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Club funding for 1998-99 falls short of expectations

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLEY
Assistant News Editor

In the Student Senate’s 1998-99 budget approved Monday, student clubs and organizations received only 47 percent of the funds they requested, resulting in uneven budget cuts or increases, according to Senate documents.

 Clubs requested $251,270 in total funds, but the Club Coordination Council received only $198,000, to be distributed at its discretion; though more than last year’s $152,000 budget, most clubs expressed disappointment that the $10 increase in the student activity fee did not necessarily positively affect their budgets.

“It’s difficult to say to a group, ‘Well, you can’t have that event because we don’t have enough money,’” said Ryan Harding, Club Coordinator, whose job is to request funding for the more than 200 campus groups. “We’re disappointed that they don’t have enough money,” said Ryan Harding, Club Coordinator.

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By A N N E  M A R IE  M A T T I N G L Y
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Part of the monetary shortage may be due to a large addition to the Office of the President’s budget, which received $39,200 this year compared to last year’s allocation of $25,450.

Student body vice president Andreá Selak explained that the increased budget will be used to extend SafeRide to include Thursday nights and to pay a dispatcher to ensure that the program will always be available. Other goals of the Cesarro-Selak administration that won them extra funds are the continuation of Project Warmth, the expansion of the Nike shoe drive, and the Irish elves program, in which a dorm adopts a previously homeless family for Christmas, according to Selak.

The duo also wants to create diversity panels, a night of reflection at the Grotto, an end-of-year mass for 1998-99, and set up a phone line students can use to ask questions about majors and study-abroad programs.

“I believe in strength in numbers,” Selak said, explaining her belief that channeling money through student government will result in a more efficient use of funds, accomplishing more with the same number of dollars.

“We want to be a resource for the entire University ... we want to serve as a
dispatcher to coordinate with other student organizations,” she said.

Some CCC members remained uncertain that the large investment in the

THE WORLD IS SPENDING $800 BILLION TO FIX MORE THAN 3 BILLION COMPUTER CHIPS; AS THE DEADLINE NEARS, EVEN THE EXPERTS DON’T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN

By HEATHER OCKS
Literate in Chief

On Dec. 31, 1999, as the seconds tick away toward midnight, the world will be waiting anxiously to begin the journey into the next millennium.

On Jan. 1, 2000, analysts will wait to see if the world’s computer systems come along for the ride.

Specifically, they will monitor the Year 2000 virus, dubbed Y2K by the experts. Though all its initial effects remain a mystery, one thing is certain: It could mean the difference between moving ahead to a new century or getting stuck in the old one.

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William Kennedy, the Year 2000 engagement manager for Key Corp., which owns Key Bank.

“Systems have doubled, tripled, even quadrupled in size in the last 30 years, since Y2K’s creation. Anything can happen. We can’t tell for sure.”

Programmers first planted the Y2K bug in 1980, long before computers became household items. Memory space was too costly to waste; to conserve precious memory, programmers used only two digits to delineate the year.

So when the date rolls over to 1/1/2000, the computer sees the last two digits of the century, “00,” and draws its own conclusions.

Welcome to 1900 AD.

“Typing in ‘19’ each time someone got married because it was assumed,” Kennedy said.

“No one thought those programs would still be running anywhere near the year 2000.”

They are, and they are running straight toward it. Paced

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WILLIE KENNEDY
Year 2000 compliance expert

Indianapolis’ Y2K office. “My concern is that there’s something out there no one’s told us about.”

Unchecked, Y2K can either corrupt a system’s data or shut it down altogether, something Kennedy said may cause 80 percent of date-related technology to fail.

The task at hand is arduous, at best. Computer experts face the chore of checking all hardware and software in a system, making sure both can either interpret the four-digit date, or be upgraded to do so.

Notre Dame students should weather the year 2000 storm with little difficulty, at least within the confines of campus, according to Velma Harris, leader of the Office of Information Technology’s Year 2000 Management Team.

“We look like we are in good shape,” she said. “A lot of our technology, like computers in Grace Hall, are already compliant.

“We’re putting together a database so that each department can enter its specifics on time,” she said. “We want to

know the name of all the hardware and software used by each department and its people.”

From that database the OIT can create a master list of all manufacturers or vendors from which Notre Dame acquires its products. Each will get a letter asking if the product is Year-2000 compliant, Harris said.

“We are still in the process of collecting the data. Our top priorities are the applications or systems that are mission-critical,” she said, adding that the team expects to meet its target completion date of Dec. 31, 1998.

Neither the campus clusters nor ResNet will be affected by Y2K, Harris said.

Key Corp.’s Kennedy warned against heavy reliance on

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Clinton accepts Mit invitation to address Mit seniors

You wait in angst over roommates and wishes of upperclassmen and those with whom they are rooming. This stress-inducing, tension-causing procedure is not applying to college, even though it seems like the upperclassmen aren't doing it. No, this painstaking headache is the lengthy process of room picks — the ultimate test of where you think each roommate will be living for the next year.

Being an upperclassman, this has been my first experience with choosing roommates for an entire year. For weeks I've listened to the advice of upperclassmen, some saying that room picks are a cinch and that everyone is happy in the end. Others saying that it will test the bonds of friendship and that almost every time someone ends up unhappy. Throughout these past few weeks, I've come to realize and appreciate a few simple, undeniable truths: a) room picks are NOT easy; b) people are selfish; and c) yes, women DO talk about each other behind others' backs.

Telling your roommate you're unhappy is akin to telling your best friend that you don't like their dog. Take, for example, women who are getting a double in a dorm room next year. Life couldn't be simpler for them. They've got a terrific room pick, want to live with each other and have found a fantastic (and, might I add, enormous room) on the fourth floor.

You're in the situation with my friends. There are nine of us. Yes, nine. We have a happy little group with a happy little friendship. We all wanted to live in what we see as the ideal room, the master of all living spaces: a quad. Guess what? That didn't work out.

I guess we went wrong when we decided to look at a room which we all knew you should — write up the pros-and-cons list, overanalyze the situation, and then arrive at a decision other insane over the different combinations.

What should have occurred might go something like this: Friend A says, "Friend B, I want to live with you. But Friend C (no offense) is a nut. If we put him in the room with you, you're too loud and messy, and I can't live with you." Friend D would live with Friend E, Friend F with Friend G, and Friend H with Friend I. That's right — they probably didn't have eight other friends.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Back to the room. The room was booked by a freshman, Chris. Although he's not in the room next door, does he stop being her buddy? No. They write letters. They talk on the phone. If we're not across the hall from each other, don't hang out, we still are friends. I can walk down the hall to visit.

When you think about it, what is all the stress over? Does it make any difference whether the lucky person is to wake up Friend A, to see Friend B, happily ever after (or at least for one year)? They're not going to be able to get help — only if needed, of course. "The group is intact with the most intensive period being the last four months of the year," said Matt Bausman, president of the Quad Council. "This is the best that we know of that we've ever had. It's been a pretty smooth ride so far, and we believe that everything is going to work out fine."

You wait in angst. Christine Kraly

**Christine Kraly**

**News Copy Editor**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.**

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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

**Comission examines tuition waivers**

**CHAMPAIGN, Ill.**

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**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**Latino fraternity seeks charter**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.**

The University might be adding a new combination of three Greek letters to its list of fraternities. In a quest to become the first Latino fraternity on campus, the university considers adding Sigma Lambda Beta. If the colony status is gained, the group will become only the Latino Fraternity in the state. On a campus with an enrollment of about 700 Latino students, no specific fraternal system for the ethnicity is currently in place. Sigma Lambda Beta is growing national Latino chapter, beginning in 1986 at the University of Iowa and expanding to campuses across the country. The idea for the local chapter surfaced in fall quarter in the mind of business education freshman Juan Terres. "What inspired me is the idea of meeting people, but nobody ever did that," Terres said. "My goal was to bring a fraternity over here to get people together and help the community and children."

**SOUTH BEND WEATHER**

**The AccuWeather** forecast for noon, Thursday, April 23.

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Office of the President was the best way to use student funds.

"We did think that it was kind of unfair (that our clubs' budgets were cut) but there's not enough money to go around," commented Jill Kula, an athletic representative of the CCC. "We did feel like a lot of our athletic club teams are going to be hurt and some of the money given to the Office of the President may have been put to better use."

Social service representative Tim Vieira agreed. "I think that the social service clubs are very important to the overall mission of the University (they are) a major pillar of the message of Notre Dame...I think they should have (left the money) with the clubs because the clubs represent the students in the school."

Both Kula and Vieira also commented, however, that they were fairly unfamiliar with the goals of the Office of the President and their funding needs.

The student budget is prepared by the Financial Management Board, but the figures it sends to the Student Senate for approval are not unchangeable, according to board member Matt Mamak. The Senate can alter the allocation of the money, he explained. "Ryan [Harding] didn't seem to reveal a whole lot about the Student Senate's role (in the budget process)," said Vieira, adding that he was unaware of the senate's power to alter the budget. "I'm surprised that (he) didn't bring it up."

Vieira also stated that, had he known it may have been possible for the CCC to get more than $198,000, he may have further investigated that option as an alternative to cutting service program funding.

"I'm offended as a student to see that they only gave the minimum [amount of money] to clubs...that are really important to the survival of this University," Davis said. "I see it as a slap in the face," said Davis. "The student activity fee went up and we got the percentage we were supposed to. I guess we're supposed to be content with that," she said.

Irish Guard Try-Outs

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does to supply year-2000 compli-
ant products. "Programmers generally don't come in on time or on budget," he stated. "Every day you wait in late providing your upgrade, the problem gets bigger."

"Programmers take six months to a year to get everything up and running," Kennedy said. "The more you depend on the vendor the bigger the risk and the nightmare."

This lack of preparedness could create a widespread dom-ino effect in which smaller com-

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day's radar readings," he said. "Fortunately, we've been savvy about upgrading our equip-

"Planes won't just drop out of the sky, but the computers will show flawed data."

A Federal Aviation Administration study shows 59 million electronic systems are starting to mount. "They are going to be a really interesting time. We're going to be looking at the computer's brains, the microchips, and cars. Gartner Group's James Cassell in a Nov. 4, 1997, report to Congress. "The year 2000 crisis is a war we cannot afford to lose." Programmers at Illinois-based Aternet Corp., which provides local telephone service to Notre Dame and South Bend, must scrutinize 3,000 products and services, 25,000 desktop comput-

"The FAA has checked all air traffic control systems nationwide, both to avoid failure and prevent data corruption."

"The system can still function, but it may take several years to get everything back up and running." Kennedy said. "Planes won't just drop out of the sky, but the computers will show flawed data."

"If your bill comes out to $200,000, we'd notice that," said KeyCorp's Frank Mitchell. "We've been moving 3,000 utility companies in the country, and none of them are prepared right now to face this problem," said Bill Pierce of Indiana's Y2K office.

"None, except the power plants controlling Notre Dame's campus."

"We have two separate energy systems running right now, and we're making sure that they're both compliant," said Mike Smith, director of Facilities Engineering. "We've been meet-
ing for the past several months about this and we're pretty well-

prepared."

But the experts remain unsure whether the world's program-

"If you have a problem."mers can define Y2K on time—

and the deadline is fast approa-

ching. As 1999 draws to a
close, the world will wait to see if it can chase technology into the 21st century, or whether the computers, for once, will be the ones lagging behind.

"It's a really interesting time. There will be a global impact but we will have to wait and see what it is," Kennedy said. "Somehow, some way, it will affect everyone."

ALPH

For the move into the next millennium, ALEPH 500 from Ex Libris has been selected by the University Libraries of Notre Dame as its library management software. ALEPH 500 was selected for its:

- State-of-the-art client/server architecture
- Ability to offer extended functionality
- Support of current library services such as circulation and public online catalogs
- New features such as hot links to external electronic databases, etc.
- Internet access to other online resources allowing the "catalog" to take on a new visibility and role
- Future developments which include electronic reserves and extended interlibrary loan activities

Initial elements in an ALEPH-based campus-wide information system (CWIS) will support bibliographic access to the Libraries' collections via the traditional catalog and the possi-

"Our internal systems are working just fine."bility exists to create, store, index, and retrieve from other citation, full-text, or numeric databases. Already other departments such as the Snite Museum, Lao for Social Research, and the Human Resources Wellness Group have begun to explore the potential of the ALEPH software.

ALEPH should become operational in August 1998, given delivery of software by the vendor. If there is a delay the ALEPH system will be installed during Christmas 1998.

"The Effect on Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities should be minimal because ALEPH's public access is web-based. This means:

- No additional software is needed since ALEPH 500 uses existing web browsers such as Netscape
- No steep learning curve since many users are familiar with web-based searching like Yahoo
- No large investment in equipment because OIT clusters and machines on faculty desktops already support web-based information
- Reliable on any platform since Netscape exists for Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows NT, Mac OS, and many flavors of UNIX.
French parliament votes to adopt the euro

PARIS

The French parliament Wednesday voted in favor of adopting Europe's new single currency, although conservative lawmakers from President Jacques Chirac's party abstained. The Socialist alliance won the vote easily by a vote of 334-49. Deputies from the Socialist Party and the conservative Union for French Democracy voted against the measure, while the Communists and the Socialist-allied Movement of Communists and the Socialist-allied Movement were opposed. Leaders of the 15 European Union nations will meet in early May to officially announce the 11 countries expected to take part in the single euro currency, which will debut in January, Chirac last week made a strong pitch for the euro in a rare Paris news conference, but many members of his party for the Republic (RPR) party worry that the currency will undermine French sovereignty.

Firing squads to execute Rwandans for genocide

KIGALI, Rwanda

Firing squads across Rwanda will publicly execute 33 people, marking the first executions of participants in the central African country's 1994 genocide, officials said Wednesday. The executions will take place Friday morning in the capital of Kigali and four other locations. Government officials and survivors hailed the decision as a victory for justice. But international rights agencies said the move violated conventions on human rights. "This will show people...that justice is really working," said Justice Minister Faustin Njerere. "Justice must be seen to be done," he said. A UN official announced the firing squads would be working on Wednesday in the capital. Speaking on condition that his name not be published, the official said the hearings were to begin on Thursday. He said the executions would be "a small gesture" toward a "long road" to justice. The United Nations estimated that as many as 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu were killed in a 100-day killing spree in 1994 during a genocide in which Hutu extremists killed more than 1 million people. The United Nations has no jurisdiction in Rwanda but has been trying to raise the issue of the genocide in the International Court of Justice.

Feces-covered killer pleads insanity

PARIS

A murderer who smeared himself with feces before court, then refused to change his clothes. An expert testified that Rivas was faking his condition. "Feces-covered killer pleads insanity," reported the Associated Press. Three members of the European Parliament voted for the measure, while the French Socialists voted against it. The non-binding resolution passed easily by a vote of 43-3 on Friday. Most of the opposition came from eight members of the US group of the European Parliament. The French Parliament, which was asked to vote on the issue, was opposed by the French Communist Party and the conservative Union for French Democracy (RPR) party. The RPR party worry that the currency will undermine French sovereignty.

The deal with Ranariddh's forces was struck Tuesday in Paris between Riek Bunchhay, a deputy chief of staff in the Cambodian army before last year's coup. Under the agreement, Khmer Rouge leader Ta Mok would become a political adviser to a Khmer Rouge political party but have no military role, he said. "I don't think the international community should have any opinion with it," Bunchhay said. "I see no role for Ta Mok and Ta Mok cannot be accepted. He will be no more in a political role whatsoever." He said thousands of Khmer Rouge defectors had been incorporated into the Cambodian army since 1996, and Ta Mok's men had been given the same chance. "I'm not joining them, they are joining me," he said. Hun Sen called the parliamentary elections last April into a "two-party system" and aid dollars, which were cut off after he deposed Ranariddh. The prince is Hun Sen's only serious opponent in the election, which is to be monitored by the United Nations. Ranariddh's party won U.N.-sponsored elections in 1993, but was forced to share power when Hun Sen threatened renewed civil war.

Relatives identify victims of crash

BOGOTA

A recent Khmer Rouge defector, still wearing the guerrilla's outfit, carries a mortar piece. Khmer Rouge rebels are joining forces with fighters loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the Cambodian prince's military commander, officials said Wednesday. The group began breaking up in 1983, 119 people crashed in southern Ecuador. A TAM E plane slammed into a mountain shortly after takeoff. The plane was leased to Air France by TAM E, the Ecuadorian military's airline. The Ecuadorian crew flew the route, from Quito to Bogota and back, three times a week. Jaime Vasconez had 5,500 hours of flight experience, nearly half of it in a TAM E aircraft. The 43 passengers included 26 Colombians, a Briton, a Swede, a Honduran, six French, four Danes and six Americans — two of whom were on their honeymoon. A TAME spokesman said the plane had been in excellent shape. "The president of Ecuador is flown these routes, they must be in perfect condition," Marco Emilio Ernzo told The Associated Press. 

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Letter supporting commencement speaker approved

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

The Student Senate drafted a letter last night voicing its support of Notre Dame’s selection of Indiana Lt. Governor Joseph Kernan as the 1998 commencement speaker.

The choice, which has raised heated debate on campus and attracted significant outside media attention, had led to a resolution brought before the senate on April 8 criticizing the selection and calling for greater student input in the future.

Since its inception, the resolution has been reworded to avoid criticism of Kernan and focus primarily upon increasing student voice in the process.

However, student discontent over Kernan’s selection had begun to attract widespread media attention, including an Indianapolis Star story which stated “Joe Kernan apparently isn’t good enough for some Notre Dame seniors.”

Discussion of the issue began when senior Mark Councilman addressed the Senate, protesting the resolution and criticizing the disrespect shown to Kernan. "I think it’s insulting and kind of arrogant,” he stated. "It lacks a humility that we ought to have as we’re just entering the world.”

Councilman also questioned the necessity of student input in the selection process, noting that, while students pay to attend, the University selects the students and the decides when a student is fit to graduate. "I don’t think that anywhere here is any sort of democratic process,” he noted. "I think students should have a say in the process, but this [resolution] has a certain arrogance.”

Debate on the subject continued when Keough senator Brian O’Donoghue read a letter by Paul Rathburn, associate professor of English, and motioned that the Senate adopt the letter as an open statement to the administration.

Rathburn’s letter states the choice of Kernan is “brilliant” for three reasons — his status as a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, his “magnificent war record,” and his “brilliant career in public service.” “The critics underestimate Kernan. ... The content of his message will stay with them longer than the aura of celebrity that a bigger name speaker might bring,” Rathburn wrote.

The Senate took much of Rathburn’s language and put it into a letter, intended to address the issue while still timely. "If we do it next week, it doesn’t serve a purpose,” said Keenan senator Matt Mamak. "If we do it now, it has that much more impact.”

The Senate’s statement, which was approved 22-2, concludes: "We ... are delighted and privileged to have ... Kernan as our commencement speaker.” The letter will be sent to news organizations which have carried stories about the issue, including the Chicago Tribune, the Indianapolis Star and the Associated Press.

Louise Edwards as Rosalind experiences the enchantment of the Forest of Arden in Shakespeare’s As You Like It, which opened last night in Washington Hall. Performances continue through Sunday.

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Alcohol
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Are you struck by the number of people around Notre Dame who seem unable to socialize, particularly with the opposite sex, without consuming excessive amounts of alcohol? I probably shouldn’t take up this topic here since, like sex and chastity, alcohol is one of those topics that could leave me yet again looking the prude. And yet, for some reason, I feel compelled, even obliged to say something on the topic. And it wouldn’t be on this page if it didn’t have something to do with a deep abiding concern for those who might read this column.

Alcohol on this campus is messing up people’s lives. We as Campus Ministry would be remiss if we did not have something to say about the elephant in the middle of the room. As we attempt to nurture the spiritual life of this campus with our many liturgies and programs, we would be crazy to think that our efforts are unaffected by the use and abuse of alcohol on this campus. The ways in which we socialize on this campus has everything to do with the health and life of this community, as individuals, as couples, as friends, and as the larger family of Notre Dame.

Don’t misunderstand me. I like to drink. It is, in fact, one of the few vices that I haven’t publicly forsaken. I suspect my reputation for enjoying spirits far exceeds the reality, at least from that which I hear through the grapevine, but I will never deny enjoying a few drinks with friends. Where we go wrong are those instances when we seem to depend on alcohol to give us what we need to adequately enter into a social situation. It may be because I’m a rector this year, but I don’t think it takes a social scientist to figure out that there is something wrong with the way we socialize on this campus, especially at SYRs, Hall Formals, off-campus parties, and even on weekend nights (including Thursdays) at the bars.

Please, please, don’t misunderstand me. I am not a prohibitionist. I do not support our becoming a dry campus. I think we would be remiss in disallowing alcohol on this campus as we would be if we didn’t attempt to teach people about responsible drinking and personal accountability. This is an appropriate time and place to learn how to drink. But I think you know that the preparatory rituals which seem to happen on this campus before hall dances are not happening in your parents homes or before office parties or even before nights out with friends beyond these days. And while you might explain it away by saying that it’s just a college thing, I worry about what you’ll walk away from here with in the ways of socializing and relationships.

If we don’t appreciate the fact that their is a direct correlation between the prevalent abuse of alcohol on this campus and the problems that we have with gender relations then we’re nuts! Many would like to say that we drink so much because the social life on this campus is so bad. I wonder if the social life on this campus is so bad because we drink so much. Aside from the fact that we often sit around with the “guys” and drink, which isn’t in itself bad unless it becomes the very reason why we gather, we should be thinking about how it relates to the gender relations on this campus. If we’ve come to believe that it’s “normal” to enter into an evening with a person of the opposite sex, much less end it, seriously wasted then we need to think again. Too often, the drinking is inversely proportional to how well one knows the other person. And when we go out with the person we know least well we’re in no condition to meet them, and we end the evening (early probably) looking the fool, or at least not knowing them any better than when we started. What will you walk away from an evening like that with? And how often have you done things in relationship that you would never have done but for the fact that you were drunk? At the time it seems to heighten your courage, but more often, upon reflection, it impairs your judgement, especially regarding physical expression. How often would we like to have those moments back when we didn’t consider well enough what we were doing?

My real concern is that, in our present reality, we’re not well disposed to learn how to socialize, to enter into deep and intimate relationships, friendships, with those of the same or opposite sex. We live under this illusion that we’re better communicators or funnier or less timid when we’re drinking/drunk, but what is that going to do for us beyond these days when we’re in a social setting where there is no alcohol? We have to learn to develop the skills of communication, and humor and overcoming shyness without alcohol.

It’s a practical matter gang. It’s not about me, or Campus Ministry, or Student Affairs; it’s about you. It’s about making choices for your life that are consistent with the values of your life, and of the person that you want to be when you leave this place. In these waning days of the semester, take it for what it’s worth and do with it what you will. But time is too fleeting to waste it; just ask the seniors.
Kernan Brilliant Choice as Speaker

The student body of the University of Notre Dame du lac is honored and proud to have Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan as its commencement speaker. Joe Kernan graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in government in 1968. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1969 and served as Naval Flight Officer aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. In May of 1972 he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. From December 1972 to April 1973 he flew 12 combat missions over North Vietnam. He was held as a Prisoner of War in the infamous Hanoi Hilton for 11 months.

For his service, his personal heroism and his courage under great duress he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was elected Mayor of South Bend in 1987 and served as Mayor for nine years, longer than any other mayor in the city’s history. During that time as mayor:

1) South Bend’s bond classifications jumped three classifications to AA as a result of sound fiscal management.

2) The presence of uniformed police officers on the street increased more than 50 percent due to investment in new technology.

3) Crime rates on the blackstone development area attracted more than 160 million dollars helping to create/retain over 4,000 jobs.

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Chris Goddard
Fill The Silence (EP)
Chris Goddard/ascap
★★★★ (best out of five)

In the other songs we see scenes from Chris’ life and it feels like he is telling the truth. His songs lack the pretense that holds many lyricists from being able to communicate with the listener, but is an emotional piece that will stick with you. His words flow smoothly and are easily digestible. The music is beautiful and the vocals are crisp and clear.

John Scofield
A-Go Go
Verve/Polygram Records
★★★★ (best out of five)

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Dave Clark
Joel Cummins

Widespread Panic
Light Fuse Get Away
Capricorn Records
★★★★★ (best out of five)

The album hits an upbeat gait with “Hootenutt,” as Chris Wood furiously pounds the groove on the upright bass. Wood’s sound has continuously become more autonomous with MMW. He is definitely at his peak when, as in this piece, he combines the necessary groove with assertive punctuation and dissonant interludes. Martin, a very loose percussionist with an addiction to strange rhythmic devices, is a good fit for Scofield, although Scofield’s work sounds more furious and perhaps a bit tighter on his earlier work with Dennis Chambers. However, the four mesh quite well as a unit and the result is pleasing to the ear, uniform and clearly original.

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Stuart Smith
DiFranco De Facto
By DJ Spak

After years of training and research in the field of journalism, my prudential principle has become eminently clear to me: the story takes precedence over all other things. I could certainly improve my reaction to the recent Ani DiFranco concert with song titles and meaningless facts about the artist's career. I could also tell outrageous tales of an opening act who magically transformed his rhythm section into a machine and, in the process, lost the attention of his audience. Such matters, however, do not justify the real story, namely Miss Ani DiFranco.

I have to admit that I wasn't exactly abiding by my usually impeccable journalistic methods as I entered the Stepan Center on Wednesday night. The incredible amount of was in my pocket and delusions of Bookstore grandeur were flowing through my mind. I justified my approach by recognizing Ani's extreme eluent in the concert industry. Going to an Ani show is somewhat similar to seeing Phish, P-Funk, or any Third Wave ska band. You can have a fantastic time without being totally familiar with the artist's work. So then, as I entered the center and picked up my ticket, I was pretty much prepared for anything. Which is exactly what I got.

The scene inside Stepan was every dogmatic feminist's and teenage boy's dream. True scores of young ladies filled the arena, although I was not sure whether they were awaiting the appearance of Ani or preparing for some sort of ritualistic male sacrifice. The anticipation seemed to stem from the former, however, as the crowd jumped to its collective feet and roared its approval as Ani, accompanied by a bass drummer and organ player, took the stage. After a surprisingly funny opening and some idle talk about the Stepan Center's similarity to the inside of a brain, the real excitement began. While glancing at the masses, Ani must have seen my angelic face, because she decided to drop her top and play the rest of the show in little more than her bra. This was undoubtedly an added bonus (for me, anyway), but the real standouts of the show were the songs.

Moving from slow, acoustic numbers to longer, more improvisational jams, Ani kept the crowd excited and alive throughout the evening. Her experience as a truly seasoned performer became obvious as she picked just the right moments to interact with the crowd or switch the pace of a song. By the time the band had left the stage, my sense of joyous awe could only be tempered by two simple questions: Where did all the time go, and why is that girl behind me such a terrible dancer? The crowd was not completely satisfied until two encores were performed, a perfect conclusion to an energetic evening. When I first entered the Stepan Center last Wednesday night, I was a child in the Ani DiFranco universe, filled with a cornucopia of misconceptions and doubts. By the time I left, however, I was a man. I gained a new appreciation for her music, her fans, and even her choice in undergarment apparel. On an otherwise cold and uninteresting night in South Bend, Ani DiFranco lit a fire in my soul that has yet to be extinguished. Take it from the kid: Until you have seen Ani DiFranco live in concert, you really don't know what you're missing.

They're so money baby
By Matt Buttel

With the explosive popularity of Jon Favreau's 1996 film Swingers came a revival of 1940s jump-jive, alley-cat hipster culture. While such groups as the Mighty Blue Kings, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and the Brian Setzer Orchestra have all gained tremendous momentum from the film's release, Ventura artists Big Bad Voodoo Daddy jumped from an existence as an extremely talented California ensemble to a national music sensation. In the midst of a cross-country tour promoting their self-titled major-label debut, BBVD made an unforgettable stop at the Chicago House of Blues this past Friday evening.

The show shot out of the gate sprinting with Mama Biggins' Brass Juncture, a Madison-based New Orleans-style band. The nine piece group got the crowd moving with and four long set filled with addictive rhythms, catchy riffs and overpowering unisons. The house was filled early in anticipation of BBVD's appearance, but Mama Digdown proved themselves worthy of such an audience. Their set was highlighted by a disappearance from stage left and a reemergence into the crowd for their final three numbers, "Calvins funeral-mourning," The P.A. blared Nat "King" Cole and Albert Collins tunes between sets and gradually dissipated into a raw-sungs blues combo number. The curtain opened, the crowd roared with delight, and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy ran into their opening tune, "The Boogie Bumper." Trumpeter and featured soloist Glen "The Kid" Marhevka ripped out a searching series of multi-octave runs and Dizzy Gillespie-esque blast.

The percussionist Kurt Sodergreen, bassist Dirk Shumaker, and keyboardist Joshua laid down and infection groove that kept the kids dancing all night long. These three, coupled with the accentual guitar licks from lead vocalist and guitarist Scotty Morris, kept the pace fast and furious all throughout the show. Their rock solid foundation gave BBVD's talented horn section the opportunity to showcase all evening, much to the crowd's approval. Tenor saxophonist Karl Hunter, baritone saxophonist Andy "The Golden Snug" Rowley, trombonist Jeff Harris, and Marhevka collectively stole the show. Whether in crisp unisons, complex heads, imaginative solos, or hysterial stage antics, these four are the perfect touch to the talented BBVD rhythm section. Frontman Scotty Morris proved to be as entertaining an emcee as he is a guitarist, and while his voice was a bit raw at times, he utilized the crowd through an entertaining show. The majority of the set consisted of tunes from their initial CD. "Pinstripe Suit," "Mambo Swing" and "King of Swing" were all new tunes that impressed the audience. The singers staples "You and Me and the Bottle Makes Three Tonight (Baby)" and "I Wanna Be Like You" were familiar tunes to everyone in attendance. A terrific cover of Cab Calloway's "Minnie the Moocher" paid proper homage to the Ideo-Ho run, and the set closed with a Dixieland group improvisational number, "So Long-Farewell-Good-bye" (with a tear of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" thrown in).

The band returned to chants of "Go-Daddy-Oh!" for their final number, the tune that made them famous. The crowd danced itself senseless as each musician took turns with everything they had. Ched in faders, two-tone wing tips and vintage pinstripe suits, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy demonstrated that while the 40s revival may come and go, they'll be playing crowds for years to come.

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Students rally in support of homosexual rights in front of the Golden Dome one year ago tomorrow.

S
ince the University denied the student-run group Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) the right to meet on campus in 1993, the debate surrounding the status of homosexual students on both campuses has been ongoing and, in some cases, heated.

Administrators adhere to Catholic doctrine, accepting homosexual orientation in and of itself, but not condoning the accompanying sexual or romantic attractions. But the students, many of whom consider themselves Catholic, feel slighted by the administration's apparent expectation that they deny a very real part of themselves — sexuality. Some feel safest in silence; others prefer to speak out and openly confront the difficulty of being gay on these campuses, and doing so without rejecting the religion that some feel rejects them.

Here, in the second of a three-part series, The Observer hopes to illuminate the homosexual experience at Notre Dame through the stories of those who live it, for beyond doctrine, policy and controversy lie people trying to assert their rights in the face of real and theoretical obstacles.
I AM CATHOLIC. I AM A
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ast year around this time, a confused sophomore sat alone in his room, plagued by the pain of ceaseless migraines and body aches.

Sleep, his one possible refuge, eluded him; night after night a frustrating and terrifying insomnia kept him tossing and turning.

The burden of the hopes, dreams and future plans that so many others wanted him to live out — his parents, professors and friends — weighed upon him, but there was something heavier on his mind that he could not push aside.

He knew, beyond all doubt, that he was gay and that he could not tell anyone; the "terror, stress and anxiety" that accompanies coming out would be too much, he said.

So he buried his secret deep within himself, beneath the six, seven or eight shots of vodka he needed every night before bed. And then he could sleep.

"I discovered alcohol, and I found it as a way to escape. My whole sophomore year, I drank every day — hard alcohol. I was suffering from depression and the reason I was depressed was because I was gay, and no one could know," he said. "By the end of sophomore year, I had tried other drugs, not hard stuff. I did marijuana. I needed a drug."

"I didn't try to kill myself, but I put myself in a dangerous situation with medication and alcohol. It was kind of a non-suicide suicide. I would be dead now if I kept at the rate I was going last year," he said.

The ordeal lasted almost an entire academic year, during which hid the truth under a mask of sleep. His one possible refuge, eluded him; night after night a frustrating and terrifying insomnia kept him tossing and turning.

"I came out to my best friend at the beginning of this year," he recalled. "I went to a GLND/SMC meeting and saw that there were happy, functioning gay people out there — that to be gay and to be happy weren't mutually exclusive things.

"GLND/SMC has shown me that there are real people who are gay and who go to school and do their homework and get law degrees and aren't depressed and don't need drugs to get by. There are ways out besides death and drugs," he said.

Steadied by new friends, personal strength and conviction, he continued to come out to a small group of friends, one by one. The responses he got were mostly positive.

"It feels good to hear them say 'we still love you,'" he said, "but it's kind of like, 'Yeah, you'd better, I've been your friend for nine years.'"

But that familiar terror raged inside him when he contemplated coming out to his parents, who had known him his entire life without truly knowing him — they assumed he was heterosexual.

Finally, he planned to set them straight.

"I got so anxious and upset and sick to myself about it that I thought I was going to die. The only thing I can liken it to for a straight person is telling your parents your pregnant or that you got your girlfriend pregnant. They [your parents] are supposed to say they support you, but they can tell you to get an abortion, and that can kill you inside," he said.

"But when you're gay, it's not like you got some girl pregnant or you have a problem that you actually did something to bring about. It's being, and I knew my mom and dad couldn't accept that."

He was right.

"They said, 'You're not gay.' They said I had to go to rehabilitation therapy. They said I couldn't go to Notre Dame if I was gay. I got, 'How could you do this to us?' My mom said she'd rather hear a lie than the truth. She said I was killing her inside."

That conversation was a few months ago, and the threat remains. "I'm gay, he cannot be a part of the Notre Dame family because his parents will not pay for it. His only option was bury the truth, so me he must be heterosexual and that he didn't know what he was thinking."

"My parents used to know, now they don't know, and they can't know or I'm walking," he said.

His anonymity and deception is his only protection against being forced from the University for good. He said he can keep up the disguise, and he is trying to understand his parents' reasoning.

"I've come to learn that my mom's from a different time period, and she has her own prejudices," he said. "If they're going to be like that, I have to be smarter and tell them that I'm straight. I'm sure I'll tell them the truth again in like 10 years when I'm financially secure. Now, I'll have to just deal."

He also must deal with the normalcy and anxiety of being out of a closet that served as his tiny home for almost two decades. He still barbers the fears that kept the door tightly shut for that time, but holds strongly to his conviction.

"Whether people leave when you enter the shower or they don't invite you to dinner or you don't get picked for that basketball team — that's what keeps you in the closet, but I've learned that it's better to be out and dealing with all of this than to be in the closet and depressed or have low self-esteem or worse," he said.

Now, he concentrates on his schoolwork and the organizations in which he participates, a few of which work to aid those who deal with oppressive and difficult situations of abuse similar to that which he suffered.

He also reconciled his homosexuality with his Catholic faith, seeing the Catholic Church as an accepting and nurturing institution where he can feel welcome.

"It was hard to integrate the Catholic and gay stuff. I believe in all Catholic beliefs on all issues but homosexuality, and I believe, like many priests believe, that the Church really needs to catch up to the times," he said.

"I still don't believe in premarital sex," he added. "I don't think homosexuals get any special rights, but I know I want to be with someone for the rest of my life in a marriage kind of thing."

The only closet that still hides him is that of his parents' construction, but he hopes that the truth can resurface in the future. He continues to come out to friends and associates, which each day helps him and those around him grow more comfortable with his sexuality.

He notes that "it [homosexuality] is all over the place," as he glances at a down arrow above an elevator in LaFortune. The arrow shines with a pink hue when the car stops on the third floor.

"See — it's everywhere," he said.
More than 400 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students may remember the girl who, standing on the steps of the Main Building last year, proclaimed her lesbianism to a vast array of total strangers.

That figure is Alyssa Hellrung, who has come to stand for strength and pride in Notre Dame's gay community in her four semesters here.

"I've kind of become the poster girl for homosexuality at Notre Dame," Hellrung said. "If they need someone to pin it on, that's OK because they know me as 'that gay girl who's totally normal and like everyone else.' I'm not combat-boot-wearing. I don't exactly fit the stereotype."

But "totally normal" might not be the best description of the Breen-Phillips sophomore, because while so many students struggle with sexuality and identity at Notre Dame, Hellrung arrived with a self-accepting image of her lesbianism.

"Not only am I a lesbian, but I'm a feminist, a vegetarian and a liberal Democrat. Do you think I'm not used to defending myself?" she said, with pointed sarcasm.

But it is less a defense of her lifestyle than an explanation, which she offers in forums, discussion groups, articles and committees for those who listen — and sometimes, those wary of listening.

Hellrung firmly believes she can increase students' understanding of both her choices and those of peers not yet ready to speak out.

Hellrung said she dated guys in high school but was never open about it at Notre Dame, first during band camp before freshman year, and later when she moved into her dorm.

The first week of freshman year, a dozen roses showed up outside my door and my roommates just figured they were from my boyfriend," she said. "When I told them they were from my friend, right of the hat, both of them were like, 'Hey, that's OK,' and they kept up the guise of being cool with it. There was a week of awkwardness, and finally they asked me questions and the whole rest of the year, they were completely OK and great about it.

They'd be helping me with my girl problems, and I was helping them with their guy problems. It ended up being an idyllic relationship at the end," she said.

But she was not sure that positive coming-out experience would repeat itself each time. She learned the history of GLND/SMC's ejection from the Counseling Center and knew then that not everyone in the community accepts homosexuality with an open mind.

"It scared me at first. It was like, 'Geez, this is a huge deal to people.' On this campus, being gay seems so taboo and it shouldn't be. It's like I was feeding off of that and making it a real big deal because I was all of a sudden coming out to people one by one, which is a really nerve-wracking situation," she said.

The best way to curb that anxiety, according to Hellrung, was to come out to people in droves — dozens, hundreds, even thousands at once.

"When I started speaking, that's when I got strength," she said of her first discussion session last spring in Breen-Phillips, where the audience asked about her sexuality, her dating life and her faith.

"I learn a lot from people whose minds are opening around me," Hellrung stated. "Mostly the people who seem to come to hear me speak are the straight students who need their minds opened too. I wanted to show them that we're not monsters and we're not out to get anyone.

"I'm not a psycho stalking poor, innocent straight girls. I want people to hear me speak and then see me walking to class, going to the dining hall, going to work out at the Rock," she said.

She says her main objective is not a social overhaul, but to increase understanding about gay issues, both political and emotional; her strategy is to foster small but noticeable attitude adjustments in her audience.

"You never know how people are going to interpret what you say. They could never learn or they could ignore it and one day they will learn and they'll feel bad for things they've said or done that discriminated against others.

"It's like when someone says, 'That was so gay, I want to stop and say, Hey, do you know who I am? Let me talk to you for a second,' because all people really need is to understand that it hurts," she stated. "I think it's great when people catch themselves on that for the first time and try to break the habit because now they know it can hurt."

She also fields questions about the difficulty of integrating the Catholic faith with homosexuality — both her own and that of others.

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Quincy Starnes

I'm a minority among minorities."

Quincy Starnes is an African-American, gay Notre Dame sophomore, a Southern Baptist who hopes to share a family someday with a man to whom he will dedicate his life.

"You can't get more minority than me," he said, despite the fact that so many other students spend their time very much like he does — in class, in the theater, in club meetings, at the dining hall and at clubs on the weekends. But few Notre Dame students are very much like Stearns is — a homosexual African-American.

"There's the people who will accept you for being black, but won't accept you for being gay, and then there's the people who will accept you for being gay, but won't accept you for being black," he said. When Starnes came to Notre Dame, all he wanted was to find a place where he would feel accepted.

Like so many students, it took him a while to find his niche. From a small, conservative town in the South, Starnes attended a Lutheran high school, "which I feel is so close to Catholic," where he was out of the closet to only a few close friends.

He came to the University the summer before freshman year as a member of the Hesburgh program for minority students. He expected that at a Catholic school, there would be concern and opposition to his homosexuality, but he made a decision and stuck to it.

"I said to myself back before I came to college, 'I'm going to act how I've always wanted to act,' so I came out to everyone in the program. Most of them were cool about it, but there were a few guys who referred to me as 'that gay guy' and who started rumors that I was sleeping with my roommate, who was straight. Good call, huh?" he said.

So it was another minority freshmen who gave Starnes his first taste of the student reaction to homosexuality, just months before the first day of his freshman year.

He had high hopes of meeting individuals in what he expected would be an established black community, something that barely exists in his hometown where less than 12 in his graduating class of near 70 were black.

"I have a lot of straight friends who know I'm gay. My section-mates last year were great. They tried to get me to bring a guy to my dances, and when I was interested in someone, they wanted me to bring him over so they could 'approve,'" he recalled.

He said many of his friends have been very supportive of his lifestyle, which excludes alcohol and promiscuity, and that a close friend even decided once to set him up at a club.

"My New Year's resolution was to stop chasing after men, to get them to come to me. So I did. I was out one night with a friend, and I was looking at this guy, and she told me to go over and ask him to dance," recalled Starnes. "I said, 'I can't do that,' so she went over and said, 'If that guy over there..."
Karl Eichelberger

He stepped out of his car with the ND license plates and strolled into Lula's, clad in blue jeans, an ND sweatshirt and an ND LAW hat.

Karl Eichelberger was a walking ad for the spirit of the Fighting Irish.

"We grew up singing the fight song," he says in a slight but noticeable Southern drawl from his years growing up in Georgia.

He came to talk about his role as this year's president of Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC), but he considers that leadership role to be just one of many facets of his life.

"I wasn't going to tell anyone I was gay, popping up at the preeminent, Catholic school in the Midwest and all," he said. "I've never put away the whole 'people being afraid of me in the shower' scene as an undergrad, I stayed in the closet to everyone but a few close friends."

During his academic break, Eichelberger came out to his parents.

"I was scared shitless," he recalled.

His father's reaction was, "You could have spent all weekend jumping out of closets, playing charades, and we would have guessed what you were doing."

He learned that not everyone would be judgmental and harsh about his sexuality.

After living in Atlanta and being open with coworkers and neighbors, Eichelberger decided that "there was no way I was going to let Notre Dame throw me back into the closet again" when he returned to study law.

"I didn't show up in a tutu running around the lobby in the law school, but when people ask, I tell them I'm gay," he said. "I'm much happier now."

He began attending GLND/SMC meetings in an effort to find other gay and lesbian students on campus and to understand better the political actions the group took in response to the administration pulling the organization from its meeting space in Counseling Center.

After GLND/SMC's departure from campus, the administration formed an ad hoc committee to determine needs of homosexuals on Notre Dame's campus. Eichelberger said GLND/SMC was ostracized from the plans, and ultimately it was not recognized as a student group, despite strong support from other student-run groups.

With these events fresh in his mind, Eichelberger took control of the unofficial organization last fall as a "reluctant leader because of the high graduation rate last year." He felt strongly that the group needed to continue, but altered this year's focus toward a more support-oriented structure.

"GLND/SMC made a lot of difference for me and I thought, 'It's time to give back,'" he remembered. "When I got here a few years back, it was very political and activist-oriented. I saw this as a rebuilding year to concentrate on support and social activities, to talk about issues that really affect us."

With nearly 50 active members, including students, faculty, staff and clergy, and over 200 names on the e-mail list under Eichelberger's leadership, GLND/SMC continues to grow despite the lack of administrative recognition, which he says hurts
When she entered Saint Mary's College in the fall of 1994, Kelli Harrison expected a pretty typical four years.

She planned to major in something practical, get a good job and, just maybe, meet a man with whom to share her life.

Four years later, Harrison has become that happy, well-balanced, educated woman, but she sees her path as far from typical. During her years at the College, she dealt with personal struggles and relationship matters that she'd never considered as an incoming freshman.

She never thought she would leave Saint Mary's in search of an apartment and a job in the same city as Jen Warner, her life partner. Harrison met Warner in a class freshman year.

Their started out being platonic, hanging out or doing homework, but as Harrison stated, "you just can't deny those feelings."

The two began dating, but for Harrison the relationship pushed the boundaries of her future plans. And in the coming years, she experienced more challenges that tore at the foundations of her family, her relationship with Warner and, more pervasively, her self-understanding and evaluation.

"Discovering that I was a lesbian was the biggest challenge I've faced thus far in my life. The easiest solution was to try not to be gay, but that didn't work," she said, adding that despite her Catholic upbringing, she simply could not deny being gay.

"Physically, I am more attracted to women. Falling in love, if you took away all of the other things, my emotional bonds are more fulfilling with a woman. I've never reached the same level of intimacy with a man as with a woman," she stated.

"It's not all about sex. It's about intimacy, both spiritually and emotionally. It's about flowers and romance. It's about being best friends," she said.

Her candid words come easily now, but Harrison swears her self-assurance and strength were non-existent a few years ago.

"You're suspect of your body because it's trying to force you to be gay," she continued. "A lot of the acceptance [of one's homosexuality] has to do with self-concept, but it turns into self-hatred, and if I hate myself for being gay, I'm going to have some negative feelings toward my love-interest because she's gay too."

Harrison recounted the pain of coming to terms with her feelings for Warner, with whom she has shared her entire lesbian experience. She says "the worst of it" was not knowing where to turn or what to do.

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Shannon Vieth did not know what to expect when he arrived at Notre Dame for his orientation in August.

He read newspaper articles on the football team and visited the home page on the World Wide Web, but as for really knowing about the school and its students, Vieth was ready to write on a blank slate.

As he moved his belongings into his St. Edward’s Hall quad, he knew he was embarking on a new phase of his life and vowed to be honest, liberated, and true to himself at Notre Dame.

“When I got to college, I wanted to be as free as I wanted with my expression. I’m trying to live the life that I want to live and the life I believe that God created me to live,” Vieth said.

Although his vow pertained to all aspects of his life, Vieth was concentrating on one in particular — his homosexuality.

“I had decided that if anyone asked me outright [if I was gay], that I would say, ‘Yes. I wouldn’t lie,” Vieth said.

The first few weeks at Notre Dame were filled with excitement and comfort for Vieth. A dedicated Catholic, he attended dorm Mass regularly and was overjoyed to discover a very welcoming and inviting message there.

“My rector at St. Ed’s, Father David Schielder, talked about acceptance and homosexuality every night of freshman orientation,” he said. “He talked about how we should all be open and accepting.

“But it only lasted through freshman orientation, which was ironic,” Vieth stated.

Ironic, because as the message of acceptance faded in his dorm, so did his feelings of comfort and welcome at Notre Dame. Yet he refused to betray his vow of openness and honesty, finding himself at a GLND/SMC meeting during the first week of September.

“I asked myself, ‘Do I want to go in? Do I want to make this statement?’” he recalled. “I had trouble walking in the door because I thought, ‘What if it’s the wrong door, and I walk in and ask where the meeting for gays and lesbians is?’”

After talking to upperclassmen and professors, Vieth knew that the issue of homosexuality had a long and arduous history at the conservative Catholic school, but he buried his nerves and entered the meeting. There, he found other young people, many of them freshmen like himself, trying to reach a conclusion about both the personal and political state of homosexuals at Notre Dame.

He made friends with the same decisions to make and situations to face as he did. He found a comfort zone.

But when the meeting was over and Vieth returned to his dorm, he entered a zone that was far less reassuring.

“On Solidarity Sunday [Oct. 4], they handed out rainbow ribbons. I wore one on the top of my shirt, and my roommate came up to me and asked if I knew what it meant,” remembered Vieth. “I said...”

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I have never had a doubt in my faith in God, but I don't want to deal with this Bible stuff," she said. "I don't think God would have made something he hated. I don't think this is any more loving in a relationship that God hated.

"I just can't handle Catholicism anymore," Hellrung continued. "It's not that I feel that I don't belong. I just don't think it's right for me to be taking communion with all these people who believe that everything the Catholic Church is saying is right."

But Hellrung's life is not solely about being in the spotlight. She often considers her future -- working at Club Med and writing -- but she's not sure whether she'll find anyone at Notre Dame with whom to share it.

There are so many people on this campus who I'll never meet, or if I do meet them, I'll never know they're gay. It's really hard when my two roommates have boyfriends on Valentine's Day, and I can't believe that girl I like is straight. It's really hard here. It's like, 'Should I accidentally-on-purpose run into her?' She's probably straight anyway, and that's a lot of heartache," she said.

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asks you to dance, will you?"

He paused, blushing, before relating the rest of the exchange:

"She came back and said she didn't, but I could then I couldn't ask him," he said.

"She went over again and said, 'That guy's too shy to ask you to dance, so go over and ask him yourself,' and he did.

And now we're dating.

His boyfriend is a Goshen resident in his 20s, and their relationship is in many ways typical. Starnes gets concerned that their phone calls are long distance, and speaks excitedly about their weekend dates.

But he hates the fact that, unlike many Notre Dame couples, they can't walk around campus as a couple when he comes to visit.

"When you're on campus, you want to act like the straight couples with PDA, hand-holding and kissing, but you can't because it's not socially acceptable. You can tell that from the way guys relate to each other on this campus," he said. "You rarely see guys touch each other even though girls can hug and kiss each other on the cheek and it's no big deal. If you see something like that, it's like, 'Hmm, what's that all about?'

And Starnes has had to deal with some of those critics.

"My roommate this year moved out after last semester. He actually said it was: 'The lifestyle isn't for me, so I'm going to go over and ask him yourself,' and he did.

"In general, you can tell that they [straight people] are afraid for themselves. They're afraid you're going to put the moves on them. They're afraid they are going to get taken advantage of at a weak moment," he said. "I'm not that kind of person. It's like most of us, if we know you're straight, we're not going to go there and ask you out because it causes a lot of pain and heartache on both sides."

So Starnes sticks to his friends, those he's met in classes and those whom he's gotten to know through GLND/SMC meetings and functions, which he attends when he's not practicing for a show or busy with other commitments.

His race and sexuality aside, he has political opinions that hinge on the fact that he is a very religious man, despite the fact that he cannot easily practice the Baptist faith without transportation off campus.

"I do believe that this is a Catholic university and they should uphold the Catholic doctrine, but there are some things that have been disproven in the doctrine, and I think they should consider that," he said.

"I believe that God created me this way and so it's not an evil or a sin," he added. "I pray every night, I figure that love is love, and so it's not an evil or a sin."

"The self-proclaimed "minority among minorities" goes about his life as a St. Edward's Hall resident, an actor, a student and a member of two small and sometimes-oppressed groups.

Starnes refused to let his race or sexual orientation prevent him from making friends; indeed, as he spoke, nearly half a dozen people stopped our discussion to say hello or tap him on the shoulder in greeting.

"We always come from a place just like this. You try not to upset someone and if you do, it's not the end of the world. You can either be friends or go your separate ways. It's a big campus.

And Starnes has found his niche.

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the group financially.

"We're trying to bring a couple of high profile speakers to campus to counter the Strake Foundation, but it's hard with out the money," he stated.

That foundation has brought speakers to campus who are not trained to handle sometimes-oppressed groups.

But the issues of support and acceptance that Eichelberger tries to bring to GLND/SMC are not completely unnoticed by faculty at Notre Dame. In fact, the Gender Studies department helped the group in its pursuit of increased awareness of gay and lesbian issues.

"We get speakers, so they get speakers. We help to facilitate the group in anyway we know how because, for example, the Strake Foundation is not an even playing ground for the students," Kathleen Birdick, department chairman of Gender Studies said.

"Things are stacked against them [gay and lesbian students] as far as the academic handbook and in the way of financial support. These issues need to be addressed fairly on campus, and we just happen to be helping the group by addressing them," she continued.

Now, Eichelberger is working to plan a spring formal and various other events like bowling nights and the recognition of current issues to keep the energy and spirit of the group alive. He continues discussion sessions and tries to help members get necessary support for issues like alcoholism or depression that can be associated with oppression and discrimination, but that GLND/SMC is not trained to handle.

His main concerns are still school, friends, family and his "receding hairline," but now he's added another line to this list: He is trying to get students who need support from their peers to find GLND/SMC or other places like the Counseling Center or Campus Ministry.

"To me, I see it as the more the merrier," he said. "Now there's all this competition about 'Where are all the queer going to go?' It's wonderful."
Kelli Harrison, from page 8

“When you really start to doubt yourself—that’s the start of it. You seriously wonder if you’re the only one with the problem,” she said. A dedicated Catholic, Harrison found that her Church was not the resource she needed to survive a difficult period of growth and exploration.

“My Catholic identity is an important part of my life, but altogether I’ve felt that spiritually distracted by constantly trying to figure out who I am,” she said. “Sometimes I sit in Mass and concentrate on God, and sometimes I sit in Mass and worry about what other people are thinking of me in this place that is shutting out some of her loyal children.

“How can I have an affection for a Church that sometimes doesn’t have an affection for me?” she asked.

Harrison also grappled with familial issues when her parents discovered her homosexuality. A relative noticed Harrison giving Warn er a kiss on the cheek after Thanksgiving dinner, and Mrs. Harrison repeatedly asked her daughter if she were.During this time she was distracted by any questions you wanted to tell me,” but Harrison kept her feelings hidden.

Until one day, “I dropped the bomb,” and the shrapnel flew. Harrison related, “I felt a lot of pressure. Before I came out to my family, but when I did, they were very reluctant to send me to the University Counseling Center. Money issues compounded the decision, but it was her sincere belief that if she were going to tell me, she would have a happy life with a husband and kids. They had to lay blame somewhere, so they said that school made me gay.”

The couple broke up several times while Harrison dealt with her parents’ confusion and anxiety, but she didn’t think the feelings did not help the situation.

Parents often get painted as the bad guys by their kids, but she genuinely wants what’s best for their kids, and they just don’t think that being gay will make anyone better. Harrison added, “We have to be patient. Now I know my mom and I can handle anything. It [discussion of her homosexuality] opened up lines of communication in our relationship.

“My dad is a different story,” Harrison continued. “He’s not really ready on this issue yet. My belief is you’ve got to push people a little bit so they can grow a little. I’m trying to be delicate with my dad, to push him beyond his comfort zone.

The Harrisons now accept their daughter’s choice, and the couple worked actively in the Saint Mary’s community to call for acceptance of all women regardless of sexual orientation.

“If a girl is sprawled out on a coach with her boyfriend, no one stares at them like they’re freaks, but if I passionately kiss my girlfriend on this campus, I don’t want anyone to freak out and have a heart attack,” Harrison said. “People are much more tolerant of heterosexual PDA than they are of homosexual PDA. I think it’s because everyone knows what one of those is and the pain people endure because of confusion about one’s self. She also believes that professors can use for a class research project on the subject.

“The first one [roommate] who found out was pretty cool about it, but it got worse. When one of my roommates found out, he told me to remove books from the room because he didn’t want any trash in the room,” Vieth said.

“He said I could not have any gay people in the room because he didn’t want anything in the room,” she said.

She added, “He felt the effects of disclosing his sexual orientation to his roommates, Vieth decided to tell his mother, who lives in Milwaukee.

“I told my mom in November in a three-hour conversation on the phone, but it was hard to talk about it because the conversation was going on in my dorm where I could go to have a conversation like that,” he said. “I didn’t feel totally comfortable in my room, but I stayed there and told her.

“Until 3:30 in the morning a week later, I got a letter from her saying that she couldn’t see where I was coming from. ‘Wasn’t destroying any religious beliefs I ever had!’ It said to destroy the letter. It said that I was gay because I wanted attention,” he said.

Uncertain about his own room and unable to discuss the subject with his mom, Vieth continued attending GLND/SMC meetings and spoke with staff members at the University Counseling Center.

“Other people taught me that my mom really does love me but that she doesn’t understand what she’s going through,” he said, explaining his present understanding of his mother’s situation. “It took a long time to deal with it. I have to give her that time too.”

The agonizing spiral of family and daily life continued to take its toll on Vieth, who wanted to keep focusing on his studies as well.

“During Thanksgiving break, my mom and I were playing the game of ‘Life,’ I ironically didn’t have to get married or have children in my household. In three hours I was played, but my mom asked if I had to get married, in real life, it’d be a boy or a girl,” he said.

“I didn’t say anything for a while. Then she said, ‘If you’re just going to put up with the pressure, you’ve got to find something you’re not going to put you in the will,” Vieth recalled. “After a ton of screaming and yelling all break, we didn’t even say goodbye to each other on Sunday night.”

So after a long Thanksgiving “vacation,” Vieth returned to Notre Dame, where his life as a gay man was little easier than he found at home. By this time, he had come out to all his roommates, most of whom took the information with little understanding or compassion.

To avoid spending time in his room, Vieth turned to friends he met through GLND/SMC—people with whom he “just felt comfortable.”

“Sometimes, when [my roommates] were having friends over, they would make gay jokes and make me want to leave,” he said.

“When I would, they would say to each other, ‘Good job, you got the fag out of the room.’”

Not allowed to have friends at his home—he “filed a petition to get out of my room, which for some reason failed.”

Through all his hardships, Shannon Vieth still managed to keep his grades up and keep his name in the news.

“I certainly don’t want to leave Notre Dame. The worse it gets, the more I want to show up and say something,” he said.
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Ranked teams continue to dominate Stepan courts

Primetime, No Limit advance to round of 16

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

How sweet it is.

Last night, 16 teams played their way into the next round of Bookstore XXVII with only one unseeded team earning the right to play in the Sweet 16.

In a very loosely officiated game, No. 9 No Limit tangled with No. 24 Dirty Sanchez last night before No Limit finally opened up a big lead and cruised to victory, 21-14.

Dirty Sanchez broke out to an early 7-4 lead, but No Limit scored five unanswered points and took a 11-9 lead into half-time.

In the second half it was all Eric Chapelle, who put on a clinic with his crossover dribbles and quick moves to the basket.

"They [Dirty Sanchez] were really quick, but Eric just took over the game," said teammate Joey Getherall. "I think he's the best player in the whole tournament."

Getherall was a last minute addition to the team after Benny Guilbeux and Raki Nelson were sidelined with injuries.

"I think these guys have a good chance of winning it all," added Getherall.

"We were able to turn it on in the second half," said Jani. "Our defense led to a lot of open looks and we were able to knock them down."

Jani used those looks and converted them into quick points. He turned his game up a notch and went on a tear, scoring four straight points to put the game out of reach.

In the round of 16, Primetime will take on unseeded Absolute Irish, who defeated Lseo Legion: Our Boy's Wicked Smart, 21-10. The game will be played on Stepan 2 at 10 p.m.

"I think we're playing well despite our injuries," said Jani. "We're looking forward to playing. This is when it starts to get fun."

The fun will continue as the round of 16 gets underway at 9:15 p.m. on the Bookstore courts.
Softball

has had an outstanding impact on the team's performance this weekend. The trio of Lizzy Lemire, Klayman have combined to account for 32 percent of this season's hits and 41 percent of the team's RBI.

On the mound, the pitching duo of Alkire and Jennifer Sharron have combined for more than half of the team's innings pitched and 17 of the 27 wins this season. Sharron leads the team in wins (12), complete games (13), shutouts (7) and innings pitched (128).

After playing their doubleheader against Toledo, the team will return back to the friendly confines of Ivy Field for a three-game series against division rival Villanova. In order to clinch the division title, the Irish must win at least two of the three games against the Wildcats.

For now, however, the doubleheader between the Irish and the Rockets is set to begin at 3 p.m. this afternoon at Carter Field.

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be at his best," said McMahon. Yet with the setup of Notre Dame's secondary, the competition may be altogether nonexistent.

"In our multiple defensive backfield," said McMahon, "I [Driver] is a starter and will be on the field." Driver's transition to safety was not as easy as his athletic abilities would have one believe. Not only has Driver switched the sides of his game, but also the type of defense that he has been used to playing.

"I ran defense in high school, but we ran a man to man style. So this spring, I had to get used to the backpedaling [necessary in a zone defense]," commented Driver. "It's still giving me some problems."

"The first few day I was struggling, I didn't know when I was gonna play defense, I've been running the ball far too long."

But the Irish's top recruit last year for tailback isn't limiting himself to a backpedaling pace. Even with freshman Darcey Levy and sophomore Jay Vickers stepping in to replace Clement Stokes as the backup tailback, Driver is counting on coming in to relieve Denson from time to time.

"I'll be back [on offense] a little to help them out," Driver said.

But as the spring season wraps up this weekend with the annual Blue-Gold game, Driver is focused on working in his new position on the defense.

"I expect him to play hard and hit somebody, making the tackles and not getting beat," said McMahon.

For a player at a new position, Driver is taking the same attitude that has thus far made him a rising star on the Irish squad. After the spring season has cleared a new path for him, Driver will look to clean up the opposition in the fall.
**Belles take on Albion in last home match**

By VICTORIA BUTCKO

Sometimes luck is not written in the stars. Things have not fallen into place for the Saint Mary’s tennis team as they have unfortunately added another loss to their record. After dropping a match 6-3 against Kalamazoo College on Tuesday, Saint Mary’s (5-10) is quickly approaching the end of their season.

"Kalamazoo was a difficult team to face," said head coach Robin Hyrcko. "Especially with sophomore Mary Woodka still out of the line up. The girls played tough, but we just couldn’t pull it off.”

Winning their doubles match was the No. 1 team of co-captains sophomore Katie Vales and junior Betsy Gemmer. The dynamic duo played a solid, invigorating match and finally defeated their counterparts, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomores Becky Kremmer and Krista Eastburn put up a good fight, but lost momentum after losing a tie breaker in the first set, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

The only singles victory came as a result of Vales’ continued strong play. Vales put her No. 1 singles opponent in place, winning 6-2, 6-3. Although they are not taking their recent slump with ease, hopes are still very high for the upcoming conference meet.

“We have really grown as a team," said Kremmer. “We feel good about the upcoming conference meet and we have been well prepared.”

The only drawback for the team as they look toward conference play is that Robin Hyrcko will not be attending.

That weekend, instead of cheering for her Belles she will be hearing bells, as she walks down the altar to say "I do.”

“She [Hyrcko] has prepared us all season for conferences,” said Kremmer, “We wish she could be there, but I think we are ready for the competition.”

The No. 1 doubles team of Vales and Gemmer have an excellent shot at winning the conference. The team has only lost one match all season and will earn a high seed in the tournament.

The Belles step on to their home court for the last time this season on Thursday, as they take on Albion College.

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**Australia takes India in match**

Associated Press

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates

Michael Bevan smashed his third one-day century Wednesday to help Australia set a target of 284 for seven against India in a crucial match of the Coca Cola Cup.

Bevan, rated as one of the top one-day specialists in the game by skipper Steve Waugh, cracked nine boundaries in his unbeaten 101 from 103 balls to add to the worries of the Indian team, which needed a victory to advance to the final.

Bevan reached his century on the second-to-last ball of the final over, striking paceman Harvinder Singh for a boundary to square leg. Bevan and Mark Waugh, reinstated as the openers Wednesday, put on 90 runs for the fourth wicket from 16 overs to lift Australia from 87 for three to 177 for 4 when Waugh was dismissed for 81.

Mark Waugh, the twin brother of the Australian skipper, had seven boundaries and two sixes in his 99-ball stand as Australia made the most of the opportunity of batting first.

Australia, with three victories in the day-night tournament, has already qualified for Friday’s final, leaving India and New Zealand, who have one victory each, to battle for the final spot.

If India were to lose Wednesday’s match, the second finalist was to be decided on the net run rate. India needs to score an average 5.7 per over to win the match.

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* Velcro Wall

*** 12-6pm - Due to problems transporting Extreme Air, the vertical edge rock climbing wall (as seen on the Tonight Show) will be substituted. We will also have boxing, speed pitch and an obstacle course. Sorry for the inconvenience.***

1-7pm - Munchies - snow cones, cotton candy, pop corn, chips, cookies and pop

2-6pm - Dancin’ at the DH
* DJ on steps of the Dining Hall

3-7pm - Caricaturist - on the Library Green
3-5pm - Clown on the Green
* balloon animals and fun tricks

3-5pm - Canoe Races in Lake Marion

4-5pm - Carnival Games
* Rollerblading around campus - Angela Athletic Center
* Frisbee Toss - LeMans Green

4-6pm - Sand Volleyball Tournament - Sand Courts by Angela

4:45-6:30pm - SMCnic - all your favorite picnic foods plus cotton candy, pop corn and snow cones
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6-7pm - Twister Tournament - LeMans Green

7-10:45 - Brigade of Bands - Library Green and Haggar Terrace
* Hotel Prati* 7-8:15 on the Library Green
* Letter 8* 8:15-9:30 on the Terrace
* Gravity Hill* 9:30-10:45 on the Terrace

11pm - Drive in Movie on the Green - Air Force One
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Burn 'n' Shoot had a little too much for Consuming Fire as they outlasted Consuming Fire last night.

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From 625 to Sweet 16
Bookstore field narrows, intensity picks up

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**SPORTS**

**Irish aim for 3rd Big East title**

By BILL HART

Assistant Sports Editor

Northwestern on Thursday, but the Wildcats were much harder for their rivals to close the gap. The Irish were originally scheduled to play Northwestern on Thursday, but the Wildcats were forced to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. Therefore, Notre Dame will travel to Toledo to play a doubleheader that was rained out in late March.

Despite their impressive 8-1 record, the Wildcats have won two of their last three games. Offensively, they are led by freshmen Laurie Nagel with a .349 average, while Amy Lukowski carries a 2.33 ERA and three wins under her belt. On the other end of the field, the Irish have certainly lived up to their nickname, fighting their way back to the top of the Big East South Division.

**Spring Football**

By ANTHONY BLANCO

Spring Football Coach

Activating his spring time at Notre Dame, just like anywhere else, the Irish are taking care of some spring cleaning even the football team.

The biggest changes for Bob Davie’s Irish this spring are the arrival of current freshman Tony Driver from the offensive backfield to the defensive secondary.

The tailback, who rushed for 133 yards on 35 carries with 3 touchdowns behind Irish starter Autry Denson, is working for a starting spot as a safety.

“Tony Driver’s a fine running back,” said coach Davie. “I’m still learning the defense. A’Jani knows a lot of positions. I’m trying to get as much experience as possible at the position.”

The switch and the resulting competition should also clean up Sanders’ game as well.

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**Baseball**

Good ‘ol pitching and defense extends wins

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At Eck Stadium Wednesday, Notre Dame and Valparaiso provided a perfect example of that old baseball saying, “Pitching and defense win ballgames.”

The Irish took two games from the Crusaders by 1-0 and 3-1 scores. Both contests featured tight pitching and spectacular defense to keep the run total down and extend Notre Dame’s winning streak to 12 games, the longest in head coach Paul Mainieri’s four years guiding the Irish.

“If you look at the great teams, they have consistent pitching and defense,” Mainieri said. "Your hitters won’t hit every day. These pitchers were crafty and after an emotional win against Michigan, I think we didn’t come out as intense. Great pitching and defense gives you a chance to win these games.”

In the first game, the Irish broke a scoreless tie in the ninth inning when Alec Porzel drove in Brant Lile — who had reached on an error and stole second — with a two-out single to left center field. Porzel was Valparaiso’s third hit of the game and 23rd RBI of the season.

“With two strikes on me, I was just trying to put the ball in play,” Porzel said. "But most of the fireworks occurred before extra innings in the field, not at the plate. As a result, Notre Dame left six men on base and Valparaiso stranded nine runners."

In the top of the second, Valparaiso’s Brian O’Connor doubled with one out. The next hitter, Ryan Powpaw ripped a single to left field and consider left-t0-home run. O’Connor out at the plate with a one-bouncer to left Wagner.

"I wasn’t sure he was going to (try to score)," Porzel said. "But I was prepared to throw him out. They had hit a hard liner to me before, so I knew I had a chance and I knew I had to throw through Brust-like cutoff man.”

Notre Dame had its best scoring chance in the third when Dan Leathem and Allen Greene led off with singles. With J.J. Brock at the plate, Mainieri sent the runners and Brock swung on the hit-and-run. Valpo second baseman John Mullen caught the line drive and tossed the ball to Billy Finn covering second base, who threw to Todd Powpaw at first for the triple play.

"I wish I could say it was the first time I’ve had a team hit into a triple play," Mainieri said. "But their second baseman made a great read that ball happens once in a while." In Valparaiso’s half of the fifth, three singles, a pickoff, a fly out and a hit batter led to a bases-loaded, two-out situation. Cleanup hitter Todd Powpaw batting 333 entering the game — hit a fly ball to center that Greene caught with a backhand dive. Only one other Crusader baserunner would get as far as second base of the rest of the games.

Notre Dame had another scoring chance in the seventh inning. Jeff Perconte reached on an error with two outs and stole second on the third pitch to Porzel. After Porzel walked, Todd Frye slapped a single between third and short that Perconte had to let pass before heading toward third. Crusader catcher Michael Phillips threw to first on the next play after a force attempt and sent the final Irish batter to first.

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