus Connecticut and St. John's.

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Spring drills signal new start for team under Davie

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

"It is spring time in South Bend. Following up a history cold and seemingly endless winter, spring is supposed to be a season of hope, a time for growth, and the mark of new beginnings. And while the weather may not always fall true to form in this neck of the woods, spring is all of these things — a time of growth, hope, and new beginnings — for Notre Dame football.

As the Irish kick off spring drills this week, it will not just be your average month of extensive workouts and rigorous conditioning. Indeed, this spring is different for new head coach Bob Davie and the Irish.

It is a chance to phase out the old and usher in the new. It is the opportunity to start from scratch and mold the program to Davie's liking. It is a time of transition for the nation's most storied football team.

It all begins now — this spring. Davie knows he will never have another spring season quite like this one.

"Over the last couple months, I've had a chance to implement what I really want off the field with the staff," said Davie at Monday's press conference. "But it's exciting now to start and do the on-field part."

While the new coach is eager to implement his own style of coaching and leadership, Davie insists that Irish football won't be much different than under his predecessor Lou Holtz.

"There will probably be a lot more similarities to last year's team than what people think," said Davie. "One of the reasons was that our philosophies were very much similar. "I don't think you're going to see, at least I hope you're not going to see a drastic change. We've been pretty darn successful around here."

However, as a former defensive coordinator, Davie plans to add a twist of his own. Fans can expect to see offensive players competing at the defensive side in certain situations and vice-versa.

"I think by being creative and getting the best players on the field, I'm certainly open to that (special substitution)," said Davie. "That's something that I want to do. Especially with the scholarship numbers the way they are now, it even becomes more critical that you do that, I think."

With Davie and offensive coordinator Jim Colletto implementing a new system, now is the time to see who will be most effective at the helm of the offense.

"I think that at quarterback there's a concern of mine. I think you'll see, just in comparison, it probably will not be as physical a spring as we've had," said Davie. "I think first of all, out of necessity, we're implementing new schemes, but that's also my nature. I think spring is a time to really upgrade your scheme."

"Spring football injuries are a concern of mine. I think you'll see, just in comparison, it probably will not be as physical a spring as we've had," said Davie. "I think first of all, out of necessity, we're implementing new schemes, but that's also my nature. I think spring is a time to really upgrade your scheme."

The new era of Notre Dame football has begun.

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Irish face Pirates in Big East conference opener

By ALLISON KRILLA

While the skies opened up on Tuesday, forcing the cancellations of the softball team's home opener against Indiana, the Irish wasted no time in beginning preparations for their Big East conference opener against Seton Hall.

The Irish face the Pirates in a four-game series, playing doubleheaders today and Saturday in South Orange, N.J. Notre Dame, the pre-season Big East South Division favorite, defeated Seton Hall four times in 1996, their inaugural season in the Big East, en route to a 19-1 regular season conference mark.

Leading the Irish into today's contests, senior Katie Marten boasts a team-high .366 batting average and .493 slugging percentage. An offensive spark for the squad, the two time All-American has scored 10 runs and blasted seven extra-base hits, with four doubles and three triples.

Also sparking the Irish offense are center fielder Jenn Giampaolo, who leads the team with nine doubles, and third baseman Kara McMahon, who has driven in nine runs.

Pitcher Kelly Nichols heads into the four-game series with 18 career saves, just one shy of the NCAA record held by Cal Poly Pomona's Lori Thompson. Nichols struck out the final batter in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Evansville and pitched the final three innings to seal the victory over Mississippi State, recording her two saves of the season.

Sophomore Angela Bessolo's 7-5 record and 1.71 ERA both lead the pitching staff. Bessolo has won five of her last six games after a rocky 2-4 start. Senior hurler Joy Batterby has allowed a team-low 15 walks in her 48 innings pitched this season. Batterby's 2-5 record is a testimony to her difficulties this spring, but it doesn't reveal the lack of run support she has received. The Irish offense has tallied only six runs in her five losses.

Following the four-game series versus Seton Hall, the Irish travel to Purdue on April 3 and finally open their home season on Fri., April 4, with a doubleheader against Big East foe Boston College.

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"We didn’t clear the ball well," observed Galli. "We have to be more careful getting the ball out of our own end."

"We need to clean up some other areas," added Savage. "In addition to improving clearing the ball from our end, we need to make it harder for the other team to clear it. More importantly, we need to work on our mental outlook on the game. It’s below where it should be. We just have to focus better on the games at hand."

How does Notre Dame prepare for a non-conference game?

"We do not approach these games any differently," declared Galli. "In the past, our conference (which includes Air Force, Ohio State University, and Butler) has not been so strong, and so much of our tough competition has come outside the conference. We take these games very seriously."

Saturday’s game is a big step toward fruition of Notre Dame’s long-standing goal to win a National Championship.

"That’s our goal," surmised Jim Keenan, Notre Dame’s All-American midfielder, "to win the NCAA title.

"To do this, Notre Dame must first get a bid to the 12-team NCAA national tournament, held at the end of the season. The most likely path to the Big Lacrosse Dance is via an automatic bid earned by winning their conference, which Notre Dame has had no trouble doing in the past."

But the competition within the conference is getting better.

"Our conference is getting better," observed Galli. "There’s no doubt about that."

"We need to take the games one at a time," added Savage. "Both the conference and the non-conference games. We want to win it all, but we shouldn’t focus on the big picture. Every game is a big game."

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It takes a little more to make a champion

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Adversity is something that faces every team during a season. How much and how they handle that adversity is another matter.

The team that suddenly has everybody talking, the 31-6 Cincinnati-bound women's basketball team, has certainly had their share of challenges. Those challenges have come in more than the form of the Connecticut Huskies, the Alabama Crimson Tide, or a fierce Texas Longhorn crowd.

Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen one player leave the squad and two of her promising young players getting shelved for the majority of the season. She saw her squad drop from seventh in the AP poll to as low as 21st as they were upset by an unranked Ohio State team on its national television debut. The one similarity of all these obstacles has been the team's ability to bounce back and get back on its road to the Final Four.

"We've faced a lot of adversity, and we've handled that adversity is an other matter," Owens said. "Then we went on a spurt where we realized that this is the Big East and we need to do well."

"When we lost to Ohio State and UConn twice, they were learning experiences," Morgan said. "As far as playing the top team in the country, I think it was a great experience for us. Playing them so close at their place gave us a lot of confidence."

Although disappointed by its loss to UConn in the championship of the Big East Tournament, the team realized that the NCAA Tournament lay ahead and they needed to prove their resiliency once again, which they have with their four game run taking them to Cincinnati.

"The seniors really have stepped up to make it (the injuries) not be a factor," Owens said. "They're playing like they should be at this time of the month. We're a small unit and we're very close."

At one point during the year, the squad got to the point where they dressed just seven players. But March is the time of the year when most squads do not go more than seven or eight players deep. That combined with a veteran squad has minimized the effect that the injuries have had on the squad.

"We have a veteran team which helps," Owens said. "We definitely wouldn't have gone this far considering the injuries with a young team. But when all the seniors are healthy that helps."

"We stopped paying attention to it and everybody took on a double load," Owens continued. "We thought if we want to be in this position in March, this is what we have to do. We had to practice harder, hit the weight room more and stay in great shape."

This attitude of "never say die" or "refuse to lose" or whatever cliché you can think of has not only been their attitude when it comes to injuries, but also their recent games. In their last three contests against Texas, Alabama, and George Washington, they found themselves downhill in the second stanza and their backs against the wall. But someone has been there to step up and knock down the big shot, grab the rebound, or come back with the defensive stand, holding off midnight in their Cinderella season.

"Injuries can parallel the course during a game when we're not playing well or the other team is making a run," Morgan noted. "I think we've been pretty resilient. Playing a great team night in and night out we know they'll have their run. We just need to keep it close and we know we're going to have our run."

Only those who have not seen their last three games may wonder how Morgan knows that they'll have their run. Against Texas, Morgan teamed up with Sheila McMillen to hit back to back treys and give the squad a one point lead from being down by five.

Down by nine against Alabama, Morgan was at it again when she drained three in a row from behind the arc before McMillen came of the bench to hit two in a row and ignite a 22-0 run.

In the Regional Final against George Washington, the Colonials took the lead for the first time in the second half. But this time, the Irish used a man-to-man defense to start a run and take the lead for good.

When it's been crunch time everybody has stepped up their play and we've had some great victories," Morgan said.

The Irish have overcome the adversity, and they have the feeling and confidence that they have a couple more great victories in them.

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Rosanne Bohman has picked up her play come tournament time.

Sheila McMillen has come up with some clutch shots in the Irish run.

Road to the Final Four

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Mollie Peirick now has her sights on the defense of the Volunteers.

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"No one had expected us to go this far," said Gaither. "We've taken it one step at a time."

If the next step is to be a successful one, Gaither will have to play a major role. She uses a unique combination of size and athleticism to dominate, but she will meet her match in Chamique Holdeclaw, a two-time All-American, just a sophomore.

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By BETSY BAKER  
Assistant Sports Editor

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Choose Your Own Adventure

Who will follow in the path of Dave Kellett and Ed Leader as the next cartoonist for The Observer? Each of these candidates has his eyes set on being the next. And the decision is up to you.

That's right: your vote will determine which comic strip appears in The Observer. In each issue this week and next week, a selection from each of the four comic strips will appear here. Next week, a ballot will be provided at the bottom of this page so that you can submit your vote for your favorite comic strip.

A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

A Long Way From Somewhere looks at the chaos and comedy of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. The strip centers around the life of A.J., a shy but friendly undergraduate, and his outgoing roommate (currently unnamed). A.J. is always finding himself caught up in some wacky misadventure (often during his weekend position at the South Dining Hall) and tends to bring his unwilling roommate along for the ride. Whereas A.J.'s love life is perpetually cursed, his suave roommate has no problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and William, the nerd across the hall. Other characters include the ROTC guy, the Stadium Usher, Skippy the Squirrel, the DART machine, and the Talking Ethanol Cloud.

Kevin Trovini

MEN ABOUT CAMPUSS

The Stars of the Show:
Ron is pretty delusional, and Pete tends to be more sane, as does Lissa when compared to her roommate, Jan. Jan is an engineer, and Jan is an architecture major, although that may change. Crazy Bill is the demoted next-door neighbor of Ron and Pete; he's pretty messed up. The Two Giant Squirrels are friends of Crazy Bill on the Bookstore basketball team. Lenny, a chupacabra, lives in Pete's pillow.

John Hlavaty

N.D.C.D. BLUES

The main characters of N.D.C.D. Blues are a nameless koala bear and a penguin, and the strip's setting will vary. In general, I will mock events happening around and to me. Since I am a Notre Dame student, obviously Notre Dame events will play a role in the strip's theme. But I will also explore all aspects of my life here, which means I don't want to focus solely on Notre Dame. These first seven strips demonstrate this. None of them deal directly with Notre Dame, but of the events surrounding it. The jokes regarding the Huddle, the dining hall food, the sports teams, etc., have been done ad nauseam. I hope to put a slightly fresher perspective in this strip.

Kevin Trovini

THE LILYPAD

Hey guys, guess who? And we've made progress, have we? (Hey, Lissa, topomega, we never told your parents, is she a vampire or something?)

Jeremiah Conway
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

GRIM, GRIM, HOW DO WE STOP MAKING THESE COPIES OF YOURSELF?

DILBERT

THE DAVID HELFGOTT PIANO BENCH.

YOUR HOSORCOPE

MIKE PETERS

I FINISHED OUR WRITE-UP FOR THE NATIONAL MILLARD BULLSHUT "QUALITY" CONTEST.

PHOTOS BY GAYNE MOORE

IT TOOK TWO WEEKS OF OTHERWISE PRODUCTIVE TIME. AND EVERYTHING BUT OUR ADDRESS IS A LIE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

I SEND MY SHIRTS TO A SERVICE.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Post office unit
2 "Kool"
3 Postcard
4 Positive
5 Shem's oldest brother
6 British P.M.
7 Douglas Home
8 Short line
9 Time division
10 Old blues singer Ms.
11 Carriage horse
12 Floor
13 Frozen food brand
14 "Decline of the West" author
15 Improvise
16 Coke
17 Arrest of a lightning bolt
18 Swiss cheese
to give the appearance of being a fermentation
19 Wino

DOWN

1 Unveil in verse
2 Tea server
3 Landlord's
to find work
4 Lover's sound
5 A word for poor
6 Swab
7 More stylish
8 Downgrading
9 Bator
10 "Le Moko" (1927 movie)
11 Hunting
12 Spheres
13 Scrappy
14 Race track
15 People
16 Small pit
17 Shaquille
18 O'Neal, for one
19 Leave the office
20 Collects
21 Oil measure: "Afr.
22 Theme of Eclecticism
23 Daytime fare
24 Emmet & Young
25 Staff
26 Thong
27 Pelvic bones
28 Club soda filp
29 Low island
30 Square dance partner
31 "Mars ---"!
32 Contribute
33 "Malcolm X"
34 Director

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1. Park Place
2. Neighbor of Tenn.
3. Preschooler
4. Needs to be cured
5. Every other hurricane
6. Percent suffix
7. St. James Place
8. Wrongheaded
9. Shaped fabric designs
10. Cosmetic additive
11. Placed in the extreme
12. Casual wear
13. Novelist Gould
14. Pennsylvania Avenue
15. "was in the beginning"

CARTOONS

MIKE PETERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE

Your fabulous energy will do wonders for you if you choose your activities with care. A young person could play a major role in your surrounding, and your success could be enjoyed. A new endearment is likely to prove successful. Your energy is strong and you can put it to good use.

ROBERT W. GRIMM, WUV

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

It’s time for the REALLY Big Dance

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By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Four years ago a tall, skinny Katrina Gaither stepped onto the Joyce Center hardcourt. Now, a lot of quality time with the weights, 2,098 points and 973 rebounds later, Gaither finds herself, and the Notre Dame program in the Final Four and the national spotlight.

Gaither has worked hard and earned honorable mention All-America honors in addition to receiving national media recognition. Sportscenter’s Stuart Scott proclaimed her “The Truth” and Mimi Rogers (ESPN’s women’s basketball analyst) made the statement that “Katrina Gaither is as good as there is in the country. Everybody talks about (UConn’s) Nykesha Sales, (Alabama’s) Dominique Canty and (Tennessee’s) Chamique Holdsclaw, but Katrina is right there.”

In this record-breaking year for the Notre Dame women’s basketball program, Gaither shattered teammate Beth Morgan’s record for most points in a year with 748 as she averaged 20.2 ppg on 59 percent shooting from the field.

Gaither has developed into one of the nation’s premier post players. At 6-foot-4, Gaither has grown to become one of the most dominant post players in the game, as no one person can guard her due to her size and athleticism.

“Sometimes that (double-teaming) still doesn’t stop her from scoring,” assistant coach Carol Owens said. “She was always in great shape and she made the adjustment when she started being more physical on her.”

After earning a starting position in her sophomore campaign, she poured in 59 points in a contest with just under eight rebounds as she shot 62 percent from the floor. In her All-American year last season, she averaged just under 20 and increased her work on the glass to over nine a contest.

Gaither’s numbers draw a lot of attention from opposing squads. Coaches are faced with the daunting task of trying to contain Gaither’s production. They concentrate their defense on the middle.

**Men’s LACROSSE**

Squad prepped for Hobart’s challenge

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

To the average Domer, the word “Hobart” has little meaning — name not even recognized as a college in New York. To ardent lacrosse fans, however, 11th-ranked Hobart represents excellence in lacrosse.

The team’s trip to South Bend, to take on the Irish men’s team at Moose Krause Stadium on Saturday afternoon, is the source of much excitement. “This is definitely a big game for us,” stated sophomore defender Laurence Galli. “Hobart has a good team, and this will definitely be a test for us.”

Sophomore attacker Ben Savage agreed. “They’re a really good squad. They’ll probably be tougher than Dartmouth.”

Last Saturday, the Irish destroyed Dartmouth with machine-like efficiency. “We played very well against Dartmouth. I think we outexecuted them. We just had an all-around good game,” said Savage.

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

vs. Tennessee at NCAA Final Four in Cincinnati, Tomorrow at 9:30 on ESPN

vs. Purdue, March 29

Men’s vs. Hobart, March 29

Track and Field at Sun Devil Invite and Purdue Invitational, March 29

vs. Central Michigan, Today, 5 p.m.

at Penn Hall, Today

**Outside**

- Davie begins spring practices

- Softball takes on Seton Hall

**Inside**