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Maya Angelou lecture scheduled for April Keenan begins Diversity Week

Special to the Observer

Maya Angelou's lecture, which was originally scheduled for October but was canceled due to health problems, has been rescheduled for Saturday April 8, at 7:30pm. The location has been changed from O'Laughlin Auditorium to Angela Athletic Facility which is located on the north end of the Saint Mary's campus.



Angelou

Saint Mary's will honor all tickets which were distributed earlier. An additional number of tickets will be available for Saint Mary's faculty, administrators, and staff (two tickets per person) on March 23-24. Saint Mary's students may also receive one ticket per student with ID at this time.

Tickets for the general public will be available on March 28. Tickets will be limited to two per person.

All tickets, which are free, are available at the Saint Mary's Box Office, located in O'Laughlin Auditorium from 9am. to 5pm. No phone orders will be taken.

The night of the event, doors will open at 6:30pm. There will be general admission seating

(no reserved seats) for ticket holders only. Questions can be directed to the Saint Mary's College Box Office at 219-284-4626.

Angelou, a poet, educator, actress, best-selling author and civil rights activist, has been hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary African-American literature.

Among the highlights of her career as an artist is the poem "On the Pulse of Morning," composed for President Bill Clinton's inauguration. Angelou has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Die," the National Book Award for the autobiographical "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," a Tony award for her acting in "Look Away" and an Emmy for her role as Kunta Kinte's grandmother in "Roots."

Angelou currently teaches at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, where she was awarded a lifetime position as the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies.

Angelou believes in social change for the betterment of those who have yet to share fully in the American dream. Today, she continues her work and lectures throughout the country and abroad, sharing the African-American experience and educating her audience on the human condition.

Guest speaker Delores Huerta stresses action

By EDWARD IMBUS
Associate News Editor

Delores Huerta, the co-founder of United Farm Workers union, has "a message to get out."

Speaking in the first event of Diversity Week, sponsored by Keenan and Lewis Halls, Huerta stated that minorities of America have continually been subject to massive discrimination, and "society still has a lot of racism."

That racism, she said, can be seen through several facts, such as that Native Americans have the highest mortality rates in society, that people of color are "convicted more often and given harsher sentences for felonies," and the disparity in elected offices, such as those in Congress.

"At the rate we're going, we'll have gender and ethnic balance in 350 years," she said.

Huerta criticized the educational system for "institutionalizing racism in schools, ... and giv[ing] only half an education." She advocated ethnic studies programs to be required in all schools to allow minorities to learn about their particular contributions to history and end "the incredible amount of ignorance which perpetuates itself."

She also denounced proposed



The Observer/Cynthia Exconde

Delores Huerta, co-founder of United Farm Workers, spoke at the Center for Social concerns yesterday. She spoke on racism as part of Keenan Hall's Diversity Week.

cuts in welfare programs, saying that minorities were being blamed for problems they did not create.

"Immigrants pay \$500 billion in taxes, but get \$97 billion in return, most of which has gone to refugee programs," rather than to the immigrants who paid the taxes initially, she said, also noting that "The savings and loans went broke, and so did Orange Country (of California), but not by immigrants or welfare mothers." She predicted that cutting public assistance programs would bring more homelessness and more crime.

Huerta cited several historical examples of prejudice against

minorities, such as the Asian Exclusion Act of California, which prohibited Asian immigrants to own land or to marry whites. Huerta said it was unconscionable to pass the law, especially when coupled with strict immigration controls that allowed only one Asian woman for every 50 Asian men, usually coming to America in their teens.

Native Americans have also been subject to racism, according to Huerta, who stated that several groups of Native Americans, such as the Arawak Indians, became extinct due to both active and passive actions by a pervasive white-supremacist attitude.

Lecture series highlights foot washing rituals

By LAURA FERGUSON
Saint Mary's News Editor

The simple act of washing another's feet speaks, inspires and empowers the community to do as Jesus had done, according to Eleanor Bernstein CSJ in a lecture yesterday at Saint Mary's.

"The mutuality of foot washing is about serving others and being served and bending over in spite of status or position," said Bernstein.

The tradition of foot washing has been part of the human experience for many years. Its earliest usage was as a sign of hospitality to travelers and guests after traveling on dusty roads.

Later it became an initiation rite as bishops washed the feet of the newest church members.

Monarchs have also washed the feet of the poor and offered them alms, according to Bernstein. Often there was one pauper for each year of the monarch's life.

"It was a way for persons of authority to share their wealth," she said.

It wasn't until 1956 that foot washing was formally introduced into the liturgy.

According to Bernstein it was to be an action of a leader washing the feet of 12 men, although there was no previous

designation of men only.

"The problem of the exclusion of women is a modern problem, not a historical one," she said.

The benefit of foot washing is to not just tell the story of Jesus' service to others but to do the story. According to Bernstein, it helps to shape our attitudes.

"We do it so we can grow into a way of thinking," she said. "Doing it helps to discover a proper way of being with each other and being with God."

Bernstein also commented that foot washing is a menial task yet it is the last intimate action Jesus performed with his disciples before dying.

"Jesus declared that the disciples must imitate him as a servant if they were going to be like him. They must do as he had done," Bernstein said.

Bernstein is the current director of the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at Notre Dame. Her lecture yesterday was the second in the endowed lecture series honoring the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The Lenten series is sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

The next lecture will be March 29 at 12:15 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's. Paul Philibert will deliver his lecture titled, "Foot Washing: A Lens for Spiritual Insight."



The Observer/Cynthia Exconde

Up in the Air

Notre Dame students perfected their skills in a juggling workshop yesterday in LaFortune Student Center.

USS Bunker Hill docks in China

By RENEE SCHOOF
Associated Press

QINGDAO, China
As a Chinese military band played "The Star Spangled Banner" on shore, the USS Bunker Hill sailed into port Wednesday on the first visit by an American warship since China's 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

Chinese sailors lined up on the decks of nearby destroyers to welcome the ship.

The United States suspended

military relations with China after its army attacked demonstrators in Beijing on June 4, 1989, killing hundreds of people. High-level talks resumed in 1993, and Defense Secretary William Perry visited China last fall.

Rear Adm. Bernard J. Smith, commander of the Navy's Carrier Group Five, called the Bunker Hill's port call a friendship visit and insisted there was nothing political about it.

"I would say we regard the Chinese navy as a friendly

navy," Smith said. U.S. Navy officials know little about how their Chinese counterparts operate, and Smith said they hoped to learn more during the Bunker Hill's visit.

It was the third visit since Communist China was founded in 1949. Warships visited Qingdao's nuclear submarine base in 1986, and in 1989 the navy made a port call at Shanghai a day before Premier Li Peng declared martial law in Beijing as a precursor to the military crackdown.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

I'll do it tomorrow

I am a procrastinator. A grade A, first-class, reputable procrastinator. I'm not particularly proud of it or anything; that's the way I am. And when I explain to people that procrastination is permanently embedded in my biological make-up, they think I am making excuses for my flagrant lack of discipline — my rationalization for taking hours of study breaks, for succumbing to my desire to call everyone in my telephone book, or for going out on weekday nights. But I am completely convinced that it is my innate tendency, for I trace it back to my childhood.

Christy Kenny
Accent Copy Editor

I can remember when I was just a pint-sized girl of seven in a class of twenty bright-eyed youngsters. My second grade teacher, Mrs. Safchik, would give us our daily assignments, and the class would eagerly dive into reading comprehension questions. I, however, would procrastinate. I would sit and day-dream, talk, read Peanuts comics on my lunch box, or do anything besides the assigned work. And when Mrs. Safchik would say, "Girls and boys, hand in your papers now," I was seized with anxiety, for I didn't have anything written except my name and the date. So I remedied my predicament by stuffing the page into my desk, convincing myself that I would finish it later.

Well, this continued for a few months until so many papers accumulated that they began to peer out through tiny cracks in my desk, and became so conspicuous that Mrs. Safchik warned me I'd have to clean out my desk after school someday.

"Clean out my desk? I thought, *She can't see all this unfinished work. I'll have to straighten it out before she does, but I'll wait till tomorrow...*

Well tomorrow passed and then two weeks passed, and I kept hoping Mrs. Safchik would suffer memory loss and forget about my desk. But it didn't happen, and finally my day of doom arrived.

It was a dark day in February, one of the most humiliating of my life. Mrs. Safchik kept her promise to me, with one exception. Instead of cleaning after school, she thought it would be better if I performed the task during class. Mrs. Safchik would remove each paper from my desk, uncrumple it, and read out the date of each page. When she got to the September assignments, the class was rolling with laughter. Tears streamed down my face as my year of procrastination was exposed to the whole class.

You would think that such an experience would have taught me a lesson. But did it? NO. Nor did other countless attempts to change this proclivity toward a procrastinating lifestyle. Today you will always find me typing frantically five minutes before a paper is due, vowing that it will never happen again, that I will change my ways. Somehow I don't think it will happen, but that's something to worry about for another day...

For those of you who are struggling against your core tendency to procrastinate, STOP NOW! It's futile. Be true to yourself, take that very long Papa John's study break, and feel content!

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Turkish troops on offensive in northern Iraq

DARKARJAN, Iraq
Turkish troops rolled past Kurdish villages Wednesday in a massive offensive against a Kurdish rebel movement, raising worldwide concern for civilians caught in the fighting.

Air strikes and shelling continued for a third day along the 20-mile-wide northern Iraqi border region. Turkey sent in 35,000 troops Monday to try to rout rebels of the outlawed separatist Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK.

Turkey claims about 2,800 guerrillas are operating in northern Iraq.

The operation has been criticized by the Red Cross, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, and European nations.

Helicopters ferried in reinforcements Wednesday and at least seven battles were raging, the Anatolia news agency said.

The Red Cross appealed Wednesday to Turkey to spare the lives of thousands of Kurdish civilians who fled from Turkey last year and are living in refugee camps in the border region.

The United States also called on Turkey to exercise restraint and to respect the rights of civilians.

Kurds attack Turkish targets in Germany



AP/Alex Sibirny

"We have urged (Turkey) to keep the operation limited in duration and scope, and to give full respect for human rights and international law," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Wednesday in Paris.

In its first comment on the offensive, Baghdad protested a "violation of Iraq's sovereignty" and demanded Turkey withdraw its troops, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Fehat Ataman defended the action Wednesday and said it was not endangering civilians. Instead, Turkey was acting to "exterminate a threat to the lives and security of its citizens," Ataman said in the Turkish capital, Ankara.

A military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the army could remain in the area until the end of summer.

More than 15,000 people have been killed in the fighting since 1984.

Kurds make up one-fifth of Turkey's 60 million people. Repression of their cultural rights and the harsh military crackdown has won the PKK hundreds of thousands of sympathizers over the past decade.

Law wipes out Brady Bill provision

ATLANTA

Gov. Zell Miller signed a law Wednesday freeing Georgia from the Brady Law's waiting period for handgun buyers, capping a legislative session in which the once-moderate Democrat moved farther to the right. The measure, which also wipes out longer waiting periods imposed in 10 Georgia cities and counties, including Atlanta, was a major victory for the National Rifle Association, whose lobbyists flanked Miller during the signing. The law is designed to take advantage of a provision in the federal Brady Law that exempts states from the waiting period if they implement an instant background check. Georgia is awaiting a reply from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on whether the new state law meets Brady requirements. Only 26 states and Puerto Rico are subject to the Brady Law, according to the ATF; the others have exempted themselves through a variety of alternatives, including instant background checks.



McDonald's liable in accident

SALEM

McDonald's is liable for damages in an auto accident caused by an employee who worked unusually long hours, the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday. The employer "was much like a bartender who served alcoholic beverages to a visibly intoxicated person who then caused an automobile accident that harmed another," the court said in a 5-4 ruling. The 5-4 ruling upheld a jury's decision that McDonald's must pay \$375,000 to Frederic Faverty, who was injured when a car driven by Matt Theurer crossed the center line and hit his car in 1988. Theurer, 18, was killed after nodding off while driving home after working more than 12 hours in a 17-hour period. Though the restaurant had policies against split shifts and against high school students working past midnight more than once a week, Theurer volunteered to do so more frequently when asked by managers. McDonald's will appeal to the state Supreme Court said spokeswoman Jane Hulbert.

Man jailed in death of wife

COPPERAS COVE

He's had four wives. Two are dead, one's missing, and he's jailed as a murder suspect. Jack Reeves, 54, was arrested on a murder charge Tuesday in the 1978 death of his second wife, Sharon, as police searched for his current wife, Emilita, who hasn't been seen since Oct. 12. His third wife, Myong Reeves, drowned in 1986. The death was ruled accidental, no autopsy was performed and Hill County authorities declined to say Wednesday night if the case would be reopened. Police searched Reeves' home Wednesday in hopes of finding the 20-gauge shotgun they suspect was used to kill 34-year-old Sharon Reeves. They began investigating Reeves after learning he'd never reported the disappearance of his current wife. Back in 1978, Sharon Reeves' death was ruled a suicide. Authorities said she shot herself in the chest at her home in Copperas Cove, a town of about 24,000 people approximately 130 miles southwest of Dallas. In December, however, her body was exhumed and an autopsy found the wound "suggestive of a homicide," said Dee Anderson, a spokesman for the police in Arlington.

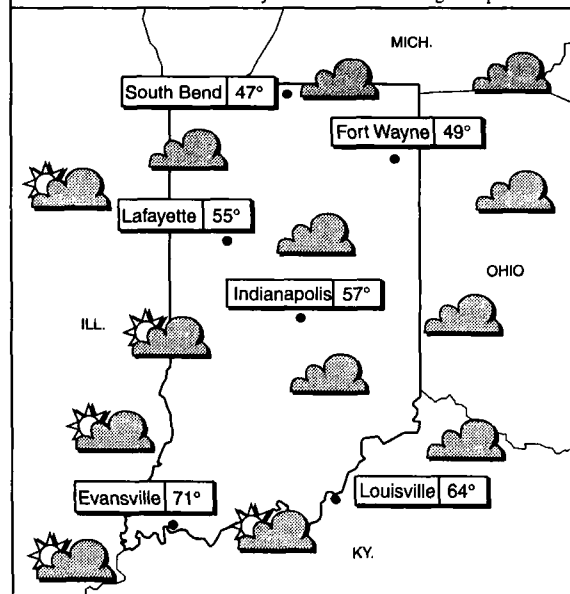
Charleston mural deemed 'garish'

CHARLESTON

Robert Burke contends his mural — a cartoon-like tableau of brightly colored skies, smiling mountains and fantastic creatures — is whimsical, not garish, and the city violated his free-speech rights in ordering him to put it under wraps. On Wednesday, the first day of his non-jury trial, Burke told U.S. District Judge Cam Currie that the make-believe world depicted in the mural is partly a reaction to prim and proper Charleston. "I have a lot of problems with the way this city is segregated," he said. "It seems a shame most of the nice places are where the white people live downtown." Two years ago, Burke was paid \$500 to paint the mural outside a restaurant near the College of Charleston in the city's tightly regulated historic district, where horse-drawn carriages meander past pre-Revolutionary War buildings and permission must be obtained to change the color of a door. After hearing testimony from the artist and art experts, the board denied the permit.

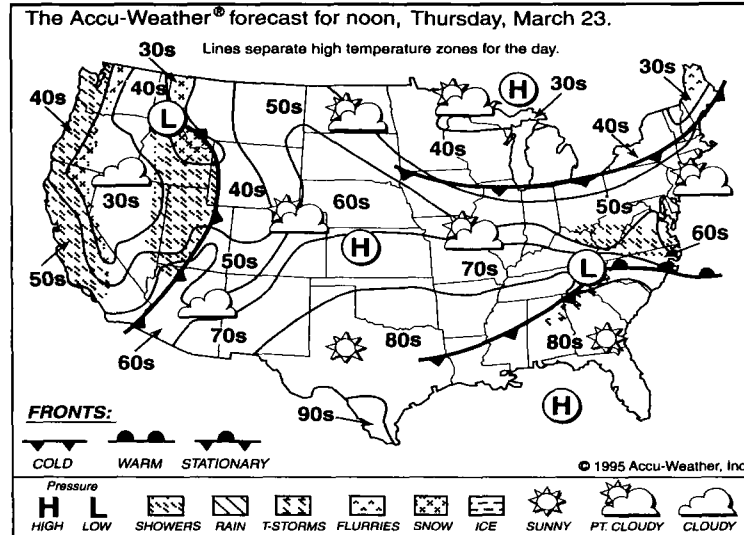
■ INDIANA WEATHER

Thursday, March 23
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	78	55	Dallas	82	60	New Orleans	84	63
Baltimore	58	34	Denver	56	34	New York	53	37
Boston	44	36	Los Angeles	62	43	Philadelphia	54	35
Chicago	50	28	Miami	87	68	Phoenix	69	48
Columbus	55	32	Minneapolis	49	30	St. Louis	69	45



The Observer/Nicky Batill

Reading between the lines

Kenneth Bush, from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, spoke yesterday on "Learning to Read Between the Lines: Bringing the Intra Group Dimension into Ethics Conflict."

Gunmen attack train in Egypt

Associated Press

CAIRO

Gunmen suspected of being Muslim militants killed five people and wounded three others Wednesday after climbing aboard a passenger train to attack police guards. The police killed one of the attackers.

The gunmen opened fire as the train traveled from the village of Mahras to Itlidin in Minya province, a militant-dominated area about 135 miles south of Cairo. Police did not say how many attackers boarded the train.

They killed two detectives, two civilians and one person who wasn't identified, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity. Two other detectives and a passenger were wounded.

Detectives returned fire, killing one of the militants. The other militants apparently jumped off the train unharmed. Police detectives often ride trains to guard against militant attacks.

Passenger trains and Nile River cruise boats have been targeted in the radicals' campaign to overthrow the government and create an Islamic state.

Republicans plan to rewrite clean water act

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House Republicans introduced legislation Wednesday to overhaul a law protecting lakes and streams, aiming to reduce costs to industry, agriculture and local communities.

Rep. Bud Shuster, R-PA, chairman of the committee considering the bill, said it would reduce the Environmental Protection Agency's "heavy-handed ... intervention" and provide flexibility to those who are regulated under the law.

But critics, including many Democrats on Shuster's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, charged the legislation was crafted by industry lobbyists and would gut major portions of the Clean Water Act, one of the nation's landmark environmental protection laws.

"It's a polluter's bill of rights," said Rep. Norman Mineta, D-CA., ranking Democrat on the committee. He criticized how the bill was drafted with the close involvement of

interest groups it would regulate.

The bill would revamp existing controls on "storm-water" pollution, which is washed by rain into rivers and lakes from factories, mines and city streets.

It also makes no mention of regulating pesticide runoffs from farms, something the Clinton administration has considered essential. It would incorporate a property "takings" provision that would require compensation if land value is reduced because it is declared a wetland.

Rep. Robert Borski, D-Pa., the ranking minority member on the subcommittee considering the legislation, also criticized industry's role in writing the bill. The bill was crafted with the help of a number of "task forces" whose members were made up of representatives from various groups regulated by the law.

While Shuster called the bill a bipartisan effort because it includes some Democrats as sponsors, Mineta said

UN alarmed by more fighting in Yugoslavia

By SRECKO LATAL
Associated Press

SARAJEVO

A Bosnian Serb leader today warned his fighters would not tolerate another offensive like the battle by government forces for strategic Serb positions in the northeast.

The fighting in the Majevica hills and other important heights in central Bosnia has alarmed U.N. officials who appealed to both sides to stop before a four-month truce collapses completely.

"This will be the final battle, the last attack" on Serb forces, declared Bosnian Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik. Serb fighters are "prepared to respond with all available means," he told the Serb weekly Javnost.

Serbs fear the Majevica offensive is part of a push by government forces to seize a vital Serb supply corridor in the extreme northeast. If it were cut,

Serbs in western Bosnia and in Serb-held parts of Croatia would be severely weakened.

Diplomats have so far failed to avert a major spring offensive both sides have threatened, and Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic said his government was acting to counter "weak diplomacy."

Government forces apparently are trying to wrest control of artillery positions on Majevica used by the Serbs to fire on the second-largest government-held city of Tuzla.

U.N. officials said there were indications that government troops had gained one or two square miles, but U.N. assessments have been limited by restrictions on peacekeepers' movements.

Both sides have accused the other of starting the latest fighting, but U.N. officials said it appeared the government attacked.

CORRECTION

An article in the Tuesday, March 21 edition of The Observer misstated the time that Delores Huerta, co-founder of the UFW, will meet with students. Huerta will be available to answer student questions at 12 noon in Keenan Commons today, not 10 p.m. The Observer regrets the error.



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Stressed postal worker shoots men in hold-up

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ
Associated Press

MONTCLAIR, NJ
A former postal worker burdened with a "mountain of debt" was charged Wednesday with shooting to death four men in a holdup at a small neighborhood post office, including two employees he knew.

Christopher Green, 29, was arrested at his apartment in East Orange, four miles from this New York City suburb, less than 24 hours after the robbery.

Investigators had gotten a tip from someone who knew Green, U.S. Attorney Faith Hochberg said. She would not give details.

In Green's apartment, investigators found blood-splattered clothes worn during the holdup, a 9mm pistol believed to have been used in the crime and \$2,000 cash, some of it under the refrigerator, Hochberg said. More than \$5,000 apparently was taken in the robbery, she said.

Green told investigators that he entered the post office Tuesday afternoon, ordered the two workers and three customers inside to go to the back room and lie on the floor, then shot them, according to court papers. One customer survived and was in critical condition Wednesday.

Before dying, one of the workers called out Green's name, said Police Chief Thomas Russo, who would not explain how he knew.

Green said he committed the robbery "because he had a mountain of debt," and used part of the money for back rent, Postal Inspector Kevin Manley said.

Green, who works in the Montclair Public Works Department, was a temporary postal employee in 1992-93 in Montclair, according to court papers.

It was not immediately clear whether he worked at the postal station where the slayings took place or the main office in town. However, he knew both postal employees slain, authorities said.

Green was to appear in federal court in Newark on Wednesday on charges of rob-

bing a post office, killing two postal workers, carrying a firearm and using a firearm to kill four people inside a post office.

The neighborhood post office is a satellite of the main Montclair station. Earlier this month, the main office installed bulletproof glass to protect its workers, but the substation had no protective glass or surveillance cameras.

Hank Rauer, president of the New Jersey Mid-State Area Local of the American Postal Workers Union, said the station "averages a couple of thousand dollars a day" in business.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said that the small office was considered low-risk. "We will study this facility and the rest of the facilities in this area in regard to security measures," he said.

On Feb. 27, two men held up a small post office in Sayreville, about 25 miles from Montclair. It was unclear how much money was stolen. The Postal Service offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the gunmen's arrest.

It was not immediately known if the robberies were connected.

Police Chief Thomas Russo identified the dead postal workers in Tuesday's holdup as Stanley Scott Walensky, 42, and Ernest Spruill, 56. The two slain customers were Robert Leslie, 38, and George Lomoga, 59. David Grossman, 45, was shot twice in the face and was in critical condition.

All the victims lived in Montclair except for Lomoga, who lived in Glen Ridge.

The attack shook the normally quiet, middle- to upper-middle-class community of about 38,000 people, 15 miles west of New York City.

Frank Grippaldi, owner of Sizz Haircutters, said he was shocked that the violence hit so close to home. "I just was over there yesterday," he said. "I mailed my income-tax return and I was talking to Scott Walensky. I knew his father. He was a mail carrier, too."

But Nick Cannestro, a worker at the Montclair Water Bureau, said he wasn't surprised.

Line-item veto bill to pass soon

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate leaders put partisan wrangling aside for the moment Wednesday and agreed to move swiftly to pass a line-item veto bill.

Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., saying he was satisfied Democrats were trying to make progress on the bill, called off a vote on limiting further debate. That decision came about two hours before the planned vote that Democrats had contended was an attempt to silence their concerns.

The measure would give the president authority to eliminate individual projects from spending bills. Presidents, including President Clinton, have long sought such veto power as a way to slash specific items without having to veto entire appropriations bills.

Senate debate has been marred by a sharp partisan exchanges, with Democrats saying the Republicans were trying to ram the bill through and Republicans accusing Democrats of stalling.

Dole threatened the cloture vote to limit debate after Democrats on Tuesday presented him with a list of 33 amendments they wanted considered. By Wednesday afternoon, that number had been reduced to about a dozen and Dole canceled the vote.

His Democratic counterpart, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, welcomed Dole's decision. Earlier, Daschle had urged that the divisive vote on closing debate be avoided, saying he hoped the Republicans "have learned their lesson that it doesn't work

for them or for us to have floor fights when it comes to the rights of the minority."

Supporters of a line-item veto bill say it would control congressional pork-barrel spending that helps only individual areas or interests. Opponents say it would cede too much power to the president, upsetting the balance of power between the congressional and executive branches of government.

Dole said he thought a final vote on the bill could occur Thursday or Friday, sending it to a House-Senate conference to iron out differences with a measure the House passed Feb. 6 by a vote of 294-134.

The Republican bill on the Senate floor, like the House bill, would require a two-thirds majority in both houses to override a presidential veto of any specific spending project within a bill.

Democrats on Wednesday were offering their own version

stating that a simple majority be sufficient to override a veto. That was included in an earlier, now-defunct, bipartisan version.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., arguing against the two-thirds requirement, said, "It would allow a president to unilaterally eliminate funding for entire programs, and this would give a single individual the power to kill major initiatives" in education, law enforcement and other programs.

Republican opposition helped defeat, 50-48, an amendment by Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., that would have broadened the president's power to eliminate tax breaks that benefit a limited number of taxpayers.

The Republican bill, a compromise package worked out last weekend to reconcile different versions, makes concessions to Democrats by giving the president some authority to veto tax breaks.

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Police raids yield booty of gas, cash and gold

By LAURA KING
Associated Press

TOKYO

Police seized nerve-gas solvent, \$7.9 million in cash and 22 pounds of gold Wednesday at two dozen sites linked to a secretive religious sect that calls itself the Sublime Truth.

Several sect members were arrested in a kidnapping case, but police refused to say whether they were also being questioned in Monday's subway attack. Ten people were killed and nearly 5,000 sickened by the poisonous gas released during rush hour.

The cult-like group Aum Shinri Kyo has denied any role in the attack. There was still no known motive and no claim of responsibility.

In a chilling development, the sect's leader, Shoko Asahara, was reported to have delivered an apocalyptic-sounding message Tuesday to followers in the Russian Far East.

"The time has come at last for you to awake and help me," Asahara said in the message, broadcast Wednesday night by Japan's NHK television. "You must act to ensure you do not have any regrets about death."

The police raids provided frightening evidence of the sect's hold over its followers.

At a cult compound in the

wooded foothills of Mount Fuji, police found about 50 people who were weak and ill, and six were hospitalized. Doctors said they were probably suffering from malnutrition.

Other sect members were bizarrely dressed and appeared disoriented. And a 23-year-old woman sect member was reportedly rescued from a container where she had been confined.

Police said they could not confirm that report, by Kyodo News Service. The nerve gas attack has left Japanese shocked by both the assault on their safe, efficient train system and their orderly way of life.

"While it is hard to build a safe society, it is very easy to destroy it," commented the national newspaper Asahi.

Wednesday was the first normal rush-hour on the subways since the attack, which shut down three busy lines in the heart of Tokyo. Chemical-warfare experts in masks and protective clothing had sprayed the cars and platforms to neutralize the gas.

Throughout the system, signs warned passengers to be vigilant in reporting suspicious persons or unattended parcels. Many passengers appeared jittery at being back on the train, but said they had no other way to get to work.

Newspapers put out special editions Wednesday about the raids, and television showed non-stop live footage of hundreds of police massing outside sect buildings and hauling away dozens of blue drums of chemicals.

Police refused to discuss the seized chemicals, but Kyodo said they included a solvent used to make sarin, the nerve gas used in the subway attack.

The gas, developed by Nazi scientists, caused passengers to retch, faint and have convulsions. Several hundred people remained hospitalized in the wake of the attack, 52 of them in serious or critical condition.

Despite the resolve the raids showed, authorities were clearly treating the sect with considerable caution. Police employed notable restraint, using no weapons to subdue sect followers who resisted.

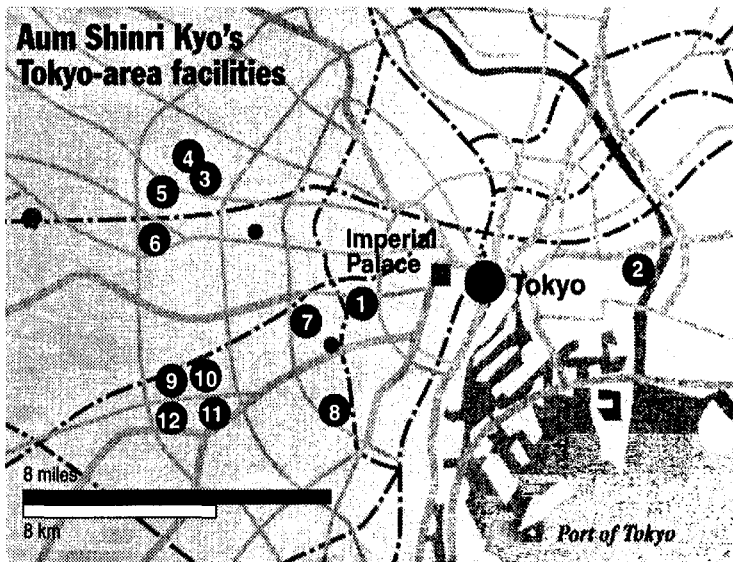
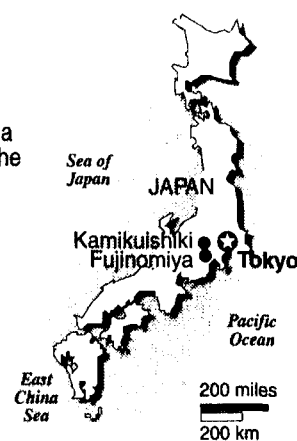
Officials even refused to specifically say the raids were in connection with the subway attack, instead citing their investigation of a public notary's kidnapping unrelated.

But it was widely assumed that the impetus was the subway attack, and police took every precaution against a possible chemical-weapons clash. Officers wore gas masks and protective suits and carried computerized gas sniffers.

Police raid cult sites throughout Japan

Police raided 25 sites of Aum Shinri Kyo, a religious group believed to manufacture the gas that poisoned Tokyo's subways.

- ▶ Eleven sites in Kamikuishiki: communes, warehouses and other facilities.
- ▶ Two locations in Shizuoka prefecture, including the group's headquarters in Fujinomiya.
- ▶ Twelve locations in Tokyo and surrounding towns, including the group's main building.



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| 5 Suginami - Meditation center | 11 Setagaya Wakabayashi branch |
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Chronology of the raid

Tuesday, March 21 All times local
1:30 p.m. Aum Shinri Kyo sect calls a news conference to deny any involvement in the attacks.

Wednesday, March 22
7 a.m. Police raids begin at sect installations nationwide.

11:40 a.m. Investigators reportedly find nerve gas solvent at sect facilities. About 50 sect followers are found disoriented and suffering from malnutrition. Six are hospitalized.

8 p.m. Raids at all locations are finished. Searches of largest facility scheduled to continue Thursday.

Source: National Geographic Atlas

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Cosmonaut comes home after 439 days in space

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press

STAR CITY, Russia
After a record 439 straight days in space, Russia's star cosmonaut came home Wednesday looking remarkably fit, passing out handshakes and slapping high fives.

Valery Polyakov, a 52-year-old physician, returned to Earth with two other cosmonauts and was flown to the cosmonaut training base outside Moscow.

There they were whisked away for a week or two of medical tests and reconditioning — but not before being feted outside with flowers, cheers and the traditional bread and salt by about three dozen well-wishers and doctors.

"He looks wonderful," said Polyakov's tearful wife, Nelli, who had a cold and could only approach her husband wearing a surgical mask. Doctors said the cosmonaut is especially vulnerable to germs after his marathon space flight.

In 14 1/2 months on the Mir space station, Polyakov circled the Earth more than 7,000 times.

He, cosmonaut Yelena Kon-

dakova, and commander Alexander Viktorenko left behind a new three-person crew on the Mir, including U.S. astronaut Norman Thagard. Thagard aims to break the Americans' comparatively modest record of 84 straight days in space.

Kondakova also set a record, for a woman in space: 170 days.

The three cosmonauts touched down just after 7 a.m. Wednesday (11 p.m. EST Tuesday) on the steppes of Kazakhstan in a Soyuz descent module.

"It's Mother Earth," Polyakov said as he was helped out of the capsule, seated in a chair on the snowy steppe and wrapped in a fur coat, according to footage from the NTV network.

The cosmonauts brought back more than 23 pounds of film and data from experiments on the Mir, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. After a brief examination in Arkalyk, a Kazakh town 22 miles from where they landed, the cosmonauts were reported feeling fine.

Polyakov needed no assistance climbing down from the plane near Star City, officials

said. He was quiet but beaming as he arrived outside the clinic.

His stint in space broke the 366-day record set by cosmonauts Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov in December 1988. Polyakov has spent an unsurpassed total of 607 days in

space.

Polyakov spoke with his family once a week by phone from aboard the Mir. He and his wife have a daughter and two grandchildren.

"When I saw Dr. Polyakov, I was amazed at how good he

looks," said Andrei Markian, an immunologist. "This can sometimes be a tense time, but I don't anticipate any problems."

Vladimir Styopin, a family friend in Star City, said Polyakov was probably longing for a good fish dinner.

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British troops withdraw from Northern Ireland

Associated Press

BELFAST
Britain sent 400 soldiers home on Wednesday and raised the level of talks with Northern Ireland's Protestant loyalists by sending a government minister to discuss getting rid of weapons.
In the first significant troop withdrawal since an IRA cease-fire last September, members of the 5th Regiment Royal Artillery returned to their base in northern England.
Last week, British officials said the troops had nothing to do while the cease-fire holds.
Protestant paramilitary groups called their own cease-fire on Oct. 13, six weeks after

the IRA halted its armed campaign to get the British out of Northern Ireland.
The government said the Protestants agreed to "constructive discussion" about weapons, and urged Sinn Fein to do the same. But a loyalist party leader indicated no new assurances were offered.
Michael Ancram, Britain's second-ranking province official, was the first to meet with allies of the armed groups in the current peace process.
Sinn Fein, the party allied with the Irish Republican Army, welcomed the British upgrade, although it has so far been barred from meeting British ministers.

U.S. criticizes Russia's actions

By DONALD ROTHBERG
Associated Press

GENEVA
Secretary of State Warren Christopher criticized Russia's military offensive in Chechnya in unusually strong terms Wednesday, calling it a "foolhardy" action that has jeopardized Moscow's acceptance into international organizations.
"They were on a strong climb upwards in acceptance in various international organizations," Christopher told reporters shortly before meeting with his Russian counterpart. "You can see examples of that slowing down."
Christopher warned that "the involvement of their participation in G-7 will be affected by their conduct." He referred to the economic grouping of the world's seven richest democracies.
But even while declaring that Russia was "paying a very high price internationally," Christopher said it was important to maintain a good working relationship with the former Cold War enemy.
"Some people would say we need to punish Russia when it does something we don't like by, for example, conditioning our assistance," he said, arguing that cutting aid for nuclear weapons destruction and privatizing industry "doesn't make

sense."
"It's important to maintain the relationship, manage the places where we differ," he said.
The leaders of the world's seven largest industrial powers will meet in June in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin will attend. For several years, Russia has pressed for inclusion in the exclusive group.
A senior administration official said after Christopher's remarks that "we're not planning any immediate moves to downgrade Russia at Halifax."
The impact would be more long term, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.
Christopher said he and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev would discuss the agenda for the meeting May 9 in Moscow between President Clinton and Yeltsin. He said the issues would include Russia's role in Europe and its relationship to NATO, as well as the fighting in Bosnia, nuclear arms reductions and how to move ahead with destruction of stocks of chemical and biological weapons.
In addition to Chechnya, relations between Moscow and Washington are strained over Russia's plan to sell nuclear power plants to Iran.
Upon his arrival in Geneva, Kozyrev said it was important

"that nobody makes any artificial linkages or that anyone exercises any political pressure."
Kozyrev seemed to refer to threats in Congress to cut off aid to Russia if it goes ahead with the nuclear deal and doesn't halt its military action in Chechnya.
Asked about Kozyrev's statement, Christopher said, "Of course, whatever a country does has some relevance to U.S. policy. I don't think we ought to permit this important relationship to become hostage to one issue or any one set of facts."
"It's important that we pursue the dialogue that's been created."
He called the current Russian offensive in Chechnya "a serious error on their part. I think it is even quite foolhardy."
He said he would press Kozyrev to move quickly to fulfill Russia's commitment to allow international observers into Chechnya.
Christopher said he would try to persuade Kozyrev it was in Russia's interest not to provide nuclear technology to Iran, which borders Russia.
"I don't come with any clever way out" for the Russians, he said.
On Bosnia, Christopher said it was time to reinvigorate the coalition of Western nations and Russia that has been trying to broker a peace agreement.

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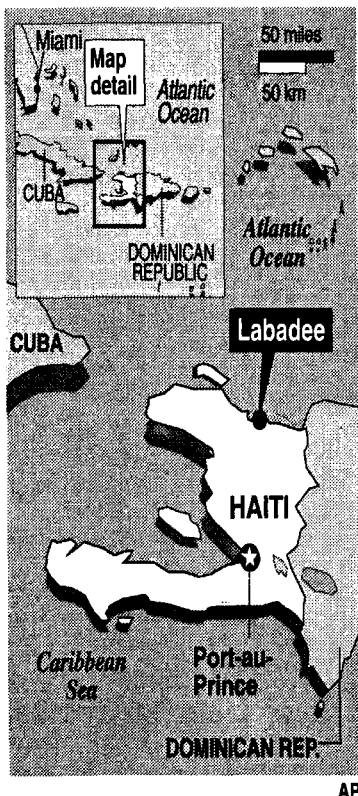
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Haitian officers wounded

By MICHAEL NORTON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE
A lieutenant in Haiti's disbanded army became the latest victim of the Haitian capital's spiraling crime wave Wednesday when gunmen killed him around the corner from U.N. military headquarters.
On Tuesday, two off-duty police officers were wounded in separate shootings.
Crime has been on the rise since a U.S.-led multinational force disarmed and dismantled the Haitian army and police to pave the way for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's return from exile Oct. 15.
An ill-trained, mostly unarmed interim police force of 3,000 officers has stepped in until a new police force can be trained and has been overwhelmed trying to maintain order.
Twenty-five people were killed last week, including 10 suspected thieves who were

beaten to death by irate mobs. In February, an average of five killings occurred each week.
A pair of gunmen shot the former lieutenant twice in the head as he left a cement depot that he owns, then escaped in a waiting car, the official Haitian news agency reported.
The multinational force, based around the corner from the site of the attack, took 25 minutes to arrive on the scene, the private Radio Metropole reported.
On Tuesday, two unarmed and off-duty interim police officers were shot and wounded in separate attacks.
Maj. Max Hilaire, 37, was in serious condition after being shot in the back and abdomen in a Port-au-Prince suburb by two men on motorcycles who demanded his wallet, Radio Signal FM said.
Cpl. Beauville Ocean was shot twice near the downtown police station, a police spokesman said Wednesday.



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Extremists issue more threats of terror, suicide

By DONNA ABU-NASR
Associated Press

GAZA CITY
A Muslim extremist leader threatened Wednesday to carry out more suicide attacks inside Israel, a day after two militants confessed plans to blow up an explosives-laden truck.
Israeli police discovered the truck rigged with more than 200 pounds of explosives late Monday after becoming suspicious of its Gaza Strip license plates.
Two members of the militant Hamas movement told interrogators Tuesday they were planning a suicide attack in Beersheba in southern Israel.
Yasser Arafat was quoted by Israeli radio Wednesday as warning there would be a "revolt of the starved" if restrictions barring Palestinians from their jobs in Israel are not lifted.
Another warning came from Hamas spokesman Emad Falouji, who said more suicide attacks were in the works.
"[Palestinian] prisoners are still in jail, the [Jewish] settlers

are still in Gaza, the Israelis haven't pulled out of the West Bank," Falouji said. "So why should Hamas stop its military activities?"
Palestinian police rounded up 20 Hamas activists Wednesday but officials would not say whether the detentions were linked to the planned attack.
Israel responded to the aborted attack by barring all Gaza vehicles from Israel.
Several dozen angry Gaza farmers hurled tomatoes, cucumbers and other produce Wednesday near the Erez military checkpoint to protest the restrictions, which prevent them from exporting their produce to Israel.
Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday that Israeli settlers are "ideal targets for terror" because they live in settlements that are scattered throughout the West Bank.
Jewish settler leaders on Wednesday called for an insurrection to topple the Rabin government.
"We cannot prevent hermetically any terror act," Rabin responded.

CAMPUS MINISTRY... ...CONSIDERATIONS

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?

Frequently couples come into the Campus Ministry Office hoping for a compatibility test to see if they are truly meant for each other or an article on relationships that they might read or advice on what they should do now that they are interviewing for jobs that might separate them.

They feel that their relationship is special, but they just aren't sure of the next step. Should they look for jobs in the same city or should they test the relationship with some distance? Should they get engaged now or should they work for a year or two first and establish some career goals?

Campus Ministry has offered programs for engaged couples for many years, but a program for the engaged is not appropriate for a couple still exploring their relationship - the decision is not yet made; and the decision might eventually be to not continue the relationship.

There are many issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships:

- how can we determine if we're really ready for marriage?
- should we try to find jobs, or pick graduate schools, that are in the same city?
- how will a long distance relationship affect us?
- how can you express your true feelings without pressuring for commitment?
- how will the demands of career/graduate school affect our relationship?
- how might differences in our families of origin affect our relationship?
- how can we communicate better?

What's the Future of this Relationship? - a program which campus Ministry offers, includes a presentation on the stages of relationships and one on decision-making. There is also a marriage expectations quiz, but no compatibility test! There will be time for responding to questions individually and time for discussing answers with one's partner. A discussion period and a

folder of articles for additional information and reflection are also offered.

If you are in a significant relationship and are asking questions similar to those mentioned above, perhaps you would like to attend this semester's program.

"What's the Future of This Relationship?" will take place on Sunday, April 2, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Although there is no charge for this program, pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be obtained in both Campus Ministry Offices (Library Concourse and Badin Hall). Registration deadline is March 30. If you have any questions, please call Chris Etzel or Sylvia or John Dillon, 631-5242.

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11:45 a.m. Rev. Richard Warner, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Joshua 5:9-12
2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Welfare bill causes battle in House

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Shouting erupted in the House on Wednesday as Democrats bitterly accused majority Republicans of trying to ram through a mean-spirited welfare overhaul bill, in the harshest floor fight yet over the GOP's "Contract With America."

Democrats accused the GOP of being cruel to children and pillaging welfare programs to pay for a tax cut for the privileged. They decried GOP tactics in pushing the far-reaching bill toward enactment. The bill shrinks welfare spending by \$66 billion.

Anti-abortion Republicans and Democrats tried to derail the bill earlier in the day, but lost by a handful of votes, 217-211.

Soon after, tempers boiled over as Republicans grouped together 11 amendments, including one involving abortion, and strictly scaled back the debate.

"Will you get these highly paid members to sit down and shut up? You all sit down and shut up. Sit down and shut up," Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., roared at the presiding officer.

Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., interrupted, asking, "Is petulance

a proper form of behavior for a member of Congress?"

"I will be as petulant as I want to be," Gibbons boomed back, then complained that the legislation is mean to children. Republicans booed.

"Boo if you want to, make asses out of yourselves if you want to. ... Let 'em boo, Mr. Speaker," said Gibbons.

Democrats and some Republicans complained that House leaders had gagged debate on the sweeping bill, by refusing to consider amendments that would have tempered restrictions on aid to poor women and children.

"I am deeply concerned that in the otherwise laudable drive to reduce illegitimacy and dependency, we are poised to enact legislation that is likely to increase the number of abortions performed ... while also making children more impoverished," warned Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ.

The GOP's bill bars states from increasing the cash benefits of women on welfare who have additional children. It also denies cash welfare to unmarried teen-age mothers and their children and rewards states that reduce out-of-wedlock births.

Critics say the formula in the bill to determine whether states have succeeded in reducing unwed births, known as the

"illegitimacy ratio," is actually a bounty on abortions.

Two of the amendments to be considered this week would allow states to provide vouchers for the purchase of diapers and other necessities to women affected by the restrictions on cash aid, a move designed to appease the anti-abortion forces.

But House leaders angered those Republicans when they rejected amendments that would have scrapped the illegitimacy ratio and allowed the parents of teen-age mothers who live at home to receive cash assistance to help with caring for the children.

"I'm embarrassed today to stand here and admit that our party that talks about family values is saying we don't value keeping the family together because in fact there is no incentive ... to stay in the home, stay in your family," said Rep. Jim Bunn of Oregon, another anti-abortion Republican.

Roman Catholic bishops and the National Right to Life Committee also opposed the bill on the grounds that it could lead to an increase in abortion.

The legislation collapses dozens of anti-poverty programs, including school lunches and Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and gives the responsibility for welfare to the states.

Adults would be required to work after two years on welfare and all families would be kicked off the rolls after five.

The bill also repeals the government's guarantee to provide cash benefits, school lunches, and foster care support to any needy child.

It pares spending on food stamps and denies cash and Medicaid to as many as 2.2 million legal immigrants.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said that the GOP is using its welfare reform plan to finance tax cuts for the rich and that it does little to help recipients move into the work force.

"How can people lift themselves up by their bootstraps if the Republicans are busy taking away their boots?" Gephardt said.

Rep. William Clay, D-Mo., derided GOP arguments that the legislation would help the poor escape welfare.

"Hitler had a minister of propaganda that said tell a lie, tell a big lie, tell it often enough and it will become the truth," said Clay. "Yes, they get upset because they're telling the biggest lie in the world that they're going to help poor children, that they're going to help pregnant mothers. ... What's next — castration, sterilization?"

Welfare policy to change

By RAJU CHEBIUM
Associated Press

MIAMI
For seven years, Rosa Dominguez has lived in the United States as a legal resident. She hasn't felt the need to become a citizen — until now.

She's learning English and taking citizenship classes, but not because of some newfound affection for the United States. She's afraid the Republicans on Capitol Hill will take away her welfare benefits.

Ms. Dominguez is one of thousands of green-card holders in Miami and across the nation rushing to apply for citizenship as Congress debates the Republican welfare-reform package.

A provision in the legislation, expected to pass the House this week, would eliminate Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Aid to Families with Dependent Children and food stamps to most legal alien residents.

Ms. Dominguez, a 70-year-old Cuban native, has no family in Miami and lives on the \$458 in Supplementary Security Income and \$17 in food stamps she gets each month.

"If the government cuts the SSI and food stamps, I'll be homeless," Ms. Dominguez said tearfully in Spanish, minutes after a class in preparation for the citizenship test.

An estimated 2.2 million legal alien residents nationwide would be affected by the reforms, according to the Health and Human Services Department. The only green-card holders who would not be affected are those over 75 who have lived in the United States for at least five years, political refugees and U.S. veterans.

Supporters of the measure, such as Rep. E. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., question whether U.S. taxpayers should be supporting immigrants who are not allowed to vote and can't run for most elective offices.

"If you want to come to this country and you want to enjoy all its freedoms, it's not unfair to ask you to become citizens," said Scott Brenner, Shaw's spokesman. "You didn't come to this country to go on welfare."

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, based in Washington, is lobbying hard for the measure.

"Immigrants today are bringing their elderly parents, brothers and sisters, whatever, and are assimilating into welfare," said Dan Stein, the federation's executive director. "The longer they're here, the more likely they are to go on welfare. ... Why should immigration become a free lunch?"

Rosa Rosales, state director for the Texas League of United Latin American Citizens, contends the GOP proposal grew from racism.

"When people talk about immigrants, they synonymously mean Mexicans and other Latinos," Ms. Rosales said. "They don't want us to stay here permanently, but they want to use our cheap labor."

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SOCIETY WHIRL

Could O.J. possibly be any guiltier?

Believe it or not: the events of the last few weeks — I'm sure I don't need to bother you with the details — robbed your favorite columnist of some of his trademark egoism, the swaggering self-regard which makes each of my columns such a popular mixture of pathos and pathology. Still, no need to worry — next week I plan to publish a piece on "The Many Moods of Josh Ozersky," complete with the usual freakish details and baroque expressions. In the meantime, I'm just building myself back up again. Now where's that syringe of testosterone?

In the meantime, I have three more topics I wish to essay. Last week I hit three pop-culture topics; this week, submitted for your approval, are three more.

1. *Could He Be Any Guiltier?* You know who I mean. Ugh, he's so guilty. To listen to his lawyers and their squalid, shameless antics! Could you despise lawyers any more? Dershowitz, with his squeaky voice and smug expression; the pompous, preening Shapiro, with those preposterous eyebrows and orotund speeches; smarmy, vulgar Johnnie Cochrane (who hires a lawyer named Johnnie?); and, worst of all, the boorish, blustering F. Lee Bailey, and his idiotic cross-examination of Mark Fuhrman. In case you haven't been watching, the defense, clutching at straws, is trying to persuade the jury that Mark Fuhrman, the detective who found the infamous "bloody glove," is an evil genius dedicated to framing the Moor of Brentwood. What a joke!

Can the jury actually be so stupid as to let O.J. walk? For me, it wasn't even the mountain of evidence (the 911 tapes, the pictures of the beaten wife, the lack of any other suspect, the blood, etc. etc.) as much as O.J. himself, with his sculpted and impassive face. He just looks so guilty. He looks as guilty as the Menendez brothers, as guilty as Klaus Von Bulow. Guiltier! They ought to just offer him clemency if he completes a secret mission, like the one the Army offered Jim Brown in *The Dirty Dozen*. Maybe they have. Who knows? Boy, is he guilty though.

2. *Just Call Me Dirk Sunbeam.* I know everyone had a fine time during the Spring Break. Observer "Love Goddess" Kim Massman actually went to Graceland, not that that does me any

good. Another friend of mine went to Memphis, and actually gave me a mug. A mug! Of all the things you could bring somebody from Memphis! How about some jerky treats? That's the sort of thing they excel in.

But I'm not jealous. I went back to my ancestral haunts, the sandy beaches of sunny Ventnor, N.J. The negative ions, the crashing waves, the clank of empty beer cans hitting the bulkhead. The dying turtles glinting in the morning sun.

You ought to just call me Dirk Sunbeam. A veritable bronze god. I metamorphose when I return to the beach: my abs begin to ripple, my hair turns short and blonde, I get an urge to throw frisbees at dogs, the whole business. I wear a little speedo tinkle suit; then it's out to the glamorous "Trash Mahal" casino, where I invite retirees for a romantic walk, and then strangle them under the boardwalk for their green stamps. Then back to South Bend again.

3. *Snack Foods of the Future.* I stopped in the Amoco Station the other day, and I realized that it's not for nothing that I came to the Midwest. I saw something so disgusting that it elevated my mood for a week. Jerky chew! Yes, they now have shredded beef jerky in a little can, so that Michiana lows can put something even more vile than "chaw" into their precancerous gums. It got me to thinking. As packaging technology improves, isn't it possible that we will be able to have better snack foods?

Think of a little foil bag which, instead of candies, contains a dozen hot salty tater tots? Or a little candy bar made, not of chocolate, but of crisp rectangular grilled-cheese sandwich sections? Or a boxed Entenmann bacon loaf? The possibilities multiply: Liver Newtons. Pepperoni breakfast cereal. Toothpaste tubes full of warm, soft-scrambled eggs. A genetically engineered man whose fingernail clippings taste like Werther's Originals. A walking sausage. A chicken whose whole body is skin!

Damn it! Where's that testosterone syringe?

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Josh Ozersky



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

University decision right, policy wrong

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about the decision of the administration of the University of Notre Dame to forbid the use of university property for meetings of the Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's group.

While I don't disagree with the university's decision to only allow recognized groups to use the university facilities, I believe that the group should be recognized. The University is short sighted at best and, at worse, instrumental in creating and sustaining an atmosphere of hate and tension between students when they insist on these decisions.

The pressures gay and lesbian college students deal with on a daily basis added to adolescent and academic issues can be overwhelming indeed! One is hard pressed to understand why the university would add to these pressures and tensions with such mean spirited decisions.

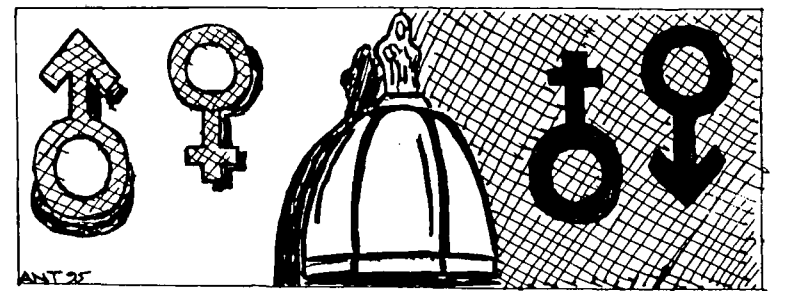
It is time for the university to stand tall, reverse their decision, and recognize the group as a bona fide student group.

As a 1967 graduate of Saint Mary's College, I continue to contribute to my community. I serve on a myriad of boards and am still working in the human services field with children and the elderly. For twenty five years I have been a clinician and an agency administrator. My years at St. Mary's were good ones.

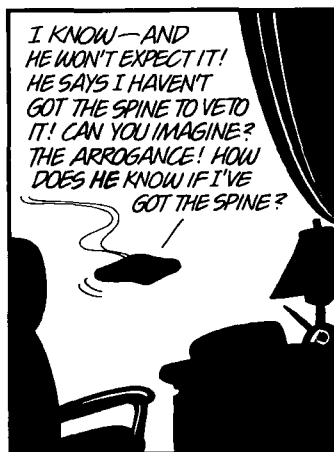
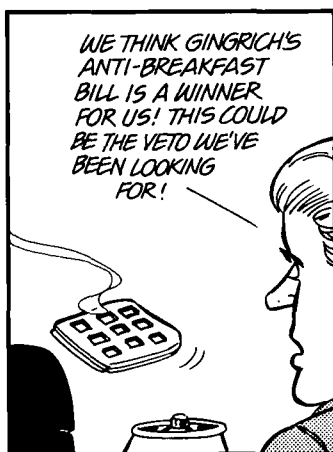
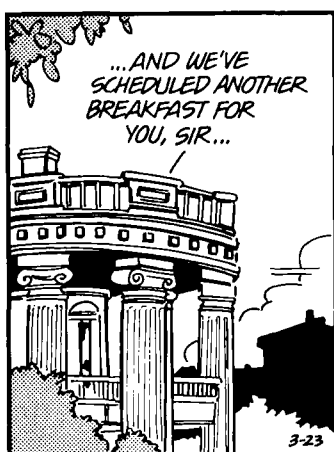
The college community recognized me in 1967 as a leader by electing me as student body president and by naming me as the recipient of the Lumen Christi award.

None of the contributions I made in college or in the years since have been diminished by the fact that I am a lesbian. I am diminished only by the bigotry and hate and prejudice of those who cannot tolerate difference. The University needs to lead by example, not by empty, useless words. They should make a difference and support their students whether they are male or female, students of color, lesbian or gay. . .

SANDRA ALBRIGHT
Saint Mary's Class of '67



DOONESBURY



GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Being No. 1 is the only thing the press writes about. If you're No. 1, you're the greatest in the world. If you're No. 2, you're a bit of a loser."

—Chris Evert

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speaker gives 'deceptive' view of Cuban society

Dear Editor:

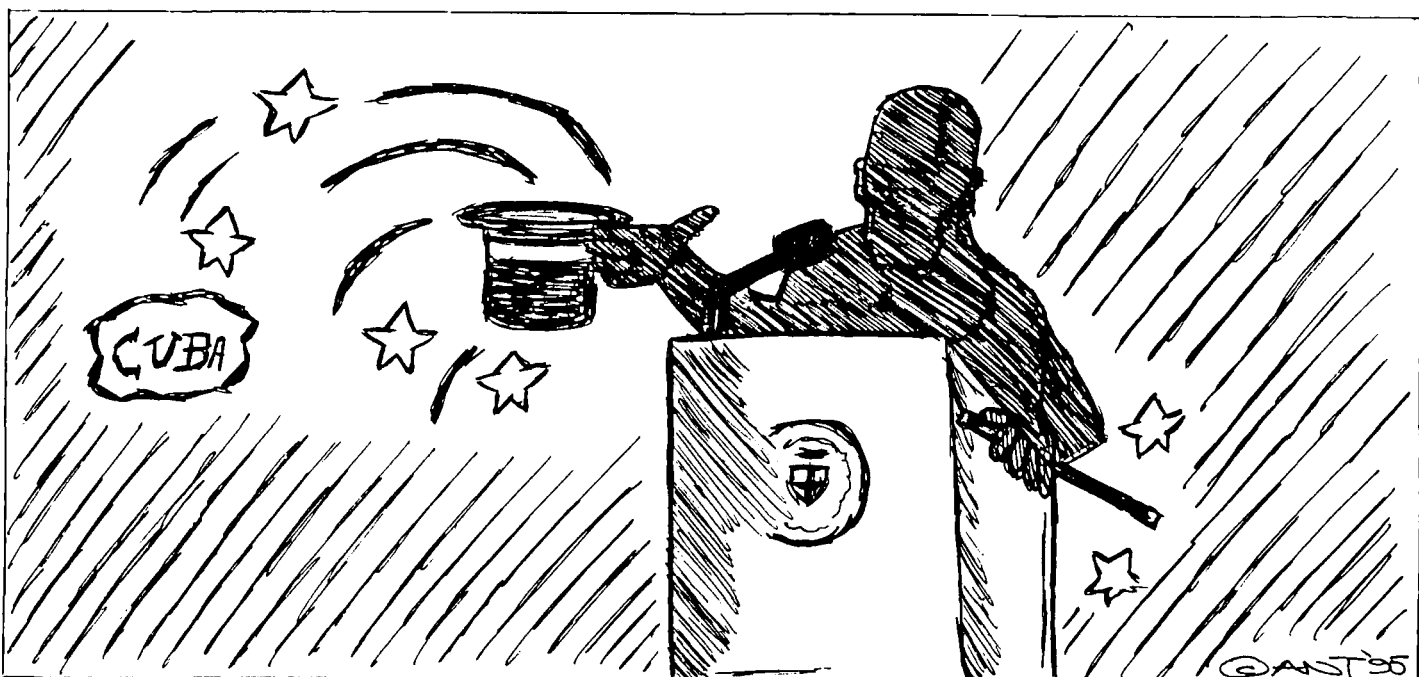
"...I am not a communist! My political ideology is very clear. I, before anything else, am here for the needs of my country."

Fidel Castro

Bohemia April 1959

With the same deceit that Fidel fooled the Cuban Nation and the rest of the world in 1959, Professor Alberto Prieto Rozos, a visiting faculty fellow from the University of Havana, attempted to deceive a roomful of people at the Hesburgh Center on March 9 of this year in his lecture *Transitions in Cuba*.

Fidel back then was hiding behind a shield of lies, and on the day of his lecture, Professor Prieto was shielded by academic decorum (even though he did not follow an academic format in his presentation, speaking only of his perspective of the argument). This letter is simply to provide all of those in attendance with the *truth* or the "other side" of the Cuban situation.



'Economic conditions will continue to deteriorate; hunger and epidemics will ensue in the tropical squalor; and efforts to flee the island will continue as a direct result of the totalitarian repression and systematic violation of basic human rights.'

Being a first generation Cuban-American and feeling a deep sense of patriotism for both this country and the one my parents left behind.

I was repulsed by Professor Prieto's stereotyping of the exiled community's desire to "return (to Cuba) and take

away the homes, property, and statuses" from the Cubans presently enduring Fidel's oppression. Speaking for myself, my family, and my friends, there is nothing that we would like to see more than a peaceful transition to democracy in the island nation as it breaks away from Fidel's shackles.

As for the claim that the Catholic Church is now welcomed in Cuba, this just doesn't correlate with the information I am presently receiving from very reliable sources.

Any believer of religion faces continuous discrimination at school and at work. This person, in fact, becomes a second or third rate citizen. In turn, influential careers will be forbidden or a promotion at work will be denied to the religious individual.

A very recent example of Fidel's acceptance of religion is the violent action taken against helpless women gathered in the churches of Havana to pray for political prisoners. Maybe this

incident slipped Professor Prieto's mind.

Another issue which was deceptively presented was the "achievements" of the revolution, which are nowhere to be seen. The current epidemics, malnutrition, and lack of hygiene in hospitals, streets, and households are evidence that the Cuban revolution, in and of itself, has been incapable of sustaining its "revolutionary achievements."

Lastly, agricultural reform is underway but it is not as far-reaching as Professor Prieto and other Fidel apologists claim.

Peter Young, Director of the UK's Adam Smith Institute, was told in an interview with Finance Minister Jose Rodriguez that "by the end of this year, 80 percent of agricultural land will be under the control of cooperatives."

However, Young clarifies the statement by writing that "those cooperatives do not own the land but are temporary enslaved to work it."

They must first supply their state

quota at below rock-bottom prices — accounting for at least 80 percent of their production — before they can sell excess products in the private markets. Then, any extra money goes not to the individual farmer but back to the cooperative" (WSJ, 3 March 1995: A11).

The future is very clear for the Cuban Nation: economic conditions will continue to deteriorate; hunger and epidemics will ensue in the tropical squalor; and efforts to flee the island will continue as a direct result of the totalitarian repression and systematic violation of basic human rights.

Yet, amidst this chaotic situation, Fidel, who had previously confiscated all foreign investments, now seeks such investors to help him preserve his power, a consideration that is perhaps the uppermost in his outlook.

FRANCISCO JAVIER CANTERO, JR.

Graduate Student

Different lives pleasing God in different ways

Dear Editor:

I was privileged to obtain a copy of Viewpoint dated Feb. 23, 1995. My particular interest has to do with the decision made by the Notre Dame Administration of preventing the Gay and Lesbian student group from meeting in the University Counseling Center.

I am truly amazed that a Catholic institute that was founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ would deny people who have been honest about their humanistic feelings being treated as if they were not the children of God. Has the administration of Notre Dame rejected Our Lord's plea that we should serve one another with the same love he has given us. What you have done is to take on the in judging people for what they stand for or what they represent. And isn't it the same students who present you with their tuition which in most cases is from the hard work of their parents or even the students themselves. If you believe what they do is wrong then how could you in conscience take their money, why not just turn them away. I doubt if you would do that. However the issue is simply that as far as I can read into this travesty of justice is that Notre Dame has committed a grievous offense against honest people who just want to be loved and respected as others are.

Because your gay community at Notre Dame have made themselves known and honest about their lives, I wonder if you would conduct a survey of students at Notre Dame to inquire about their commitment to God inasmuch as keeping the 10 commandments...adultery, fornication, stealing, covet their neighbor, honor their fathers and mothers...and so on. How then would the Administration of Notre Dame handle these people? Perhaps my question would be, "have you denied those who have had sex outside of wedlock permission to use the University Counseling Center?" If you are the Catholic institute founded under the principles of Jesus Christ, then you are obliged to treat those who have broken the 10 commandments as you have the gay and lesbian student groups.

Ask those who were behind this scheme to degrade the gays and lesbians of Notre Dame if they were willing to cast the first stone. I need not tell you where I got that idea! If one is to call themselves a Christian, then they must be Christlike...then ask yourselves...."would Christ deny them the use of the University Counseling Center"...I doubt it very much. I could only ask you all to be like our wonderful Jesus Christ and restore dignity to these students who only want to lead lives that they feel God has given them. No one tells you how to live your life, not even God, because He has given you the great gift of free-will that you do with your life that would please Him. In their hearts these gays lesbians please their God. I know they do!

JOSEPH MONACO

Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Other groups run counter to church

Dear Editor:

It seems that the time has come to purify Notre Dame. Recently, several learned and unlearned people have taken aim at Notre Dame students who are homosexuals because their existence would seem to be contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, America, mom, apple pie, the military-industrial complex, the existence of God and gravity.

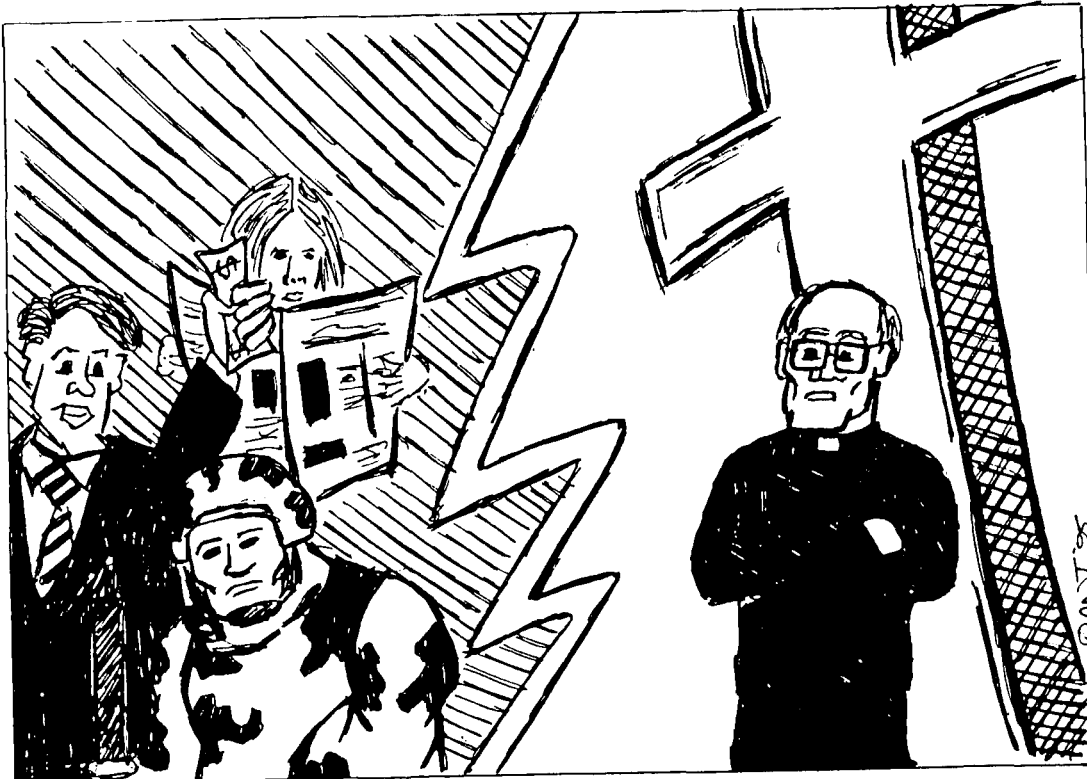
So, what's next on the hit list? Let's examine the list of Notre Dame clubs whose missions could be seen as contrary to the teachings of the Catholic church:

AFROTC
AFROTC Drill Team
Army ROTC
NROTC Color Guard
NROTC Rifle/Pistol Team
NROTC Drill Team
Ranger Challenge Club
Semper Fidelis Society
Society of Military Engineers
Trident Naval Society
Ba'Ha'i
Baptist Student Union
Muslim Student Association
College Democrats
College Republicans
Engineering clubs whose members make war materials
Finance Club
Investment Club

Management Club
Marketing Club
MBA Association
MBA Marketing Association
etc...

Good justification is given for accepting all of these student organizations. Some Catholics would take issue with a lot of these organizations. However, there was a time when some Catholics professed that Galileo was a heretic for suggesting that the earth revolves around the sun.

TOM MATZZIE

Sophomore
Grace Hall

■ SOFT SCALE SODA

Ain't Life Grand?

By ROB ADAMS
Accent Music Critic

"If Widespread Panic isn't 'Notre Dame,' I don't know what band is," said Jim Jadwisiak, an off-campus junior. Although a fitting statement to describe how hot the current grassroots revival currently is here in the midwest, that statement rings truer than it might first appear.

Widespread Panic, the Athens, Georgia band which has played over 200 live shows each year of the band's eight-year career, will be playing Notre Dame tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Stepan Center—by their choice. The band has never played here before and their agent called Notre Dame back in January in the hopes that he could set up a concert.

"Their agent, Brian Hill, called me before the semester began," said Rob Laux, Program Coordinator for Student Activities. "He didn't beat around the bush at all. He told me, 'Widespread Panic will be in your area in the spring and I can set up a date with you on March 23.' Luckily for him, a different concert for about that time had just fallen through so I began negotiations with him."

Brian Hill explained why he was marketing their band to play at Notre Dame. "The focus of this spring tour was on colleges and Widespread is well aware of what's going on. Indiana is a great part of the country for grassroots music so we honed in on Notre Dame."

But the six members of Widespread Panic are not traveling alone. Their fusion of southern boogie and psychedelia will be joined by the sweet acoustic sounds and marvelous vocal harmonies of opening act Jackopierce.

"Jackopierce is really one of these self-promoted success stories," said Chris Hughes, who represents the band at A & M Records in Chicago. "They live to tour and they've built up a really big following in less than a year. Here in Chicago, they went from playing venues of 200 to venues of 2000. Word of mouth, which has spread mainly throughout colleges, has brought them the success they have today."

Widespread Panic released *Ain't Life Grand*, their fourth album, in October of last year. Steadily climbing the Album-Oriented Rock, Modern Rock, and Adult Album Alternative charts is "Can't Get High," the current single off the album. "Can't Get High" also features a video directed by Ken Fox, who has directed videos for Toad the Wet Sprocket, Collective Soul, and Blues Traveler. The song features an ice-cold and tight rhythm section, John Bell's scratchy vocals, and a flowing, meandering bass groove.

The members of Widespread



Photo courtesy of Capricorn Records
Bringing a mixture of southern boogie and psychedelia, Widespread Panic plays at Notre Dame for the first time tonight.

Panic consider *Ain't Life Grand* to be their best album to date. "I think we've really accomplished something with this album," said David Schools. "It's probably going to be hard to top this one."

"Fishwater," a jangling New Orleans stomp of a song in which singer and guitarist Bell sounds like an energized Joe Cocker, fresh after a year of aerobic training, provides another highlight on the album. "Fishwater" was born on the stage," said Bell, "we were playing this jam and I came up with some words."

The members of Widespread

'This is not one of those shows where everyone is going to see the main act and no one has heard of the opening act. I think people who go only for Widespread will come out Jackopierce fans as well.'

Brian Hill

Panic are not the only people who are excited that they are coming to Notre Dame tonight. "They're the next Allman Brothers," said Tom Mattzie, a Grace Hall sophomore. "I hope Notre Dame students realize how lucky they are to have Widespread coming here. It's just great music."

"Widespread Panic delivers one of the best live shows I've ever seen," commented Meggan Awe, Holy Cross Hall junior. "Just when you think they can't take their music any higher, they do. They reach a new peak with each song they play."

Despite the enthusiasm con-

cerning Widespread Panic, Jackopierce is not to be overlooked. "This is not one of those shows where everyone is going to see the main act and no one has heard of the opening act. I think people who go only for Widespread will come out Jackopierce fans as well. The same goes for people who are going in to the concert as Jackopierce fans," said Brian Hill.

Grant Blachy, a Grace Hall junior agreed. "Many people are going to the show for Jackopierce more than Widespread Panic. They're one of the most underrated and up-and-coming bands in today's music world. The music presented by Jack and Cary (the band members) deeply complements their insightful lyrics."

Jack O'Neill and Cary Pierce form the acoustic duo that is Jackopierce. They met about four years ago at SMU in the theater department. The two jammed together in Cary's room one night and were so happy with the results that they decided to try their hand in the music game.

"Cary was always determined," O'Neill recalled. "When we first started playing he said, 'Look, this is what I want to do with my life. Are you in?' And I said 'I guess I am.'" T Bone Burnett, who has also worked with Los Lobos and Counting Crows, produced Jackopierce's major label debut, *Bringing on the Weather*, for A & M Records.

"There was a lot of love in the studio. T Bone's a really good friend, a soulmate. So is his wife Sam Phillips," said Pierce. "When we finally broke up the project we were almost in tears. It felt like a family breaking up."

Featured on the album, along with Jackopierce's signature acoustic guitar melodies, are a vibrant if nonchalant drum section, splashes of organ, and timely taps on the tambourine. O'Neill and Pierce play off each other magically, anticipating each other's moves in a way that cannot be achieved only through practice.

Do not be fooled by the description of their music, however. A Jackopierce concert is always going to be a rocking, fast-paced good time. In O'Neill's words, "People come to our shows, dance, and go nuts. They tell us that they're amazed about how much energy and sounds come out of two guys with two guitars."

"The way we look at it is we're just a couple of guys who write songs. We're not trying to be folk or rock or grunge. We're just playing the songs in the most simple, straightforward way we can. We've got to be on top of the game when it's just the two of us."

Rob Adams' Music Features appear every Thursday.

TOP 20 ALBUMS

1. Collective Soul - Collective Soul
2. Annie Lennox - Medusa
3. Dave Matthews Band - Under the Table and Dreaming
4. 2Pac - Me Against the World
5. Shaw blades - Hallucination
6. Hootie and the Blowfish - Cracked Rear View
7. Bruce Springsteen - Greatest Hits
8. Tom Petty - Wildflowers
9. Eagles - Hell Freezes Over
10. Cranberries - No Need to Argue
11. Matthew Sweet - 100% Fun
12. Eric Clapton - Cream of Clapton
13. Rusted Root - When I Woke
14. Sheryl Crow - Tuesday Night Music Club
15. Oasis - Definitely Maybe
16. Van Halen - Balance
17. Black Crowes - Amorica
18. Nine Inch Nails - The Downward Spiral
19. Pulp Fiction Soundtrack
20. John Lee Hooker - Chill Out

The Top 20 is compiled from Tracks sales records, week ending March 19th.

TOP 20 CUTS

1. Quicksand - "Delusional"
2. PJ Harvey - "Down By The Water"
3. Stone Roses - "Love Spreads"
4. Throwing Muses - "Bright Yellow Gun"
5. Belly - "Now They'll Sleep"
6. Bush - "Everything Zen"
7. Bettie Serveert - "Ray, Ray, Rain"
8. Matthew Sweet - "Sick of Myself"
9. Live - "Lightning Crashes"
10. Wax - "California"
11. Oasis - "Live Forever"
12. Jayhawks - "Blue"
13. Ass Ponys - "Little Bastard"
14. Fossil - "Moon"
15. Simple Minds - "She's a River"
16. Elsatica - "Connection"
17. Dink - "Green Mind"
18. Portishead - "Sour Times"
19. Siouxsie and the Banshees - "O Baby"
20. Rage Against the Machine - "Year of the Boomerang"

Source/ College Music Journal, College Cuts



Photo courtesy of A & M Records
The up and coming Dallas duo Jackopierce opens for Widespread Panic at The Stepan Center.

■ NBA

Rush is on to produce new Jordan jerseys

By SKIP WOLLENBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Sports clothes maker Champion added a third factory shift to make No. 45 jerseys. Nike rushed to have No. 45 hats printed. Sports card marketers scrambled to slip No. 45 into their NBA players series.

The number that has long conjured up visions of pistols, hit-record singles and a potent malt liquor has a new ambassador.

Michael Jordan took 45 for his return to the Chicago Bulls last Sunday. In doing so, the athletic superstar has created another potentially lucrative niche in the multibillion dollar world of sports marketing.

"It gives you a chance to do everything you've done over again," said Brian Murphy, publisher of Sports Marketing Letter.

In ending nearly 1 1/2 years in retirement from the NBA, Jordan left his old No. 23 hanging from the rafters at the Bulls' home arena. That was the number he wore for his first nine years with the Bulls, leading them to three consecutive NBA championships.

Jordan said he left 23 in retirement because it was the last one his father saw him wear. His father was killed in 1993, and Jordan retired from the NBA a few months later.

No. 45 is what Jordan wore in his year-plus stint in baseball's minor leagues, where the number was almost an irrelevant detail.

His return to basketball, which was front-page news around the world, also generated an unexpected boon for companies that make merchandise tied to him.

NBA-licensed goods generated \$2.8 billion in retail sales in the year ended July 31 and the league expects sales to exceed \$3 billion this year.

The Chicago Bulls were the undisputed league leader in merchandise sales during Jordan's heyday, but the fast-rising Charlotte Hornets nosed ahead in the first part of this fiscal year. NBA spokesman Peter Land declined to provide specific sales figures for teams or players, however.

The NBA jersey licensee Champion, based in Winston-Salem, N.C., began making extra Bulls jerseys — without numbers — after rumors surfaced this month that Jordan would return to basketball, marketing executive Matt Merchin said.

Merchin estimated retailers wanted 15,000 to 20,000 dozen new Jordan jerseys and he said a third shift was added Tuesday to meet the demand. The first jerseys bearing Jordan's new number were shipped that day.

"It's a nice, unexpected surge for our business," said Merchin, who declined to disclose precise financial details.

Merchin said Jordan's jersey was the NBA's best-seller before he retired, and he expects Jordan quickly will surpass the player who replaced him in that spot, Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando. They go for \$40 to \$45 in stores.

The Sports Authority, which owns 107 sports apparel and equipment stores nationwide, said demand for new Jordan items is keenest in Chicago.

Opinions differ on the future of No. 23 jerseys. Some sports marketers expect they will gain value as symbols of Jordan's glory days. Others say the new number makes them outdated, especially if Jordan does well.

Jordan regaining form

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

BOSTON

Now, that was more like the Michael Jordan people remember.

His shots were falling, he was in the flow from the start and he had a role in a Chicago Bulls victory for the first time since June 20, 1993, the day they won their third straight NBA title.

As in the old days, it was his team's biggest role.

Jordan missed his first five shots in his return to the NBA on Sunday after a 21-month absence after that championship game. But he sank his first six shots on smooth jumpers Wednesday night and scored 27 points as the Bulls beat Boston 124-107.

Jordan also made all eight of his foul shots and had three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 26 minutes.

At halftime, the Celtics presented a flattering portrait of the Reggie Lewis that their fans would like to remember. His No. 35 was retired during a 26-minute ceremony after two weeks of newspaper reports indicating he used cocaine. But the emphasis Wednesday was on his on-court and off-court accomplishments in six years with the team.

His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, read the capacity crowd

her own poem, which said, "Character is one thing that never dies. Let's not believe these harmful lies." Then the game resumed and the Bulls continued the domination they showed in the first half, which ended with the score 69-54.

And Jordan continued his hot hand. He wasn't spectacular, just steady, as eight of his nine baskets came on jumpers.

He had made 6 of 9 shots in the first half, all long jumpers. Then he sank his first of the second half on his only dunk, giving the Bulls a 73-57 lead in their last regular-season game at Boston Garden, which is to be replaced by the new Fleet Center next season.

For most of the game, the capacity crowd was subdued. But when Jordan touched the ball, flashbulbs would sparkle throughout the ancient arena as the fans finally had an exciting event to savor during a disappointing season in which the Celtics are struggling to make the playoffs.

The Bulls won for the fourth time in five games and the first since Jordan returned to the game he once ruled in Sunday's 103-96 overtime loss at Indiana.

In that game, he missed 21 of his 28 shots. On Wednesday night, he made 9 of 17 and left for good with Chicago leading 115-97 with three minutes left. By then, about one-third of the crowd had left the building.

Scottie Pippen added 18 points and Toni Kukoc 16 for Chicago, which led by at least 10 points throughout the last three quarters.

Boston was led by Sherman Douglas with 23 points, Dominique Wilkins with 20 points and Derek Strong with 16 rebounds.

Jordan scored Chicago's first seven points on a 15-footer from the right, a 3-pointer from the left and a 15-footer from the left wing on his first three shots.

But he also picked up three quick fouls and went to the bench with just 4:38 gone in the game with Chicago ahead 15-14. He hit a 17-footer from the baseline 27 seconds later, then followed with a basket from the top of the key that made the score 49-37 and a 20-footer that made it 53-39 with 4:29 left in the half.

Jordan finally missed 3:07 before intermission when his shot from the right side of the lane bounced off the rim.

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■ NHL

Devils dominate Rangers

Associated Press

Sergei Brylin had a goal and an assist in a three-goal second period as the New Jersey Devils drove Mike Richter from the nets in a 5-2 victory Wednesday night over the New York Rangers.

It marked the first time this season that a goaltender had not finished a game for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

The game also featured another rarity, a power-play goal for the Devils, who had managed only 11 in 28 previous games to rank 24th in the 26-team NHL.

The Devils took control with their second-period burst as Brylin scored the tiebreaker and assisted on another goal by Bill Guerin to help New Jersey take a 4-2 lead.

Tommy Albelin, Neal Broten and John MacLean also scored for the Devils, who are 3-1-1 in their last five games. New Jersey moved into seventh place overall in the Eastern Conference, virtually tying the Rangers. Eight teams from each conference will make the playoffs, which start in little more than a month.

With the victory, the Devils took a 2-1 lead in the season series over the team that beat them in a thrilling seven-game conference final in last year's playoffs. The Rangers were 6-0 against the Devils in the regular season last year.

Brian Leetch and Steve Larmer scored for the Rangers,

who lost their fourth straight.

The Devils took a 1-0 lead at 14:26 of the first when Albelin beat Richter, who was screened, with a 60-footer from the left point with New Jersey on a power play.

Broten scored from in front off MacLean's pass from behind the goal line at 13:29 to give the Devils a 4-1 lead.

Richter was replaced by Glenn Healy after the goal.

New York, on a power play, cut the lead to 4-2 when Larmer tipped a shot from the right point by Sergei Zubov. Zubov returned to the lineup after missing nine games because of wrist surgery.

MacLean restored the Devils' three-goal lead when he scored from in front at 1:11 of the third.

Whalers 4, Flyers 3

Defenseman Adam Burt scored with 2:30 left in the third period and the Hartford Whalers ended the Philadelphia Flyers' eight-game winning

streak with a 4-3 victory Wednesday night.

Philadelphia's Mikael Renberg tied it at 3 with seven minutes remaining. But Burt, assisted by Andrew Cassels and Geoff Sanderson, beat goaltender Ron Hextall with a low shot for the go-ahead goal.

The Flyers had outscored opponents 36-21 during the winning streak, which included five one-goal victories.

Philadelphia took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Rob DiMaio and John LeClair.

Darren Turcotte and Sanderson scored for the Whalers in the second period. Frantisek Kucera scored on a rebound early in the third period, giving the Whalers a 3-2 lead.

Hextall stopped 12 shots in the first period. The Flyers took only three shots in the period, but scored on two of them. DiMaio got his second goal of the season at 12:05 and LeClair extended his consecutive-game point streak to 11 with his 18th goal at 17:11.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech headed to NIT's Final Four

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. Center Travis Jackson hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 1.9 seconds left to lift Virginia Tech to a 64-61 victory over New Mexico State in the NIT quarterfinals Wednesday night.

Virginia Tech (23-10) squandered a 20-point lead in the second half against the Aggies (25-10), who used an aggressive press and driving baskets to get within range in the final six minutes.

Shawn Good had 16 points for the Hokies, Shawn Smith had 15 and Ace Custis had 13 to go with 18 rebounds.

Troy Brewer scored 20 for New Mexico State, which had been averaging 86 points a game. Thomas Wyatt and Rodney Walker each had 13 points.

Virginia Tech, 7-0 in NIT games at home and 14-1 in

Cassell Coliseum this season, now goes to New York for the semifinals against the winner of Thursday night's Washington State-Canisius game.

The Aggies trailed 39-20 at halftime after making just 26 percent of their shots in the first half. That left the Aggies facing their largest halftime deficit this year.

But the Aggies went on a 22-6 run in the middle of the second half, with Johnny Selvie's driving cuttup with 8:40 remaining cutting Virginia Tech's lead to 51-47.

Damon Watlington's free throws and 3-pointer with 3:36 remaining put the Hokies up 61-54. But Tech failed to make another shot until Jackson's bomb at the end.

Brewer's jumper with 13 seconds to play tied the game 61-61.

■ NBA

Drug use still not confirmed

By JON MARCUS
Associated Press

BOSTON

More friends of Reggie Lewis have stepped forward to denounce reports that he did drugs while one unnamed medical source said Lewis regularly used cocaine to improve his game.

A former teammate who now lives in California told The Associated Press that members of the Northeastern University basketball squad used marijuana and cocaine, but Lewis never joined in. The story jibed with comments from other members of the team, who have admitted doing drugs themselves, but not with Lewis.

"The team was an extremely hard-partying team," said Ken Giavara, who played point guard at Northeastern in 1986-87 and now runs a dry cleaning company in San Diego. "I've been in a room with four or five people doing cocaine or four or

five people smoking marijuana and never once did Reggie Lewis take part in any of it."

Giavara said: "The program was completely out of control. We were tested before the NCAA (tournament) and tested positive. Nothing happened. Doctor said, 'Don't worry about it. Just clean it up in time for the tournament.'"

Like at least two other members of the team, he admitted he smoked marijuana and said he tested positive for drugs.

Lewis, who went on to play for the Boston Celtics, collapsed during a playoff game with the Charlotte Hornets on April 29, 1993. He later collapsed and died on July 27, 1993, while shooting baskets with friends at Brandeis University.

The Boston Herald on Wednesday quoted an unnamed medical source as saying Lewis admitted to a doctor that he used cocaine before every home game as a "performance enhancer." The source

said Lewis would not or could not stop, even after he was warned that the continued use of cocaine might kill him.

Jan Volk, Celtics executive vice president and general manager, said the Herald account was "an incredibly bold statement to be made under the cloak of an unnamed source and an obvious violation of medical ethics."

Amid the controversy, Lewis' accomplishments on the basketball court were highlighted Wednesday night at Boston Garden, where his number was retired at halftime of the Celtics game against Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, read her own poem titled "Believe What Your Own Eyes See."

"Though rumors now surround his death, he cared too much for basketball to risk his health. Character is one thing that never dies. Let's not believe these harmful lies," she read.

Only one of his college or pro teammates has said publicly that he witnessed Lewis using drugs. Derrick Lewis, a former Northeastern player and no relation, told The Boston Globe and The Wall Street Journal that he used cocaine with Lewis just days before Lewis collapsed during the Hornets game. Derrick Lewis recanted his story Tuesday night, though the Globe said a taped interview backed up its reporting.

Other friends defended Lewis. "There might have been different players on the squad that indulged in different things, but Reggie wasn't one of them," Wes Fuller, who roomed with Lewis at Northeastern, told The Associated Press. "It just wasn't in his makeup."

Giavara said drug use at Northeastern was so "out of control" that he transferred to the University of Hartford, where he graduated.

Northeastern President John Curry last week ordered an investigation into alleged drug use by members of the university's basketball team.

"As he made clear over the weekend, the university's concern here is very broad and goes beyond a single incident of a single test, and that is, are we and have we in the past done all that we could to maintain the well-being of our student athletes."

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■ MARCH MADNESS

Kentucky looks to avoid upset

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

Arizona State looked the part of outcast Wednesday at the NCAA Southeast Regional.

The players took the court for a brief practice with their jerseys all askew, some turned inside out, others flipped around backwards. Coach Bill Frieder, a notable flake, showed up at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center wearing a sweat suit, loafers — and no socks.

It was a fitting image for a team that has many people asking: "Who's that fourth team in Birmingham?"

"We're probably the craziest team in the country," said star center Mario Bennett.

Craziness aside, the fourth-seeded Sun Devils (24-8) are also the most unknown commodity at the Southeast Regional, an otherwise glamorous pairing that includes the two winningest schools in college basketball history, top-seeded Kentucky and No. 2 seed North Carolina, along with 1984 national champion Georgetown.

Maybe that's why Bennett, asked his thoughts on playing Kentucky Thursday night in the regional semifinal, said matter-of-factly: "It feels good to be alive. That's about it."

But don't get the impression the Sun Devils are just happy to be making their first appearance in the round of 16 since

1975. They are livid over oddsmakers who established Kentucky as a 14-point favorite.

"How big an underdog are we?" asked a skeptical Bennett, the Sun Devils' force in the middle who leads the team in three different categories with 18.2 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.5 blocks a game.

"Those people don't see our practices. They don't see how hard we work. We worked too hard to get this far to get blown out. I'll tell you this much: you won't see a blowout game. It'll be a good game."

But Arizona State — or anyone else, for that matter — faces serious match-up problems against Kentucky, which certainly has the look of a team capable of running the field.

The Wildcats (27-4) haven't lost in more than five weeks, winning 10 straight games by an average margin of 20.7 points. The only team to stay within double figures was defending national champ Arkansas, which built a 19-point lead in the finals of the Southeastern Conference tournament only to fall 95-93 in overtime.

Even Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, after reeling off the virtues of Arizona State ("the quickest team I've seen"), conceded that his squad has all the elements to go all the way.

"I've had so much fun this year," he said. "Our practices are so exciting. When we scrimmage, it's so competitive that time just flies.

"In the past, we had to press to camouflage our man-to-man defense. We had to zone to camouflage our rebounding woes. We no longer have to do that. It's taken a while to reach this point, but we now have size, we have quickness. We haven't had to rely on 3-point shot to win. We had to do that last year."

Of course, the Wildcats still love to shoot from outside the 3-point arc, led by Mr. Outside Tony Delk, who leads the team with 16.3 points a game. Forward Roderick Rhodes (13.0 points) and Walter McCarty (10.4 points, 5.7 rebounds) handle the inside load.

But as good as the starters are, the Kentucky bench may be even better.

Freshman Antoine Walker is a budding star, scoring a career-high 23 points against Arkansas in the conference tournament, while Mark Pope is the team's leading rebounder and Anthony Epps the top playmaker even coming off the bench most of the year.

"To be honest with you right now, if the second unit played against the first unit, the second unit would win," Pitino said. "That's how close the two units are."

That is the crux of Arizona State's problem. The Sun Devils go only two-deep on the bench, while Kentucky has the depth (nine players are averaging at least 12 minutes a game) to play at the frenetic pace Pitino loves.

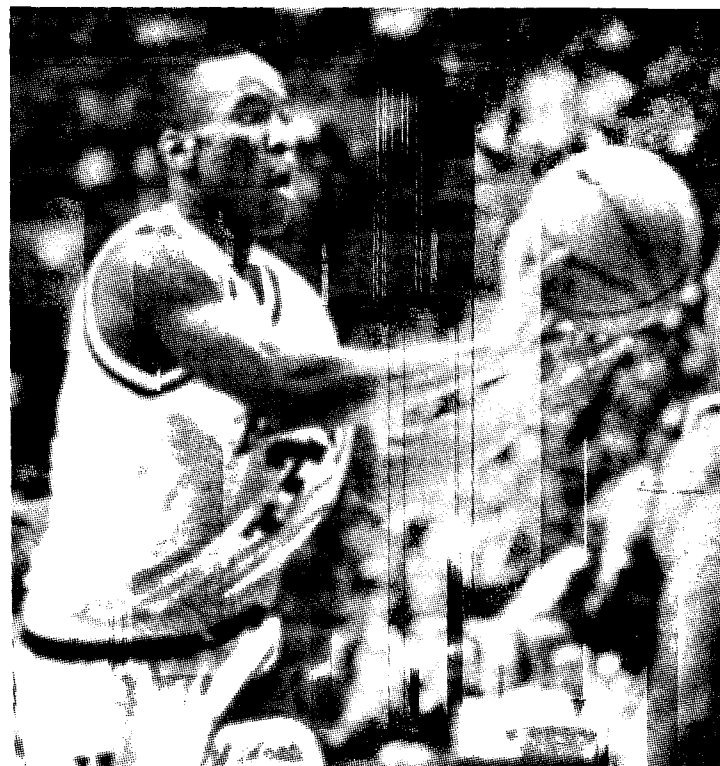


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Anthony Epps and the Kentucky Wildcats will face Arizona State tonight in the NCAA Southeast Regional.

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■ MARCH MADNESS

Pressure on UCLA to keep winning

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. In Mississippi State's second-round victory over Utah, Erick Dampier blocked shots with such force the ball often wound up in the first few rows.

The 6-foot-11 intimidator gets his way by crashing a 255-pound body against smaller, lighter opponents.

Dampier's presence in the middle, along with 3-point shooters T.J. Honore and Marcus Grant, often is enough to put away most teams.

But the Bulldogs won't have an easy time against UCLA in Thursday's first game of the West Regional. The Bruins, top-seeded in the West, re the No. 1 team in the nation with a 15-game winning streak.

UCLA's answer to Dampier is George Zidek, who offers a deft hook shot and 7-feet worth of blocking ability.

"He's probably going to be the best center I've played this

year — so far. He's an extremely physical guy and has a lot of reach," Zidek said Wednesday. "I think I'm pretty physical, too. My hook shot is pretty tough to block."

Zidek prefers matching up against big players over quicker, smaller opponents who can get him in foul trouble more easily.

"We're going to move George around a little bit and see what Dampier does. Is he going to come out and play him? George is good in the short corners, he's good at the top of the key and the foul line," UCLA coach Jim Harrick said. "I think (Dampier) will block some shots and that he'll alter some shots, but I don't know that he'll intimidate us."

Dampier joined some elite company with 21 points, 10 rebounds and a career-high eight blocks against Utah. Only Shaquille O'Neal (11), Shawn Bradley (10) and David Robinson (9) had more blocks

in an NCAA tournament game.

He surprised coach Richard Williams by showing up early for breakfast the day of the Utah game. Dampier has a reputation for being unreliable as far as getting up and getting to places on time.

"Erick sometimes feels more challenged by some teams and some players than others," Williams said. "When he really feels a challenge, he tends to play better. He had great games this year against Georgia, Kentucky and Arkansas."

The fifth-seeded Bulldogs (22-7) never had won a game in the tournament until beating Santa Clara and Utah in the first two rounds. Those victories were even bigger news in Starkville, Miss., than an 83-62 win over defending national champion Arkansas earlier this season.

Mississippi State's enrollment of 13,371 accounts for much of the town's 15,000 residents.

"It's a big deal for our fans and university," Williams said.

"When we came in from Idaho, there were probably 1,000 people at the airport. That might not sound like a lot to some of you, but it overflowed our airport."

Williams took his players home Sunday night rather than arrive two days early in Oakland, saying they weren't accustomed to big-city life.

UCLA also arrived Wednesday, but for different reasons. The players have final exams this week, which required some of them to take tests Monday and Tuesday.

Williams admitted that as much as the Bulldogs want to beat UCLA, they don't have to.

"Our fans will be happy with us if we don't win. They'll be excited about the season we've been able to put together," he said.

"In Westwood, everybody has high expectations of us," Zidek said. "We really need to keep this going and win some more games."

Maryland, UConn to battle in Oakland

By STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

If college teams could stay together, keep their coaches and create their own franchises in the NBA, Connecticut and Maryland might be competing for a league title in a few years.

For the moment, these two teams with NBA-style size, speed and talent are shooting for a spot in the Final Four, and one will knock off the other Thursday in the semifinals of the NCAA West Regionals and go on to a probable matchup against No. 1 UCLA.

Connecticut may have the finest, best-balanced starting five in the country, led by workhorse Donny Marshall at power forward, silky Ray Allen at small forward, savvy Kevin Ollie at point guard, former Israeli national team star Doron Sheffer at shooting guard, and 7-footer Travis Knight at center.

It is a unit that plays with maturity, even if Allen and Sheffer are sophomores and Knight a junior. And coming off the bench are two solid players who could just as well be starting, center Eric Hayward and guard Brian Fair.

Maryland is perhaps slightly less balanced in its starters, but it has the added dimension of the best player on either team — All-America center Joe Smith. No ordinary Joe, the skinny 6-10 Smith scored 31 points, grabbed 21 rebounds and blocked seven shots in Maryland's last victory over Texas and said the numbers didn't surprise him. "Every player has an ego," Smith said Wednesday, "every player has the frame of mind that, 'If I play my game I can't be stopped.'"

Maryland is used to big games by Smith, but it is hardly a one-man team and he plays with uncommon selflessness. "I'm not going to go out at crunch time," he said, "and try to take over the game."

He doesn't have to. Forwards Keith Booth and Exree Hipp are potent rebounders and scorers, and guards Johnny Rhodes and Duane Simpkins know how to get the ball into the big men.

"Joe has gotten the attention," Maryland coach Gary Williams said, "but other guy have stepped up after."

"Connecticut is very quick," Williams said. "Four of their starters can handle the ball and get it up court very fast."

The exception would be Knight, but if he stays out of foul trouble he starts fast breaks with his rebounding, outlet passes and blocked shots.



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■ MARCH MADNESS

Smith, Thompson to meet again in classic championship rematch

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

There are few lists regarding college basketball coaching success without the names Dean Smith and John Thompson.

The two are close friends and presidents of each other's admiration society and ready to go in Thursday night's

Southeast Regional semifinals.

Smith's second-seeded North Carolina Tar Heels (26-5) are finally back in the round of 16 after losing to Boston College in the second round last season to end a 13-year run of getting to at least the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

Thompson's sixth-seeded Georgetown Hoyas (21-9) haven't been this far since 1989, losing in the second

round four of the last five years.

"It's ironic you feel so good being here and so bad when you're not," Thompson said Wednesday.

The coaching matchup makes it even more so. Smith holds the record with 25 tournament appearances, including his current consecutive streak of 21 years. Thompson is making his 18th appearance and his 14-year streak that ended in 1993 is second to Smith's.

"We will be playing against a very dear friend and someone I have a lot of respect for," Thompson said. "When I was the coach at St. Anthony's High School, Dean recruited one of my players, and it was an opportunity for us to talk a little and I found how close our philosophies were and that's how the relationship started."

"We are still very special friends and I have tremendous respect for John as a man and a coach," Smith said. "Still the finest speech I have ever heard was given by John to our Olympic team in 1976 before we played Yugoslavia."



AP Photo
Dean Smith is coaching in his 25th NCAA tournament with North Carolina and is seeking his third national title.

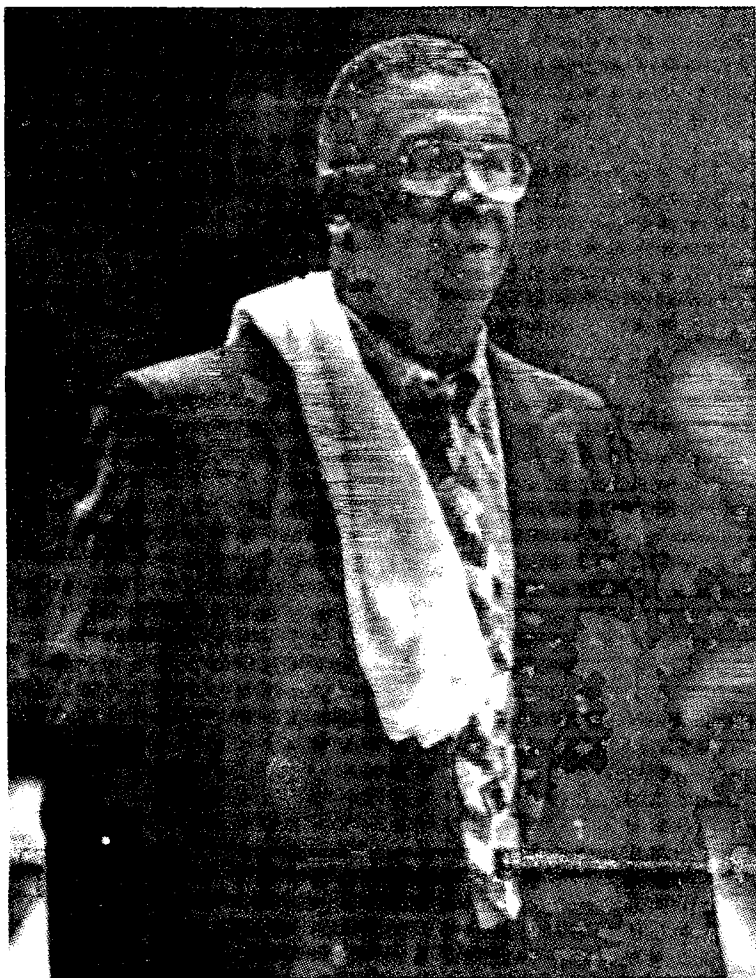


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Coach John Thompson will try to avenge Georgetown's 1982 NCAA Finals loss to North Carolina when the two square off again Thursday.

They have been on opposite benches only three times and the biggest of Smith's two wins was the 1982 NCAA championship game. That was the one where a North Carolina freshman named Michael Jordan hit

a big jumper with 17 seconds to play and the game ended when Georgetown's Fred Brown handed the ball to James Worthy for one of the most famous turnovers in tournament history.

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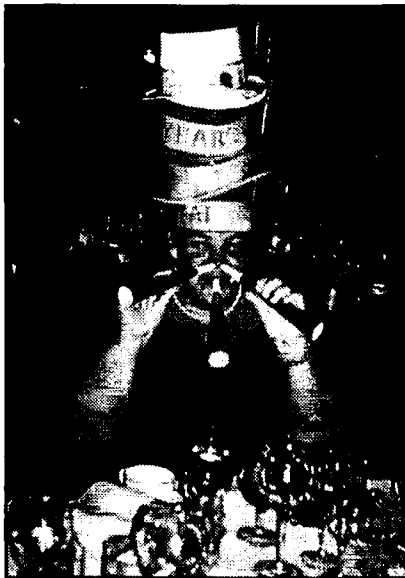
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■ ND SOFTBALL

Irish open home schedule with Ohio State

BY NEIL ZENDER
Sports Writer

So much for the home field advantage. When Notre Dame (12-6) takes on Ohio State this afternoon, it will only be the second time they've played on their own field all season. The first, incidentally, was yesterday's practice. The 3 p.m. matchup will be against a tough Buckeye team. Last year, a young Ohio State club was a

powerful force in the Big Ten. This year, they're a year older, a year wiser, and a year better.

"We have to show up to play ball," Coach Liz Miller said. "Starting the regular season at home, you need to set the tone. We start conference play in just another week."

A good performance against the Buckeyes is essential. They are one of the top dogs in the Big Ten, so a win will do wonders for Notre Dame's regional

ranking.

To win, Notre Dame will need some aggressive hitting. Throughout the season, timid bats have been the Irish's Achilles' heel. In the Honeycutt's Softball Invitational at the University of Hawaii, Notre Dame scored a total of four runs on 12 hits in their three losses. In their four wins, the Irish hammered out 19 runs on 34 hits. Tentative hitting has cost Notre Dame games. But it's not for want of talent. Murderer's Row they aren't, but the Irish batting order is capable of producing runs.

"This is the strongest natural lineup we've ever had in our softball program. They just have to focus," Miller said.

Much of the timid hitting can be attributed to a young lineup that is still adjusting. Look for freshman center fielder Jennifer Giampaolo to pick up as she gains more confidence at the plate, and garners more experience as the season progresses. Sophomore Elizabeth Perkins, who bats third in the line-up, has been streaky.

"They start taking too many pitches and getting set up (by opposing pitchers)," Miller said. "That comes from a lack of experience."

Catcher Sara Hayes has been streaky as well. Potentially the club's best hitter, she's sandwiched several great games around a six game hitless stretch.

Today will be the first time

that Notre Dame has ever played Ohio State on a softball field. Last year would have been the inaugural game, but the contest was rained out.

Ironically, one of the biggest opponents might just be Notre Dame's home field advantage. The Irish's first practice on their own infield was yesterday. The infielders aren't used to the

unique bounces that make a ballpark a ballpark. That will only be compounded by the fact that Notre Dame's last seven games were played on a hard, coarse infield of crushed volcano rock in Hawaii.

But the uncertainty about the field conditions won't hurt Notre Dame's hitting. And that's what needs to erupt.



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The Irish softball team hopes to pound out a lot of hits in their first home game today against Ohio State.

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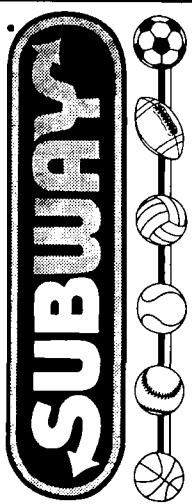
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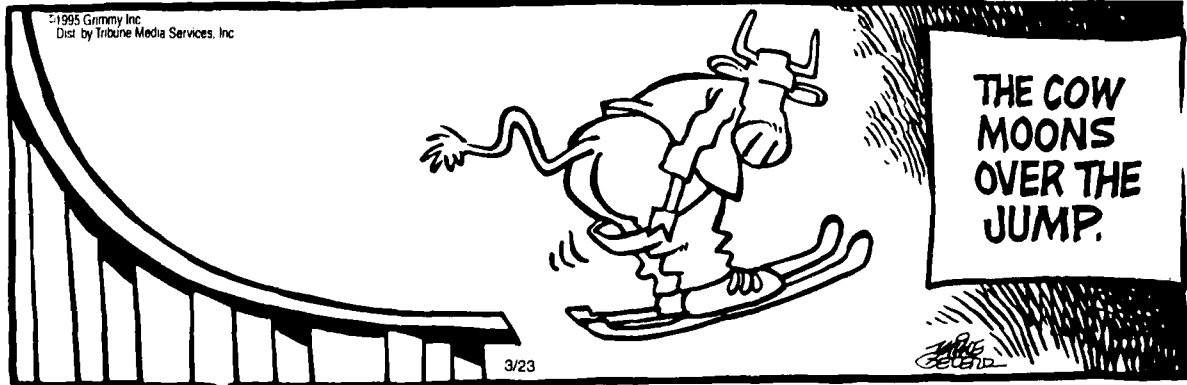
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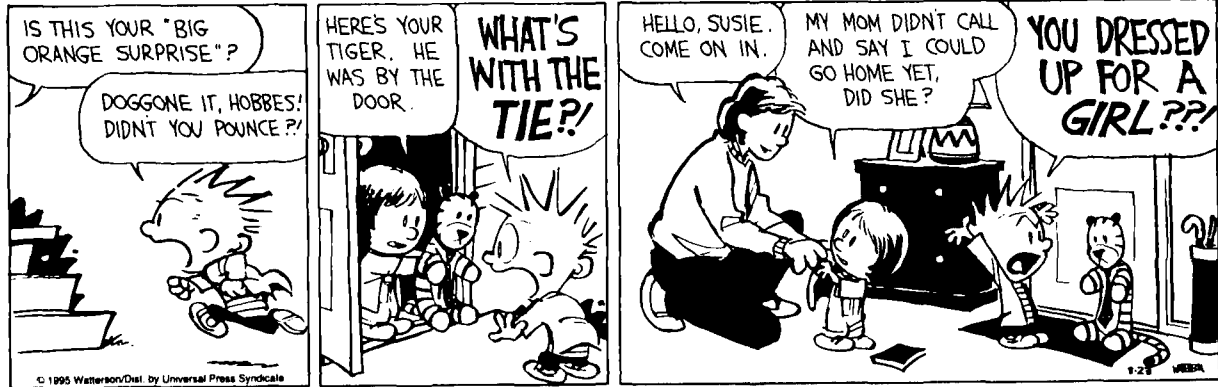
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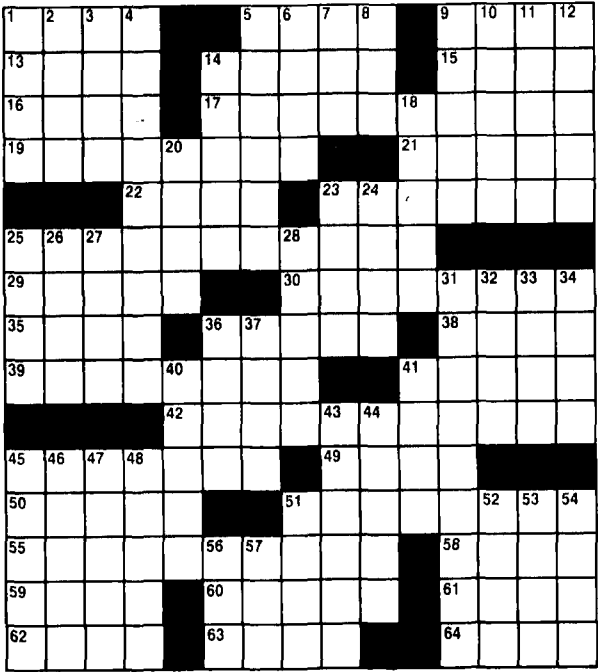


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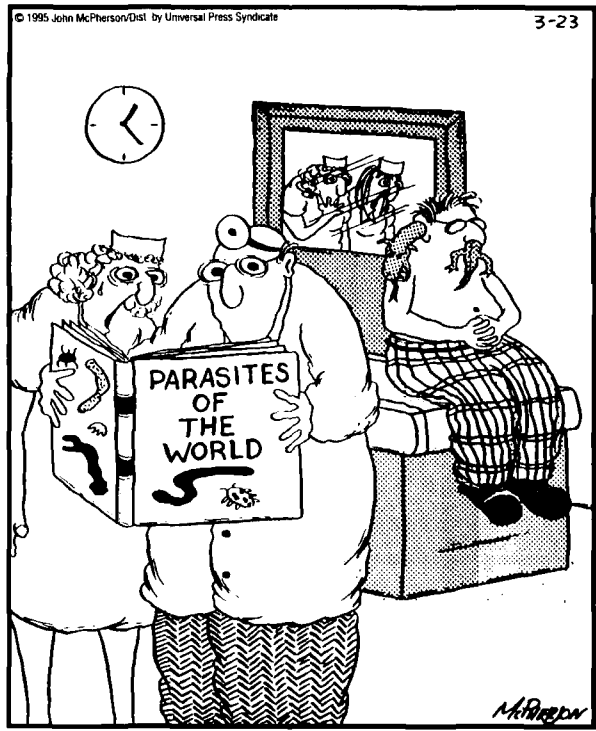
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Oliver Stone's "Heaven and Earth," the first Vietnam war movie from the perspective of the Vietnamese will be showing Friday and Saturday, March 24-25 in the Montgomery Theater. Admission is free.

The Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company proudly presents William Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Saturday and Sunday March 25-26, 1:30pm at Dalloway's Coffee House, SMC. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Le Ly Hayslip Author of "When Heaven and Earth switched places" and "Child of War, Women of Peace," which were the basis for Oliver Stone's movie "Heaven and Earth" will be speaking in 101 Debartolo on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 PM with reception and book signing to follow. Cost is \$1. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the LaFortune Info. desk.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Redemption Shot

After missing a chance to make it to the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame looks to salvage a season with a win at the WNIT

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Assistant Sports Editor

The Women's National Invitation Tournament, the other tournament. It is not the tournament with the most press and it is not a tournament listed among the preseason goals of most teams. Yet the honor is no less than that of the NCAA tournament.

With the plethora of automatic bids for conference champions, the NCAA tournament's 64 slots fill up fast. Thus the selection committee must reject many deserving programs. The WNIT provides recognition for accomplished teams and provides them another chance to shine.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team (19-9) was honored with one of the eight invitations to the WNIT. As the number three seed they will face the number six seed Tigers of Pacific (20-12) today at 3 p.m. in Amarillo, Texas. This will be the first ever meeting between the Irish and

Tigers.

"We would like to end the season on a good note," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw explained. "We were disappointed with the (MCC) tournament. We would like to go into the summer with a good feeling."

If the Irish are going to advance in the tournament the key will be their defense. In the three losses after Christmas break their opponents have scored in the 80's and 90's.

"The defense let us down against Northern Illinois," McGraw commented. "We've had the same problem in the last three losses. We have lacked defensive intensity and our rebounding was down."

For Pacific, defense is the name of the game. Pacific boasts the second best scoring defense and field goal defense in the Big West Conference. While limiting their opponents scoring they boast the 14th best field goal percentage in the nation at 46.9 percent. This efficiency on offense car-



The Observer/Eric Ruethling

Beth Morgan and her 18-point average will help the Irish as they take on the University of the Pacific in the first round of the Women's NIT today.

ries a balanced attack in which no player averages more than 10 points a game. Forward Connie Blaisure leads the team with 9.9 points per game and 4.8 rebounds a game.

"They do not have one great player," McGraw said of the Tigers. "They have very balanced scoring and play great defense. They only allow around 60 to 67 points a

game."

The Irish are the mirror opposite on offense. Three Irish starters, center Katryna Gaither, forward Letitia Bowen and forward Carey Poor, all average over ten points a game and forward Beth Morgan comes off the bench to add another 18 ppg. Gaither leads the Irish with 18.8 ppg and Bowen paces the Irish with 8.5

rebounds per game.

"We will keep Beth coming off the bench, at least for the first game," McGraw explained. "It is a great offensive weapon having someone like her coming off the bench."

Should the Irish defeat the Tigers, they would face the winner of Clemson versus Northwestern State, La on Friday.

■ SAINT MARY'S SWIMMING

Smith earns All-American honors as freshman

By TARA KRULL
Sports Writer

When the rest of the Saint Mary's Swimming and Diving team concluded their season last month at the DePauw University Liberal Arts Championships, freshman Allison Smith knew her season was



Smith

not quite finished. Instead of enjoying the freedom of a "swimming-free lifestyle," Smith returned to the pool to continue training for the NCAA Division III National Championships, held March 9-11 at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. The sole member of the 1994-95 Saint Mary's National Team, Smith is, in fact, the first Saint Mary's swimmer to ever qualify for the NCAA

championships.

According to Belles' coach Greg Janson, Smith made some great waves for herself and the team at the meet.

"Allison swam very well at NCAAAs," Janson said. "She gained some valuable experience for both herself and the team. We all have a better idea now of what to expect for next year."

Smith had two performances in December at the National Catholic Championships and at a dual meet against Albion College that gave her NCAA consideration times in both the 500 and 1650 freestyle. At the meet, Smith swam both the 500 and 1650, as well as the 400 individual medley. Out of a field of approximately 2000 NCAA Division III swimmers nationwide, she placed 33rd in the 500 and 23rd in the 400 IM. The highlight of the meet for Smith and Saint Mary's was her 9th

place finish in the 1650, with a time of 17:40, giving her All-American status for that event. Her 1650 time also made her the fastest freshman in Division III swimming across the country.

"I was really nervous going into my first event at NCAAAs (the 500 free), and things just didn't click," Smith said, "but I came back mentally and got my season best in both the 400 IM and the 1650, which was a great way to end the meet as well as the season for me."

Janson can't complain either. He believes that Smith's background and experience has made an impact on the Belles' program. In her freshman year alone, Smith broke 6 school records in individual events and also holds a relay record with three of her teammates. She also scored more points for the Belles this season than any other swimmer has ever scored in a year.

"Allison is a very competitive individual with an excellent work ethic," Janson said. "Her commitment to the Saint Mary's program and the coaching staff has enabled her to achieve the success she did this year."

As far as next year goes, Smith has already begun her planning. She is looking for further improvements with her events and more NCAA cuts. She will continue to train distance freestyle as well as IM and butterfly.

Janson feels that Smith will only better her performances as she proceeds through her collegiate career as well.

"I think her NCAA experience lit a fire in her," Janson said. "She now knows that she can go faster, which will both motivate and prepare her for next year. She has the ability to compete with the best—she also succeeds among the best."



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ND Women's Basketball
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ND Softball at Ball State
ND Women's Tennis at Tennessee
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Sunday, March 26

ND Fencing: NCAA Championships
at Saint Mary's Angela Center
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ND Men's Tennis vs. Purdue,
3 p.m. at Eck Pavilion
ND Women's Tennis at Kentucky