Notre Dame students report on CDF conference

By MICHELLE BARTON
News Writer

In an effort to share ideas and provide a forum for discussion on problems facing today's children, six Notre Dame students who attended the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) conference in Los Angeles held a forum in Hesburgh Library lounge last night.

The CDF is a non-profit organization which attempts to aid all children and focuses on helping poor, minority and disabled youth. The primary slogan of the CDF is "Leave no Child Behind!"

At the national conference, the students attended a series of workshops on topics ranging from juvenile and justice issues to child care. Poet Maya Angelou opened the conference, which was attended by approximately 3,000 students and community representatives. The purpose of the forum was to explain projects, organizations and ideas which are being developed in other areas of the nation in hopes of spurring implementation of local programs. Each Notre Dame student spoke on the issues she focused on while at the conference.

Senior Bridget Carr spoke about juvenile and justice issues. She believes that current policies, which allow runaways and truants to be held in adult prisons, "make a profound statement on us as a nation and how we value our children."

She opposes current Senate legislation proposing placement of juveniles in adult jails. Carr believes this will result in more children in adult jails, higher rates of rape, sexual abuse and suicide of jailed youths. At the same time, she thinks this will do nothing to prevent children from committing crimes. Carr stressed that the media perpetuates the myths that juvenile crime is increasing and that youths are guilty of many murders.

Addressing violence and vio-

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ND environmental groups prepare for Earth Day

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame environmental groups will be celebrating Earth Day two days early this year, with tomorrow's GreenFest at Fieldhouse Mall. The festival, sponsored by Recyclin' Irish, will feature dying, flower planting, performances by the Skalkoobles and Hotel Pradil; a presentation about environmental ethics, a Native American dancer and displays by area environmental groups. Reusable Grab 'n Go bags and mugs will be on sale during the events.

Recyclin' Irish co-president Gretchen Hasselbring explained the motivations behind the events.

"The main point of the events of the week is caretaking and stewardship of the Earth, in keeping with the Catholic tradition," she said.

"There is some Amish and Native American influence as well," continued Hasselbring, referring to two cultures generally known for conscientious environmental policies.

Mensa-hof, a Mennonite-Amish center in Goshen, will offer a display presenting aspects of their lifestyle that help to preserve the earth. This exhibit may include the presence of a former member of the Amish community, who would answer any questions relating to environmental issues or the Amish lifestyle.

A Native American dancer will perform an ethnic dance followed by a short talk about the environmentally sound practices of her culture.

One of the issues which the events will address is the recent decision to reroute Juday Creek, which runs near the golf course, in order to accommodate the new development.

"There have been a lot of environmental people involved to make sure the fish can still spawn. There will be a display showing pictures of the creek and how they're moving it," said Mary Beth Steiner, a member of Recyclin' Irish who will also be in charge of Grab 'n Go bag and mug sales.

"I guess this is the second time the creek is being rerouted and by the time it's done, it will be closer to where it originally was," Steiner explained.

Members of Recyclin' Irish anticipate that those who attend the day's festivities will consider the day fun and well-spent.

"I think it will be fun because they're pulling together a lot of different aspects of environmentalism, from the creek to the lifestyle of Native Americans to flower planting. It's all encompassing," said Steiner.

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OK, before you read this, take a nice deep breath! I'll feel ashamed. Just do it, it will make you feel a lot less stressed out. There, now don't you feel better?

When was the last time you picked a desk to sit at in a classroom? I'm sure that you do this, take a nice deep breath from the Blues Brothers. I play the piano. I prefer classical music. I'm pretty normal... right?

When I sing in a classical choir, I possess make my exterior seem quite normal. But when you get to know me and discover the little quirks of my personality, you'll realize I'm abnormal. I'm not... I'm pretty normal... right?

We all are guilty of this to some extent. When was the last time you peeked a desk in class? I'm sure that you do this, take a nice deep breath. We have to celebrate our differences rather than suppress them in order to get beyond the stereotype that "different" is inherently bad. We need to stop seeing people like me, a white, middle-class woman, as the only "normal" people that live on this campus. We need to see that we truly are one body, one spirit, one community — not a divided community of abnormal races and ideas.

In college, a few students rallying against University policies, we take a step forward and sit down next to someone who doesn't know in the dining hall or LaFortune and start up a conversation. Even if we have a story to tell, we don't just listen. Then maybe we can all realize that the stereotypes of others, really are normal after all.

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Paula Jones plans to appeal lawsuit dismissal

DALLAS

Breaking her silence, a tearful Paula Jones said yesterday she would ask an appeals court to reverse a judge's dismissal of her lawsuit and force President Clinton to stand trial for sexual harassment. "I believe what Mr. Clinton did to me was wrong and the law protects women who are subjected to that kind of abusive power," Mrs. Jones said, her husband at her side. Her decision to appeal a federal judge's decision to throw out her lawsuit against the president sets the stage for a lengthy extension of her legal battle over an alleged hotel room advance in 1991.

Militant Palestinians pledge more suicide bombs

DAMASCUS, Syria

Suicide bombs will continue to explode in Israel no matter what the Palestinian Authority and Israel decide to stop them, a militant Palestinian leader said Thursday. "There will be new suicide attacks and they will not stop - no matter how much Israel and the Palestinian self-rule authority try," Ahmad Mahjoub of the Islamic Supreme Council, said in an interview on the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, Jibril said the future belonged to the Arabs. "We will be elimin­ated from the earth because the United States and Europe will abandon Israel and will find their interests lie with us, when we are strong," he was dismissed of Israel's upcom­ming celebration of its 50th anniversary. "History cannot be measured by two years or 10 years. The future will be for this nation."

New plan emerges for Indonesian bank recovery

NEW YORK

Moving closer toward resolving a major obstacle to economic recovery in Indonesia, bankers and government officials said Thursday they had made progress on existing repayment terms for Indonesian businesses owing nearly $80 billion to foreign lenders. In a joint statement issued after two days of talks, negotiators said they have formed sub­committees to hammer out details of a debt­ repayment plan. The smaller groups will begin meeting immediately, and the full com­mittee will reconvene for more talks next month. The meetings were marked by "constructive and positive discussions" between Indonesia and its lenders, the officials said in the statement.

Juries convict three in Ngor's death

LOS ANGELES

In an extraordinary case involving three juries in one courtroom, three gang members were convicted Thursday of murdering Haing Ngor, the Oscar-winning actor who survived the killing fields of Cambodia only to fall prey to street crime on the streets of Los Angeles.

The verdicts, reached coincidentally the day after Pol Pot's death, should end speculation that Ngor was the victim of a political assassination, said a spokesman for the Dr. Haing S. Ngor Foundation.

Despite all the early rumors and speculation, this was another example of crime in the streets," said Jack Ong, executive director of the foundation that campaigns against gangs and drugs.

Three juries who deliberated separately on each defendant's case entered guilty verdicts on first­degree murder and second-degree robbery against the three defendants.

None of the panels determined who actually pulled the trigger, but they did agree that one of the men had gunned the night the "Killing Fields" star was shot to death in a holdup behind his Chinatown-area apart­ment on Feb. 25, 1996.

Ngor's niece, Sophian Ngor, left the courtroom in tears after the verdicts were read. The defendants' families were quietly tearful but the three men showed no emotion. They admitted to being members of the Oriental LazyBoy street gang but maintained they didn't kill the 55-year-old Ngor.

Chan faces up to life in prison without parole. Tan and Lim each face 25 years to life.

Ngor, a doctor who escaped from Cambodia in 1980, won an Academy Award for the 1984 movie "The Killing Fields," in which he portrayed Dith Pran, the Cambodian assistant to a New York Times reporter.

Tornado rips through Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Tornadoes tore through Tennessee and Arkansas Thursday, blowing out windows and ripping off roofs in downtown Nashville and splintering mobile homes in rural areas earlier in the day. Four people, including a little brother and sister, were killed in rural parts of Arkansas and Tennessee.

"People heard it but couldn't see it," Manila, Ark., Firefighter Michael White said of the early­morning twister that was cloaked by darkness and sheets of rain.

"It passed probably 400 yards from my house. There was so much lightning and rain I didn't see anything," said another.

The earliest storm hit Manila, in northeastern Arkansas about 230 miles west of Nashville, about 3 a.m. killing Casey Lomas, 3, and Brittany Lomas, 5. Their parents were injured.

An hour later, a tornado spawned by the same storm killed Paul and Peggy Kolwyz in Roeben, Tenn., about 50 miles east of Manila. Their bodies were found 200 to 250 feet from their trailer home, where a tornado ripped apart.

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About 100 people were injured. Cecil Whaley of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said most of the injuries were from flying glass and none was believed life-threatening.

Whaley said it appeared a single tornado touched down east of downtown at about 3:45 p.m. and then skipped across the city for 3 or 4 miles.

Gov. Don Sundquist declared Nashville a disas­ter area. Several state buildings were damaged, including the Capitol and the James K. Polk office building.

In Tennessee, Oilers' football stadium, which is about one-third complete, also was damaged.

"Parts of the stadium were being tossed around like popsicle sticks. I've never seen anything like it," said Kimberley Stanford, a waitress.

The twisters were part of a series of storms that hit Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee late Wednesday and Thursday. More than two dozen people were injured in the earlier storms, and 65 railroad cars were knocked off the track near Flora, Ill.

At the Lomax family's mobile home town, the twister left little more than rows of cinder blocks that had supported the home, splinter­wood and a child's scooter on a pile of rubble.

The children were thrown from the trailer and were found near each other.

Manila is a half-hour east of Jonesboro, where four students and a teacher were killed in a schoolyard ambush last month.

"If there was any area of our state that did not need to experience this, it would be northeast Arkansas," Gov. Mike Huckabee said.

In Tennessee, Dyer County Executive James McCloud said seven homes and four mobile homes were damaged in his county, but only one other person suffered serious injuries there. A woman and her daughter escaped injury.
Norris: One cannot escape daily routine

By JACKIE HENSLER
News Writer

Kathleen Norris, a poet and award-winning author, addressed the “dailyness” of life’s routine, the role of motherhood, and the difficulty of overcoming the stereotypes of “woman’s work” last evening for her 14th annual Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality at Saint Mary’s College.


“Stories can express what is really going on and identify the deeper meaning,” Norris said. “I am really here to tell stories, to discuss weaknesses and failures that have taught me more than any success can.”

“Education is meant to free women from oppression, but our daily work of cooking, laundry and dusting is always with us. None of us can escape the... these mental jobs,” she said.

Adding a hint of light humor, Norris continued with a discussion of God’s plan in connecting the ordinary activities with the art of play and fun.

“As I approach a sink of dirty dishes, I lose sight of the fact that God is inviting me to play,” she said. “Repentance is both ordinary and necessary.”

Norris relayed a portion of Sylvia Plath’s “The Bell Jar” as an example for the necessity of mental jobs.

“The main character, Esther, did not wash her hair for three weeks, claiming that it was an unnecessary, time-less job,” Norris said.

“In light of spirituality, we realize that caring and washing hair is necessary for self-preservation. Lack of care reveals depression and indifference,” she said.

Norris’ award winning book “Dakota” reveals the author’s personal narrative regarding her family. It is a book about Norris’ faith unfolding with the unwinding of ordinary stories.

In her latest book, “Amazing Grace,” Norris continued her examination of a spiritual world rooted firmly in the chaos of daily life, which challenges people’s fears of difficult theological concepts.

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ience prevention, Junior Marjorie Hill explained the program of "resolving conflict creatively." This program trains children and their teachers in mediation so that if a conflict does arise, someone can step in and work to resolve it in a peaceful way.

The "aim of the program is not only to reduce violence but to increase care and civility," according to Hill.

One idea stressed throughout the evening was the need not only to reduce violence but to resolve it in a peaceful way.

Senior Sarah Johnson pointed out the need for children to participate in after school activities.

"I don't think I can emphasize enough how important after school activities are...they help foster a child's sense of self," she said.

Johnson explained how consistent and constructive after school activities can combat academic, self-esteem and crime problems.

Junior Molly McLeod shared ideas on mentoring which she had gained from the conference. She explained that in effective mentoring, the "role goes beyond being just a friend," and the goals, management and implementation are consistent.

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dance from Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas. The history of African Freedom Day dates back to 1957 when Ghana, led by Kwame Nkrumah, gained its independence from Great Britain after a lengthy struggle to obtain political freedom.

One year later, Ghana and seven other newly recognized African nations met to discuss how they could collaborate as independent countries. At this meeting, leaders declared April 15 African Freedom Day, a day to commemorate the successful efforts of African nations to gain political autonomy.

"[African Freedom Day] is a way of reflecting on past achievement, but more importantly on tasks which lie ahead in the struggle for building a political unity...The celebration at Notre Dame is an effort to connect with that tradition," explained Kougniazonde.

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Holocaust art exhibit to open

By ERICA THEISING
News Writer

Having already explored literature and film, the Notre Dame Holocaust Project will turn its attention this weekend to the role of art in Holocaust studies.

On Sunday, five musicians will present the Holocaust Memorial Chamber Music Concert, followed by the opening of a photography exhibit by Jeffrey Wolin entitled "Written in Memory: Portraits of the Holocaust."

The concert will feature music written in a concentration camp that was only recently rediscovered. The composer, Viktor Ullmann, wrote more than 20 pieces during his time in the Theresienstadt camp. Ullmann wrote his String Quartet Number Three, which will be performed at the concert, one year before being sent to Auschwitz, where he died in the gas chamber on October 17, 1944.

Ullmann's legacy of musical and literary works documents cultural life in Theresienstadt, according to associate music professor Carolyn Plummer, who will play the first violin in Sunday's concert.

Following the concert, the Snite will officially open the Wolin photography exhibit. Wolin, currently a professor at Indiana University, began photographing Holocaust survivors in 1988. Before taking the still photographs, Wolin videotaped each survivor telling his or her story of life during the Holocaust. He later chose verbatim portions from their tale and wrote the words directly on the photographs.

This unique method helps personalize the event, according to Chuck Loving, associate director of the Snite Museum.

"He's giving the individuals who survived the Holocaust their own voice," Loving said. "He becomes a vehicle or a tool for the individual to express themselves."

The Snite exhibit, which will be open through May 10, features 12 of these photographs. Loving thinks that it is important to see these perspectives.

"You get the point of view of 12 different people who shared a common experience. I think that makes it real," he said. "There are some people who assert that the Holocaust never happened. What's even more frightening is that there are children who are not learning about it in school. The fear and the danger is that people think it never happened makes it possible to happen again."

The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite and will be followed at 3:45 p.m. by the official opening of the photo exhibit.

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Poorman: Sexual love requires full commitment

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT
Saint Mary’s News Editor

Contemporary perspectives on the role of sexual intercourse in relationships were the main focus of a lecture by Father Mark Poorman, associate professor of theology.

Poorman observed that opinions involving sexuality and the Catholic Church have changed over the years. The Bible and the word of the Lord have been there, but how we interpret them has changed. For instance, the teaching on love and marriage have been redefined in the context in which they are done is important. The importance of communication, according to Poorman, is that one can take care of sexual needs without having any consequences.

He also mentioned that the issue of human sexuality is one that is very important to people. Healthy orgasm does not take into account the feelings of others, according to the professor. It is in this category that the urge to be satisfied physically, and the other in which it is done, is not of importance to people.

Mutual consent is important to stress the importance of communication. According to Poorman, entering into any relationship, one has to be the bottom line of any relationship, he said. It is a wonderful thing to possess, and that sex should not be always go hand in hand. Mutual consent is important to ensure that one day you can come together and unite in the process of love, according to Poorman. "Through his love, God offers us life, and through his love, males and females are able to come together and unite in the process of love." He added. This is why mutual consent is important in any relationship.
By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
New Editor

Notre Dame’s computer program­ming contest will take place on Sunday from noon until 3 p.m. in 177 Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering. Organizers plan for the com­ petition to include 10 to 15 teams of up to two students each. The teams will work on seven problems developed by organizers of the project. “Basically it consists of six or seven problems in [the computer languages] C or C++,” said senior Mike Gillispie, one of the students involved in planning the contest. “The team that solves the most problems will win and, in the event of a tie, it will be left up to who solves them in the shortest amount of time.” Winning students will receive $100 as the first prize. Second and third places will be awarded $50 and $25 respectively. Free food and drink will be offered to participants after the contest. Earlier this year, Notre Dame hosted a national computer pro­ gramming contest, in which Gillispie participated. “[This weekend’s contest] is only local,” he said. “It is a way of getting people to practice. “The problems will be basic­ computer science problems,” he added. “They are things that you would come across in a basic study of computer science, just in a fast-paced, timed environment. They are not terribly diffi­cult, but they will take the entire time.” Anyone interested in partic­i­pating can contact Gillispie by e-mail today or tomorrow at mgillispie@darwin.cc.nd.edu.

SMC nursing students win honors

Special to The Observer

Nine Saint Mary’s College nursing students will be inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing, on Friday, April 24 at Goshen College. The Saint Mary’s students honored are Bridget Thomas, Molly Purzy, Tamra

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Bob Kerr

pret this an "innovate whom," but do you ever envy your friends at other schools? Do you ever get tired of thinking about Notre Dame ten years into the future? Imagining life right and wrong. Right because the University, or without its interference, we can enhance the drinking environment. We will be able to take pride in our past.

I'm not saying the administration should be more lenient, because it really can't. It seems that every dorm has its own rules, but when I talk to friends at other schools, they are amazed we can "free" drink in our rooms, and they are surprised Senior Bar is practically on campus.

However, these same friends are equally surprised when they hear about the Mud Dog, fights, and vandalism.

What is the solution to this problem?

'Every other school caters to its student's interests and needs, whether it is traveling, skiing, surfing, shopping, biking, hiking, etc. We are interested in consuming alcohol and we need space to do this. It might be unorthodox, but it's the truth. As Notre Dame has been, and as long as Notre Dame is in South Bend, it always will be.'

'It's not tighter drinking regulations. If the University "cracks down" on campus drinking, the only results will be an overwhelming (O)vu
campus affairs, an increase in off-campus students, and an anti-social atmosphere.

If we had another outlet, if we had the typical college town or a recreational outlet, the University might be able to pull-off a dry campus. But not in this town, and not with these students. We are recreational drinkers, and recreational activities require recreational resources and facilities.

Our Administration is spending 11 million dollars to renovate South Dining Hall, but the plans do not include a campus bar, liquor store or brewery. That's a shame, and considering our interests, a misappropriation of funds. The older dorms have bars in the basements, but nothing behind them. In the eyes of an administration concerned with social space and increasing costs, those bars are a waste of space and economically dormant. I do not have an inside track with the administration, but it certainly did not lose any sleep over the closing of Bridge's, and rumor has it that Pig Tostal might be history, thanks again to our considerate administration.

We have a problem. Our Administration allows drinking, but it prevents, or eliminates, the safest, healthiest opportunities for us to socialize with alcohol. Instead, we have guys going off-campus, bringing sheep back to the dorm, and passing out in the hallway. Open containers were a common sight for the rector. Back then, with the exception of a few current Zamblyes, they were bigger and "badder." They were crazier, but there was no sense of a recuperation.

The point is that Notre Dame has always enjoyed the highest respect as an excellent institution, and it always will. At the same time, Notre Dame's administration has always involved alcohol, and it always will. Our consumption has also always been abuse. We may as well turn an abusive environment into a healthy, and add nature, social consumption to our student's resume.

I am not promoting abusive consumption; in fact, this is what I see as the problem. And the problem with this situation is that we cannot eliminate consumption. Whether or not we are of legal age, we are going to drink, so we may as well drink with some class. We are known for our drinking, and despite Pat O'Hara's valiant efforts, there is no way around it. Drinking is our pastime, and if we learn to accept it as an inescapable part of our identity, with the help of the University, or without its interference, we can enhance the drinking environment. We will be able to take pride in our past.

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Our Little Sermons

Traditionally, we think of sermons being given exclusively in a church or in a synagogue, but there is an additional way in which sermons can be given. Let me explain.

We people give millions of little sermons each day in how we react, do, or say to each other. Let me give you an example. I pray to the Lord that we'll feel better tomorrow. Having an uncomfortable day gives us an opportunity to appreciate our abilities, strengths, and weaknesses.

Miss Helen Adams Keller (1880-1968), was an American author (11 books), and lecturer who was deprived of her sight, hearing and speech (she was taught to communicate by touch), because of a severe illness at 19 months of age. Her education began at the age of seven, and she was placed in the hands of Anna Mansfield Sullivan (Mrs. John A. Macy), who came to live with her.

Miss Keller learned the dead and dumb language by touch and learned to read by the Braille system and to write by using a special typewriter. Her life was a world-wide sermon, an inspiration and motivation to thousands of the afflicted and non-afflicted alike. She once remarked: "How many husbands know the color of your wife's eyes?" May I suggest a visit to your local library to sign out a biography, autobiography or her books for the divine and human influence they surely will provide. This remarkable, courageous and indomitable woman rests in her tomb in the Washington, D.C., Cathedral (Anglican), awaiting the Resurrection.

To emphasize my little way of giving sermons, allow me to share a true story that took place in the Middle Ages in Sienna, Italy. One day St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), the founder of the Franciscan Order, invited Brother Elias to accompany him to Siennas town square to give a sermon. He accepted the invitation.

After their arrival in Siennas town square, Francis commenced by asking the people a good question, inquiring about their health, their employment and the students' studies, among other pleas­

tries, then they started on their way home. Suddenly, Brother Elias asked Francis, "When are you going to give the sermon?" Francis replied, "Brother Elias, we just did."

Brother Edward V. Courtney, C.S.C.
Columba Hall
April 9, 1998

A Different Cross to Bear

There is a certain segment of the Notre Dame community that does not accept me for who I am. My insistence and bigotry have been evident at speak outs, at lectures, in letters to the Observer, and in conversations with Notre Dame students and faculty. There are people in this community who want to make me feel that there is something wrong or sin­

ful about who I am. The basis for the bigotry and intolerance that I have experienced is my belief that homosexual behavior is immoral.

Just as it may be the case that homosexuals do not choose their sexual orientation, it is hard to believe that homosexual behavior is immoral. Rather, the belief forced its­

elf on me after I took the time to look into the cause and read what the Bible has to say about the matter. Just as I am unable to simply decide to believe that 2 + 2 = 17, I am unable to simply decide to believe that homosexual behavior is immoral.

Nevertheless, I am being pronounced a bigot. I am being labeled homophobic. I am being told, ironically, that I do not exemplify the virtue of acceptance. Maria Alevar's letter to the editor on April 16 suggested that people should accept homosexuals. And it is certainly not my desire to make me homophobic. It does not mean I do not accept homosexuals.

To close, I would like to point out that I draw a distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual orientation. It is my conviction that a homosexual orientation is not wrong. It is not something that should be magically cured by some 12 step program. This would be especially true if homosexuals have no choice about their sexual orientation, which I suspect is the case. I do believe, however, that homosexual behavior is immoral, and I will never endorse a lifestyle that involves behavior I believe to be immoral. So, I accept and love all people, but I do not endorse all lifestyles. In this attitude I imitate Christ.

Jonathan Crowell
First Year Graduate Student
April 16, 1998

In Defense of SDH

According Gene Britakis's letter to The Observer tactually an editorial in a recent Observer:

I am sorry he found the food so tasteless in South Dining Hall. I've eaten in SDH once or twice a week in the many years and have found the food very good. I instantly feel as if I have an out-of­
town guest I make it a point to eat one meal in SDH.

Appropriately Mr. Britakis has not traveled much nor eaten at many restaurants, especially in South and NDH.

And griping about eating off of Styrofoam. Surely NDH students have not been taught with a point that they must be off on coins — so please, bring a few pieces of your mother's imported European china and use that time you eat in SDH.

A million years from now you won't look back on campus and remember the "Styrofoam episode," which is only ten years ago!

After all, we are "big boys" now. Let's stop complaining and get back to the books! Thanks for listening.

Albert Herengruber
Grad Student
Summer of 1974
April 12, 1998

Sophomore Sibs Weekend
Pure Discrimination

For almost two decades I lived my life free of discrimination, but just last week I got my first taste of what it feels. I have felt more excluded in my life than I did this past weekend as an only child during Notre Dame's annual Sophomore Sibs Weekend.

As early as grade school, I felt different from other children who had 2 others and others and sisters. I felt lost and alone in a world full of siblings. I had no brother to protect me on the playground, no sisters who could drive me to my friends' houses. Suddenly, Brother Elias asked Francis, "When are you going to give the sermon?" Francis replied, "Brother Elias, we just did."

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In Defense of SDH

Regarding Gene Britakis's letter to The Observer tactually an editorial in a recent Observer:

I am sorry he found the food so tasteless in South Dining Hall. I've eaten in SDH once or twice a week in the many years and have found the food very good. I instantly feel as if I have an out-of­
town guest I make it a point to eat one meal in SDH.

Appropriately Mr. Britakis has not traveled much nor eaten at many restaurants, especially in South and NDH.

And griping about eating off of Styrofoam. Surely NDH students have not been taught with a point that they must be off on coins — so please, bring a few pieces of your mother's imported European china and use that time you eat in SDH.

A million years from now you won't look back on campus and remember the "Styrofoam episode," which is only ten years ago!

After all, we are "big boys" now. Let's stop complaining and get back to the books! Thanks for listening.

Albert Herengruber
Grad Student
Summer of 1974
April 12, 1998

Sophomore Sibs Weekend
Pure Discrimination

For almost two decades I lived my life free of discrimination, but just last week I got my first taste of what it feels. I have felt more excluded in my life than I did this past weekend as an only child during Notre Dame's annual Sophomore Sibs Weekend.

As early as grade school, I felt different from other children who had 2 others and others and sisters. I felt lost and alone in a world full of siblings. I had no brother to protect me on the playground, no sisters who could drive me to my friends' houses. Suddenly, Brother Elias asked Francis, "When are you going to give the sermon?" Francis replied, "Brother Elias, we just did."

Brother Edward V. Courtney, C.S.C.
Columba Hall
April 9, 1998
Legends of the Rockne era

Football legends of the Rockne era

I'VE GOT TO GO, ROCK, IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT AFRAID. SOME TIME, ROCK, WHEN THE TEAM IS UP AGAINST IT, WHEN THINGS ARE WRONG AND THE BREAKS ARE BEATING THE BOYS — TELL THEM TO GO IN THERE WITH ALL THEY'VE GOT AND WIN ONE JUST FOR THE GIPPER, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'LL BE THEN, ROCK. BUT I'LL KNOW ABOUT IT AND I'LL BE HAPPY.

George Gipp

Top: The Four Horsemen — Notre Dame backfielders Don Miller, Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley and Hairy Stuhldreher — rode onward to victory during the 1924 Irish football season.

Above left: Knute Rockne led the Irish to three National Football Championships during his 13-year career as head coach of the Irish.

Right: George Gipp, Notre Dame all-star player from 1916-1920, is shown drop-kicking a football. Gipp, aka The Gipper, died at the age of 25 after suffering a streptococcal throat infection.

Photos courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

As another school year winds down and we head off for home, for summer jobs or for real jobs, we're sure to run into someone impressed by where we attend college. And there will be the usual questions.

"Do you go to the football games?"

"What are they like?"

"Do you see Bob Davie?"

"What's the deal with that team?"

They'll probably mention "Rudy," too.

But we might also come across somebody with an admiration for Notre Dame that goes beyond the gridiron. There are a lot of people out there in America who are awed by tales of everything under the Dome, and what you say may raise you up in their eyes.

We approach the end of the year when freshmen will go home and be quizzed on Notre Dame legend and lore and seniors will go out into the working world to talk about the Irish around the water cooler. So here is a potpourri collection of mostly facts — and a few rumors — about our University's history.

"WIN ONE FOR THE GIPPER"

When it comes to Notre Dame, football is as good a place as any to start.
American," starring Ronald Reagan as George Gipp and who would come to visit him on campus. One who the give to the next person who asks why a university founded name "Fighting Irish" is still disputed. While you may have buried in South Bend's Highland Cemetery. Just exactly how Notre Dame athletic teams adopted the name "Fighting Irish" is still disputed. While you may have heard four reasons already, here's just one example to give to the next person who asks why a university founded by a French priest honors natives of the Emerald Isle.

In an article in the New York Herald Tribune on Oct. 19, 1924, Grantland Rice opened his Notre Dame-Army game story with, "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again." The Irish won the game at New York's Polo Grounds 13-7 behind the running of — quick to try to acclimate before finishing this sentence — Don Miller, Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley and Harry Stuhldreher.

Before "Rudy," there was "Knute Rockne, All American," starring Ronald Reagan as George Gipp and Pat O'Brien as Rockne. Until recently, this movie was still shown to the incoming freshmen during the orientation weekend.

Rockne had many famous friends in the sporting world who would come to visit him on campus. One who the players enjoyed seeing would often stand with the Irish coach, one stout, pudgy man with his arm around the other — the Rock and the Babe. Babe Ruth made several trips to see Rockne in South Bend, and one afternoon he even suited up and joined the team in blocking drills in practice on Carter Field.

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In 1897, he was expelled for a year at Holy Cross. His enjoyment of alcohol hurt his play, but still he has left a lasting impact on the game.

Hardy Shillington lost his life during the first game of the 1897 season against the Spiders and their outstanding Indian, Sam Posey, a budding hitter that had opened the eyes of the

The Secret Service naturally speak at the Joyce Center. The Secret Service

In 1909 football game against Michigan — who else?

Babe Ruth, was often seen at Notre Dame's 1924 backfield against Northwestern — who else? — when "the good guys" were losing and not playing particularly well, Peter Vaugn time found a permanent spot in the Notre Dame recreational realm.

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S M T H C E M

Peaking through losses

By VICTORIA BUTCKO
Sport Writer

Despite their recent slump, the Belles are peaking just in time.

Over Easter break, the Saint Mary’s women’s tennis team had
to deal with a knee injury going into the match against DePaul last Thursday, has been an

inconsistent piece missing in their lineup, but the Belles are anxious to complete

Being such a small team, the bench strength of one of player has had a major impact.

The recent chaos in the Belles’ lineup comes in very important, however. Many of the players came up as winners, despite the stuffing of positions to com­

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The Irish prepare for NCAAs

The Fighting Irish are hoping for good weather conditions this weekend to help them

through the NCAA West Regional. The team is divided into two competing at Michigan State
tomorrow and those taking part in a series of meets in California today through Sunday. The California is the weekend long Mt. Sac Invitational, which draws athletes from across the nation. Some members of the Irish will also compete in a meet at Pomona College today and another at Long Beach State University tomorrow.

Distance coach Tim Connolly said that probably all of the athletes competing in California will compete in more than one meet, with the exception of 3,000 meter runner Jason Brixing. Other

runners representing Notre Dame include middle distance runners Mike Conway, Phil Minska and Tim Kober, pole vaulter Mike Leach, sprinters Lydol Schmitled, Berit Junker and Errol Williams. Also representing Notre Dame are J.J. Engelhardt, and sprinters Danny Payton and Marsur We.".

"Basically, we want to run faster and sharper and be ready to run well at the Big Ten meet in a couple weeks," said Connolly.

The meet at Michigan State is an open
event with most members of the Notre Dame track and field team who are not going to California competing at it instead. This is where many of the 
distance athletes will complete, including 

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for the NCAA Championships.

readiness for the Big East

senior, Notre Dame is seeking top-notch 

members of the team in their quest for personal 

for the Big Ten Championships.

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131 LaFortune and from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 309 Haggerty College Center. Deadline for texts is

9:30 p.m. All classifieds must be prepared. The charge a $3 per character per day, including

space. The Observer reserves the right to accept or reject all classifieds without knowing reasons.

Irish and the Irish

The Shoot for the Irish, this is one

of our opportunities to tune-up.

Deeter in her first outdoor race of

the season.

We've got a couple kids in the 1,500

that we'd like to see race a little faster," said Connolly.

This weekend is one of the final chances for improvement before the Big East meet, with only seven more weeks left until the Drake Relays and Purdue Relays remaining before the conference

championship.

The only similarity between them is

infectiousness, the mental focus of the

best we've played all season," said

Kessler. Brian Kessler.

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best we've played all season," said

Eastburn, who was bumped up to the

doubles position was Vales at No. 1 singles,

and more mentally than the

opponents.

Eastburn defeat their opponents, 6-0, 7-

6 (7-3).

No. 2 singles position was Vales at No. 1 singles,

EASTBURN diminished with the loss.

and more mentally tough than the

flashy Calvin team. We really stepped it up and I think with more experience, we'd

have done better.

As always, No. 1 doubles players Vales and Gemmer displayed their mental toughness with 6-1, 6-4 victories.

The outstanding performance of the No. 1 doubles team throughout the season gives them a possible No. 2 seed position for the upcoming MIAA Tournament.

Playing well against Calvin in the

singles position was Vales at No. 1 singles, who pushed her opponent sophomore Beckery Krem lost at No. 2, 6-4, 6-2.

Sophomore Eastburn, who was bumped up to the

doubles position, put up a good fight but fell short in sets 2-7, 6-7, 6-2.

Vales, who has been on top of her game this entire season, continues to be the showstopper of her opponent, 6-1, 6-0. Gemmer also controlled her opponent at No. 2 singles

finishes off, the team faced Aloma College on Saturday afternoon. Although the team put up a good fight, they couldn't pull off a win and lost 4-3.

The four-hour match was not a com­

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WILLIAMS.
By ALLISON KRILLA
Assistant Sports Editor

In its last 19 games, the Notre Dame baseball team has collected 34 home runs. Just 37 games into the season, the team has 52 four-baggers, only 14 shy of last season’s total in 60 games.

With power numbers like that, the Irish are hoping to flex their muscles in a larger venue this weekend: Three Rivers Stadium, home of Major League Baseball’s Pittsburgh Pirates. “Playing at Three Rivers is going to be a big thrill for us,” said sophomore Jeff Felker. “We’ve been looking forward to it; it’s one of the highlights on our schedule. Plus, it’s better than playing at their home field.” Notre Dame (8-0 Big East) travels east for a three-game series with Pittsburgh (2-12 Big East), riding a seven-game win streak.

“We just try to go out there play, and not talk about the streak,” said Felker. “There’s an unwritten rule in baseball that you don’t talk about things like streaks. But it’s in the back of everyone’s mind.”

Wednesday night the Irish defeated interstate rival Purdue 7-1, as junior Allen Greene, and sophomores Jeff Felker and Brian Cist went yard.

Righthanded starter Alex Shilliday (7-2) tossed two shutout innings, allowing three hits and one walk to earn the win in the planned rotation.

Brad Lidge, Mike Naumann, Tom O’Hagan and Aaron Heilman saw action out of the bullpen, while the Irish staff lowered its team ERA to 4.42, giving up two earned runs in the last 10 innings.

Heilman increased his shutout streak to 21 innings in his last 34 appearances with a scoreless ninth against the Boilers.

The Irish pitching staff faces a Panthers lineup paced by utility player Charles Stafford, batting .314 on the year the Big East, said Felker. “Last year we split with them, so to lead the team. Junior shortstop Lou Melucci anchors the squad, having started every game for Pittsburgh and hitting .308 with a team-leading three home runs. The speedy Melucci is also eight-for-10 in stolen bases.

As a team, the Panthers are hitting .251 with a mere 11 homers in 28 games.

“You can’t overlook any team in the Big East,” said Felker. “Last year we split with them, so this time we’re hoping for a little bit of revenge.”

“We haven’t even peaked yet. We’ve been playing well, but when everything falls into place, we’ll be tough to beat when the tournament comes,” he said.


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GOLF

Tourney chance to up Irish

By GENE BRITALIK
Sports Writer

This weekend five members of the Notre Dame golf team travel to Columbus, Ohio to play in what could be the most important tournament in their careers. Currently sitting as the eighth ranked team in the district, the Irish look to move up in the rankings to further their chance of obtaining an invitation to the NCAA Regional at the Oak Hills Country Club in San Antonio, Texas.

"It's do or die time for us this weekend," caption Bryan Weeks said. "We have to prove ourselves against a strong field in order to get that coveted NCAA invite."

The district committee will select either six teams and one individual or five teams and six individuals to represent the Midwest at the NCAA Central Regional. Selection is based on several criteria in addition to district ranking, including head-to-head results, stroke differential, win-loss record, spring results, tournament place finishes, and spring results as compared to fall. This year Notre Dame has faced 39 of their 42 district opponents and owns a head-to-head advantage over 29 of them.

Notre Dame has been one of the hottest teams in the district this season. A fifth place finish in the Butler Invitational ignited the fire early in March. Two weeks later, the Irish traveled to Butler as the defending champions of the Butler Spring Invitational and blew away the competition with matching rounds of 292 and a 27-stroke victory. At the Johnny Owens Invitational the team once again played better than what was expected and came away with a second place finish. Then last weekend at Marshall after the team struggled on day one, they came back and fired a 1 under 285.

The reason behind the team's success comes from the fact that everyone has contributed to the victories. Whether it be senior Bryan Weeks winning the Butler Invitational, Todd Vernon winning the Big East Championship last fall, Jeff Connell's runner-up finish last weekend with a school record 4 under 209 or junior transfer Willie Kent's two top five finishes the everyone on the team as helped one way or the other. When the members of the team are struggling someone else is there to pick up the pace and contribute to overall team success.

At Ohio State this weekend Notre Dame will play one of the strongest fields they have faced all season. In addition to Notre Dame and host OSU, the 16-team field will include nine Big 10 teams—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Northwestern, Purdue and Wisconsin — plus five Mid-American Conference teams: Ball State, Kent, Marshall, Miami (Ohio) and Toledo.

Notre Dame will have Willie Kent back at full strength this week, as he battled tonsillitis last weekend leading to the Marshall tournament, but will be without the services of Harris who will be taking the MCATS and is replaced by senior Brad Scan.

"Brad has a lot of experience, and has played here before," stated Weeks, "I have confidence in him and I know he is geared up about playing."
Wackiness gives way to intensity in round of 256

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The competition and intensity today.

That’s right, even the smurfs fought the cold and wind yesterday to make an appearance la la lalala la la lala la la.

By BRIAN KESSLER

round and 45 minute marathon to Caucasian Sensation, 21-18.

It was a little chilly playing out there for so long without our shirts on, but we had a lot of fun and the other guys were really good sports,” said Papa Smurf Davis Leung.

Smurfette (Matt Hershey) was a force taking it to the whole, but Gargamel (Phil Erskine), Handy (Tim Reinbold), and Hefty (Joe Cavasso) smurf couldn’t lead a comeback after facing an 11-10 deficit at the half.

In other action, top-sided games continued to dominate at Bookstore yesterday, as the first round finally drew to a close.

“So far I think the tournament is going really well,” said head commissioner Dan Delaney. “All of the seeded teams have advanced and we’re looking forward to the weekend when we’ll start to see some better matchups.”

Show Me the Money, the 20th seed in the tournament, will advance to play over the weekend, as they rolled to a 21-5 victory over Hey Guys, Big Gulps Juh, Alright, No. 3 seed, Off Shore Drilling, featuring Tim Ridder and Mike Rosenthal, advanced, as did Antwon Jones’ No. 13 Next, who defeated M.F. Souljas 21-2.

Another blowout saw Mike Tyson, Marv Albert, and Three Other Guys Who Bite take it to How’s the Dish.

“We were happy with our play and surprised to have hit so many outside shots because of the wind,” said Tim Hemler, whose team won its second straight game by a score of 21-3. “We have a pretty good team and it’s a joint effort, but basically we’re not expecting too much. We’re just out to have a good time.”

In two of the closer games of the afternoon, Chris McGough scored eight points for Mexican Yams Tres who defeated Team 297, 21-15, and Matt Tomko added eight, as Good Linda Margaret Hunting topped 2 Hard 2 Handle, 22-10.

In other action, lopsided games continued to dominate the action, with the Bookstore Basketball tournament closing out.

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 Wins at Michigan quickly end a short Irish slump

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

There was no need to panic after all.

After suffering through a 1-3 stretch, their worst this season, the No. 14 men's tennis team breathed a sigh of relief yesterday after defeating Michigan on the road.

"The matches have been tough," said senior Eric Foleo. "This win definitely helped. We've lost close ones lately, so it was nice to beat a good team.

The Wolverines' statistics, 6-0 in their conference and tied for first in the Big Ten, posed a threat, but the players were unable to add up the higher numbers against the Irish.

"It was tough and go for a while, but when it came to crunch time, our guys were able to pull it through," coach Bob Bynas said.

With a slight disadvantage (playing indoors because of forecasted rain), the Irish began the match like they were under water.

At first, it seemed like Notre Dame (15-6) was bound to repeat their recent match's mis-take of losing doubles. In their last three matches, when Irish pairs collapsed, the singles followed.

Against Michigan, the No. 1 and 2 combinations lost close matches, 9-7 and 9-8. Only Ryan Sachire and Matt Hartley at No. 3 pulled through for a 9-7 win, but Michigan still took the 1-0 lead after pairs.

"Losing doubles lately has been a real concern," Bynas said. "Michigan has good doubles, but when it came to numbers against the Irish.

"This win definitely helped," said senior Eric Foleo. "We went out and weren't too light with the win, bringing his individual record to 18-3. It was tough and go for a while.

David Pardzik. "Sachire was his normal productive self," Bynas said. "He was up 3-0 in the first set before Pardzik even had a chance to blink.

Sachire put up eye-popping numbers, steamrolling Pardzik, 6-2, 6-2. The sophomore continued to keep his name in the limelight with the win, bringing his individual record to 18-3.

Although Jakob Pietrowski and Brian Paterson were shut down together in doubles, on their own they were the ones firing. Pietrowski, a senior, rapped to rip bullet holes through Michigan's No. 2 talent, Matt Wright. After losing his first set 5-7, Pietrowski battled back in the last sets, 6-4, 6-4.

Junior Paterson did not play his best game but still managed to bring home his fifth straight win in singles.

"Patterson deserves a tremendous amount of credit," Bynas said. "He was down early and often in the first set, but he was able to fight back and win with his B-game."

Although Michigan's Arvid Swan has passed all but two opponents' tests this season he flanked against Patterson's quizzing, 7-6, 6-3.

After a 1-4 drought, victory poured on captain Danny Rothchild at No. 4 after his 6-4, 6-4 win. Despite playing with a bruised foot, Rothchild was able to beat Will Farah out of the match by going to the net and volleying with authority.

With Notre Dame holding the match 3-2, Enloe executed the game clincher with his 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 defeat of John Long

Enloe battled back from his second set lapse by subtracting Long's forehand out of the equation with some gutsy shots.

"He was serving better in the second set," Enloe said. "So I kicked into a higher level." By wrapping up another victory, the Irish have their eyes set on the site of Indianapolis. Their last regular season match will take place on Sunday before the Big East championship matches.

With the confidence-booster at Ann Arbor, the Irish have a clear plan in mind for the rest of the season.

"Straight down the lineup, we looked in the mirror and decided it was time to play," Foleo said. "It's been tough; we had our backs up against a wall, but everybody comes out ready to play.

Legree weights in at the biggest of the Irish up front, up to 290, but the rest of the lineup also benefited from the rigorous off-season weight program.

"What has happened with the off-season weight program is guys have gotten a lot stronger and a lot bigger," Strong said. "They got weight which we needed and any time you get bigger and stronger it's only going to help you with things you need to do. Being stronger allows us to be more aggressive which is one of our goals.

One of these players who put in overtime in the weight room was Grant Iroos, who now weighs in at 247 after being around 220 last year. Iroos also made the switch from inside linebacker to the defensive front.

"He's adjusting pretty good just because of his size and he's a good athlete," Strong said. "He's just a big old body, he gained a bunch of weight and he can do what we ask him to do."

Another player who took advantage of the off season was junior Jason Ching.

"Now it's better because I've gained some weight. I'm about 270 now," Ching said. "Last year at this time I was about 240 and I was just getting pushed around a lot so." The focus of the Irish this spring remains the same as they prepare for Michigan on September 5.

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there’s so many things that have happened within the league, as well as across the nation. Anything can happen at any given day. The game has really opened up from what it used to be.

At the start of the afternoon’s action, it looked like the Bulldogs were ready to put that theory to the test. It only took seven pitches for the visitors to score; they took advantage of an error to take a quick 1-0 lead. The team still threatened with a runner in scoring position, but pitcher Jennifer Sharron was able to strike out a batter and end the inning.

The Irish came back in the bottom of the inning, led by back-to-back doubles by senior Jenn Giampaolo and junior Amy Laboe. After Laboe advanced to third on a passed ball, sophomore Sarah Mathison singled to the infield to drive the second run home. The Bulldogs tied the game in the second, but the Irish scored the next three runs in the third to rally back and clinch the victory. The game ended with Sarah Mathison singled to left field scoring a run. The Irish doubled up and doubled again to start the inning. A fielding error then turned up another run in the form of Labor. Finally, fresh­men Lisa Taylor and Jennifer Klayman helped the Irish out with a double and a sacrifice, and the Irish took the third and final run of the inning. The home team hit one home run, one double, and two singles.

The Irish then put up a seven-inning sweep. "One of the things we’ve been struggling with this year has been our offense,” Miller said. “One day our bats are hot like nothing else and the next day just completely dead. So the big key for us has been to be more consistent with our bats and that’s what we’ve been going for this week.”

Even though the temperatures dropped, the home team seemed to get hotter as the night went on. Led by an stellar pitching performance, the Irish took the second game to preserve the sweep.

After a scoreless first inning for both sides, the Irish took advantage of errors caused by the freezing Bulldog hands. Lomene sang to start the inning, went to third on a passed ball and a sacrifice, and scored on an RBI single by Klayman. Dawn Cunningham then walked to set up a single by Giampaolo to score Klayman. Cunningham then scored off a wild pitch for the third and final run of the inning. The home team hit one run each in the next two innings and two in the fifth to stretch the lead to the final score of 7-0.

Notre Dame was led by sophomore Justine, who went 2-for-4 and hit the game-winning home run. Cunningham was named MVP of the game.

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Doug Logan, Commissioner, Major League Soccer
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By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

As the formation of the 1998 Notre Dame football team continues this spring, one of the main concerns is the development of the defensive line. With the graduation of Melvin "The Beast" Dansby and his 100-plus tackles, as well as nose guard Corey Bennett, the Irish coaching staff looks for new bodies to step up into those gaps.

"Even though we lost Melvin and Corey we just have to get those other guys ready to play," defensive line coach Charlie Strong said. "That's what spring is all about and getting them prepared to play.

The lone returning starter on the defensive front, Brad Williams, broke his ankle last week in practice which gives others the opportunity to perform and make an impression. Senior Lamont Bryant, who played outside linebacker last season, switched to defensive end, but is sidelined this spring due to injury.

"You just plug the next guy in and keep working," Strong said. "They all need work so we're..."

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Irish up win streak with sweep of Butler

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Historically, April has been a very kind month for the Notre Dame softball team. Last season, the team won 16 of their last 19 games of the month to capture the Big East North Division crown. So, when the Irish began their longest homestand of the season riding a four-game winning streak, it seemed as if a psychic wouldn't be needed to predict the outcome. Head coach Liz Miller knew that the Butler Bulldogs would be ready to put up a fight, however.

"The way this season's been, I'm not sure if we're getting any of the credit we deserve," Miller said. "But we have been very aggressive in our recruiting and have a lot of talent coming into the program already."

The team's leading scorer, senior Jimmy Keenan, will lead the Irish effort as they attempt to win one against No. 10 UMass on Sunday.

UMass a chance to rebound

By ANTHONY BIANCO
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The men's lacrosse team suffered the setback of a season last Saturday with its 13-7 loss at No. 12 Georgetown.

For many of the Irish, it was the setback of their collegiate careers; as the team, falling to 4-5 on the season, they will more than likely miss making a 17th-consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships.

"Of course we're disappointed," said senior midfielder Dan Butler. "But we still have three good teams to play, and we still want to win."

In the loss to the Hoyas, Butler fed attacker Ben Savage on a man-up play in the second quarter, stopping a Georgetown five-goal run. But the damage was already done in the first quarter.

Even though Irish captain Jimm Keenan was the first to get one past the keeper at less than a minute into the game, the Hoyas answered and answered often, building a 6-3 lead by halftime. Revere LaNoue ended the first-half scoring with the Irish's third.

Keenan added his second of the game in the third. Chris Durand, Dave Ulrich and Burke Hayes finished out the Irish's scoring for the game.

The loss, their second in a row, has put the Irish outside of the top 20 for the first time this season.

"The way this season's been, we're not taking anything for granted," he said. "We know we have a lot to prove and we're ready to prove it.

Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison lends on as Brad Williams (77) works a conditioning drill.

Spring practices give Irish chance to build on strong defensive line

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