**The Observer**

**Experimental major stands timeless**

PLS celebrates 50 years of Great Books at Notre Dame

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

It began as a bold experiment.


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Those things were far from the norm in American higher learning in the 1940s and 1950s, and many scholars were skeptical of them. But they were the pillars on which the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) were built.

Fifty years later, as PLS celebrates Silver Anniversary, the Program is still strong, and much of academia has come to share its emphasis on reading and discussion, at least at some level. But PLS is still unique.

"It was, and still is, different," said F. Clark Power, chair of the Program. It is different, he said, because it is based on learning philosophy and psychology, mathematics and literature, all by reading and discussing, original texts about the subjects in a rigorous series of courses stretching over three years.

From the beginning, PLS has been focused on reading and discussion, and, today, that style of teaching may not seem unusual. But in 1950, when Father John Cavanaugh, who was then University president, and professor Otto Bird collaborated to found the Program, it was unusual indeed.

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"PLS teaches students how to think about the problems that have plagued mankind since the days of the Greeks. In preparation for discussion, Kendahl Land reads Plato's Republic."

**Right to Life conference returns to ND, SMC campuses**

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life clubs are gearing up for their second annual Pro-Life Collegiate Conference, "Our Duty to Serve, Our Call to Lead," to take place this weekend.

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"In addition to workshops, the conference features two keynote speakers. Steve Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, will deliver a speech on "Life Issues Around the World." His lecture will focus on human rights abuses in third world nations with a pro-life perspective. Cathy Cleaver, the director of Information and Planning for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat, will speak on "How to Communicate the Pro-Life Message." Her speech will deal with outsiders' perceptions of the pro-life movement and offer suggestions on how to discuss abortion issues with minimal conflict."

Initially, the conference was to feature a speech by Alan Keys, a politician who ran in the Republican primaries. Keys' office, however, cancelled his appearance last Friday because of a schedule conflict. "I know [Keys' absence] will disappoint many, and we apologize for this," said Keys. "Alan Keys is a phenomenal speaker and will be missed, but now we can have more dialogue among students, and better focus on developing leadership skills and learning how to use our gifts to make a difference," Keys announced in an e-mail to students registered for the conference.

The club plans to fill his speaking time with two student speeches.

The club expects attendance similar to last year's event, which drew 150 people from 15 colleges and universities — some from as far as California and Texas. Organizers began planning this year's conference a month before winter break, mainly under the direction of Suarez and Kaitlyn Dudley. Although official registration ended on March 30, Suarez said they will admit students until seating capacity has been reached.
Celebrate our champions

Well, Irish fans, we have a lot to learn about supporting our teams. We need to take lessons from schools like Purdue, Maryland, Arizona, Penn State — and the school with the most spirit in the country — Michigan State.

We are certainly attentive when it comes to supporting our teams in victory and defeat. But think about it; on Sunday, our women's basketball team won the national championship and what do we do? We assemble at Main Circle at 2:30 a.m. and cheer. When the victorious Irish get off the bus, you actually think that thousands of people cheering is the proper way to support your team? Hardly. Just ask Purdue freshman Jim Bartella. Even though the Boilermakers lost the title game, Purdue students welcomed their team back with broken windows, fires and overturned cars.

"Even though there's destruction of the town, it's a great way to get people together, to help celebrate," Bartella said.

Some might question if riots are the proper way to celebrate a championship. Some might say it's classless. But fear not Irish fans. We can redeem ourselves.

Because nothing says National Champs like a bunch of drunken idiots trashing the campus and getting tear gassed by police.

Just ask Michigan State. The Spartans know how to celebrate a champion. Last year after their men's team won the title, the fans caused thousands of dollars in damage and more than 100 were arrested.

Some might question if riots are the proper way to celebrate a championship. Some might say it's classless and shameful to burn cars, attack police and destroy property. But how can you doubt that Penn State students weren't making their school proud when they smashed windows, tore down signs and light posts after the "Miracle Lions" loss to the Temple Owls in the NCAA tournament?

In fact, I believe Irish fans were disgraceful when they reflected on their team's loss after the Minn. knocked Notre Dame men's team out of March Madness.

But fear not Irish fans. We can redeem ourselves. Our spring teams are playing really well. The men's lacrosse team is 4-0 and baseball teams are all ranked in the top 10. This weekend, every Tom Glazier scores a goal against Denver, smash a window in a bar. For every Michelle Danco ace, flip a car in DeBartolo. For every Michelle Danco ace, flip a car in DeBartolo. For every Michelle Danco ace, flip a car in DeBartolo. For every Michelle Danco ace, flip a car in DeBartolo. For every Michelle Danco ace, flip a car in DeBartolo.

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Many brought the question of whether Murphy, who is considered one of the most talented basketball players in the country, was likely to make a decision to play in the NBA. Murphy, however, remained silent on the topic.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Horowitz debates repARATION issue

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

David Horowitz continued his crusade against slavery reparations for African-Americans in a debate at MIT Wednesday night against Dorothy Lewis, co-chair of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. Horowitz has attracted significant media attention in recent weeks because of an advertisement he submitted to college newspapers across the country listing 10 points against reparations for descendants of African slaves in America. Many papers — including The Crimson — said the advertisement was unnecessary and refused to run it. Failing on the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination 33 years ago, last night's debate aimed to discuss the validity of such reparations. The bearded and bespectacled Horowitz said he did not support reparations because they would not go to the victims of slavery themselves. "These slaves are dead. Their children are dead. There's not one to pay the reparations to," he said.

University of Maryland

Basketball may boost applicants

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The University of Maryland, among others, has seen significant increases in the number of applicants for its graduate programs. A year ago, the school saw an increase of 17 percent in applications for its graduate programs. This year, the increase is expected to be around 30 percent. The university has attributed the increase to the popularity of its basketball team, which has been successful in recent years.

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African tour convenes in DeBartolo, discusses policy

By MARIEL MOREY
Assistant News Editor

African political and human rights activists, a singer/songwriter, a lawyer, the former Rwandan prime minister and a member of the Pan Africanist Congress in South Africa will be available for questions in DeBartolo room 140 from 1-3 p.m today.

As part of the African Peace Tour, these and other Africans, are speaking at venues across the country to promote citizen action for a more people-orientated US policy toward Africa. Notice Name is one of their last stops on the tour.

"Looking as an outsider [this variety of speakers] shows to me that those who put the conference together are interested in providing more than one perspective," said Hugh Page, director of African and African-American Studies which is sponsoring the event.

The Peace Tour is designed to help U.S. citizens understand African issues. Through this understanding, Americans will hopefully encourage an American policy toward Africa that will benefit African people and allow the continent to recover from centuries of exploitation, according to the program's Web page.

"Our goal is to sponsor programs that will increase concerns [about Africa]..." Hugh Page, director of African-American Studies

The African Peace Tour is a unit of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to peace, humanitarian service and social justice.

NEWS BRIEFS

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THE GENERAL PROGRAM OF LIBERAL STUDIES

This advertisement was created by PLS majors to encourage more students to join the Program. It ran in the Feb. 9, 1968 edition of Scholastic.

Happy Birthday Kik and Jess.

From, The Bandits

Monday, April 6, 2001

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PHILOSOPHER KING?

FROSH: If you do, don't settle for less.

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The patience of other departments, who feared the new program would overlap into their disciplines.

This, according to professor Frederick Crosson, put PLS on shaky ground in its early years.

"There was always the question of whether it would be dissolved," he said. PLS never was dissolved, thanks in large part to steadfast support from Cavanaugh, and, later, Father Theodore Hesburgh. But people across the University were slow to embrace the Program. Some critics felt it was not Catholic enough for Notre Dame—some Great Books were on the Church's Index of Forbidden Books, and the seminar style defied the Catholic idea that the truth could be known. Others simply did not support its revolutionary methods.

"The survival of the young always seems precarious...especially to me and even miraculous. Life is frail and fragile in its beginnings," Father Nicholas Aye wrote in his "The Beginning of Great Books in the Cavanaugh Years." But that frail life continued, and, despite the reduction of the Program from four years to two, the experiment grew and matured for a common First Year of Studies in 1954. PLS began to thrive. Hesburgh used it as a model when he introduced the College Seminar—a forerunner of the Core Course—which was an interdisciplinary discussion course required of all students. And gradually, enrollment grew.

As the decades went on, the Program's place at Notre Dame solidified. And while other departments in the University changed their curriculums, PLS remained largely true to its original texts. Sometimes a text would be dropped and another added in the Great Books seminars. Sometimes a new elective would be offered as professors came in and out of the program. But just as Dostovsky's "Crime and Punishment" has not changed since it was written, PLS at Notre Dame remains essentially unchanged as well. PLS purports to teach its students that the great questions which the courses deal with remain unanswered. And they will always do so.

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"Continuity in the Program is very substantial. The reason for this, the Program's directors said, is that the great questions which the courses deal with remain unanswered. And the purpose of the Program remains unchanged as well. PLS purports to teach its students more than just the latest skills they will need in a changing business world. "Education ought to make students relevant 20 or 30 years in the future," Crowe said.

This education, with a thoroughly interdisciplinary style, tends to mold students who enter a wide range of pursuits after graduation. About one-third of each graduating class does service work, Power said. Another third goes to law school. The others enter a mix of graduate programs, teaching jobs and the business world.

This interdisciplinary approach, so revolutionary in 1950, meets greater appeal today. Broad majors, such as American Studies, and concentrations and minors like Philosophy and Literature or Science, Technology and Values are growing at Notre Dame and other schools. There are few new Great Books programs under development these days, but the idea of truly liberal education has not died, supporters said. "Devotion to Great Books is more alive across the nation than a survey of universities might allow," said Eva Brann, a professor at St. John's College in Maryland, which teaches an all-Great Books curriculum, at a talk celebrating the 50th anniversary of PLS Wednesday. These timeless texts carry a weight that lasts through the years, Brann said. And they will always do so.

Thus Cavanaugh and Bird's experiment grew and matured at Notre Dame into an unusual and challenging major which is certainly no longer in danger of being dissolved. Instead, after 50 years of exposing undergraduates to the Great Books, the PLS program will continue to show those books. And it will continue to prepare its students for life beyond college in a unique, unparalleled way.

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"The preparation is not seen in the day-to-day experience," Power said, "As it is in preparation, you might say, for life.

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India offers talks with rebels: In a major attempt to end five decades of regional unrest, India on Thursday offered to hold peace talks with Kashmiri separatists living abroad as well as those in the disputed Himalayan region. But the offer was immediately rebuffed by a key umbrella organization of political and religious groups in Kashmir, which dubbed it that the Pakistani government should be part of a tripartite dialogue.

Workers occupy Acropolis: Workers from the Greek culture ministry occupied the Acropolis, Athens' main tourist attraction, for 30 minutes on Thursday, preventing visitors from entering to view the 2,500-year-old monuments. The workers, who were employed on a temporary basis, were demanding a renewal of their contracts.

**National News Briefs**

Bush to visit Poland: President Bush will visit Poland during a June trip to Europe, a White House official said Thursday. "The president looks forward to reviewing ways in which the United States and Poland — old friends, new allies — can intensify cooperation in pursuit of common goals," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. On the European trip, Bush is also traveling to Goteborg, Sweden, and to Brussels, Belgium.

Jury: tobacco industry not liable: A flight attendant awaiting a lung transplant made its way around the globe: Chinese Ambassador to Washington; U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher met twice with Assistant Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong in China. "We're having intensive discussions with the Chinese," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Bedford man tried to run over wife: A Bedford man injured when he crashed his truck while allegedly trying to run over his wife will be charged with attempted murder. John Evans, 25, remained in police custody Thursday at Dunn Memorial Hospital, where he was being treated for head and possible internal injuries he sustained in Tuesday's crash. Witnesses said Linda Evans, 19, was standing on the witness stand during her testimony in the three-week trial. Jurors began deliberating late Thursday morning.

**Market Watch April 5**

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| Several rare breeds of cows, goats and sheep — familiar from 16th century paintings by Dutch masters — are threatened with extinction by the foot-and-mouth epidemic that has struck the Netherlands.

For some breeds, the few remaining specimens could be caught up in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of animals in efforts to contain the virulent livestock disease. On Friday, the last 100 Schoonbeek sheep left in the world are due to be destroyed.

Only a handful of these varieties still survive on protected national parks and farms. Some have already been slated for "preventive clearing," or the killing of healthy animals to build a firewall against the ailment. "We have been struggling for years to keep populations up. This would be a fatal blow," said Robert Motes of the Society for the Preservation of Nature. The society said it would ask a judge to prevent the killing of special animals. Protection groups say 19 endangered breeds are threatened by foot-and-mouth.

The rare cows are usually named for their markings, which distinguish them from common dairy or beef cattle. Names such as Lakenvelder, Brandrood and Groningen Blaarkop — Dutch Belted, Burned Red and Whitehead — have come to symbolize more than just a farming heritage.

"It's a piece of our culture," said Arno Fokkings, author of books on rare Dutch livestock. "It would be a real shame if they disappeared, only to be seen in paintings.

"They were common in the famed landscape paintings of 16th and 17th century Dutch artists, such as Pieter Brueghel, Paul Potter and Albert Cuyp."

**Netherlands**

Disease threatens rare livestock breeds

Associated Press
ND honors Wooden for sportsmanship

Special to The Observer

John Wooden, the most successful coach in collegiate basketball history, will be honored tonight for his longtime commitment to integrity in athletics by Notre Dame's Mendelson Center for Sport, Character & Culture.

The recognition will come during the 25th annual presentation of the Wooden Award to the nation's outstanding men's basketball player at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame, will make videotaped remarks on behalf of the University, and Mendelson Center co-director David Shields will present Wooden with a plaque that reads in part:

"The consistent modeling and promotion of teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, hard work, and integrity — timeless values nurtured by Coach Wooden and honored in perpetuity by the John R. Wooden Award — remains the most important goal for student-athletes, coaches, and all who are concerned with the quality of athletes, coaches, and all who are concerned with the quality of sport. The Mendelson Center unites with the legions of Notre Dame fans, Notre Dame alumni, and Irish men's basketball player at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

The annual event was sponsored by the Notre Dame Polish Club and the Students' Union's Women's & Gender Studies Program.

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News Writer

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ND constructs visiting prof housing

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

Building commenced recently for the new Fischer Visiting Faculty Residences, apartments for visiting professors and faculty members, said Joe Schellinger, director of Notre Dame’s Academic Space.

The residences, which are to be located behind Fischer Graduate Housing, will consist of two buildings with 24 units, said Schellinger who is working in conjunction with the Office of the Provost on the new apartments.

"This gives the University more of a marketing tool," said Schellinger who believes that the residences will help the University compete in recruiting quality professors. The apartments are especially accommodating to visiting professors with children because the residences are all two-bedroom complexes.

Often it is difficult to find housing in the local South Bend community because their stay is so brief, said Schellinger. The new apartments will provide a place for these faculty members to live.

"The whole program is designed for a short term stay," said Schellinger. Although the University has the funds to begin building, Schellinger said Notre Dame is still looking for donors to subsidize the apartments.

The University has been aware of the increased need for housing and is committed to the project, said Schellinger. The Office of the Provost is in the process of deciding which colleges and institutions at Notre Dame will receive the badly needed apartments, said Schellinger. Distribution of the apartments is based on the budget, size and need of the colleges and institutions requesting space. Each college must have a five-year commitment to rent in their budget.

Although the professors have not been announced yet, there is a long waiting list from different colleges and institutions at Notre Dame, said Schellinger. The apartments are expected to be ready for spring of 2002.

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Sunday vs. Connecticut 1 pm

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Looking back on the last 10 years

Today, those issues still exist along with the desire for coed housing, opposition to high tuition costs, lacking social interaction between male and female students, inadequate parking for students and concerns over drinking abuses on campus. The problem is, currently Saint Mary's has knowledge of these stipulations, the company only giving the information to the campus. Saint Mary's should have a break of contract and assure that the company can't cut corners to submit a bid. If Saint Mary's holds international contractors to these disclosure standards, it should hold its local contractors to the same standards. This disclosure by local contractors would not be public. Only companies making Saint Mary's appear to close its wages and work conditions.

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The Notre Dame women have gone where their football team used to regularly go. "The ESPN announcer after the women defeated the basketball team won the NCAA National Championship. The statement is an example of the typically useless bubble sports announcers blurt out on television. The real was an insult to the Notre Dame athletic program. It tacitly implied that the Notre Dame football program needed to turn back its clock to be greater than the Notre Dame program could further be from the truth. Notre Dame women or nation or for each of us." When the 10th anniversary that this writer has contributed "Capitol Comments" to The Observer. Throughout that decade Notre Dame has made tremendous strides in building its physical facilities. The nation has taken giant leaps forward in social policies and domestic human rights. Hopefully, each of us has progressed in our interpersonal relationships rather than stagnated with outdated prejudices. Thirty years ago, before Notre Dame became a coeducational institution, life on campus was somewhat different than what it is today. Everyone from outside Indiana used the word hooser in a negative context. Nobody had answering machines in the dorm rooms, only a single phone. Nobody had cordless telephones, only a lone cellular phones. Everyone had typewriters and the Internet was still a laboratory experiment.

Not much changed for about 20 years until the 1990s. Back then the issues on campus were objections to an authoritarian University administration and partial housing. The need for desire for coed housing, opposition to high tuition costs, lacking social interaction between male and female students, inadequate parking for students and concerns over drinking abuses on campus. Today, those issues still exist along with the desire for coed housing, opposition to high tuition costs, and concern over drinking abuses on campus.

National, the early 1990s saw a coalition of countries led by the United Nations to defeat Iraq's aggression. It was a time when Communism had crumbled but foreign policy remained in Cold War gear as tensions with China and Russia remained high.

After marching against discrimination in housing and employment. The stock market declined and the nation's growth had stopped for several quarters. Democrats and Republicans were cooperative and cordial in a friendly "loyal opposition" manner.

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Supporting the unknown athletes

You may know them. They are in your dorms, your classes, or they may be one of your friends. They are athletes, but you may not know that at all or may not know who they do.

You may have mistaken them for offensive linemen on the football team because of their size or their letter jackets. If you work in the issue room, it may have been you who mistook them for male cheerleaders. To the average person eating in the dining hall, they might look like guys who pile up a little too much on their trays at every meal.

They study science, business and engineering in the library at night and attend classes during the day in preparation for their various futures: flight school, medical school, banking, step team and being the technical mastermind behind a project.

In addition, they spend the majority of the afternoon in the weight room or in the field. They push their bodies to the limits to achieve some personal realization of success. They are rarely recognized and hardly publicized, further proving they are not in this sport for the glory.

They are athletes of calmer meeting or exceeding all other Notre Dame athletes but are never asked about their accomplishments or complimented for their performance. They’ll never see a colorized Irish Insider highlighting their team’s upcoming competition. Even so, this tight-knit group works unceasingly to do their best and derive strength from camaraderie (and cookouts).

Who are these mystery athletes? What do they do? They are the hardest working, most dedicated, genuine and human men that I have met in my time at Notre Dame.

They throw the hammer, the javelin, the shot put and the discus on the men’s track and field team at Notre Dame. Come support and cheer on John Scolaro, Matt O’Brien, Derek Dyer, Brian Thorndike, Mike Madison, Jason Davis and the rest of the Notre Dame home outdoor meet of the season.

This group, affectionately known as “the throwers,” will compete this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Meyo Field.

They’re your friends, boyfriends, housemates, classmates or fellow dorm mates. Don’t let their hard work go unnoticed again. Go Irish!

Letter to the editor

Challenging the established sexual order

When is bigotry not bigotry? Apparently, when it is declared natural law by a patriarchal institution in support of its own sexual supremacy.

Well, at least that’s what Charles Rice wants us to believe. If it helps, of course, if we conveniently forget that religious institutions have invoked (and still do) the specter of natural law to support bigotry in order to sustain the dominance of men — among other things.

Rice’s diatribe could easily have been reduced to one sentence reflecting his oft-touted opinion: “A society in which it makes no difference whether men marry women or other men, or women marry men is on a dead-end road to extinction.”

It may surprise you that I actually agree with Rice on the content of his sentence. First though, I need to reword it just a bit so that I can be comfortable agreeing with it: “A society in which it makes no difference whether men marry women or other men, or women marry men is on a dead-end road to extinction.”

Maybe I’m being fastidious, but referring to men and women as boys and girls seems a bit paternalistic — almost like Rice is trying to claim my place in the hierarchy compared to Rice’s perception of his. It would kind of be like me calling him Chuck.

Oh yeah, then there’s that women marrying women phrase I’ve added. In my experience, lesbians tend to be a little sensitive about being left out, rendered invisible, acted toward as if they don’t exist, Rice knows that lesbians forget that they are women and that being women their relationships with each other aren’t really that threatening to a heterosexual hierarchy.

Perhaps that’s why Rice left them out. He probably wanted to appeal to the patriarchal hierarchy — men who love men or men who love men — those who are the least popular and women (another group he left out). He knew that women who love women weren’t even worth the mention.

Now that I’ve got semantics out of the way, I think I might be able to agree with Rice. However, another problem arises. I realize I probably don’t agree with his unstated major premise, his underlying assumptions and worldview.

Letter to the editor

University responds inconsistently to banners

During the last three weeks, many people have in some way seen or heard about the DCBFA Project. You may have read or heard about the mock newspaper The Observer (which was in no way produced or endorsed by The Observer, I should note). You may have also seen banners in various locations on campus which address topics of gender relations at Notre Dame. Some may have heard about them but I thought it worth while to share information about those banners that people may have otherwise found out about.

What is very unusual to me is the reaction I have gotten from the University regarding the banners. In seeking permission for the banners to be hung, I met with numerous University officials, explained the DCBFA project’s numerous times and received numerous responses.

When I requested permission to hang these banners on campus, the University (individuals need not be named) said no.

The reasoning behind the decision as I understood, was that the University wanted to avoid the possibility of a precedent being set about hanging banners on campus buildings, academic or otherwise. While my banners are in some ways controversial, I found it strange that the University had declined my request based on the reasoning being offered.

In meetings, the sentiment was expressed that it was not the content of the banners that were in question (if it were, issues of censorship and freedom of speech would have become an issue). The University declined my banners because they were afraid that if they allowed these banners, people would want to begin hanging banners of all kinds on buildings. I would argue that the precedent the University wants to avoid is well past set. There is in fact a tradition of hanger-hanging at Notre Dame.

Since I was a kid, I can remember coming to Notre Dame for football games and seeing the large banners that hung from the dorms showing the great athletes of Notre Dame. Those spirit banners are a tradition at Notre Dame and a great one at that.

Aside from banners that support our athletics there have been banners that promote student government nominees as well. Dorms aren’t the only buildings that communicate with banners through just a few weeks ago, the Engineering department displayed large banners on Fitzpatrick and Cushing halls promoting Engineering Week. In addition, the newly opened Coleman-Morse building currently advertises the Writing Workshop on its facade. It seems the precedent has already been set.

Banners are used often at Notre Dame, and they have become a tradition as well as an effective means of advertisement. So why then were the University’s banners declined permission to hang?

After going along and hanging the banners, some of them have been taken down. After one of the banners was taken down from a dorm, I was told that banners aren’t supposed to be hung from dorm windows. I’m not sure I’ve seen banners hung any other way, and I’m not sure I accept that as a reason for the banner to be taken down.

With varied reasons for why the banners aren’t permissible, none of which seem to hold water, I have to wonder why the banners are receiving resistance. It is because the University wants to avoid banners being hung or is it because the University doesn’t like what my banners have to say? I’ll let others be the judge of that.

From now on the banners will hang safely in the gallery window of the Snite Museum of Art while the DCBFA Project is on exhibit there.
By LAURA KELLY
Associate Scene Editor

Easter break is a mere week away, and visions of chocolate bunnies and pastel eggs are beginning to dance in our heads. And everyone who has stuck to (or attempted to stick to) a Lenten resolution knows that very well — after weeks of greedily eying other people’s desserts or craving caffeine every time the Coke machine is in sight, many Lenten sacrificers are more than ready for Easter to arrive.

But the holiday is not yet upon us. There is still a week of Lent left, another week of waiting patiently not simply for the chance to enjoy whatever we gave up, but for the feast day itself.

Easter is the central, solemn feast of the Catholic Church, and the liturgical year is focused on this one celebration. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts,” the “Solemnity of solemnities.” Therefore, the season leading up to the feast day is an important one, a time for Christians to reflect on the Easter mystery. Yet, often Lent seems to be a mystery in itself. Often the focus of the 40 days becomes giving up some cherished vice — cigarettes, sweets or alcohol — or bad habit — gossiping, swearing or lying. While these sacrifices are all good and admirable, they are not the focus of the season. Neither is abstaining from meat on Fridays, although the grumbles of hungry dining hall givers each week might hint differently.

What, then, is the focus of Lent? Why give up anything? Where did the “ash meal” conspiracy come from, anyway?

Sometimes even 15 years of Catholic schooling leaves one without satisfactory answers to these questions. And lest this final week before Easter pass by without any enlightenment, here is Lent spelled out as simply as it can be: the ABCs.

Ash Wednesday
This feast day marks the beginning of the Lenten season. While not an official day of obligation, Catholics have traditionally attended Mass on this day, receiving a mark of ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes come from the burning of the palms from the last year’s Palm Sunday celebration. The marking of ashes is a two-fold meaning, representing the message of Lent itself.

As a sign of the penitential nature of Lent, the ashes remind Catholics of their own mortality and need to return to God — “dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.” The sign of the cross is also a reminder of the baptismal side of Lent.

Barren decorations
Entering any Catholic church during the early spring reveals a stark contrast to the usual colorful decorations. Altars are stripped of flowers and decorations, while the liturgical color of the season is a dark purple. This color, used as the priest’s vestments and often worn in a rough material like linen to cover the altar, is symbolic of penitence, solemnity and royalty.

Charity
Donating time or money to those in need is one of the Church’s traditional Lenten practices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Christian charities and diocesan offices often have “Lenten Appeals” to raise money for church projects, missionary groups and other causes.

Desert
The Gospel story of Jesus’s 40-day fast and temptation by the devil in the desert is often evoked during Lent. The liturgical season is meant to be a time of the same struggles, preparation and sacrifice that Christ underwent as He prepared for His public ministry. The image of the often harsh, barren desert reflects the somber mood of Lent, and Catholics believe their own Lenten sacrifices reflect Jesus’s deprivation in the desert.

Easter
The holiday of Easter, celebrating Jesus’s resurrection from the dead, is what the season of Lent is aiming toward. As the pivotal, defining event in the Catholic religion, Easter is worthy of 40 days of preparation. Once Easter Sunday arrives, the churches are again fully decorated and filled with flowers — a complete contrast from the former starkness.

Forty Days
In the Bible, the number 40 traditionally means discipline and preparation. Examples of this are found throughout — Moses stayed on the mountain for 40 days, Elijah traveled for 40 days until he reached the cave where he had his vision, the city of Nineveh was given 40 days to repent. The stories of Jesus’s life reveal this same number, as he spent 40 days in the desert and later in the tomb for 40 hours until His resurrection.

Glories and Alleluias
Songs of celebration like the Gloria are omitted during Lent, to serve as a reminder of the season’s solemn and sober tone. Likewise, the Alleluia normally sung or spoken before the reading of the Gospel is replaced by another acclamation, as the word “Alleluia” is not to be said until Easter.

Hot Cross Buns and Pretzels
Two common culinary treats have their origin in the observance of Lent. Legend has it that hot cross buns — an obvious reminder of Jesus’s sacrifice on the cross — were first made by monks at St. Albhan’s Abbey in England and given as food for the poor. Today, the sticky buns covered with thick frosting are no longer made from the same sparse Lenten ingredients, but many families still enjoy making them together on Good Friday, often saving the indulgent treats to eat on Easter.

Another snark food from Christian tradition is the pretzel. During early observances of Lent, Christians of the fourth century observed a strict fast prohibiting milk, butter, cheese, eggs, cream and meat. Faced with few options, they created a bread which they called “braclaias” (meaning “little arms”) which was shaped like arms crossed in prayer. This bread sprinkled with salt served as a reminder that Lent was a time of prayer and penance. When monks later introduced these breads to the north, the Germans dubbed them “brezel,” from which we get our word for pretzel.

Lent
The English word for the season comes from the old Anglo-Saxon term “lenten.” This word for spring actually meant the gradual lengthening of the days following the winter solstice. The derivation of the word is unique to English, as most other languages take its origin in the Latin term “quaedragesima,” meaning “the 40 days.”

Meat/No Meat
While Fridays in Lent may be a day of smug rejoicing for vegetarians, giving up meat is a real sacrifice for many others. At Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, non-
know your Lent?

Sacrifice

Finally, the defining characteristic of the season. Around Catholic schools like Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, the question “What are you giving up for Lent?” is not uncommon in the early days after Ash Wednesday. Sacrificing desserts, candy, soft drinks or alcohol is one common Lenten resolution. People often take this opportunity to reform themselves of bad habits or try to improve their relationship with others. While giving something up for Lent is not mandatory, it has become a traditional practice of self-denial and sacrifice for Catholics.

Technicalities

The attentive observer has noticed by now that the “40 days of Lent” concept doesn’t hold up when checked on a calendar—if the Church wants to be accurate about this, shouldn’t they call it the 46 days of Lent? This is where a slight technicality comes in: the Sundays that fall during the Lenten season are not actually a part of Lent. As Sundays are set aside for celebrating the resurrection of Christ, they are not part of the penitential and somber season of Lent. Now the wheels are turning as they have in many a Catholic schoolchild’s head: if Sundays aren’t a part of Lent, then Lenten promises don’t apply to those days either, right?

Well, technically, no. You are allowed to have whatever you gave up for Lent on Sundays and feast days as well, like the Feast of St. Joseph. But while you can indulge yourself, the Church encourages you not to. In the spirit of maintaining an honest tablets difficult or irritating sacrifice during Lent. Basically, if you go for the dessert on Sundays and all your roommates know you’ve given it up, their dirty looks may be justified.

Via Dolorosa/ Way of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are another traditional form of prayer that is held year round, but receives special attention during Lent. This reflection on 14 moments or stages in Jesus’s sentencing and crucifixion originated during the early days of the Church when pilgrims would retrace the last steps of Jesus in Jerusalem along the “Via Dolorosa,” or the “Sorrowful Way.” As more Christians longed to follow in Jesus’s footsteps but were unable to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, churches set up stations commemorating the journey of Christ to Calvary.

Today at Notre Dame there are Stations of the Cross in the Basilica, around the lake and in many residence halls. On April 10 at 7 p.m., Campus Ministry is hosting the annual Campus-Wide Stations of the Cross, a candlelit reflection on the Stations that moves to different stations on campus and ends up in the Basilica.

From A to Z, there is much more depth to the season of Lent than giving up swearing or hitting up the local fish fry on Friday nights. With ancient and rich traditions, the 40 days of preparation for Easter offer a valuable time of reflection for Christians and non-Christians alike.
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interceptions and only passed for 94 yards, causing many to ques-
tion whether or not he could tailoring the offense to Battle's strengths. When a reporter asked David Godsey why his team was falling on the field, Battle responded, "I thought we were."

Eventually, Davie named Gary Godsey the starting quarterback, and an unknown freshman named Matt LoVecchio backup. After a couple of bad passes, Davie changed his mind. Godsey showed that he was able to run the option with both hands, but I didn't. I landed with the starting job. Eventually, Battle watched from the sideline with a cast on his left wrist.

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The next morning, Battle boned right back up and played the rest of the game, finishing with 107 rushing yards, but he only com-

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Davie clearly wanted Battle on the field. Before the Oct. 28 game against Air Force, he said, "At the time of the injury, he was the starting quarterback." But Battle wasn't healthy, and he wasn't sure what was happening. And as LoVecchio went out of the game, Battle began to re-think his options. He even had his cast off, and his injury was taking a long time to heal. Eventually, he decided it would be best if he didn't come back and play and get the spot back and contribute to the team," said Battle.

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Rowers ascend to first-ever ranking

The Notre Dame rowing team, in only its third season of varsity competition, is ranked 14th in the first US Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Poll of the season. It marks the first time in the young history of the program that Notre Dame's top boat has been ranked nationally.

The lightweight eight boat finished the 1999 season ranked 12th in the nation.

Brown is ranked first with 475 points. Washington is second with 446 points, while Princeton is third with 446 points. The Irish have 121 points.

Notre Dame will compete against six ranked teams and four others receiving votes in the Jessop-Whittier Cup this weekend at the San Diego Crew Classic in San Diego, Calif. The San Diego Crew Classic began in 1973. The University of Washington and the Naval Academy had developed a great rivalry and when approached about racing in San Diego for a west coast regatta, they agreed.

The first Crew Classic featured three teams, but the regatta expanded in the three-year history of the program to the varsity eight and the first and second varsity eight boats. Notre Dame will take on nationally-ranked Michigan State last Saturday on the Grand River in East Lansing, Mich. Due to Michigan State's normal racing body of water being frozen over, the races were rowed as the best two out of three contests over 1,200 meters on the Grand River.

Notre Dame's top boat has been ranked national-power Michigan State last spring. It marks the first time Notre Dame's top boat has been ranked national-power Michigan State.

The varsity eight crew of Katherine Burnett, Diane Price, Becky Lackett, Casey Buckstaff, Michelle Olsgard, Ashley Warren, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Jayme Szefc and coxswain Claire Bula pulled off the upset sweeping both races from the Spartans.

Notre Dame won the first race by 2.8 seconds and then followed that with a 1.2-second victory in the second race of the day.

Notre Dame's lightweight eight boat has been ranked nationally among the best two out of three contests over 1,200 meters on the Grand River.

In the lightweight eight boat, Notre Dame is in lane two of the third heat with Tennessee, Clemson, Virginia, Orange Coast and California.

The varsity eight crew of Notre Dame contested the day of races from Princeton. The Irish have 161 points, while Princeton has 155 points. The Irish have 121 points.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame looks to bounce back on Texas road trip

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

After two straight losses that dropped their ranking from No. 10 to No. 16, the Irish hope to get back into the win column in their two matches in Texas this weekend against No. 32 Baylor and No. 9 SMU.

"It's good to get humbled once in awhile," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "The challenge is bouncing back. This year we've played some of our best tennis after a loss."

The doubles point will play a crucial role in the Notre Dame tennis team's match with No. 32 Baylor this weekend in Waco, Texas. When Baylor wins the doubles point, they are 8-0, but they are 0-7 when the opponent takes the first point. The Irish expect a strong showing from their 20th-ranked No. 1 team of Aaron Taiarico and Javier Taborga but the No. 2 and 3 teams need to improve their play. Head coach Bob Bayliss said he was considering adding junior James Malhame to the doubles lineup to shake things up a bit.

Another uncertainty for the Irish is who will fill their No. 6 singles spot. Either senior Matt Daly or freshman Matthew Scott will fill the spot this weekend.

Playing on Baylor's slower courts will be somewhat of an adjustment for the Irish. They have been preparing by hitting Rally balls, which are six percent larger than a standard tennis ball.

Meanwhile, SMU, 14-1 this season, is coming off of a 4-2 win over LSU, and has the No. 4 singles player in the nation in senior Genius Chidzikwe. "The Irish will return home to face Indiana State on Tuesday. "It doesn't get any easier when we come back," said Bayliss. "But what can be wrong with going down to warm weather and playing some good teams?"
**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

ND hopes to rebound against UConn

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team returns home this weekend to face off in a Big East battle against Connecticut on Sunday. The Irish are coming off of a disappointing loss to Vanderbilt last weekend which ended a school record six-game win streak.

The Irish are earning respect in several areas when compared to some of the top ranked teams. In a recent statistic release, Notre Dame appeared near the top of several categories.

Senior Lael O'Shaughnessy currently sits at 15th in the nation for total points on the season with 32. She is a valuable asset in aiding the team to a fourth rank nationally in assists per game. Also with a national ranking of fourth, Alissa Moser simply dominates any draw.

As a team, the Irish are just as impressive. The total offense earned a ranking of 70th in the nation while the team is 16th in total margin per victory.

The Irish have a bad a good start this season and are hoping to continue the trend through this weekend. Currently, Notre Dame (2-0) is tied with Georgetown (4-0) for first place in the Big East and will be looking to improve on that record against the Huskies.

"It's a big game for us," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "It was a disappointing loss last year to UConn and was a part of a season full of ups and downs."

Although the Huskies do not have any outstanding players, "their goalie is strong and they have a solid attack," said Coyne. She is looking for an excellent team-on-team match up instead of a player-to-player match ups.

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Irish seek to keep momentum going

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Maintaining momentum is the key to success for all sports teams. After last Saturday's 13-4 victory against Ohio State, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looks to continue its winning ways this Saturday when they host the University of Denver at 4:30 p.m.

Senior team captain Mike Adams acknowledges that the Irish need to continue to play with the same energy as they did in the Ohio State game.

"We played our best game of the season so far against Ohio State," he said. "Denver is a good team. We must remain focused and play our game."

This Saturday begins a critical four game home stretch in which the Irish hope to take command of the Great Western Lacrosse League in order to secure an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

With a 6-1 record, the Irish are in good shape, but they have a solid attack," said Coyne. "We need to play a full game," he said. "We haven't done everything well for 60 minutes yet."

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the indoor season. She will run the 200-meters Saturday, an event in which she posted an impressive mark of 23.46 seconds last weekend at the Minnesota State Invite.

"I'm going to open her up where she can run in a race where she can get the competition to run a fast time," Millar said. Last week she set a personal record in the 200, so I want to keep building that for her. Once she starts running 400s, she'll be doing it every weekend.

Junior Dore DeBartolo has a busy day ahead of her. After missing the indoor season with a knee injury, she will compete in the hammer throw, shot put, discus and javelin Saturday.

"There's nothing wrong with fatigue, you've got to put it on the line sooner or later," Winsor said of Dore, who rarely throws the javelin. "She's a pretty good athlete," Winsor said.

Winsor expects Volkmer to win the pole vault, but has been impressed with the performances of junior Natalie Hallett, senior Randy Dyer and freshman Jill Van Weelden in the event.

"Natalie got out on an outstanding start last week, vaulting 11-3.5." Winsor said. "She's looking pretty good. That's the biggest pole vault she's ever been on." In the distance races, senior Chrsy Kuenster and freshman Julija Schmid qualiified for the Big East championships in the 10,000 last weekend while Jennifer Handley posted an impressive time of 17:10.77 in the 5,000 meters. All three athletes will run the 3,000-meters on Saturday.

"We've got some guts at 10 a.m. Saturday while running events begin at noon.

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Though Scott Winsor isn't the only sprinter out of action for the Irish this weekend: Freshman James Bracken and senior Terry Wray. Notre Dame's top two 400-meter runners during the indoor season, are also out.

Wray has a sprained ankle while Bracken, like Gilbert, has a hamstring.

"We've got aches and pains and some guys are sort of struggling with injuries right now," Millar said. "We're just going to have to do without them and hopefully get them back in the next week or two."

With Davey in the mix, though, the Irish tank is far from empty. The senior ran a career-best time of 21.71 seconds in the 200-meters at Stanford last weekend and will compete in both the 100- and 200-meter sprints in addition to the relay on Saturday.

"We've got some injured sprinters will be missing time. The Irish jump squad plans to compete with two of its most important members competing at less than 100 percent."

"Put it this way, he will be triple-jumping at the Big East meet," said Irish jumps coach Scott Winsor. "We just don't want to hurt him before it."

In the triple jump, Mbagwu — who jumped over 50 feet during the indoor season — also will compete at less than 100 percent. "He's working on some patellar tendinosis," Winsor said. "It's pretty sore."

In the other field events, Winsor expects solid performances out of both Derek Dyer and Juan Alba in the discus, as well as from Josh Heck in the pole vault.

"Derek Dyer got off to a good start in the discuss outdoor," Winsor said. "The other guy who got off to a phenomenal start is our fresh-

Major League Baseball

ND alum earns spot with Yankees

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The first Notre Dame player from the Paul Mainieri era to pitch in the majors earned a spot on one of the major league rosters. Andy Pettitte made his only visit to the stadium last December.

Richardo Keisler and Adrian Hernandez.

"When you came to camp, I listened for the most part," said Pettitte, whose voice occasionally cracked while talking with reporters. "I told him I would be ready to go when it's my turn."

"It's been huge relief, along with the obvious excitement. Unavoidable excitement. I'm ready to get the season going, that's the bottom line."

Parker entered the 50th-starter race as a longshot, well behind front-runners Randy Knoblauch and Adrian Hernandez. In five outings, including three starts, Parker went 1-1 with a 3.60 ERA.

"There was a big smile on his face when told him," Torre said. "That's the fun part of this job when it comes to this time of year."

Parker is scheduled to make the 200-meters Saturday, and will pitch in the Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium.

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"There's nothing wrong with competition," Winsor said of pitching with the four aces. "It's an honor to be with those four."

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame, Rutgers face off in crucial Big East showdown

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

The 22-5-1 Notre Dame men’s baseball team will head to Piscataway, N.J. this weekend to take on Rutgers in a three-game showdown with league title implications.

At 8-2, Rutgers currently holds the lead in the Big East standings, but Notre Dame is not far behind at 5-2. Both teams have played extremely solidly of late. Not counting a surprising 4-3 upset by Ball State, Notre Dame has looked extremely dominating since losing two games to West Virginia two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Rutgers is riding a 10 game winning streak into what looks to be their toughest test of the season. Head coach Paul Mainieri is excited about the game, but doesn’t want to place too much significance on this mid-season matchup.

“We have 26 games left on our schedule,” Mainieri said. “You’re always excited to play a tough team like Rutgers, but I expect our players to come out with the same fire and intensity they’ve shown all season.”

Nonetheless, Notre Dame will literally be throwing their best aces Aaron Heilman (7-0, 1.17) and Danny Tamayo (4-1, 1.64) on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Sophomore J.P. Gagnon (1-2, 4.88) will take the mound for the second Saturday contest.

In order to ensure victory against Rutgers, Mainieri knows that his team will have to put forth a solid all-around effort.

“We need to play solidly in every aspect of the game,” he said.

Fortunately for the Irish, it appears that this goal is slowly becoming a reality quickly.

After several weeks of lackluster hitting, Notre Dame hitters have broken out in recent games against Seton Hall and Dayton. First baseman Joe Thaman will be carrying a 10 game hitting streak into the weekend, while second baseman Steve Sollman boasts a nine-game streak and a .432 batting average.

These numbers have complemented nicely with Notre Dame pitching staff, whose combined 2.45 staff ERA is currently second in the nation.

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SYSTEMATIC Dicing
The Orangewomen are in their inaugural season as a varsity sport.

It’s their first year but we’re going in with the same mentality (as the UConn game). We’ll look over the scouting report and get ready to play,” said Sharron.

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By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Irish women’s softball team travels to Storrs, Conn. to take on the Connecticut Huskies in a Saturday doubleheader. On Sunday, the Irish face the Syracuse Orangewomen in another doubleheader.

Heading into this weekend Notre Dame has swept five consecutive doubleheaders. Most recently the Irish swept Purdue, 10-2 and 4-3. The Irish are now 28-3 on the season and 4-0 in the Big East.

In the Big East Preseason Coaches Poll, UConn was picked to finish second behind Notre Dame. However, the Huskies have struggled with a 9-16 overall record and an 0-2 start in the Big East. Nonetheless Notre Dame captain Jen Sharron said her team is expecting a tough match up.

“Being Notre Dame it’s like we have a target on our backs and being No. 11, we have an even bigger target,” said Sharron. “We prepare for each Big East game like we’re going into a big game. We wouldn’t take them (the Huskies) lightly for a second.”

“They’re a tough team, but we’re excited to play them,” added Sharron.

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Syracuse comes into this weekend’s doubleheader with a 5-12 record on the season and a 1-1 record in Big East play after splitting a doubleheader against Virginia Tech. The Orangewomen are in their inaugural season as a varsity sport.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 8 Irish take two from Big 10 teams

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The winning ways continue for the Irish, as the eighth-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team beat Indiana for the sixth straight time on Wednesday. After a difficult start the Irish bounced back and trounced the Hoosiers 6-1. The Irish came back and won three singles matches despite suffering losses in the first set.

The Hoosiers came out strong and won the doubles point with victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles both 8-3. Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum gained the only doubles win for the Irish with an 8-1 victory over Indiana's Kelly Blanch and Levin. The fifth-ranked Dasso and Varnum improve their record to a team high 17-2 this spring.

Being down 1-0 the Irish started off strong in singles. Varnum won the first match in straight sets followed by another straight set victory from Lindsay Green 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 singles.

Freshman Caylan Leslie won a tough match over the Hoosier's J.J. Levin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 at No. 4 singles to put the Irish up 3-1, but it didn't get any easier from there.

Third-ranked Michelle Dasso had a scare but pulled it out in the end as she came back from a first set loss to beat Kelly Blanch 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. With the win Dasso improves to 12-0 against Midwest opponents this season. At the No. 3 spot Nina Vaughan clinched the third ranked Dasso, J.J. Levin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Kimberly Guy closed the first set loss to beat back and defeat Kelly Blanch and Levin. The fifth-ranked team of Dasso and Varnum struggled against senior Simone Kung and Freshman Michelle Web, who pushed the Irish team to a tie-breaker before falling, 9-8 (7-4). In singles the Irish looked as if they were going to make quick work of the Illini as they went up 3-0 with wins from Varnum and Vaughan at Nos. 2 and 3 singles.

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I am extremely proud of the way that we fought back today — it was a tremendous rally," said Illinois head coach Sujay Lama in a press release. "We are a very fit team and I thought we would get the job done. We are right there with the top teams, we need to learn to capitalize and break through in a situation like today. We are playing good tennis, but we have to learn to finish off matches, and then we will be among the elite."

Unlike against Indiana, the Irish came out on Thursday and swept the doubles point. The Irish won with ease at the No. 2 and 3 spots but the fifth-ranked team of Dasso and Varnum struggled against senior Simone Kung and Freshman Michelle Web, who pushed the Irish team to a tie-breaker before falling, 9-8 (7-4). In singles the Irish looked as if they were going to make quick work of the Illini as they went up 3-0 with wins from Varnum and Vaughan at Nos. 2 and 3 singles.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are likely to overextend yourself if you take on major innovations at home. Try to do the work yourself. Others may try to dampen your responsibilities on you. Be prepared to say no. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your loyal ones will be angry if you spend too much time gallivanting with friends. Make an agreement to cut out of your shores before you take off. Residential moves will be beneficial.

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A new Battle plan

Arnaz Battle breaks in at wide receiver

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Assistant Sports Editor

To say it's been a long year for Arnaz Battle is quite an understatement. The rising senior was supposed to have led the Irish back to national prominence. He was supposed to have been the focal point of the Irish offense. He was supposed to be entering this season as the undisputed starting quarterback of the Notre Dame football team.

But it took just one play to change his entire career.

And now Arnaz Battle has found himself adjusting to a completely different role on Notre Dame's football team.

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