Holocaust Project features international experts

By ERIKA THESING
News Writer.

Bringing together world-renowned artists, theologians, scientists, historians and other experts, the Holocaust Project will conclude its year-long efforts this weekend with an international conference exploring the effect of the Holocaust on all of humanity.

This conference encompasses every imaginable discipline, according to Rabbi Michael Signer, co-director of the project.

"The truth of the matter is that there is something here for everyone. We are trying to make a statement here that the Holocaust didn't take place in just a secular environment," he said. "This conference is future oriented. We want to see what we now know and where we can take it in the future." The organizers chose the conference title, "Humanity at the Limit: The Impact of the Holocaust Experience on Jews and Christians," in the hope of emphasizing that the events of the Holocaust reveal truths of humanity.

"It transcended the limit of evil that we thought possible; it certainly gives evidence of [going] beyond the limit of good with people risking their lives to save others," Signer said.

The University of Notre Dame
Holocaust Project

Alumni Senate convenes for yearly session

Directors of 140 alumni clubs nationwide gather on campus for meeting

By MATTHEW LOUGHREN
News Editor

Alumni from all over the world will descend on campus this weekend for a series of information sessions, meetings with students and workshops.

The Alumni Senate meeting, a yearly gathering of 140 alumni club directors, coincides with the spring meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors which also takes place on campus this weekend.

Alumni attend the senate as a way of training and motivating them for involvement in the clubs when they return to their home grounds.

They meet with all of the regional directors and have a chance to come together and talk," said Mary Pat Beal, the editor of alumni publications. "Besides that, they attend presentations on continuing education, community service and other aspects of alumni clubs."

Last night, the senators attended a club awards dinner during which one club was designated as Club of the Year.

Over the course of the weekend, the participants will also be able to meet with current Notre Dame students during the course of the weekend. On Saturday, the Alumni Association has invited the all students to a "picnic" in the Joyce Center from noon to 2 p.m. Each region will have its own table with the alumni seniors from that area, so that students can easily find alumni from their area.

The senators will also meet on Saturday with the 1998 Summer Service Project student volunteers who will be going to their areas for the eight-week-long projects.

"While there is a chance for alumni to interact with students, it is not the main point," Beal said. "The main idea of this is to gather information for the alumni to take back to their clubs."
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Michelle Kroepke  
Senior Staff Writer

UF administrators were lured out of their offices during the lunch hour by loud chants and blaring car horns.

"It's in, McGovern out!" the nearly 75 students shouted, their picket signs echoing their non-stop chants. "Johnny, Johnny, go away. You're out of FFR!

For a half hour and a half, civility and decorum was out the window in the Student Union, as it was when the students' hunger strike was announced last winter. The protest was over "discrimination, violence, and lack of freedom of speech." The number of students grew as word spread of the protest.

In the Student Union, the students sang "John, You Can't Stay," a song they had written themselves, while holding signs that read "McGovern Out!" and "Civil Rights, Freedom of Speech, and Equal Opportunity." The students continued to sing and chant while the demonstration continued.

"McGovern's and Blue Key's leadership is the problem," said one student. "Civil or criminal, defamation is total."

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In an effort to keep the protest peaceful, a police officer was stationed in front of the Student Union. However, some students became violent, throwing objects and knocking down a police officer. The officer was treated for minor injuries and released from the hospital.

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By REBECCA HAMMEL
News Writer

In January 1988, Dr. Rocham Marlon, an Israeli physician, along with a group of other physicians, visited a hospital in the Gaza Strip and her life changed forever. She and her colleagues encountered a hospital filled with urine and filth, lacking the necessary supplies to care for its overcrowded patients. Marlon saw many Palestinians with broken limbs and head injuries and some that were still unconscious from being severely beaten. "Each of us carried a heavy emotional load," Marlon said.

The physicians talked about what they had seen and decided to take action. Marlon founded Physicians for Human Rights, an organization which works to unite Israelis and Palestinians in the struggle for human rights. In Marlon's opinion, this issue is closely tied to medicine and politics.

In her talk, Marlon outlined the principal strategies of Physicians for Human Rights. First and foremost, they seek to continuously present their ideas and suggestions to both the public and the government. The group publishes reports and press releases both in Israel and in foreign countries in order to influence world opinion. They also bring law suits against human rights violators to the Israeli Supreme Court.

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In general, the group strives to alter the notion of national identity that is so fundamental to Israeli self-perception. If the Israeli public realizes that they are not the only potential victims in the conflict with the Palestinians, they will become aware of the travesty of human rights in Israel.

"We innocently believed that if we shared what we had seen with the public, they would react the same way that we did, with utter shock, great shame and an intense need to fight against this situation," Marlon said.

Her early hopes were quickly dashed, however, by an unresponsive public and an uncooperative government. Marlon said that her efforts to make the Israeli public aware of the violation of human rights have been treated with disdain and fear. She has been accused of being a traitor to her country and received numerous threatening phone calls.

"They are continually trying to humiliate, reject and threaten us," Marlon said.

The public, in order to protect its own self-image, practices what Marlon calls an, "unconscious denial of reality.

"As a collective, we are always victims, always right, always humane and always must be united," she said of the Israeli public.

This perspective automatically transforms the Palestinian into the "Other," unscrupulous, inhumane and never united, Marlon continued.

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The physicians talked about the Pacifico Center for International Peace Studies.

The complete and utter denial of the use of torture by the Israeli government against Palestinians has also presented many obstacles to Marlon. She has tried to make the public aware of the systematic and widespread existence of torture, telling them that, "people are losing their mind because of pain and fear."

Marlon knows that her goal to change individual and social perspectives of reality will continue to be difficult.

"World view is highly resistant to change and modifying it requires a stubborn persistence," she said.

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GSU gives teaching awards

Special to The Observer

Stephen Walk and Donald Fuekau received the 1997-98 Graduate Student Union Teaching Awards for Instructor, and Teaching Assistant, respectively.

"We want to acknowledge these graduate students who have done an exemplary job in performing their teaching responsibilities," wrote Marybeth Graham, Academic Affairs Chair for the GSU, in an April 21 letter to the recipients. Walk, a graduate student in mathematics, was honored for his work as a teaching assistant in the biology department. Both recipients will be given a gift and a $100 honorarium at the upcoming Graduate School Award Ceremony.

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Regina Castillo (Government)
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Margaret Pfeil (Theology)
Ana Terezia Lemos-Nelson (Government)

Kellogg Institute names 1998-99 grant recipients

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies annually awards a number of research fellowships and grants, on a competitive basis, to Notre Dame faculty members and graduate and undergraduate students pursuing comparative international studies.

During the 1998-99 academic year, three Ph.D. candidates will receive Dissertation Year fellowships to undertake research and writing of dissertations with an international dimension. The recipients are government students David Almian and Ana Terezia Lemos-Nelson and theology student Margaret Pfeil.

One faculty member who is a Fellow of the Kellogg Institute, romance language professor Maria Rosa Olivera-Williams, will receive a Faculty Residential Fellowship award. She will be on Sabatical during the 1998-99 academic year funded for one year by the Kellogg Institute, completing research and writing of a book manuscript titled "Transformations of Feminine Subjectivity in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century." The Faculty Residential Fellowship Program, begun in 1996-97, provides Kellogg Fellows to undertake projects that are consistent with the Institute's priorities and that contribute to the development of faculty research on the Kellogg faculty's Academic Coordinators in Rome at Kellogg Research Center for International Studies.

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Angry students want Suharto out

Thousands gather to protest state of economy, politics

Associated Press

JAKARTA

Defying Indonesia's ban on street protests, thousands of students marched onto a traffic-clogged road in the capital today to shout for an end to President Suharto's three-decade reign.

At least seven other cities were the scene of student demonstrations for political and economic reform in Indonesia, weathering its worst financial crisis in decades.

In Bali, police faced down stone-throwing students with tear gas and sticks. Police and witnesses said several officers and at least 12 students were injured in the clash at Udayana University in Denpasar, the capital of the international tourist haven. There were no arrests.

"Bring down Suharto!" the students in Jakarta chanted, beckening drivers and bus passengers to join them. It was the largest street demonstration since students launched near-daily protests for political and economic reform earlier this year, as Indonesia's economic crisis built.

The protesters sat in the road outside Indonesian Christian University, while hundreds of police with sticks and shields lined up nearby. The demonstrators eventually retreated behind the campus fence, ending the tense confrontation.

Student protesters are becoming more daring in their campaign to oust Suharto, whose standing has been damaged by the worst economic slump since he took power. Most student rallies have been peaceful, although police and protesters have clashed on occasion. Public sympathy for the students is widespread, but their protests have attracted few people off-campus, and Suharto remains in firm control of the military and political establishments.

Thousands of students also marched in Bandung, Yogyakarta, and other cities. Police scuffled briefly with students on another campus in the capital.

Students are trying to get other Indonesians involved in the public protests, demanding that the government lower prices of basic commodities. But, however, police or protesters only smiled when the Jakarta protesters yelled anti-Suharto slogans outside their windows.

Free. It ended at the barren landscape of Birkenau, where the Nazis erected their crematoria as the edge of rows of wooden bunkers.

Polish Prime Minister

TIED TO JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY
AND A JEWISH ARMY THAT RESTS ON THE STRENGTH OF JEWISH FAITH,

Benjamin Netanya

Free. Jews of the former Nazi death camp, Auschwitz, to the gas chambers in Birkenau.

The "March of the Living" has for 18 years honored the flourishing of Jewish identity over the Nazi attempt to annihilate it through the murders of 6 million Jews. This year, the march has renewed significance, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Israel's founding.

Netanyahu, the first Israeli leader to participate in the march, told more than 6,000 Jewish youths and 3,000 Holocaust survivors that Israel's creation has ensured the survival of Jews.

"This is the lesson of the Holocaust, this and only this: That the existence of the Jewish people is tied to Jewish sovereignty and a Jewish army has been built on the strength of Jewish faith," Netanyahu said.

The march begins beneath the gate to the infamous Nazi death camp, inscribed with the cynical slogan, "Arbeit Macht Frei" — Work Will Make You Free.

The Nazis applied collective responsibility in such cases, and they would kill the whole family, often the neighbors. Only Poles had to pay such a high price for helping Jews.

A student from Christian University of Indonesia (UKI) demonstrates against the government under the watch of riot police during a rally by over 1,000 students outside their campus in Jakarta yesterday. UKI students joined other university students across the country in demanding economic and political reforms.

"That's why we went into the street, to raise people's awareness about the need for reform," said Pęsya Barabu, a law student.

On Monday, 2,000 people stormed shops and houses in the coastal town of Bantang, about 900 miles east of Jakarta, in a protest over soaring prices of essential goods, police said today.
Grissom predominately travels to four types of schools on his yearly trips: American schools, Department of Defense Dependents schools, private international schools and local schools. He relies heavily on a guide book published by the College Board, as well as local alumni in the areas he visits.

"I look through the guide and pick the high schools that I want to visit, and then I contact the Alumni Club in that area and get a point person," Grissom said. "The alumni are great: they are a tremendous support network for us," he added.

Although special efforts are made to recruit international students, Grissom explained that no special priorities are given to international student applicants. In many cases, international students are unable to afford college in the United States due to financial obstacles.

Undergraduate international student requirements are not different from those required of American students.

"International students [have] a running interference with the Immigration and Naturalization Service because of money. If they have the resources, their certificate of finances can be signed off by a bank...but sometimes it isn't that easy," Grissom said.

In addition to meeting financial requirements, international students must satisfy two additional immigration regulations: the international student must be admitted using the same admission standards of all other students and the student must show proficiency in the English language. Any international student who does not speak English as a native language must pass the TOEFL test, the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The test is based on a scale of 677, and prospective Notre Dame students must score at least 550 points, Grissom explained.

"Most Notre Dame students score above 600," he said. The TOEFL test is the only special component of the international application process, according to Grissom. Students from abroad must complete the ACT or SAT, write an entrance essay, receive recommendations and fulfill all other University requirements.

More than 250 international students apply for admission each year. This year 85 students were accepted, it has not yet been determined how many are going to enroll.

Grissom stressed the fact that international students are put in a separate group, and do not compete with American students for admission.

Once admitted, an international student begins the transition and adjustment to life at Notre Dame and in the United States. Part of this adjustment is the inevitable culture shock that exists, Fitzhugh explained.

"Culture shock really depends on what country the student is coming from. The greater the difference in culture, and the fewer students from the same country, the greater the culture shock," she believes.

Sebastian Montalvo, a senior finance major from Ecuador and current president of the International Student Organization, believes that previous exposure to American values and beliefs helps to ease the transition process.

Montalvo attended a private American school taught by teachers from the United States and he started learning English as a young child.

"I don't think that I really experienced any form of culture shock," he said. "I believe the difference is going to an American school, and exposure to an American way of thinking."

On the other hand, Kitty Puzon, a junior finance major from the Philippines, encountered many things about life in the United States that she was not expecting.

"I felt like I had to explain myself a lot," she said. "One time I said rubber shoes, instead of sneakers, and everyone laughed at me. There are so many idioms and metaphors, but I was often forget that I have to stop and explain myself.

One of the first adjustments for international students is living with an American roommate. Many international students do not get along with their first-year roommates for a variety of reasons, including cultural, social or personality differences.

Because international students sometimes do not understand American values and beliefs, they may feel excluded from their peers, and the result is a propensity to congregate with other people from their country.

"Roommates are much more difficult for international students, because they have to put up with a lot," said Fitzhugh, explaining the phenomenon. "Many international students come in with the idea that they are a guest, and that American students should be their host. Yet most American students are charles to this fact."

"When I came here freshman year, I didn't get along very well with my roommate. I was used to my own space, and it was hard to adjust to a roommate," said Wei Yusuf, a junior from Malaysia and president of the Muslim Student Association.

Puzon held the opposite opinion. She welcomed the adjustment and believes that diversity is a very important part of her life at Notre Dame.

"I had a really good experience with my roommate freshman year, and it really helped the adjustment process by living with someone from here," she said.

In addition to the transition of living with American students, basic cultural differences also may provide a challenge for international students.

Guillaume Zundelme, a graduate student from Benin, Africa who is working on his Ph.D. in government, found a completely different kind of food when he arrived in the United States in 1989.

"The food is completely different here," he said. "I don't really know if there is anything here that is similar to what we have in Africa."

Puzon struggled to adjust to the rigorous academic life of Notre Dame students. "The hardest part about coming to

The United States was that I had no idea what to expect. I really didn't have the same classes in high school, and I really struggled at the beginning. People that come here know what to expect, but I had to stop and ask a lot of questions of my professors," she said.

Ingrid Louw, a junior government and peace studies major from South Africa, found size to be one of the most significant differences between the United States and her homeland.

"Here, everything is so big. Here, the choices that I have are unbelievable. It takes me over half an hour to pick out a brand of cereal," she said.

But, despite all the challenges and adjustments that international students face, the majority of them are happy with their college choice.

"Steve Grissom came down to recruit me, and when he did, I felt like, 'oh, wow, they're giving me all of this attention,'" Puzon recalled. "When I am here, people look me in the eye when they pass you on the quad. I was looking for a small, and friendly, competitive environment. I believe that I have found that here," she added.
Saint Mary’s art majors present pageant of life

By SARA COX and SHANAE TATE

Last week, a group of Saint Mary’s senior art majors presented their comprehensive exhibitions in the Moreau Art Galleries.

The exhibit will be displayed April 14 through April 17, and the show includes work by seniors Courtney Mollan, Poogie Mendlik, Kim Michalik, Karen Sherer and Lisa Svelmoe.

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could tell the story of their experiences, according to Signer. Wolin began to experi-
ment with various elements to enhance the story, including adding text from the survivor’s testimony to the photograph.

At 8:45 a.m. on Monday, three scholars will address the relationship between Gentiles and Jews in East and Central Europe. Following that presentation, three historians will respond and try to assess the question of the role of the Protestant and Catholic Churches before, during and after the Holocaust.

On Monday afternoon, two Catholic and two Jewish theologians will discuss contemporay Jewish-Christian relations in Germany.

Although Signer is excited about every session of the conference, he noted that that one will be especially interesting. “Each of the theologians in their own way has spent their adult lives working to improve Jewish-Christian relations in Germany. We never hear about the day to day work of people who are trying to educate and teach,” he said. This will be the first time these four have spoken in the United States about the tragedy.

Later that afternoon, three scholars will explore literary aspects of the Holocaust, including poetic and literary approaches by Israeli and American authors. Marcia Landy, who will discuss Hollywood and the Holocaust, was at Notre Dame last month as part of the Holocaust film symposium.

On Monday evening, sculptor George Segal will speak on art and the Holocaust. Segal is the premier sculptor of Holocaust memorials in America and Germany, according to Signer. Four speakers will discuss post-Holocaust education in Monday morning’s session.

David Blumenhalh, who will take part in this talk, helped plan the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and has worked on director Steven Spielberg’s Holocaust project. He currently runs an “innovative program of Holocaust education” at Emory University, according to Signer.

Following that session, the conference will spend two sessions exploring the connections between social science, genetics and racism. Anthropologist Jonathan Marks, who will speak during one of those sessions, spent last semester at Notre Dame as a Holocaust scholar-in-residence.

The next session deals with children who survived the Holocaust. Lawrence Langer, who compiled visual testimonies from hidden children, will speak on his work.

Another participant is Binjamin Wilkomirski, author of “Fragments: Memories of a Wartime Child.” The author is a survivor who spent the first five years of his life in a concentration camp. Wilkomirski grew up without any knowledge of his personal history, including his parents and his birth date. Since then, he has become an established author. “He is a very big name now in terms of his book and writing. He’s going to talk about what it’s like to grow up as a child into an adult without a birthday. He has no history at all,” said Betty Signer, coordinator for the Holocaust Project.

The final session of the conference, which begins at 8:15 Tuesday night, features Father Remi Hoeckman, Secretary of the Holy See’s Committee for Religious Relations with the Jews. Hoeckman was a primary editor of the recent Vatican document on the Catholic Church’s role in the Holocaust.

All sessions of the conference will be in the Center for Continuing Education with the exception of Jeffrey Wolin’s presentation in the Snite Museum.

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Why? That is my question. Why do I have to pay for this? I’m not talking about tuition increases or the Flex 14 plan or even the outrageous book prices at bookstores. I’m referring to this paper. Why is it that I was never given an option to pay for this? And yes, it is trash, because it goes straight from my hands into the can.

This is a Catholic university, supposedly one of the most prestigious in the nation. It is not just guided by the sympathizer, or maybe it will be preempted by our want. Abiding by that, I’m sure that this letter will of the press, so you can say or print whatever you want. About it.

I remember hearing speeches about the “Notre Dame Experience” nearly two years ago. Does the administration actually think that The Observer is an essential part of that experience? Come on! Forget Saint Mary’s. The Observer is the great Notre Dame parasite. It grasps hold of our pocketbooks once we enter as green freshman and never lets go. It spreads its black ink (or color for those special gay and lesbian pages, of course) all over the $100 for football tickets when fall rolls around. All I want is my six bucks that gets wasted on this paper. I have a right to those six measly dollars.

You have your freedom of speech and freedom of the press, you can say or print whatever you want. Abiding by that, I’m sure that this letter will be dismissed and replaced by a GLNDSMC sympathizer, or maybe it will be preempted by our wonderful academic friend, Mr. McMahon. But where’s my freedom to not have to listen to or read that drivel?

I’m sure that by now some of you are wondering why I even bother to page through this newspaper. I used to frequent The Onion’s web page, and I used to watch the national news for information about the president’s sex scandals, but I’ve discovered that I don’t need to. There’s enough foolishness in the Catholic tradition, but a hands into the can.

Does anyone believe that? If it were true, there wouldn’t be a problem now, would there? For those of you who don’t know, Dennis Moore is the Director of Public Relations for Notre Dame. He makes statements such as this on a regular basis to the public, as official pronouncements of your University (with the blessings of the powers that be)? I certainly hope not.

Excuse me, but isn’t this the crux of the matter? Now Moore diminishes the civil rights aspect of the issue and misstates the facts. Even the so-called “Spirit of Inclusion,” correctly points out the current teaching of the Catholic Church — that same-sex orientation is not sinful. With all of the rallies, the signatures, the teach-in, the Faculty Senate, and the positive letters and editorials in The Observer, I find it impossible for Moore to conclude that The administration is less homophobic than the students and faculty there. Exceptions are beyond assault.

Are you going to let him say these things about you in public, as official pronouncements of your University (with the blessings of the powers that be)? I certainly hope not.

Carol Conrad
SMC ’93
South Bend, IN
April 19, 1998

THERE ARE MORE OLD DRUNKARDS THAN OLD PHYSICIANS.

— Rabelais

QUOTE OF THE DAY
A New Story Every Hour

Ed McCoul

There is no denying that I have important. Politics should be left to politicians, barbers and cab drivers. ... in the landscaping of the Gord Qua\n
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Abortion Information Has No Place at Notre Dame's Women's Resource Center

University Must Take Action Against Women's Resource Center

This community owes a debt of gratitude to the staff of Right Reason for exposing a group that is unre­worthy of any recognition. I am merely pointing out that the Catholic Church teaches that an officially endorsed group that provides abortion information to students is contrary to Church teaching. Moreover, this is an issue that the administration are more than aware of. Indeed, the administration are more than aware of the dignity of the human person and the fact that proof now exists that our community has chosen to ignore it.

On April 20, I entered the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and asked the two women working there if they had informa­tion on abortion. The women quickly direct­ing the WRC resource guide and pointed to the section on abortion. This contained addresses and phone numbers of several clinics in towns such as Niles and South Bend. The women wrote down the information about two of the clinics for me, and when I inquired about the price of abortion they offered to call and ask, but I was not pregnant. I was simply curious what the WRC would do if a woman walked in and asked for information. I was not pregnant. I was simply curious what the WRC would do if a woman walked in and asked for information. I was not pregnant.

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They sleep in chaos and gag at the dinning hall; they laugh at episodes of South Park and make rude jokes about their professors. They go to dances and parties; if they are old enough, they go to bars. They may blush when they talk about that one woman who made their breath quicken a bit, and they may hit the wall in frustration when their world starts to fall apart. They are all caught up in Notre Dame life, and they are all searching for themselves.

They are perfectly normal. But to the seven men who currently reside in Old College, being normal is seen as something of an achievement. Living in a house with as much rumor attached to it as there is history, these students engage in a daily struggle against misperception and myth, and sometimes they even win.

"It is hard to know sometimes that people see you as the middle step between themselves and God," said Philip Donner, a sophomore Old Collegean. "They have this different view of you, almost like they expect you to be better than they are." To most of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's undergraduate community, Old College is something of an anomaly. Students know it exists, they know it has something to do with priests and prayer, but beyond these superficial truths, knowledge is very limited about Old College.

"It is the hardest thing to me when I was finding out that they were normal," said junior Andy Wendelborn of his first visit to Old College. "They weren't nearly monk who pray all the time. They were just like us.

"I can't tell you how many people come up to me after they find out that I live in Old College and say, 'Oh! You are going to be a priest! That is so great!'" he continued with a laugh. "What they don't get is that we are in the process of figuring out what we want to do with ourselves just as much as they are. We don't have the answers yet. Not anywhere.

Old College is billed as a formation program by the Holy Cross community in St. Joseph County; this means that young men spend their time in residence actively living life in religious community before their candidate year at a Holy Cross seminary. The goal of Old College is to help young men discern between the priesthood and another vocation," said Father Robert Moss, rector of Old College. "But we also want them to experience college life. That's why Old College offers more of a relaxed living environment."

Balancing Act

When faced with the primary purpose of Old College, it is difficult to understand how such an undertaking could be considered "relaxed." Old Collegeans are required of intense early-morning and late-night prayer sessions, as well as dinners called "community nights" twice a week. This, combined with daily masses, gives Old Collegeans more on their schedules than the typical Dome.

Add on the normal extra-curricular activities like sports and choir, and it seems like these guys shouldn't have time to sleep, much less pray.

"It is definitely hard to balance everything," remarked Old College junior Caly Nguyen. "But Old College challenges you to question your priorities. That is something that everyone struggles with. Maybe we are all just a little closer to figuring it out." Learning about the priesthood is something of a full-time job for these young men. While other students try to figure out whether they want to become English professors or electrical engineers, Old Collegeans are struggling with a potential life-time choice.

"Some people see seminary programs as an easy job, as something you do if you can't do anything else," Donner said. "But Old College is strictly with who they take and why. You have to have a pretty strong commitment before they even consider you.

"I think one of the things they look for is a sense of balance," he continued, explaining that there is a danger of misplaced values both inside and out of the Church. The last thing you want is someone who will never brave Old College. A good candidate has to feel comfortable outside in the real world."

Girls, Girls, Girls

Dealing with real-world situations is something that these men are forced to deal with in their house, as the biggest decision of their young livesloom closer and closer each day; the decision to become a priest. While Notre Dame students struggle with declarations of majors and class schedules, the Old College resident tries to figure out if he wants to wear a wedding band or a Roman collar.

There is this perception of Old College guys," said Nate Wells, an Old College junior. "Almost whenever you tell someone that you live in Old College, they're like, 'Oh my god! You can't talk to girls.'

Girls. Something the Old Collegian should not be concerned with. Something the seminary prospect should dare not think about. After all, these men have enlisted themselves into the Holy Cross formation program because they really want to become priests, priests who make formal vows of celibacy to protect themselves against the desire for the female flesh. They do not want to have anything to do with girls.

But Wells believes that this theory is a myth and also one of the most common misconceptions about the purpose of the Old College program.

"The program is set up to be very human and understanding about a celibate life," he said. "A guy who is 18 or 19 years old is not ready to make a commitment to anything, whether it be human sexuality or the priesthood. Old College sorts this out and is here to help sort out these decisions."

Contrary to popular belief, Old Collegeans are allowed to date. But serious relationships are discouraged because of the possible implications and the primary purpose of the program: taking a farewell to immortal and discernment of a life in the clergy.

"Old College is not asking you to make this decision right now," Wells said. "But I think it is important to devote yourself to the quest to ask yourself what really makes you happy."

Hard Choices

But maintaining a balanced social and academic life while fulfilling the duties of Old College is not a guarantee tickets to the priesthood. The formation program at Old College is just the first step in a process that can take longer than medical school to complete.

"Most people think we've signed on the dotted line, that we are already priests the minute we step into Old College," Donner said. "But the truth is, this is only the first step in a long process. And a lot decide that [the priesthood] is not for them.

During their junior year at Old College, the program participants decide whether or not they want to petition to spend their senior year at Moreau Seminary. And even after three years of Old College life, moving on proves to be a difficult decision.

Not all Old Collegeans want to go to the seminary, or are ready to go on," Moss said. "We are here to help them make that decision.

Nguyen will not be joining his fellow housemates next year at Moreau Seminary, after three years of juggling a challenging major, his father's serious illness and the expectations of Old College. Nguyen has finally decided that it is time for him to rest.

"I haven't really given myself a definite yes or no to the question of the priesthood," Nguyen said. "Since my father's illness, I've had a real down period (in my faith).

Old College is not a place for weak convictions, but it is a place that helps young adults figure out what they want. And Nguyen thinks that, if nothing else, Old College has made his life purpose a little clearer.

"I do not regret my time at Old College," he said. "It has helped me become stronger in my faith. But Old College is also a time-consuming thing; it forces you to prioritize. My faith is definitely a priority, but I am not sure that the priesthood is a priority right now."

They may or may not choose to be priests. But whatever decision these young men make regarding their futures, they are certain to be comfortable with their faith as well as their life goals.

Some of them may end up married, a few may search for themselves well beyond Old College and Notre Dame, but the experience: They have made a conscious effort to explore a vocation that has called to them in some capacity. They were brave enough to make the sacrifice.

And they are normal enough to admit that it may not be the right choice.
Students rally in support of homosexual rights in front of the Golden Dome one year ago today.

Stories by Heather Cocks and Matthew Loughran • Interior photography by John Daily

When students support or dislike an administrative actions, they can express their sentiments through numerous avenues, most notably through rallies or speak-outs.

But the administration, an integral part of the Notre Dame community and regulator of its standards and policy, is often seen as one faceless group that holds a uniform, unexplained opinion.

Further, that viewpoint solidifies in the minds of students if administrators choose to remain silent about their decisions, many of which directly affect campus life.

However, their silence does not mean they have nothing to say. Most elected and appointed officials, when asked, will state the reasons behind their decisions and policy choices. Some are personal, some religious, some practical.

Here, in the last of a three-part series, The Observer hopes to illuminate the administrative side of the homosexual experience at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, for throughout the ranks of Notre Dame's hierarchy are people expected to serve student and faculty needs, while at the same time keeping strict adherence to Catholic doctrine.
Bill Kirk

Bill Kirk's Notre Dame experience spans two decades, each of which provided a different perspective on student issues at the University.

In the 1990s, as an administrator, he saw gay and lesbian issues rise to the forefront and handled requests for student rallies in favor of legal protection for homosexuals facing discrimination — the largest of which took place one year ago today.

But during Kirk's undergraduate and graduate years at Notre Dame in the 1980s, those issues seemed shrouded in silence.

"There was no real mention of homosexuality back then. Terms were bandied about on the sexuality of someone in one residence hall, or which stereotyped an entire dormitory. "Students were far less sensitive then," he said. "We heard these urban legends about some students coming out [of the closet], and there were immature comments. "A lot of people suffered in silence," he said. In 1981, right around the time Kirk says gay and lesbian issues on campus became prominent, Notre Dame offered Kirk his current position: assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

And through that role, he has witnessed the University's responses to the call for consideration of the rights of homosexual students.

He moved from being a student himself to being part of an administration often accused of intolerance toward gays, a charge he feels is unwarranted.

"The University calls me to administrate in a way consistent with my faith," Kirk said. "That faith calls me and others to live up to the highest standards, so I know I won't face ethical issues because this place holds the teaching of my faith as its structure." He defined his interpretation of the Church's stance on homosexuals, a point of view also delineated by Father Edward Malloy in the Spirit of Inclusion statement if August 1997.

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But sex acts outside marriage are the issue, not homosexuality itself," he said. As such, Kirk sees the Spirit of Inclusion as a document that positively reflects Catholic teaching, transcending the civil law whose protection homosexual students seek at Notre Dame.

"There is such emphasis on civil law, and yes, those protections are important, but the Gospel holds us to higher standards and higher values, calling for things civil law can't even attempt to address," he said. "That's what the Spirit of Inclusion does. It appeals to our morals and asks that we live up to these high standards in all facets of life.

"Church teaching is hard because it's counter-cultural at times. It is hard to live up to that, but it frustrates me when people brush aside that collective wisdom," he said. "We all have deeply personal issues we must address, and they can be hard to deal with, but we must do it in a way that adheres to Catholic tradition."

The statement is a positive one, but enforcing it every day at Notre Dame is a difficult task to undertake, according to Kirk. By the nature of his Residence Life duties, his encounters with the concepts outlined in the statement are mostly negatively oriented.

"The University doesn't accept harassment or threats. Spirit of Inclusion is an affirmative statement, but when people come before Residence Life, it's because they failed to live up to the policy," he said. "We deal with people falling short of the document, rather than those who try to positively enforce it every day."

As far as welcoming homosexual students and increasing tolerance in the community, Kirk pointed to efforts by Residence Life to educate rectors and resident assistants about dealing with the sexuality issues of students.

"Student Affairs wanted to present a piece at residence hall staff orientation. It's been done the last couple of years and it's been helpful to those people," he said. "We have a good system here of 27 rectors, joined by a number of assistant rectors and resident assistants. They're there for people to talk to and confide in, and I hope students really do that.

Kirk did not receive any similar training during his days as an assistant rector, and recalled no students who came and directly asked for help in dealing with sexuality or discrimination.

"I think perhaps students came to me with those questions, but they were masking it under other developmental issues. They were probably afraid to be open and honest about it, which is more a product of society's attitudes in general, but now people are more open and understanding, and I hope that means students can go to their hall staff for help," Kirk said.

He acknowledged that the University may have been late in addressing some gay and lesbian issues, such as revision of the non-discrimination clause or the stance on student-run homosexual groups, but said the process is by no means over.

"Student Affairs was so focused on implementing things in the right way, the best way, that the office may have gotten a late start in addressing some things," he said. "But we've got gay and lesbian students involved, and Campus Ministry too, so I think we've handled things in the right way."

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For many students involved in the recent controversy about the role of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame, the abstract concept of "the administration" takes a physical shape in the person of Professor Patricia O'Hara, vice president of student affairs.

O'Hara responds to resolutions from the Campus Life Council, established the ad hoc committee on gay and lesbian student needs, responded to that committee's recommendations, and directs an office which is responsible for just about every aspect of student life.

As such, she has been blamed and blamed by students and faculty alike for many of the problems that exist between gay students and the University.

In establishing the ad hoc committee and implementing many of its suggestions, O'Hara hopes that she has found an answer to these problems in accordance with University policy. But she knows that any answer will not come that easily.

"It is still very difficult [for homosexuals at Notre Dame]," she said. "We have made some inroads with initiatives that we have begun in the last two years. But I know that we will still have a long way to go in creating a welcoming atmosphere here."

With notable pride, O'Hara detailed the efforts of her office, the standing committee, Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center toward creating such an environment. These efforts include a gay and lesbian University group, increased hall staff training, creation of a therapeutic group and religious services.

The standing committee, which sponsors lectures about issues pertaining to sexuality and the new NETWORK initiative, includes as members some homosexual students.

"They have been absolutely invaluable," O'Hara said of the student volunteers. "We couldn't do it without them. Their willingness to share has not only been to educate, but their insights have also been pivotal in developing our outreach efforts to gay and lesbian students. Personally I think it has been vital."

She went on to describe the programs instituted by campus ministry, whose director, Father Richard Warner, is also a member of the standing committee.

"They offer confidential group meetings to interested undergraduate gay and lesbian students that it advertises weekly in its 'Considerations' column," she said. "They also sponsored a retreat last spring and plan to offer a similar retreat [this weekend]."

She described a support group called "prism" that the Counseling Center has been trying to start for gay and lesbian students as well as for students with questions about sexuality.

O'Hara focused most of her attention on the programs that her office has attempted in the past two years.

"We have tried to do more education and training of hall staff," she said. "To that end we have sponsored professional development sessions for rectors to deal with the psycho-sexual development of college-aged students in general."

She also described all-day workshops with outside consultants for rectors and sessions in resident assistant orientation on how they can assist gay and lesbian students in their sections.

O'Hara was proudest of the recently created NETWORK initiative. This program plans to bring a group of trained faculty and staff members who are willing to engage in "welcoming and respectful dialogue about issues relating to sexuality."

Forty members of the Notre Dame community have already undergone the NETWORK training and O'Hara hopes that this group will take off.

"The standing committee hopes to expand NETWORK to include more people next academic year and plans to hold additional training sessions next year for new participants," she said.

"I hope that these efforts taken as a whole will reflect our desire to create a more inclusive environment on campus. There is still a lot more to do, but I hope that we will be able to sustain these initiatives and even to expand them," O'Hara added.

As Counselor to the President, Father Richard Warner is necessarily familiar with the state of gay and lesbian issues at the University; as director of Campus Ministry, he is directly involved in programs he says can combat discrimination and foster a welcoming atmosphere for homosexuals.

"Campus Ministry pastoral support began four years ago, and it's a very good thing for us to do," he said. "We welcome all gay and lesbian or question- ing students, we listen and hear what they have to say, and we invite them to bring heterosexual friends into the group as well."

"It's challenging for gay and lesbian undergraduates, in the sense that there are many self esteem issues — feeling alone, like they're the only [homosexual] on campus," he said. "It's critical to have people realize they need confidence in God's love for them."

Warner prefers to subscribe any discomfort homosexuals might feel at Notre Dame to those personal struggles. Church teachings do not reject homosexuals, according to Warner, so Catholicism and homosexuality are not mutually exclusive.

"The problem lies in this: It's not clear to all homosexual students how they can live out their lives and still be in accordance with Church teaching," he said. "Just as for heterosexual students, Catholicism calls homosexuals to high standards that can be difficult."

"There is no culpability with someone who's gay or lesbian," Warner continued. "I don't think there should be any problem between a person and their [sexual] orientation."

As such, Warner thinks the four years of college spark a transition to "adult Christianity," where all students can better understand and internalize the myriad theological positions on Church teachings.

Campus Ministry's pastoral counseling, coupled with meetings held "under our own auspices" with gays and lesbians and a retreat designed for those students, plays a key role in helping homosexual students understand that the Church does not reject them, Warner said.

"The atmosphere at these student-run retreats is extraordinary," he said. "We help people see and hear words used in the context of welcome and support. I have contact with so many [gays and lesbians here] and I care about them all. I don't want to be someone who's not on their side," he said.

Also fostering a welcoming atmosphere, Warner believes, is Father Malloy's Spirit of Inclusion statement, which calls for an end for all discrimination, including that based on sexuality.

The most prevalent criticism of the statement is its non-legally binding nature, which some homosexual students say makes the document impossible to truly enforce.

"It's true that one cannot enforce anything that is, by nature, a spirit," Warner said. "But the Spirit of Inclusion holds up to all of us an ideal, not of what we are like, but of what we aspire to be — who we must try to be because of a deeper calling in our religious beliefs."

It is a positive step, but Warner knows the University has more yet to take.

"Never will we be the ideal community we want to be. Sometimes the administration is in the lead, but the students have helped Notre Dame move ahead by uncovering other elements of truth."

"Still, it's foolish to think we are where we can be."

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Richard McBrien

ater Richard McBrien wrote the book on Catholicism. Literally. His 1,286-page publication has sold more than 150,000 copies, according to the book’s cover. It has undergone one revisions and spawned his 200-level theology class of the same title.

To be sure, he understands and embraces Church teachings; that does not mean he always accepts the way others interpret or apply them.

And when it came to the issue of adding sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause, McBrien openly disagreed with Notre Dame.

In spring 1997, under McBrien’s leadership and in solidarity with other campus governing bodies, the Faculty Senate drafted a resolution calling for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause, something Notre Dame later decided against.

“The thing that bothers me in this whole controversy is that, if Notre Dame’s policy towards gays and lesbians was entirely consistent with the policies adopted by other Catholic universities around the country, then I might say, ‘Well, I might think it’s too restrictive, the gays and lesbians at Notre Dame might think it’s too restrictive, but this is in fact the operative policy at other Catholic universities,” McBrien said.

“However, it is, for all practical purposes, just Notre Dame. It is almost as though we have to be more Catholic than the other Catholic universities, and that is an implied criticism,” he stated.

Catholicism views homosexuality as a human condition that nobody chooses for themselves, according to McBrien.

“The Catholic Church does not teach that homosexuals are perverse or evil people,” he said. “There is nothing sinful about being a homosexual, just as there is nothing sinful about being a heterosexual. Sin only comes into play as an issue if the homosexual or the heterosexual expresses his or her sexuality outside the bonds of marriage.”

As such, the only demand made by the Church specifically on gays and lesbians is a life of celibacy, McBrien said.

He firmly believes homosexuals can and should become priests, should they feel the calling to do so, but he discouraged the notion that clergy members should choose that vocation solely as a way to feel comfortable with celibacy.

“Just like there is nothing wrong with being a homosexual, there is nothing wrong with being a homosexual priest,” McBrien said. “A priest, like Father [David] Garrick, can go public and say he’s a gay priest, although celibate and I want to say this, not because he has any inner need to say, ‘hey, I’m gay’ but rather because he made a pastoral decision.

“He thought that by his coming out, as a gay priest, he could give courage to gay and lesbian students to accept their own situation without self-loathing,” he added.

Although he stated that he is not a homosexual himself and that questions about the homosexual experience at Notre Dame would best be posed to those students and faculty who experience it, he does have a solid opinion on the status of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame.

“I think that it’s getting worse. When they were denied any continued access to space that they had been using for several years, I think it began to go downhill again,” he said. “From when I came in 1980, until that event [the 1993 ejection of GLND/SMC], there was not a lot of talk about gays and lesbians on campus. Maybe I was insulated from it, but it kind of a non-issue. I never heard much said about it.

“That act is what precipitated a whole new wave of controversy about the status of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame,” he added. “They had that space for several years and suddenly they were told they couldn’t use it anymore.”

McBrien continued that because of such decisions, he believed that homosexual students and faculty at Notre Dame felt marginalized and treated as though they were, “second-class citizens.”

In “Catholicism,” McBrien describes three theological approaches to the Church teaching on homosexuality.

The first approach, which he attributes to Saint Thomas Aquinas, is a conservative view that calls homosexual acts sinful in themselves.

The second is a very liberal approach that calls homosexual acts morally neutral and claims that the “morality of the act depends upon the quality of the relationship.”

The final approach has been described by Charles Curran as a “theology of compromise.” It claims that homosexual acts are essentially imperfect, some more imperfect than others.

McBrien thinks he most approves of the third position, calling for some consideration of the circumstances involved. He further indicated that he believes that University policies towards gay and lesbian students and faculty have taken a myopic and generalized view of homosexuals.

“If you could probe the mind of Jesus, would he say there would be degrees of morality in homosexual behavior? I believe so,” McBrien said. “A homosexual who is engaged in predatory behavior, takes advantage of his position and engages in homosexual activity with young people — students perhaps — that is of a very different order than two homosexual adults who have a loving and stable relationship.

“The tendency of some people is to say that it is all equally perverse, and perversion,” he added. “I can’t imagine Jesus coming to that position.”

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Below right: Chisholm (left) and Wills (right) surf the Internet.
Above left: Wills makes the sign of the cross during an Old College mass.
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“We’ve gone through some tough times with win-loss records, but we’ve handled those but we’ve handled them very well,” Minor said. “We’ve just stayed focused and stayed focused and we know what our goals have been the last two years.”

This class also has had to contend with being tagged the “loser” team in the nation compared to Notre Dame’s winning team that went five players in the first round of the NFL draft.

“Looking back and being the No. 1 recruiting class was not something we chose that we wanted to do. It was something publications gave us,” Minor said. “We just had to deal with it and try to make the move and try to make the transition. And the last two years, being away from home, but it goes back to us being a close-knit group.”

Tomorrow the Class of 1999 will try to beat a Notre Dame stadium for the Blue-Gold game, knowing what they have done and what they hope to accomplish. As it turns out, it’s a very simple objective.

“Now we’re seniors and now we know things haven’t gone right this year and we’re able to win as many games as possible.”

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Belles look to begin conference play with confidence

BY VICTORIA BUTCKO
Sports Writer

Overcome with frustration. This is the only phrase that can describe exactly how the Saint Mary’s Tennis team is feeling. The Belles could not pull out of their slump to defeat Albion College, losing 1-8 in their game yesterday.

This match was key for the team as they headed toward conference play next weekend at Hope College. The Belles were hoping to end their season with a win to go into the conference on a positive note. Despite the loss, this could still be possible.

“I am a little concerned that this last match will get the girls’ spirits down and wear on their minds going into conference,” said head coach Robin Hyrcko. “Although Hyrcko will not be able to continue with the team through this last week of practices and conference play, she has high hopes for her team.

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The Belles’ experience, which led to extreme frustration for some team members, during the match, was something that Albion used to their advantage. Albion managed to find every inch of the court and take every ounce of momentum.

The Belles fought as hard as they could. Determination and killer instinct were ingrained in their minds, and evident in their facial expression, but frustration was also apparent.

Junior co-captain Kat Vales had encouraging thoughts in relation to the upcoming conference play. “It’s a little nerve-wracking knowing that Robin won’t be with us,” said Vales, “but I think our team will do well. Although we have been losing, we really have been progressing as a team. We just have to approach next weekend confidently and aggressively. We’re going to work hard at practice this week and just do the best we can.”

Belles look to begin conference play with confidence
Notre Dame looks to cap season with winning streak

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

Although only two games remain in the Notre Dame lacrosse season, the Irish are looking to turn their season around, ending their three-game slide with a two game winning streak.

The Irish travel to Harvard (8-3) this Saturday, looking to take down the No. 2 team in the Ivy League. The Crimson, on the other hand, are looking to make a return to the championships.

For an Irish squad that is used to working to secure a berth in the post-season at this time of the season, they are adjusting to their new role as a spoiler.

“We have a chance to ruin everyone’s season now,” senior co-captain Todd Rassas said.

“Now we do it [upset] to them.”

To do that, the Irish will have to play a strong game on offense, controlling their possessions on the attack. For an Irish team that has been struggling to do so all season, Harvard will stand to be a true test of how well Notre Dame’s possessions at midfield have improved.

“Harvard’s got a really good offensive control team. Their offense is the key to their team,” said junior Chris Dusseau, whose 20 goals of the season are second best on the team.

The Crimson offense will be led by senior Mike Ferrucci on attack.

“He’s their best player, and can whip off some strong shots,” Rassas, an All-American defenseman, said. “They have a strong offense, and the game will be our defense versus their offense.”

Seeing more playing time in recent games are a number of underclassmen that have had positive effects on the Irish’s goal production.

Tom Glatzel, in only his second start for the Irish on attack in last weekend’s 8-7 slighting by UMass, was able to spark the offense with two goals, his first collegiate goals.

“We’re taking things game by game,” Glatzel said. “We’re trying to redefine our roles, and working on everything.”

Some guys are going to get in the game this weekend. We need to set a tone for next season, and that is winning,” Rassas said.

But the focus remains on the season at hand. With two wins, the Irish (4-5), can end the season not only on a winning streak, but also above 500. In addition, wins against No. 17 Harvard and No. 9 Hofstra next weekend at home will mean a great deal for this year’s squad.

“We’re trying to play well for the seniors,” Dusseau said. “But winning against [Harvard and Hofstra] really says something for us, knocking off two really good teams.”

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Gymnastics team captures National title

By SAMUEL BIRDSONG
Sports Writer

On April 4, the Notre Dame Club Gymnastics team competed in the National Qualification of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs’ National Championship held at the University of Buffalo.

Notre Dame competed against 15 other schools, of which the winners were: The University of Texas, Purdue University, Ohio University of Minnesota and Miami Dade Community College. The competition lasted from 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

There were two preliminaries consisting of six events: floor, pommels, high bar, rings, vault and parallel bars. The top 10 gymnasts with the highest averaged scores of all six events proceeded to the finals.

Three Irish gymnasts placed in the individual all-rounds out of a total of 50 male gymnasts: senior Bryce Emo placing fourth, freshman Mickey McCarry placing sixth and freshman Jason Miller placing eighth.

Another key contributor to the victory was co-captain Tim FitzSimons with his outstanding performance in the preliminaries.

"Everyone nailed their last three events," senior Tom Pukelaj, gymnastics club co-founder, said. "Mike had his best meet of the season; he nailed all of his events. Jason Miller threw tricks he hasn’t thrown all year."

The entire team’s effort helped the Irish to clinch first place by a hard fought margin of less than two points.

The women’s gymnastics team also gave a noteworthy showing, even though three of the top female gymnasts could not make the meet. Freshman Ryan Cox placed eighth in the individual all-rounds, and senior Molly Russell, the other co-president of the gymnastics club, placed sixteenth in the Indy all-around out of a field of 75 female competitors.

"The championship was the close of a very successful season for our team," Russell said. "We came in second at every midwest meet and first at our home meet (the Clover Classic)."

But the road to the women’s successful season and the men’s national championship was not easy.

First, over the course of the season, several of the top gymnasts — Cox, Miller and Jill Kula — suffered injuries.

Second, the University failed to provide practice space for the gymnastics team; the team had to arrange for their own transportation 15 minutes off-campus to Gymnastics Michiana.

Despite some setbacks, the Notre Dame Gymnastics Club managed to bring home the only National Championship trophy of the year for Notre Dame. The trophy rests in the sports offices of Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

With a few final thoughts on the season, Miller said, "The aura of the gym will not be the same without Bryce, but I look forward to a new class with lots of talent and we’re determined to defend our National Championship."

In the words of co-president Pukelaj, "We had an awesome season this year.”
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by KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

This weekend poses the final opportunity for members of the track and field team to perfect their performances before the Big East meet, perfecting everything from quick starts out of the blocks to consistent pacing to strong kicks down the home stretch.

Nine members of the Fighting Irish go head-to-head with world-class athletes in the prestigious Drake Relays today and tomorrow, in Des Moines, Iowa, while the remainder of the team will head to the Purdue Relays in Lafayette, Ind., tomorrow.

At Drake, Notre Dame is putting on the line a talented crew of athletes who are mostly underclassmen. Sophomore Jennifer Engelhardt is aiming to qualify for the NCAA championships in the high jump, as are sophomore John Doe in the 3,000 meters and sophomore Kerri Toliver in the 400 meters.

Sophomore Allison Klemmer and Nicole Landi are running the 5,000 meters, seniors Erika Williams and Kevin Reber are running the 110 meter high hurdles, and the 4 x 100 meter relay team includes Allison, Kerri, Erika, and freshman Mary Tobin.

"For Nicole, we need to get a really good time in before the Big East. Jennifer Engelhardt, we'd like to see have a shot at qualifying for the NCAAAs, and the same for Kerri Toliver," said head coach Joe Piane. "We'd like the 4 x 100 to make it to the finals, and we'd like to see Kerri have a shot at winning it."

"I'm just going to make it down and have it in the bag," said Engelhardt, who is 1/4 away from provisionally qualifying for the NCAAAs. "There are going to be a lot of elite athletes there. You've got to work yourself up to that level mentally. I hope the competition will push you over the edge to that NCAA-qualifying jump."

"I have to do it,“ sophomore Rachel Schroeder said. "We've played them the last couple of years, and there is a rivalry."

There's only two really good teams in the Big East, that's Notre Dame and Miami. Both of us expect to get the finals.

The Hurricanes, ranked 52nd, will be protecting their title from last year's championships, where they defeated Notre Dame. 4-1.

Although the Irish defeated Miami in an indoor game in February, 4-2, the Hurricanes are capable of blowing players to pieces outdoors.

"The fact that we beat them inside doesn't mean all that much," Bayless said. "Miami is a totally different team outside."

On the hot, outdoor courses in Florida, Miami may have enough heat to blast the Irish. Hurricane freshman Rudy Blake was even flaming indoors in February, where he beat standout Sachire at the No. 1 spot, 7-5, 6-4.

"I can't wait to play him again," said Sachire, the No. 20 player in the nation. "There will be a great opportunity to get some revenge. I just need to be more patient. Last time, I forced the issue too much."

Before the Irish can make a point against Miami, today they need to defeat Georgetown, who defeated Boston College 4-0 yesterday.

If the match goes according to plan, Notre Dame will face either West Virginia or Rutgers in the semi-finals. West Virginia, seeded fourth, poses the most serious threat between the two.

The Mountaineers finished fifth in last year's tournament. They also boast a strong doubles team at No. 1 that could put a dent in the Irish.

But if anyone threatens a serious bang-up job, it will take place in the finals on Sunday, just like the Irish have so confidently predicted.

"I'd say there are only two really good teams in the Big East — that's Notre Dame and Miami," Sachire said. "Both of us expect to get to the finals. Whoever wins is going to deserve it because both teams are going to fight to the end."

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Notre Dame secures another win with come-back

By ALLISON KRILLA

Notre Dame baseball team needed relief.

Head coach Paul Mainieri looked no further than the bullpen where freshman Mike Carlin answered the call.

Carlin pitched six and two-thirds shutout innings, doubling his total innings pitched for the season, to earn his first career win, a 15-4 Irish victory.

"(Carlin) gave us a real shot in the arm by that performance," Mainieri said. "We knew going in that we were pretty thin in the bullpen, especially when we got off to a rough start in the first inning, and Mike came in ... He got a great opportunity tonight, and he took advantage of it."

"As a relief pitcher I have to be ready to come in wherever," Carlin said. "Gotta come to the park everyday and be ready to come in at any time."

Although starter Mike Nauman lasted only one-third of an inning, the offense responded in resounding fashion with 15 runs on 22 hits, led by Dan Leatherman's five-hit performance. The senior first baseman's five-for-five effort ties the Notre Dame single-game record for most hits, and extends his hitting streak to eight games.

"That's the way it's been all season for us, different guys have stepped up in different situations," said Leatherman. "It was my turn yesterday.")

"The come-from-behind victory was Notre Dame's 13th this year, and the team's seventh straight win when losing after the first inning."

"I don't know how many games have been comeback wins, but it sure seems like a lot," Mainieri said with a chuckle. "I wish there was something we could do about getting off to a better start more often because these guys are certainly making their coach old before his time."

Toledo scored all four runs in the first inning.

But the Irish (33-10) clawed their way back with two runs in the third, and regained the lead with three fourth-inning tallies.

"That's the way it's been all year, and we're getting off to a better start," Leatherman said. "We've been a number of nights when we've been behind in the third, and regained the lead with three fourth-inning tallies."

"Leatherman began the rally, leading a double to right-centerfield, stealing third and scoring on Mike Knecht's sacrifice bunt. Allen Greene followed with a single to left, and Todd Frye scored the tying run when the Rockets botched a run-down to put Greene on third. An error by the shortstop on a J.J. Brock grounder, plated Greene with the go-ahead run."

"Keeping the pressure on Toledo, the Irish exploded for 10 runs in the final four innings."

Three consecutive doubles by Jeff Wagner, Brant Ust and Alec Porzel highlighted the three-run fifth. In the sixth, Ust and Porzel blasted back-to-back two-out homers, their team leading 13th and fifth, respectively.

A four-run eighth closed out the scoring for Notre Dame, as Leatherman, Greene and Ben Cooke drove in runs."

"Everybody takes their turn rising up for the team," Mainieri said. "There have been a number of nights when Alec Porzel has stepped up with a big hit, or Danny Leatherman or Todd Frye. Not only the stars, we take the team.

Haying won 23 of its last 24 games, Notre Dame takes one day to rest before heading east for eight road games in a three-game series at Owen T. Carroll Field tomorrow and Sunday.

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SFR3 squeaks by So Solid

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Last night's Sweet Sixteen action certainly did not disappoint the hoards of fans out to support their favorite team. As usual, all the games went down to the wire. SFR3 squeaked by So Solid to advance with a 21-17 win.

"It was a hard fought game and a very close one," said Chris Dotson of SFR3. "We were lucky to come out on top, we missed a lot of free throws and did not take advantage of our opportunities near the end."

The two squads battled back and forth but SFR3 managed to score just in front 11-8 at the half. But behind Nick Wills and Aiden McCann, So Solid scored the first four points of the second half. The teams battled like a pair of heavyweight fighters trading punches all the way to the final buzzer.

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Somehow SFR3's Chris Dotson got a no-look, over the head lay-up to take the lead on several occasions, but SFR3 managed to come out on top with a big play.

"You got five guys that can ball out there," said Coach Frigo. "You could tell that they just wanted it more." Drink a 22, SFR3 did not look back from there as they took the lead and Frigo's clutch free throw gave them a 20-19 lead at the half.

Behind the sharp shooting of Alex Gese and the defense and rebounding of John Traudol, McCann's jumper put the game away with some clutch free throws.

"They were just hitting all their shots, it seemed like," said Gese. "We were in their short shorts and they were hitting some shots so we just wanted to concentrate on defense. We never too worried though." Drink a 22, SFR3 went down to the wire with a 21-19 victory.

SFR3 and So Solid fought till the end as both teams contributed ten points to the team's effort. "Nick started to score some near the end," McCann said. "But at the end of the game our strategy was to get the ball to Frigo and hope he'd score or get fouled and lock in the free throw when I turned around and didn't watch." Drink a 22, SFR3 was on to its 11th lead at the half.

"It sucked I'm just glad I made the last one," he said. "Our opponents in the next round will be second seeded Mickey's who held off a late Show Me the Money surge to advance with a 21-17 win."

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Fans crowd Stepan to see Primeetime advance

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Amidst a sea of fans, at times piled five-deep around a single game, the Stepan crowd looked to the 27th annual Bookstore Basketball tournament, allowed only the most elite eight teams to advance to today's quarterfinals.

Once again, No. 1 Primeetime ran the court and continued to bask dominant, as they knocked off Absolut Irish, 21-15.

"I was just playing physical game," said Kyle Hughes of Primeetime. "The refs let us play out there and we like to play aggressive style basketball." Drink a 22, Stepan did not look back from there as they took the lead and Steve Craig had five first-half points and a game-high eight points.

"He did a great job on the boards for us," Hughes said. "His ankle isn't too bad and it really isn't affecting his game." Drink a 22, Primeetime took on 11-6 lead into the second half and put the game away with some clutch free throws. Hughes knocked down two huge shots from the charity stripe and Craig added another to close the game. Hughes and Craig both finished with eight points apiece.

Primeetime will face Eric Chappell and No. 9 No Limit, who knocked out Derrick Muddy, 21-18. No Limit played solid defense on Bobby Brown and had 10 points. Muddy also came up big for the Alumni sophomores.

"We like being the underdog and we're used to getting nothing," said Moore. "Moore's team will try to earn some respect so they face Off Shore tomorrow." Drink a 22, Off Shore will take on No. 3 Malicious Prosecution, who upset No. 1 Primeetime, 21-18.

"We got off to a good start and jumped out to an 11-6 lead at half," said Paul Moore. "Both teams got into foul trouble, but we hit and they didn't."

But it was Tom Deitrich who was the real difference for Your Mom. Deitrich played solid defense on Bobby Brown and added 10 points. Deitrich also came up big for the Alumni sophomores.

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"No one matches up well against Off Shore," said Moore. "We're just going to try to push the ball up the court and stick to our game plan."

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8:00PM Cushin Auditorium

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19): This could be a fine opportunity. But be wary! Some of its going to be fun, if you can keep your brain to it. There's no reason to get upset, actually. You're way ahead of the opposition. You're smarter, more experienced and better looking. You'll win any competition easily.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Get those crockets and letters in the mail. Might as well send off for that new outfit you've been want­ ing. You should throw someth­ing that's a bit of a reward into the mix. Otherwise, the whole day could be complete drudgery.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You could have a magnificent insight early this morning. In fact, it looks like it might happen in a dream. At any rate, this could open up your fortunes. There's a sense of urgency, but that's OK. It helps you think faster. Push yourself im­ pressively hard.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Considerations are cut and dry. You might be moving from one loca­tion to another. You have plenty of friends who'll like to help, so listen. Mourners, presented emotionally. Tempers will be short, hence the confusion by getting into a snit.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Brainstorm a new idea with your partner this morning. Together you can come up with something you both might like, no matter what your own. This happens very early this morning, and that's a reason you put up with each other.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22): If you've got a problem at work, you could get a bonus, or if you're self-employed, you make more money. Additionally, you are linked in a fantastic way that isn't easy, however. You might have to have an expert. It's money well spent.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're good at both.

SCOTT ADAMS

Of Interest

"Quantum Mechanics in Your Face," a lecture by Sidney Coleman, Dana Professor of Science and Senior Research Associate at Harvard University, will be held today at 4 p.m. in Room 140 DeLaittre Hall. The talk is an insightful review of the paradoxes of quantum mechanics, such as Schrödinger's cat and Bell's theorem. Refreshments will be provided prior to the lecture at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Lobby of the Snite Museum of Art. Works by Beethoven, Brahms, Diemer, Barber and Schubert will accompany on piano. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

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By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Even though Notre Dame only joined the Big East conference two years ago, the women's tennis team has proven that they are the team to beat.

The 18th-ranked Irish have won the last two championships and are favored for a third, evidenced by their number one seed in this weekend's Big East championships. They finished the regular season with a 16-8 record and have improved as the season has progressed. They finished the year by winning four of their last five matches, including their biggest win of the season over 10th ranked Wake Forest.

Coach Jay Loudenberg has been elated with his team's performance as of late. "Our team is definitely playing their best tennis of the season which is great.

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