Two armed robberies of off-campus residences last late week have resulted in the arrests of five suspects and prompted University investigation on at least two occasions that there were more than a dozen student victims of the break-ins.

South Bend police said about 60 counts of armed robbery were filed Monday on the two South Joseph Superior Court against the suspects. The alleged assaults, which range in age from 16 to 18, were arrested Saturday night in connection with a pair of seemingly related robberies at off-campus Notre Dame student parties on Thursday and Friday.

According to police reports, around 11 p.m. Thursday three of the suspects invaded an East Howard Street home where a dozen Notre Dame students, several of them men's lacrosse players, were present. After the masked guns rushed into the home, at least nine students ran upstairs to the attic, while those male students were forced to stand naked and undressed and robbed of their clothing, wallets and watches, the report said.

A second home invasion possibly involving the same suspects occurred about 11 p.m. Friday night at the Turtle Creek apartment complex, Cape Courant, John Williams, South Bend Police Department public information officer. The incident at Turtle Creek, popular among University students as an off-campus housing option, again involved about a dozen students at a social gathering and found masked guns who forced their way into the residence and ordered occupants to remove their clothes.

"We pretty routinely assist victims of crime when situations like these arise." Bill Kirk assistant vice president for student affairs.

A police report indicates that a 21-year-old female student at the apartment alleged that she was sexually assaulted by one of the suspects. The woman was examined at a local hospital following the alleged incident, the report said.

Merchandise taken from the apartment included cash, jewelry, music equipment, compact discs and several laptop computers, police said.

Williams said at least a few of the same students attended both nights' functions and were arrested twice. He would not disclose, however, if the suspects had targeted the students or had followed them to the Turtle Creek locale Friday. A confidential informant contacted police Saturday night and led to the arrests of the five suspects, Williams said. He said pending the outcome of the investigation, there is a possibility of more arrests.

Since learning of the crimes late Friday, Notre Dame officials have played a role in restoring students' sense of security.

By LAURA ROMPF

Notre Dame officially announced Tuesday that President Bush will address the principle speaker and recipient of an honor or a doctor of laws degree at the University's 156th Commencement exercises May 20. Several Notre Dame alumni, who are current members of Congress, wrote a joint letter to President Bush requesting the visit.

"I hope he is coming because he wants to come, but we did have several people close to him put in a good word for us," said Dennis Moore, director of public relations.

Moore said Condoleeza Rice, the current National Security Advisory and Notre Dame alumna, encouraged Bush to make the visit.

Bush previously visited the University three times, most notably on March 7, 1990 for the University's Mock Republican Convention to rally support for his father's presidential candidacy.

Because Bush is only speaking at Notre Dame and the Naval Academy, Moore said this confirms Notre Dame's status as a top national institution.

"We think of ourselves as a prominent university and a good forum for the President of the United States to address the nation," Moore said. "And the President coming certainly validates that statement.

The following people will also receive honorary degrees from the University at the graduation ceremony:


The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. on May 20 in the Joyce Center.
INSIDE COLUMN

Picking our fights

This weekend I watched a truly thought provoking NBC special on television that focused on the problems with heroin in our nation.

The program described how the number of heroin addicts grew exponentially across the country everyday. The addiction to heroin is so powerful and overwhelming, that addicts cannot take themselves off of it without suffering from nearly intolerable withdrawal symptoms. The United States, to put it simply, is losing its war on drugs.

The drug war has proved itself progressively more futile. In this country the government lacks the appropriate resources and finances to effectively stop the production of drugs at their source. This problem exists in part because the government wastes their resources prosecuting minor drug offenders. A large amount of anti-drug money is spent trying to eliminate marijuana—a virtually harmless, mildly psychedelic drug—from the American culture.

In my opinion, this is a complete waste of government money, attention that should be aimed solely at preventing potentially lethal and horrifically addictive drugs deadly like cocaine and heroin. But, through the negative benefits of legalizing marijuana are overwhelming.

First of all, marijuana has been medically proven to not be physically addictive, and has never been known to cause an overdose death. The British medical journal Lancet editorialized in 1995 that “the smoking of cannabis, even long term is, not harmful to health. Alcohol, in contrast, is known to be addictive, is catalytic in the development of liver damage, and severe alcohol poisoning can prove fatal.

But, despite these glaringly contrary facts, marijuana is prohibited and alcohol remains legal.

Since 1937, the U.S. government has been waging war against marijuana users. According to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 70-plus million Americans have used marijuana at least once in their lifetime.

Nevertheless, despite these statistics, the government and its efforts on marijuana users—nearly 700,000 people were arrested for marijuana violations in 1998. By legalizing marijuana, the government would not only open up huge amounts of prison space for the serious drug offenders, but it would also create more resources to fight against the more serious drugs. Also, the legal sale of marijuana could create new jobs which could directly help finance the drug war.

Up to this point, I have not been an avid supporter of marijuana rights. After some research, however, it is apparent that our resources are being wasted fighting a virtually harmless substance.

As a nation we need to take a stand against the hard drugs that pollute and destroy the lives of those young people we are supposed to be protecting. For instance, HIV and AIDS is on the rise again. We need to concentrate our resources and place all of our efforts in fighting against the truly significant drug threats that our nation faces.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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PhD in the visit to the University of California-Davis campus Monday night, conservative political commentator David Horowitz—the author of a controversial advertisement against reparations for slavery—steered his speech away from the issue of repayment when addressing over 100 demonstrators present.

Upon taking the stage, Horowitz was greeted by a group of students who chanted and held up a sign that reads “David Horowitz is the racist of the year.”

“We had a lot of people show up tonight to demonstrate that the program can’t handle ideas,” Horowitz said toward the end of his talk.

The ad, entitled “Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea,” has sparked nationwide debate about reparations and freedom of speech on today’s college campuses. While Horowitz said the controversy surrounding his ad has made people more aware of the reparations issue, he said it has also illuminated the “inexcusable conditions on college campuses.” He said non-liberal ideas are suppressed by the leftist minority.

Halfway through the talk, nearly two thirds of the audience stood up, cheered their hearts out in Horowitz and slowly filed out. As a symbol of the protest, which was organized by UCD student organizations, 100 Black Scholars, demonstrators wore all black clothes as a symbol of the “inexcusable conditions on college campuses.”

“David Horowitz is a little racist,” said supporter Naseem Beauxman. “The big racists are the ones that are paying him to lecture.”

Horowitz, a former liberal who has been a civil rights activist since 1948, said leftist politics have not helped African American communities. As evidence, he cited inner city school systems that are run primarily by “liberals.”

University of Pennsylvania

Businesses argue against the SAT

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Task force reviews crime stats

LOS ANGELES

A task force commissioned by the University of California reported Friday that though there is much room for improvement, past underreporting of crime statistics for UC campuses was not deliberate. Following its investigation of UC Davis, Irvine and Riverside, the task force recommended the UC reconcile varying crime definitions in the FBI's Crime, Fire and Crime Act codes.

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Retired ND art prof
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By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Some women need to refocus
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ture "Success for the 21st
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Grant honors 5 science majors

Special to The Observer

Five Notre Dame undergraduate science majors will have an opportunity to develop their research expertise under a grant from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation. The program is designed to encourage and support undergraduate research activities in chemistry, biochemistry, and the biological sciences. The Beckman Scholars Program is precisely in line with the initiatives we have undertaken to expand the laboratory research experience of our undergraduate students in the sciences, said Notre Dame President Father Edward Malloy.

The $88,000 Beckman grant will support multidisciplinary research by five students over a three-year period and will further strengthen an undergraduate science program that has received national recognition from review boards. Rudolph Navari, associate dean of the College of Science, will direct the program. Notre Dame is one of just 14 institutions in the United States selected as Beckman Scholars Program award recipients.

They include the California Institute of Technology, Dartmouth, Indiana University, the University of California, Berkeley, and Yale University.

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is an independent, nonprofit foundation established in 1977 to support basic scientific research, primarily in the fields of chemistry, biochemistry and medicine.

Arnold Beckman is the founder and chairman emeritus of Beckman Instruments, Inc., one of the world's leading suppliers of instruments and related products for the health and life sciences markets.

Considered one of the nation's leading philanthropists, Beckman and his late wife, Mabel, have contributed approximately $350 million to the advancement of research and education.
**World News Briefs**

Iranians, Saudis sign historic pact: Iran and Saudi Arabia signed a landmark pact to combat terrorism and drug trafficking Tuesday, calling it a "big step" in improving regional security and relations between the two nations. Iranian Interior Minister Abdelrahman Moussavi Lari and his Saudi counterpart, Prince Nayef, signed the agreement that includes cooperation on combating organized crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration and a joint surveillance of borders.

**Castro reaffirms Socialist commitment:** President Fidel Castro reaffirmed his commitment to socialism 40 years after the Bay of Pigs invasion — an event that set the stage for two generations of angry rhetoric between Havana and Washington.

**National News Briefs**

College aid drug law enforced: The Bush administration has decided to enforce a previously ignored law denying federal financial aid to college students with drug convictions. Hundreds of thousands of applicants who did not answer a drug conviction question on their applications were not denied aid during the Clinton administration, despite the law saying they should have been.

Native officials warn against soda: Alaska Native health officials are trying to curb sales of soda, saying Native children are rolling their teeth from drinking too much. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, which provides free health care to more than 110,000 Alaska Natives, said Monday it will ask stores in hundreds of communities to offer low-sugar drinks instead. The consortium warned that high consumption of soda not only causes tooth decay but can lead to obesity and diabetes.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Cold damages crops: Farmers won't know how badly overnight cold temperatures damaged emerging soybean, corn and wheat crops for at least a week, a Purdue University extension agronomist said Tuesday. The National Weather Service issued freeze advisories for many areas of Indiana on Tuesday night with temperatures expected to fall into the mid-20s. Early Tuesday, the temperature dropped to a record-low 25 degrees in South Bend and 26 degrees in Fort Wayne.

**Mississippi River floods lowlands**

Associated Press

Mississippi River flooded: Floated by melting snow and rain across the Upper Midwest, the Mississippi River rose out of its banks and strained against dikes Tuesday in four states, stopping Amtrak trains and chasing hundreds of people from their homes.

Contractors in Minnesota rushed to shore up weakened earthen dikes on a tributary of the Mississippi.

Hundreds of people had left their homes in low-lying riverside areas of Wisconsin and Iowa, and volunteers and prison inmates sandbagged homes along the Mississippi at Hampton, Ill.

Among those who evacuated was Rep. Ron Kind, who moved his wife and two children out of their home on French Island, near La Crosse, Wis. Water was 4 feet deep in the house. "We were completely engulfed and surrounded by the Mississippi," said a congressman who was offered a plane trip to check on the house and his neighbors. The Mississippi was expected to crest 4 1/2 feet above the 12-foot flood stage at La Crosse on Wednesday, lower than predicted.

Just upstream, in Fountain City, the main highway remained closed. School officials postponed the prom scheduled for Saturday at the high school and called off classes through Thursday.

A 40-mile stretch of the Mississippi from Mucatine, Iowa, to Minneapolis was closed to boat and barge traffic. Nine counties in western Wisconsin were under a state of emergency and a disaster proclamation was posted for 10 Iowa counties.

**World & Nation**

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**Rebirthing’ therapist testifies in Colorado courtroom**

Wednesday, April 18, 2001

In a fatal "rebirthing" session during treatment for the girl and found she wasn't emotional disorders until another therapist questioned about a gesture she made on the tape, Watkins said: "I wanted Julie to unwrap her and check on her. I thought she (Candace) fell asleep. Julie said, 'Oh, she's fine. She's a little sweaty but she's fine.'"

In his cross-examination, prosecutor Steve Jensen asked Watkins if she had considered Candace's wishes.

"Everything Candace said, you assumed she was lying about it. Isn't that the problem?" he said. "In the April 18 rebirthing session, you weren't interested in listening to Candace. Newmaker, were you?"

While Watkins testified, jurors watched a videotape of the therapy session for the second time. Candace's biological grandmother, Mary Davis, and her husband, David Davis, left the courtroom before the videotape was shown. Later Tuesday, the Davises were present at the state Capitol in Denver as Gov. Bill Owens signed a bill banning rebirthing therapy in Colorado.

"We had no reason then to be concerned."

Connell Watkins
psychotherapist

Watkins was treating Candace for attachment disorder, which makes children resist loving relationships and can make them violent and unmanageable.

Bill Owens signed a bill banning rebirthing therapy in Colorado. The therapy session was intended to allow Candace to emerge reborn and bond with her adoptive mother, Jeanne Newmaker of Durham, N.C. Watkins was treating Candace for attachment disorder, which makes children resist loving relationships and can make them violent and unmanageable. The day before the rebirthing session, Watkins said, Candace had a minor breakthrough.

When Jeanne Newmaker left the room at Watkins' request, Candace broke into tears.

"It was like a hole through her armor," she said.

Watkins decided to follow up the next day with the therapy session. "I wanted to build on that with the rebirthing technique," she said.

Watkins said she learned the technique in 1999 and had participated in four other sessions. She said she believed it was safe and had never seen problems with it.

About halfway into the session, the tape shows, Candace was asked if she wanted to be reborn.

"She says very clearly, 'No,' which tells us she's fine," Watkins said. "We had no reason right then to be concerned."

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Flag decision divides Mississippi

Two-thirds of voters support the Confederate flag

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.

Mississippians were voting in favor of keeping the Confederate emblem on the state flag, in early returns from Tuesday's election that forced the state to deal with unfinished business from its segregationist past.

With 23 percent of the precincts reporting, 84,145 voters, or 66 percent, favored keeping the old flag and 43,984, or 34 percent, favored replacing it. The results were from precincts scattered across the state.

Mississippi is the last state to prominently display the emblem on its flag. Voters had two choices: keep the current 1894 flag with the Confederate emblem of 13 white stars on a blue X, or adopt a new flag with 20 white stars on a blue square, denoting Mississippi's role as the 20th state.

Farmer Terry Galey voted to keep the old banner. "I've had things on my farm that have been working for 20 years and if they're still working, why change them?" he said on a crisp spring day during cotton-planting time across the Delta.

In a poll last month, two-thirds of respondents favored keeping the 1894 flag. The poll, commissioned by The Associated Press and other news organizations, was conducted before advocates on either side geared up with ads, telephone calls and rallies.

In a state where William Faulkner said the past is never dead, the flag debate was largely peaceful, polarizing some voters along racial lines.

Some whites said they supported the old flag because it represents their heritage and was the banner they saluted as children. Many blacks see the emblem as a symbol of past injustices, including beatings and Lynchings by the Ku Klux Klan. The state, with 2.8 million people, is 61 percent white and 36 percent black.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and many business leaders supported the new flag, saying it would help move the state forward economically and socially.

The debate arose after the Mississippi Supreme Court ruled last May that the state technically has no flag, because the 1894 design was left out when the state code was updated in 1906. The Legislature decided to let the voters choose.

The debate is part of a larger debate across the South over how to deal with its troubled racial history as it focuses on the future.

In neighboring Alabama, jury selection is under way in the trial of a white man accused in one of the civil rights era's most notorious crimes, the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The bombing killed four black girls.

In recent years, prosecutors in Mississippi and other states have also dusted off files of old civil rights cases.

In 1994, a jury convicted Byron de la Beckwith of assassinating NAACP leader Medgar Evers in Jackson in 1963. Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore said he is also pursuing leads in a case against those accused of killing three civil rights workers in 1964.

Other Southern states have wrestled with symbols of the Confederacy.

South Carolina lawmakers, under economic pressure from the NAACP, last year removed a Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse dome. In January, Georgia legislators shrunk the Confederate symbol that had dominated that state's flag since 1956.

Many Alabama cities and counties have stopped flying the state's flag — a red X over a white background, adopted in 1895 — because some think it too strong a resemblance to the Confederate banner.

"I think that the recent changes, including discussions of flag-flying symbols, reopening old civil rights murder cases, as well as developments like new business, all indicate that the South is maturing," said Susan Glisson, interim director of the Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi.

Glisson is among those who advocated a new flag in Mississippi. She said the 1894 banner represents "terror" for too many citizens.

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Associated Press

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Angry residents packed a City Council meeting Tuesday to speak out against the police shooting of an unarmed black man and to call for changes in police hiring and disciplinary practices.

City leaders hope changes to the department will quell the anger that sparked riots last week after the death of 19-year-old Timothy Thomas, who was killed by a white officer. About 200 people filled council chambers during the meeting to consider a change to the way the city hires its police chief.

Norma Payne said that when she looks at city officials, she sees "the same old slave masters," and "the same Gestapo of Hitler's regime."

"When I look at you, I think you may be the KKK in disguise."

Norma Payne

Cincinnati citizen

"When I look at you, I think you may be the KKK in disguise."

Officer Stephen Roach, who shot Thomas, is on paid administrative leave. The president of the police union has said Roach believed Thomas had a gun and that his life was in danger.

A Hamilton County grand jury was expected to begin hearing evidence soon about the shooting. Prosecutor Michael Allen said he was aware that black residents are watching to see whether Roach is indicted, but that his office would handle the case like any other.

"If there's an indictment, it will be because of the facts of the case, and not because of pressure from the community," Allen said. "We're going to present it straight up and let the members of the grand jury make the decision."

Another grand jury has begun hearing evidence against people suspected of crimes during last week's rioting. Allen said prosecutors and police have been reviewing videotapes of the unrest to try to identify rioters.

Police arrested more than 800 people during demonstrations and a citywide curfew — lifted Monday — was put in place for the first time since the race riots of 1968.

The FBI, police and the county prosecutor are investigating the shooting. Fifteen blacks have died in confrontations with police since 1995, four of them since November.

The Aug. 7, 1998, bombing and an almost simultaneous attack on the U.S. embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

The judge said it is possible that Albright is the wrong witness for the things Baugh wants to show the jury and also that she might not be available for the trial, which is expected to end in several weeks.

"Quite candidly, if this were a subpoena for Joe the Ragman, he would be brought here," Baugh said. He suggested Albright should be treated the same, even if she is "a former lofty ambassador of good standing."

The judge said some of the questions Baugh wants to ask Albright would not be permitted even if she was to testify.

"An example that comes to mind in the awareness of threats, and the failure to close the embassy or take other precautions," the judge said.

Earlier in the trial, defense lawyers tried to question the U.S. ambassador to Kenya in 1998 about warnings the U.S. government may have received before the explosions. The questioning was disallowed.
It starts at home. The swear word spreads by mouth, a foul and contagious disease, from parent to child. And these darn swear words filter through the generations, until they invade the television and the classroom. Curses corrupt absolutely, and a country's language reflects its morality.

— just ask Orwell. If we remain in our pristine, clean-cut state for only a few years before corruption stains the tongue, it's easy to see that our society is headed straight for H-E-double hockey sticks. I am not a purist of the fowl "family values" formula that the mewing, moralizing right-wing (and even some of the formerly clear-headed left-wing) choosers to impose on America as part of a conspiracy to bring "The Waltons" back on television, but something must be done.

Oh, look, a personal anecdote: I swear all the time — something I don't regret with pride. I started almost as soon as I learned to talk, and when I began school my — ahem — vocabulary grew. We all remember freshman sociology class and the factors of socialization: family, peers, school... crap, I forgot too.

Anyways, things like organized sports, liking girls and doing chores multiply the reasons to swear. And when I went off to college, away from a steadyading familial influence, I hit an all-time high. I became a regular Richard Pryor.

Occasionally, I'll even let one slip when I'm back home. I'll stub my toe in the kitchen and drop the f-bomb. My enthusiasm might bubble over during a discussion about my father's pork chops, and I intuitively, though accurately, describe them as "f-ticking" great.

Eric Long

But I always have this invisible — though fallacious — argument against my mother's rebukes: Words are merely words, and swear words are words indeed. I could substitute any adjective for a swear, but out of mere custom I choose the dirty word.

This argument has its strong points: Words are artificial, they are labels attached to real emotions and therefore have no resonant meaning outside of their use as symbols. Pardon me, but this is bull pucky. Keep in mind that humans use language to shape the world and relate their experiences to others. Words are very important.

And making a word forbidden? Instead of disappearing, the forbidden word becomes an object of obsessional curiosity. Any little kid on the playground can tell you that curse words are special, forbidden words — words, I might add, that only mommies and daddies use with immunity.

Yet little kids endlessly repeat every swear word they happen to learn, due to the word's very same forbidden nature. I did and I know you did.

Every culture has its forbidden words, and these words gain a greater significance than ordinary words. Shock, back in the day the Hebrews could not utter the name of the Lord — that is, until some dude reached to his hut, closed his eyes, whispered it and discovered that no celestial fire descended. Even though there's a commandment about it, it is unutterable.

This experience is not unique, even though I kind of made that story up. I can imagine lots of kids trying out a dirty word in a hushed voice, just to see if anything bad will happen. The most suproductive joke is a dirty joke. So, the importance of language plus the magic surrounding a forbidden word plus natural human attraction to things they should avoid equals a culture gone to shit.

But what can we do about this here problem? What brand of strategy can we employ to counteract this problematic quantity?

Ladies and gentlemen, your commencement speaker.

Sorry — swearing is a serious problem. Here in our nearly weekly avowals, we could implement a national rubber band hand out, and everyone would be required by law to snap themselves at each curse. A few dozen painful singings and soon our language and morals would be pure again. No, this method only encourages more swearers. I have snapped myself up to five times in a row with the forgetting rubber band method.

We could install gigantic jars in public areas, and the honor system would mandate at least a nickel for every curse to be placed inside the jar. No, huge jars are hard to come by.

We could un-forbid the words, and thus desensitize everyone — which is sort of what we have done, I guess.

That's working well.

As swear words enter the common parlance, I'm almost certain the "powers that be" will come up with new forbidden words, like "pancake," "deportment" and "fair and unbiased democratic process." And on and on. So, Mom, if you're listening, accept my swears. I curse for I am human; would you make me choose between them?

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Just Do It’ like Joey Ramone

Joey Ramone died recently. He was the first of my musical heroes to pass on, although more will undoubtedly join him in the near future, succumbing to old age and the ill effects of their rock and roll lifestyle.

Joey’s death prompts me to ponder The Ramones’ place in musical history and their influence upon a legion of fans.

The Ramones are often credited with saving rock and roll; they came about in their own excesses, epitomized by the 20-minute guitar solo, supergroups and the songwriting of Neil Diamond.

The band sought to inject fun back into the music, to rediscover the stomps, recklessness and rau-cousness of rock’s pioneers — Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley.

Fueled by ambition, but almost entirely devoid of musical ability, the Ramones soldiered on, playing original songs from the outset, primarily because they weren’t capable of playing anyone else’s. Those songs — “Blitzkrieg Bop,” “Beat on the Brat,” “Judy is a Punk,” et cetera — and the attitude behind them (that experi-
ence and musical proficiency aren’t prerequisites for making great music!) jump-started the punk movement of the late 1970s, inspiring bands such as The Sex Pistols and the Clash.

This attitude — "Just Do It" decades before Nike made it a slogan — will serve as The Ramones’ most lasting legacy. It reminds us that sometimes it’s best not to know exactly what you’re trying to do, to try your best and see how far it takes you.

— James Seider

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you think you've hit a false note, sing loud. When in doubt, sing loud."

Robert Merrill

opera singer
Morality and the Cincinnati Police

EXECUTION ABOUT VENGEANCE, NOT JUSTICE

I wish to respond to Stacy Davis’s letter on Thursday, in which she wrote the following: “Pray for Timothy McVeigh if you want, but please make no excuses for his actions. He brought his fate upon himself.”

Of course, Mr. McVeigh’s crimes have taken something from all of the victims’ families that they cannot ever replace — loved ones and their peace of mind.

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Mr. McVeigh brought his fate upon himself — execution and Catholic alike, shared in the sin of the particular crime.

Mr. McVeigh has been executed.

It may do us some good to remember that both “sides” also shared in the sin of the Reformation and the continued sin of humanity.

To further cause division by suggesting that one or the other of these groups is the facet of the Christian community responsible for the sin of Mr. McVeigh is unhelpful to the extreme.

There is much work to be done within and outside the church, but this is not it.

It is our faithful memory that enables us to acknowledge ourselves as sinners, forgiven and to face forward in hope.


The execution of Timothy McVeigh will move progress forward into a new century, of late I have acquired a creeping sense of vertigo. While of course we move forward with our many new technologies, as a society we can’t help feeling that we are marching back.

Historically, the U.S. government has used violence and threats of violence necessary to take what it wanted. It wanted cheap labor and land to build its empire, so it encouraged the enslavement of African-Americans and the exploitation of Native Americans.

This pattern of violence used by the U.S. government towards other groups has spread to its own citizenry. Popular expressions of discontent with the status quo are increasingly being met with tear gas and pepper spray. Because the military is not ideologically trained to battle the people of its homeland, the police become the brutal face of the state.

The role of the police is to unquestionably guard the social order of the state. They are used to hold back insurrection, their mission is not to protect the people, but to protect private property. This can be seen in situations where the best interests of the people do not correspond with the best interests of the economic order.

When workers go on strike, it is the police that crack down on the corporate bosses to maintain their profit margins. When blacks and whites have demanded civil rights, it was the police who beat them bloody to uphold a two-tier society.

In Seattle, when the U.S. citizenry demanded that they be participants in the future of global trade talks, it was the police who shot them with rubber bullets and concussion grenades for multinational corporate stability.

For the past several days, African-Americans in Cincinnati have borne out onto the streets an expression of their outrage against the police.

The response from the police has been to shoot them with bean bags from rifles. People are housed in the streets because the police have killed 15 black men in the last five years. The examples abound.

Michael Carpenter was a casualty of the Cincinnati police. He was shot after being stopped while driving. No charges were filed against the officers. Darrell Price also died at the hands of the Cincinnati police. He died after restraining officers smashed his head on the concrete.

“Such a preferred death sentence is one of the most grossly one-sided. Angry citizens are called “rioters” and “rioters” to discredit their message, and the violent actions of the police are downplayed with statements like, “people don’t understand how tough police work is.”

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Kennedy’s quote is a potent reminder that when the peaceful channels of governmental redress are closed off, the only recourse left for angry citizens is revolution, and the police can be reasonably expected to endure before their obedience to the rules of the social order starts to break down.

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**Smilies and away messages: the rules of IM etiquette**

Procrastinator. Communicator. Campus dominator. And it all begins with the click of a button and the opening of a simulated door.

AOL Instant Messenger has taken over the lives of college students all over the country. Quickly becoming the communication tool of choice, this software co-eds to communicate with people anytime, anywhere and practically anonymously. However, as our lives shift from the personal to the technical there are a few things to remember if you want to become (or remain) a successful IM-er.

When it comes down to it, it’s virtually impossible to say the wrong thing. You have the time to read the other person’s message, think about what you want to say, type it out and then check it. In theory, there’s a very small margin left, so it’s still your responsibility to create a certain “IM etiquette” that must be followed for clarity and communication’s sake.

Communication via someone over IM is similar to reading a script from “Friends.” The dialogue may be witty and the punch line may have exposed a few words that you didn’t even catch in the initial “Must See TV,” there’s no delivery.

There’s no Chandler adding his trademark sarcasm and eye-rolling to the line to give it humor as you saw it in your mind. Remember — this miscommunication can eventually cause utter confusion for all involved.

The bottom line is clarity, clarity and clarity. If you know the person you’re IM’ing well enough, you can possibly make sarcasm work for you. However, in doing so you walk thin ice.

There’s one fine line between clever and asinine, so be careful. In these situations it’s best to say exactly what you mean, even if it’s mundane.

Of course, the most important rule you need to remember is this: Don’t IM if you’re not in the mood. This is especially pertinent when talking to someone you’re dating, like to date or hope to date. Sure, it’s casual and obtrusive to throw the occasional IM their way, but we’re being real here. Our IM may have just worked for Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks in “You’ve Got Mail” but, let’s face it. If IM is your main way of communicating with your sweetie, there’s less of a chance of a digital getdown later on.

Unlike actual face to face or telephone conversations, IM provides you with the opportunity to leave the room, write a paper, talk to your roommate and/or watch television while simultaneously talking to different people over IM.

Don’t do this — it’s just bad manners. When you want to do any of the above, let the person on the other end know that you’re not waiting for your response, while you’re simply becoming idle.

It’s best to answer questions with questions, keeping the conversation rolling without making one person sit down the dialogue along. One-word answers and long stretches between exchanges don’t make an overall great impression. Besides, if you’re entirely uninterested over IM, it doesn’t say much for your social capabilities in general.

And then there’s the all-important Away Message. Those are displayed for hours on end to let the world know where you are (“On the 12th floor of Hesburgh Library — if I’m not back in the hour no, you’re probably on page 5”), what you did last night (“Recovering from a night at the Backer”) or where you’re going (“Off to see ‘Josie and the Pussycats’ with the Girls”). It’s getting to a point where if you click on to your IM and every single person has posted an Away Message — and you, of course, have added your own —

As AOL Instant Messenger threatens to make all other forms of communication obsolete, it also gives you the opportunity to communicate cheaply! with people all over the country, whether they’re in the next state or the next room.

It may not be the best way to “reach out and touch someone,” but if you’re hoping to hook up with more than their modem, but if you follow sharp IM etiquette, you’ll be a successful IM-er in no time.

Jacqueline Broder
*In Vogue*

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**The downfall of the Internet dating**

If you spend your days reading hundreds of love letters...  

By TAI ROMERO  
*Scare Writer*

What is more detrimental to a student than some combination of lucidness combined? No. It is not food poisoning from the dining hall or yet another OIT outage. The Internet Messenger is more like an Instant Messenger. This is similar to reading a script from AOL, and instantly you are connected to family and friends around the world.

Invitations to chat pop up at the most opportune moments (usually when you’re about to begin that 10-page paper) and you can’t help but slide into class to find cheerful greetings left by your pals.

With a keyboard and an Ethernet link, the need for long distance phone calls is eliminated — IM users are limited only by how quickly they can type and whether or not their different conversations they can maintain.

Then what, you may ask, is the crime Instant Messenger commits?

The answer is simple: Instant Messenger steals the time — precious time that could be used for disarming an atomic bomb, saving a family of five from a burning building, doing homework or writing a paper for the Observer.

Stealing Time

Like a cult leader, Instant Messenger is simultaneously the person who attracts its game with its seemingly advantageous demeanor. Flauting such bonuses as staying in touch with people in simple screams, “Come. Come. Love and caress my keyboard!”

An unsuspecting person is automatically lured by the false promises of being instantly connected to a multitude of people anywhere in the world. Furthermore, IM gives the impression that each person can use the service as a means of advancing individuality and creativity.

Victims are seduced by the intrigue of creating away messages, posting updates and pertinent information and even starting a chat room for several of their friends. Moreover, personal manifestos can be highlighted in away messages and member profiles.

Let us also not forget entrapment by the idea of fabricating a new identity with an original screen name. How can someone not be captivated by such marvels as these?

A Growing Local Phenomenon

Notre Dame is no stranger to the misadventures of Instant Messenger, due to its abundance of twenty-somethings with computers and a year in South Bend where nine months are winter.

In fact, on the fourth floor of Walsh Hall, only two people of more than 30 interviewed admitted to being IM virgins. Some residents were quoted as having been surprised to hear that this lack of IM initiation could be possible in even one person.

Perhaps this a movement that serves as an indicator that the phenomenon of Instant Messenger’s transgressions against humanity has flirted and the public has succumbed to the powers of the phenomenon that is IM.

Some Notre Dame students are intelligent enough to realize IM for the time-suck it is. Why, then, do others remain blind to the role IM plays? Instant Messenger takes as an accomplice to procrastination? Like the Monty Python say: “Nobody ever expects a P-s-a-n i-sh Iniquity.”

The Agony and The Ectasy

Yet, the terrifying tool is ceded by some students as having special merit. For a m in n

Gretchen McIntyre swears that “IM is cool because it allows boys and girls to socialize past parentals. They can take the boys out...
generation — is there life after Instant Messenger?

away messages and perfecting your own, fear not — you are not alone

A 12 Step Guide to Overcoming IM Addiction:
1. Big surprise...The first step is always admitting that you a have a problem.
2. Have your roommate attach electrodes to your computer so that a car- diac shock every time you sign on to Instant Messenger.
3. Post a sign offering a reward to anyone who rescues you from the LaFortune or DeBartolo computer labs.
4. Take up another addiction like biting your fingernails or banging your head against a wall repeatedly.
5. Attend IM Anonymous.
6. Plead for all your friends to place a block on you, so that even if you succumb to the obsession they can be strong for you.
7. Get a sponsor to support you during this time of turmoil.
8. Use the Warn button on IM to warn yourself to 100 percent capacity so that you will be cut off from the IM service.
9. Gouge your eyes out with a spoon. IM will not help you much after that.
10. Take 19 credits, learn to play the bagpipe, and start a polka club to occupy your time.
11. Cut off your "mouse fingers."
12. If worse comes to worse, just remember that OIT will surely have an outrage very soon that will render you unable to use Instant Messenger.

People feel they have to answer the phone when it rings — that obligation has carried over to answering an IM when the computer beeps. Maginn shared his wisdom: "Just because someone's not around doesn't mean that I have to talk to them."

Senior Katie Parks admits that she's never really sure why, but IM provides a sort of networking that helps those students who have fallen into the grips of Instant Messenger. She cites IM as "the best way to waste your time and the worst way to spend your time." The absurdity with Instant Messenger, as Maginn explains it, is that it has become another form of obligation.

Will IM mania ever release its grip on the helpless college student?

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Take a break, say goodbye, express consent, disagreement or disgust — all with four letters or less. The laziness of online chatting, or a linguistic revolution? Only time will tell.
STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Sabres pull ahead of Flyers in series with victory

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Curtis Brown scored six goals in the Sabres' first six shots against the Flyers, helping Buffalo to a 3-1 series lead.

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On Monday night, Nolan pulled goalie Miroslav Mihalek. Nolan made four saves in the third period.

New Jersey captain Scott Stevens scored a series-high five goals in Game 5, including three in the first period, to help the Devils to a 7-2 victory over the Sabres.

Stevens scored in both periods and had an assist on John LeClair's goal in the first period of Game 6.

New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur made 29 saves and was named first star of the game.

With the win, the Devils advanced to the Stanley Cup finals, where they will face either the Red Wings or the Stars.

The Devils have won four of their last five games against the Sabres.

Flying high in the series is New Jersey's goalie Martin Brodeur, who has been the first star in each of the Devils' last five games.

Sabres coach Ted Nolan pulled goalie Miroslav Mihalek twice in the game, but the Devils were able to stay in the game.

After the Sabres scored four goals in the first period, the Devils answered with two goals in the second period.

New York goalie Martin Brodeur made 17 saves and was named first star of the game.

The Devils have won five of their last six games against the Sabres.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO R.O.T.C.

STUDENTS

Insofar as men are sinners, the threat of war hangs over them and will so continue until Christ comes again; but insofar as they can vanquish sin by coming together in charity, violence itself will be vanquished and these words will be fulfilled: "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 2317)

Dear Friends in Christ,

When today you march in front of Father Malloy, and receive the approval of the University at the annual Presidential Review, we will be with you — though with a different purpose. Before the Presidential Review was moved into Loftus, we had planned a protest for South Quad. We had hoped to sit in the shape of a cross, in your marching path — so that a cross would alter the ceremony. After you marched around us, we would have stood up peacefully and walked aside.

Why do such a thing? The reason is simple. You are being trained for the United States Military and this organization has consistently disregarded teachings of Jesus and of the Church. Some of the historic examples: Pope Paul VI called the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki "a butchery of untold proportions," and Pope John Paul II prayed "never again war, an adventure without return, never again war, a spiral of death and violence; no war in the Persian Gulf, a threat against all your creatures in heaven, on the earth and in the sea." By participating in such a structure — even though it has provided upwards of $100,000 in scarce tuition money — you could risk joining the military in its disregard for these authorities. We understand your choice; our issue is with Notre Dame. Brothers and sisters, you are not receiving a full Catholic formation at Our Lady's University. Your R.O.T.C. curriculum is determined by the Department of Defense. Even your commanders have said that allowing Notre Dame or the Church to augment the required curriculum would be opening a Pandora's Box of problems. But the Pentagon, as history and present military preparedness plans plainly show, does not acknowledge the requirements of the Catholic Church for entering and waging war. These standards of the Church are strict, far more strict than any upheld by the United States.

The blessing that occurs with this ceremony goes beyond merely accepting the R.O.T.C. presence on campus and implies that the R.O.T.C. mission is — at minimum — in harmony with the mission of the Catholic Church, through which the blessing is given. This less-than-critical presence fails to embody the Gospel and the full voice that the Church brings to bear on modern warfare training. Praying in the form of a cross was the best way we could think of to embody those teachings at the ceremony. In light of the decision to move the ceremony to Loftus, we will not disrupt it by sitting in the way of the march.

Some of those who are not Catholic have similar reasons of faith to protest the Presidential Review. Others believe that the US military has too often fought on the side of injustice, against the poor and powerless. There are many reasons for students outside of the Catholic faith to support our action.

It is not just a matter of "what the Gospel says" or "what the Catechism says." These documents are not abstract manuals for life and society. Rather, they are rooted in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and express a law that is written in our hearts. We know well that you, like us, look into your hearts and are holy and faithful people. We claim no superiority, and we do not wish to ruin your ceremony. Rather, we seek to make present a voice that needs to be heard at Notre Dame.

In Peace,

Pax Christi Notre Dame

All are invited to join us today at 3:30 at the Grotto from where we will process to Loftus for prayer, speeches and music.
Branyan hits grand slam, leads Indians to 8-1 victory

Associated Press

Baltimore Orioles starter Jose Gonzalez singled and Ellis Sappington doubled in the third inning of the game in the seventh on Gonzalez' s first hit of the year.

Branyan, who had allowed five runs and eight hits in each of his first two starts, pitched into the seventh but left with two on and no outs. He was charged with four runs and seven hits.

Twins 6, Royals 5
Corey Koskie hit a game-winning, two-run single in the ninth inning for his fourth hit of the game as the Minnesota Twins beat the Kansas City Royals. Jason Grimsley (0-1) gave up his first two runs of the year. Kansas City has three blown saves this year and 59 since the start of the 1999 season.

Koskie had his second four-hit game of the week. A.J. Pierzynski led off the ninth with a broken-bat single to right, and Cristian Guzman reached first on a bunt. Denny Hocking sacrificed the runners over. Matt Lawton was intentionally walked to load the bases and Koskie, who was 4-for-4 Sunday, singled to left.

Bob Wells (1-0) got the last four outs for Minnesota.

Mike Sweeney hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth inning for the Royals after the Twins tied the game in the seventh on Lawton's sacrifice fly and Koskie's RBI single.

Mark Quinlan led off the eighth with a single and wound up at second when Lawton let the ball go by in right. One out later, Sweeney hit a deep fly to center to score Quinlan.

Brian Meadows, who had allowed five runs and eight hits in each of his first two starts, pitched into the seventh but left with two on and no outs. He was charged with four runs and seven hits.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 5
Raul Mondesi completed the first straight steal of home in Toronto history and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer as the Blue Jays handed the New York Yankees their third straight loss.

Mondesi broke toward home plate just before New York starter Randy Keisler (0-1) started his wind up.

Keisler's pitch was high, and there was no tag as Mondesi stole home for the second time in his career, tying the game at 3 in the third.

Toronto starter Esteban Lozina (3-0) pitched six strong innings for his second victory of the season.

Lozina allowed three runs — one earned — and five hits in six innings. He struck out three and walked one.

Tony Batista drove in two runs and Jose Cruz homered for Toronto, which has won three of four against New York this season.

Baltimore Orioles' Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Before a crowd of just 13,068, Detroit's Jose Mijares went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer, ending his career high for hits.

Tigers starter Dave Miley gave up two runs — one earned — and six hits in seven innings. He gave up five runs in each of his previous two starts, failing to get past the fifth inning.

Herbert Perry gave the White Sox a 1-0 lead in the second with his first homer of the year. But Perry made his fourth error in four games in the fourth, mishandling a Deivi Cruz grounder to third.

Robert Fick followed with an RBI double over Jose Valentin's head in center, and Mijares homered on the next pitch.

Quintin doubled home a run in the fifth after right fielder Roger Cedeno dropped Ray Durham's liner for an error.

Food For Thought: Why Not?

Contraception: Why Not?

Professor Alfred Freddoso
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Food for Thought: Discussions on Virtue & Sex organized by students that seeks to improve, strengthen, and encourage the life of virtue and faith on campus. It also seeks to provide an environment for open discussion with all members of the Notre Dame community especially those who are curious or doubtful about the meaning of virtue and faith in their lives.

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ATLANTA

Charles Johnson hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning and the Florida bullpen finally protected a lead, giving the Marlins a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

Vladimir Nunez (1-1) allowed just four hits in seven innings for his first win since Sept. 28, 1999. He was 0-6 with a 7.90 ERA last night.

The Marlins bullpen, 0-6 with a 5.20 ERA through 12 games, made things exciting but got the job done.

In the eighth, Armando Almanza threw eight straight balls but actually picked up an out when Rafael Furcal tried to steal third but slid past the bag and was tagged out.

Braden Looper then retired Chipper Jones and Brian Jordan on infield grounders to end the inning. Antonio Alfonseca got the finalinning on infield grounders to end the game. A ntonio Alfonseca got

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The weather was a big factor in the Reds' smallest home crowd since Sept. 13, 1999. Sleet and rain interrupted batting practice and resulted in a 66-minute delay before the first pitch. It was 36 degrees when the Reds took the field, many of them wearing black head coverings under the caps to keep their necks and ears warm.

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Larkin's sinking liner dropped just in front of right fielder Jeremy Burnitz for a double.

Scott Sullivan (1-1) struck out Richlie Supson on three pitches to end the Brewers' eighth, and Danny Graves pitched the ninth for the fifth save in six chances.

A magnetic resonance imag ing test before the game found that Ken Griffey Jr. has a par tially torn left hamstring. He'll rem ain on the active roster as a pinch-hitter, but won't be able to play the field for the foreseeable future.

Griffey didn't play in Tuesday's game.

Runs and rallies were hard to come by in the latter, damp cold.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Johnson drives Marlins to 3-2 victory against Braves

The perfect home: That's been your dream.

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GOLF
Irish win Classic, set record

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame women's golf team turned in rounds of 306 and 313 for a 36-hole total of 619 to outdistance the 16-team field in the Illinois Spring Golf Classic by three strokes over the University of Illinois. The Irish set a tournament course record at the par 72, 5,942-yard Ninth Creek Golf Club with the 619 total which was nine strokes better than last year's winner, S.W. Missouri State, who shot a 628 to win in 2000.

The tournament win was the second by the Irish this spring and the third this season, the most-ever by any Notre Dame women's golf team in the history of the program. The Irish entered the day with a seven-stroke lead over Illinois and were able to hold on for the win. Illinois shot a 328 to finish second with a 622 total (313-309) and was followed by Ohio University with a 636 (314-322) and Western Michigan took fourth place with a 647 (323-324-300) while Bradley (327-327) and Illinois State (323-327) tied for fifth with 650 totals.

Individually, the Irish went into the final round with senior Shane Smith and freshman Shannen Byrne tied for first after the opening round of 74's. They settled for a third place tie as both shot chipping round 79's for 153 totals. The tie for third was the best finish in both player's careers while the year's best 36-hole finish of the 2000-01 season.

The Notre Dame duo finished two strokes behind Illinois State's Nicole Foy who fired a closing round 75 to go with an opening day 76 for a 152 total. Southwest Missouri State's Jessica Polius, the defending tournament champion, finished second with a 152 total (77-75). She was followed by Smith and Byrne who tied for third with Illinois' Marla Cox (76-77) to round out the top five individual finishers.

Terri Taibil continued her strong play this spring with a 10th place finish as she contributed rounds of 79 and 78 for a 15-over-par total of 157. Freshman Rebecca Rogers closed out the Irish scoring with a 171 total on rounds of 88 and 83.

The Illinois Spring Classic closes out the 2000-01 season for the Notre Dame women's golf team.

Men's Golf

The Notre Dame men's golf team shot a final round total of 308 to make up six strokes to move up two spots in the standings to finish tied with Wisconsin for eighth place at the Keeler Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. The Irish, who opened the day in 10th place, finished with a 61-over-par total of 913 along with the Badgers. Both teams finished 20 strokes behind Ohio State as the Buckeyes made up seven strokes during the final 18 holes to move from fourth place to win with a 54-hole total of 893 (298-298-297) on their home course, the par 72, 7,221-yard Ohio State Scarlet Course.

The Irish turned in rounds of 296, 309 and 308 on the weekend Michigan, who led after two rounds, fell to third with an 895 total (292-297-306) as the Wolverines were passed by both Ohio State and Northwestern (894/295/295-304). Kent State finished fourth with an 899 (303-289-307) and Michigan State rounded out the top five teams in the 17-team tournament with a 901 total (300-300-301).

Leading Notre Dame individually was sophomore Kyle Monfort who finished in a three-way tie for 19th with a 13-over-par total of 226 on rounds of 74, 76 and 76. Monfort finished 14 strokes behind tournament winner, Luke Donald of Northwestern, who was the only golfer to finish under par with a one-under 212 after firing rounds of 71, 69 and 72. Donald won the tournament by seven strokes over Ohio State's Kevin Hall who shot a six-over-par 219 for the weekend.

Following Monfort for the Irish was junior Steve Ratay who tied for 23rd, just one stroke behind Monfort with a 227 total. Ratay opened with a one-under 70 in the first round, struggled with an 82 in the second round and had Notre Dame's best round Sunday with a 75. Ratay's opening round 70 had tied him for second after 18 holes on Saturday.

Notre Dame returns to action on Friday, April 20 when the Irish compete in the 54-hole First Energy Collegiate Tournament at Kent State. The two-day journey will be played at the Windmill Lakes Golf Club in Ravenna, Ohio.

TENNIS

Hingis edges past Lamade for victory

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. Top-seeded Martina Hingis survived a first-set challenge to beat Germany's Blanka Lamade 7-6 (4), 6-1 on Tuesday in the second round of the Family Circle Cup.

Third-seeded Conchita Martinez also advanced, overcoming a slow start and swirling wind to beat Lina Osterloh 6-2, 6-3, 6-0.

Martinez, ranked eighth in the world, leads all active WTA Tour players with 20 titles on clay, two in the Family Circle Cup.

But the 25-year-old Spaniard fell behind 4-0 in the first set against the 45th-ranked Osterloh, but lost the set on a double fault.

"I couldn't put any balls in the court, and it was hard with the wind," Martinez said. "After that, I finally got my game back and didn't make as many mistakes."

The wind blew clouds of loose clay around the players' feet, while fans huddled under blankets for warmth.

"I woke up this morning, and I thought I was in England," 11th-seeded Lisa Raymond said. "I was like, gosh. We used to come in here and it would be so nice and warm. It can be a tough transition."

Raymond was on court barely an hour in her 6-3, 6-0 first-round victory over Japanese qualifier Irika Kiraki.

In second-round matches, 10th-seeded Amy Frazier beat Germany's Andrea Glass 6-2, 6-2, and 14th-seeded Gala Leon Garcia of Spain defeated Italy's Adriana Serra-Zanetti 6-1, 6-4.

The tournament is being played at the Daniel Tennis Centre after 28 years at Hilton Head Island.
An Irish player rounds the bases in a game against Cleveland State earlier this year.

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When you have a good club and shoulders above them," Kovach said. "When lack of hitting added to the issue of poor defense, in addition, the pitching issues." Kovach earned runs and Anne gave up three," said head coach John Kovach. "Unfortunately, we had a couple of inopportune errors that opened the floodgate."

Both games were called after five innings, because of the eight-run rule in the MIAA. If a team has an eight-run lead after five complete innings, the game is ended according to the rule.

Both Senger and Martin pitched all five innings of the games. "We just got into a hole in a big way," Kovach said. "Because we've had trouble hitting, it's hard to come back from three or four runs."

The costly errors were more an issue of timing than an issue of poor defense, according to Kovach. In addition, the lack of hitting added to the impact of the errors. "By and large, our defense has been pretty good this year," Kovach said. "When matched up with last year's team, statistically, we're head and shoulders above them. When you have a good club like Alma, they're going to take advantage of errors. You can't give good clubs extra outs."

The only extra-base hit by either team in both games was a double by Marin in the first game. A string of singles by Alma added up to the 16 runs scored in the two games. "We were just kind of dinged to death," Kovach said. "When that kind of nickle and dime stuff, its really hard to watch."

The Belles were scheduled to play Calvin at home on Monday, but the game was canceled because of the rain on Sunday and the cold temperatures on Monday. They will face Olivet today at 3 p.m. at home. Olivet is currently behind Saint Mary's in the MIAA and has yet to record a league win.

"We should play well against Olivet," Kovach said. "Olivet has struggled a little bit in the conference."

The Belles face two more conference doubleheaders against Calvin at home and at Kalamazoo after facing Olivet. In order to make the MIAA playoffs, the Belles must win all six games.

"Basically, our backs are against the wall," Kovach said. "If we want to get into the conference tournament, we have to go 6-0. Kalamazoo (4-6) is the club we're going to be chasing."

Kovach is looking to pitch Senger a fresh man Libby Wilhelmy against Olivet. He then hopes to start Senger and Martin for the double headers against Calvin and Kalamazoo.

"That rotation going in there for a few games and gives our experience most of the hurling," Kovach said. Winning is again about getting our bats going."
Senior Kim Guy returns a shot during Notre Dame's 6-1 loss to Wisconsin as the Irish bounced back to pick up a 7-0 win to end the regular season with their best record since 1985.

The magic number is down to three for the women's rowing team as they continue their quest to qualify for the NCAA tournament in May.

In their sixth meet of the spring, the team took four of six races at this weekend's Indiana Cup on Lake Lemmen.

"We prepared the same for this race as we have all season, expecting the best from each team," said coxswain Claire Bula. "We raced Tennessee before, but we didn't know what to expect this time."

Bula is the only senior in the varsity eight boat. Young talent has been the key for the Irish this spring as they have two freshmen and four sophomores in the first boat alone.

"We're much smaller than some of the teams we've competed against," said freshman Jayme Sanco. "We have great chemistry within the top eight."

The squad's depth has also helped the recent jump in the rankings. The second varsity squad bested Tennessee by three-seconds in Bloomington.

The first and second novice eights also took first in their races, while the varsity and second fours both took second.

"Overall we had a good day of racing," head coach Martin Stone said. "This was the best race technically for the varsity eight all season."

The Irish will have their work cut out for them in the weeks to come as the next three meets will bring more teams and strong competition. The team heads to Wisconsin this weekend for the Midwest Sprints, followed by a trip to Massachusetts in two weeks for the Big East Challenge.

"Our goal all along has been to make the NCAA's this year," said Bula. "This team has a good intensity, and we're not going to take anything for granted."

"Race to race, we are trying to execute things more effectively and make our moves at the right time, which I think we did this weekend," said sophomore Ann Marie Dilhoff.

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Tennis

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gles players ranked nationally, lead the singles players with 19 wins apiece.
Meanwhile, at No. 4 singles, freshman Caylan Leslie didn't lose a game as she defeated Mercer. It was Leslie's second 6-0, 6-0 match of the season.
At No. 2 singles, Varnum beat Rauh 6-1, 6-3 to pick up her 18th singles win of the season. And in No. 5 singles, Green won 6-3, 6-3.
The closest Wisconsin came to winning a match was in No. 6 singles, where the Badger's Guy stretched Guy to a first set tiebreaker before falling 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.
"We played well," Louderback said. "We've got quite a bit of confidence because we've played in a lot of close matches."
Notre Dame travels to Miami this weekend for the Big East Tournament.
Louderback expects the Hurricanes to pose the biggest threat to the Irish.
"I think there's a good chance it'll come down to us and Miami in the finals," he said. "I'm sure we'll have a battle."

The top-seeded Irish have a first round bye in the six-team tournament. Notre Dame will play the Virginia Tech-Syracuse winner Saturday morning.

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ROWING

Irish win 4 of 6 at Indiana Cup

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Belles falter in MIAA meet, now 1-3 in league

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary’s track team lost a poorly-attended dual meet to the Knights of Calvin College and the Alma Scots Saturday, dropping its MIAA record to 1-3.

With several team members, including leading middle distance runner Laura Graf, at home for the Easter holidays, the Belles managed to place in eight events, scoring a total of 12 points for the team.

"Low turnout" definitely had an effect on how many points we made, but it didn't affect the overall outcome because we still would have gotten beat," senior captain Kara Bergeman said.

The Knights, who are currently first in the MIAA, claimed a 157-5 victory against the Belles. The Scots took home a 141-12 victory over the Belles.

The meet took place the day before Easter, and the Belles seemed to have their minds elsewhere.

"Individually our minds weren't in it because it was the day before Easter," Bergeman said. "Some of the Irish women posted an inspired 2-1 victory over the Mexican Women's National Team.

Mexico's speedy forward tandem of Maribel Dominguez and Iris Mora kept the Notre Dame defense on its toes for full 90 minutes but the Irish posted the first two goals of the game, with junior midfielder Mia Sarkesian drilling home a shot in the closing seconds of the first half before freshman forward Amanda Guerin scored early in the second half. Dominguez, who accounted for seven of Mexico's 11 shots, finally broke through for a score in the 57th minute to set up a tense final 30 minutes of play.

A festive crowd of some 2,000 fans was treated to an exciting night of exhibition soccer action Saturday at School Field, as the Notre Dame men held off a feisty Bethel College squad, 4-3, before the Irish women posted an inspired 2-1 victory over the Mexican Women's National Team.

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Notre Dame senior Monica Gonzalez—who is a founding member of the three-year-old Mexican National Team—played the entire game for Mexico, mostly at sweeper before moving to the midfield in the latergoing. Gonzalez currently is studying at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico, but she is slated to return to Notre Dame in the fall. She has one year of eligibility remaining.

"Tonight was a tremendous atmosphere for anyone who loves the game of soccer—Mexico was a team with tremendous quickness and skill. You can't let up, even for a second, or they will make you pay. So, in that regard, we were very pleased with our team battled tonight and with the dispersate that they showed." Several noteworthy players were absent from the Irish lineup, including the senior trio of midfielder Anne Makinen, defender Kelly Lindsey and forward Meotis Erikson. But senior Amy Warner did not play due to her continuing rehabilitation from offseason knee surgery.

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After being invited to the women's tennis team, they left Friday's play without wins. The Yeowomen of Oberlin College offered a last opportunity for a win Sunday.

"As a team I would say we played well," senior team captain Natalie Cook said. "We went in trying to be mentally tough and these teams just seemed to be used to playing at a higher level of competition. But I saw that we have the potential to play at that level eventually."

On Saturday, the Belles were looking for a victory. After being invited to the prestigious Midwest Invitational, one of only 12 teams, they left Friday's play without wins. The Yeowomen of Oberlin College offered a last opportunity for a win Sunday.

"We were determined to win one match," senior team captain Natalie Cook said. "(Oberlin's No. 1) player got hurt, so everyone had to move up a spot and we wanted that win."

The Belles racked up five singles wins and three doubles wins to finish the weekend with a strong 8-1 victory over the Yeowomen. Kaitlin Cutler, the only woman to win all three of her singles matches during the tournament, claimed a solid victory in No. 4 singles, defeating Oberlin's Laura Kebbn 2-0 (6-2, 6-0). Joining Cutler in singles victories were Natalie Cook at No. 2 singles (6-1, 6-3), Jeannie Knish at No. 3 singles (6-1, 6-1), and Elisa Ryan at No. 5 singles (6-1, 6-0). Sophomore Angie Sudner claimed a victory at No. 6 singles by default, due to the injury of Oberlin's No. 1 singles player.

After her singles match on Saturday, junior No. 1 singles player Annie Knish was left still looking for a victory. She had yet to win a match, so when it came time for her and Cook to team up for No. 1 doubles, the time had come.

Cook and Knish claimed that victory, and claimed it without doubt. The team of Beth Krupski and Mecca Bourna fell to the Belles 8-2. Cutler, who teamed up with Jeannie Knish for No. 2 doubles, added another victory to her list of singles wins with an 8-4 win over Oberlin's No. 2 doubles team. Elisa Ryan and Trisha Jones added the last point for Saint Mary's with a default win at No. 3 doubles.

Saturday's defaults weren't the only opportunities for unexpected rest. Friday night three women ended suspended matches early. The Belles faced off against the Tigers of DePauw and six games into the match it was clear that the Tigers would claim a solid victory.

With night falling and Jeannie Knish, Cutler, and Ryan only one set into their games, the match was called and the Tigers left victorious. "We had already lost the match and it was getting really late," Cook said. "So they just called the games."

Cutler and Ryan earned two points for the Belles by winning their suspended matches in one set, 6-0 and 6-1 respectively. However, the rest of the team dropped their games.

Anne Knish fell 6-2, 6-4 in No. 1 singles along with Cook, who dropped No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-2, Jeannie Knish who dropped No. 3 singles 6-4 in a suspended game and freshman Kris Spriggle who fell in No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-4.

The doubles teams did not fare any better. Both Knish teams fell to their opponents 6-8, Annie Knish teamed up with Cook in No. 1 doubles and Jeannie Knish teamed up with Cutler. Ryan and Jones fell 8-5 against their DePauw opponents.

Early Friday Saint Mary's took on Oberlin College, a team that finished with a third place next to its name at the end of the tournament. Luther claimed an 8-1 victory, shutting down all of the Belles doubles teams and all but one of the singles players.

Cutler won the sole victory for the Belles, defeating her opponent 6-2, 6-2. Knish, Cook, Jeanne Knish, Spriggle and Ryan all fell 2-0 in singles. Knish and Cook and Knish and Cutler both fell 8-2 in doubles and Ryan and Jones were shut out with an 8-0 loss.

"(Luther) seemed to be used to playing tough competition," Cook said. "They know how to set up points and carry through. We were missing some of our follow throughs."

The Belles still own an impressive 11-1 record.

They will face off against the Comets of Olivet today at home outside of Angela Athletic facility at 3 p.m.
Irish claim win against top 10 opponent

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The Irish split two games with a pair of top 10 teams this week and picked up their first victory ever against a top 10 opponent when they defeated No. 7 Yale 9-6.

The Irish opened the weekend with a 16-4 loss to No. 4 Duke. Duke opened up the game with a two goal lead but sophomore Danielle Shearer put the Irish on the board. Shearer answered two more Blue Devils goals to make the score 4-2 in favor of the Blue Devils.

Duke scored one more goal before the Irish answered with goals from both junior captain Alissa Moser and senior captain Leil O'Shaughnessy. When the teams headed to the lockerrooms at halftime, Notre Dame trailed the Duke Blue Devils by one point at 5-4.

Duke proved to be too much for the squad as they scored 11 points in the second half to finish off the Irish, who failed to score again.

Sophomore goaltender Jen White ended the game with seven saves for the Irish defense before being replaced by senior Tara Durkin for the final eight minutes of the game.

After the loss to Duke, the Irish seemed to be bothered as they began play against Yale three days later. Without much time to prepare and focus on Yale, the team seemed lost at first as Yale went up quickly with the first four points of the match. A score by junior Tina Federcy woke up the Irish and opened up a nine goal scoring spree.

She was followed by freshman Kassen Delano and O'Shaughnessy as Notre Dame went into halftime once again down by only one goal. Notre Dame scored six more unanswered goals when they took the field in the second half.

This was sparked by the play of Moser who, within four and a half minutes, scored a hat trick. O'Shaughnessy then scored what would be the game-winning goal with 20 minutes left in the game.

The scoring barrage ended with goals from Shearer and senior Maura Doyle. White had eight saves to only six goals against her in this game as she anchored the defense.

This weekend moved the Irish to 8-3 as well as into playoff contention. Yale is the second ranked team that Notre Dame has played this season.

As the Irish entered play, they were 6-2 in the Big East, but with Butler and Fairfield, sit only one point behind the Irish in the standings.

While this was Notre Dame's best offensive output of the season, many of the Irish players realized this was not their best overall game of the season, but they were pleased with their effort and determination.

"This was not our best game of the season, but we played hard and didn't quit," Ryan said. "We need to keep playing hard to rest of the season especially against Butler on Wednesday." The fluidity of the game was upset because the referees called numerous penalties against both Army and Notre Dame. Coach Corrigan was upset with the officializing because he felt it prevented the Irish from establishing any kind of rhythm.

"The referees blow the whistle too many times," Corrigan said. "They made an equal amount of calls on Army and us, but this prevented us from finding our offensive rhythm and gaining control of the game.

With only three games remaining, the Irish look to be in good shape heading into the NCAA tournament. Wednesday's home game at 4:00 p.m. against rival Butler will be critical in determining the winner of the Great Western Lacrosse League.

The Irish currently sit atop the division with a 3-0 conference record, but their next two opponents, Butler and Fairfield, sit only one point behind the Irish in the standings.

If the Irish can build upon this weekend's four game winning streak and win their remaining two conference games, they will clinch an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Coach Kevin Corrigan knows the Irish must be ready for Butler in order to continue the success of the Irish this season.

Butler has played us to 1-1 games the last two years," he said. "We have to be prepared and really concentrate on the next game. We must play better against Butler than we did today."
FOURTH AND INCHES

INSPIRED BY JORDAN, ANOTHER FORMER PLAYER MAKES A COMEBACK...

STEP ANESE, BOYS. LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT WAS DONE IN MY DAY.
WHY, I USED TO BE THE BEST LINEMAN IN THE ENTIRE STATE!
WHO WANTS TO TAKE ME OT?

THINGS COULD BE WORSE

GIVE IT UP, PAGE. A GIRL CAN'T MULTIP.

FOX TROT

BETTY THE CHOCOLATE RABBIT, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ROXY THE
CHOCOLATE RABBIT.

GIVES ME A FULCHEN, WHAT'S THAT?

A GIRL CAN'T MULTIP. CAN'T SHE?

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1  Controlling element
9  Aqua ______ (mineral)
16  In first place
17  Succeed
18  Country with a bird in its flag
21  Big sound
23  "Alain und"
26  Word with life or
32  Cuban hierarchies
33  Mountain-dynasty
36  Controlling
37  Aaron Burr's birthplace
38  Divinity
39  Bark
40  Architect Mies
41  Baillis (out)
42  Court statistic
43  Rare-earth oxide
44  Great
46  Neone locals
47  60's-70's sports dynasty
49  Ritter's opposite
50  Three-time Hart Trophy winner
51  Handel masterpiece
54  Contest
57  MVF figure
58  Very quickly
59  It gets left behind
60  Put away
61  Unvaried, in a way
62  Handel

DOWN
1  Rough
2  "Lord Jim" actor, 1950
3  Van der
4  Bang
5  Smoker
6  Suffic akin to diet
7  It may be checked, in two senses
8  Mil. assignment
9  Excellent poker hand
10  Rugged coastline feature
11  Not so hard
12  Somebody's aid
13  Lake Victoria circumnavigator
14  "The Great Caruso"
15  Design
16  Oregon Belter
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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2  Bottle opener
3  Police
4  Fireman
5  Snork
6  Suffic akin to diet
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**Notre Dame ascends to No. 2 ranking**

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Climbing to the No. 2 spot in the College Baseball Poll, Notre Dame baseball continued to impress poll voters during Easter Break, as two doubleheaders catapulted the team atop national rankings.

The four conference wins—combined with two victories earlier in the week—also earned merit from the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll, which propped the Irish up to fifth place. The Irish currently hold a 31-5-1 record, the highest winning percentage in the nation.

During the doubleheader Thursday against Georgetown, Notre Dame scored the most runs ever for a Big East series, plating 32 in victories of 15-4 and 17-10 Hoyas. Five different Notre Dame batters collected four or more hits. They were led by senior shortstop Alec Porzel, who was four for eight with nine RBIs and five runs scored. Porzel hit for the cycle on the day, getting a single, double, triple, and home run.

"I'm feeling comfortable at the plate again," said Porzel. "It makes it much easier to hit when everyone else on the team is doing so well. Baseball is all about momentum, so when the other guys on the team are swinging the bat well, you can't help but follow."

This performance, combined with a three for seven two-RBI showing Saturday against West Virginia, earned Porzel Big East player of the week honors.

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