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History professor to receive 1999 Laetare Medal

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

J. Philip Gleason, professor emeritus of history at Notre Dame, will soon be honored among the likes of President John F. Kennedy, novelist Walker Percy and humanitarian Sister Helen Prejean, when he receives the 1999 Laetare Medal this year at commencement.

The award is the most prestigious honor awarded to American Catholics and is not traditionally given to a Notre Dame faculty member.

"The Laetare Medal has been worn only by men and women whose genius has enabled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity," said 1896 Medal winner General William Starke Rosecrans.

Gleason has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1959.

"[Gleason] set a rigorous standard of faith-inspired scholarship," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "He won the acclaim of historians throughout Europe and the U.S. for his insights into the assimilation of diverse peoples into a truly national community."

"I was quite surprised — flabbergasted really," Gleason said. "I have been a

teacher and a historian at Notre Dame, both of which seem

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GENERAL WILLIAM STARKE ROSECRANS
1896 MEDAL RECIPIENT

Cultural Affairs. Author of highly acclaimed books such

as "Contending With Modernity: Catholic Higher Education in the 20th Century," and "Contemporary Catholicism in the United States," Gleason received the annual faculty award in 1978. Nine years later, he and his wife Maureen were given a joint presidential citation for their long years of service. Gleason has received these awards from Notre Dame due to his "tenacious fidelity to the Church and to the Catholic intellectual life," according to Father Malloy.

"I take it as a recognition of my role in the Notre Dame faculty. I am proud of it," he said, adding that he also feels his greatest legacy while here at Notre Dame is his children. "All four of my children — two boys and two girls —

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Embracing death can endanger individuality

By ERIN PIROUTEK
News Writer

It is important to acknowledge but not embrace death, said Gilbert Meilaender, chair of the Board of Christian Ethics at Valparaiso University.

In his Friday lecture, "Death and Dignity," Meilaender used specific examples from hospice physician Ira Byock's book "Dying Well" to illustrate differing approaches to immanent death.

First, he described Terry, a young mother of three who is stricken with cancer. Despite the intense pain, she chose every life-prolonging option. He then described Maureen, a retiree with many children and grandchildren, who faced death with curiosity, anticipation and even pleasure.

Meilaender spoke with admiration of the young mother for her reluctance to leave, but felt there is a point where one should cease opposition to death.

He felt that Maureen's approach, however, was more dangerous.

"Our present temptation is to welcome and embrace death and view it as a good which should be sought," Meilaender said.

Meilaender also noted that human beings are not simply a part of nature, but rather set apart.

"Death blots out an utterly unique individual," stated Meilaender. "We will treat our own death and the deaths of others best if we acknowledge that death is an enemy that must be resisted"

Meilaender's lecture was the 11th in an annual series of J. Philip Clarke Family Lectures in Medical Ethics, sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association Alumni Continuing Education.

It was also produced in conjunction with the 14th annual Notre Dame Alumni Association sponsored medical ethics conference, attended by prominent physicians from around the world.

Eight Notre Dame undergraduates, selected through an application process, had the opportunity to attend the three-day conference.

Topics addressed included "Health Care Reform and the Poor," "The Stem Cell Controversy," "Cybermedicine" and "Dilemmas at the End of Life."

Meilaender's public lecture provided the oppor-

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Court will help defend human rights

By SHANNON GRADY
News Writer

The Notre Dame Law School hosted a conference this weekend regarding what impact the fledgling International Criminal Court (ICC) will have on peace and human rights.

Established on July 17, 1998, the ICC marked a turning-point in the crusade for human rights and a giant step forward in the enforcement of international law. Three years of discussion and a final grueling five-week negotiating session culminated in this agreement among the nations of the world.

The purpose of the ICC is to provide justice for victims of crimes against humanity such as genocide and serious war crimes. Other central goals are to punish the instigators and implementers of such crimes, and through punishments, to deter others from committing such atrocities.

There was a general consensus among the scholars attending the conference that the ICC will be a valuable asset in the fight for human rights in the 21st century. However, there are controversies surrounding the ICC's statutes, and that is what scholars from all over the world gathered at Notre Dame to discuss.

One such question concerning crime and punishment was raised by Bill Schabas, a professor at the Université Du Quebec and visiting fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

"One would think that punishment is most important in these situations, but in reality, the decision is," Schabas said.

The ICC has excluded the death penalty from its possible penalties since its inception. There is no minimum punishment and cases of life imprisonment are reviewed after 25 years and the violators may be set free. Those convicted of lighter sen-



Bill Schabas, a visiting professor from Quebec, discusses crime and punishment in relation to the ICC. "One would think that punishment is most important," he said, "but in reality, the decision is."

tences have their cases reviewed after half of their sentence and may be released as well.

To many, these punishments seem slight compared to the immense and irrevocable dam-

age caused by the criminals. However, according to Schabas, the justice rendered by a decision is vindication for the victims, and punishment is secondary.

INSIDE COLUMN

Snowboard Experience

Here's a little poem about my last year's summer vacation. Enjoy!

On the road, to the Mountain just wondering, what will happen?
 Friend to join her on asked
 Driving the car, to our little weekend vacation
 Getting ready to go, and got myself a board
 Staying for just two days, 'cuz that's all I can afford
 It was my first time, ah yes, a virgin of the slopes
 Feeling apprehensive, with my friend showing me the ropes
 Life is short, I thought, I should see all the sights
 Then came the lift, and I remembered my fear of heights
 Now on the top, I take set to slide
 Down's the only way to go, and there's no place to hide
 I set off, and lo and behold, I am flying!
 Of course that was for two seconds: Ow ... I am lying
 I try again, and again, and again, and again
 Again I try, and again I fall
 Numb with ice, I feel nothing at all
 Just lying in the snow, bruised, hurt, and defeated
 This is so difficult, I had thought
 But little did I know she put me on intermediate and advanced slopes
 Against which I had so desperately fought
 But then after forty falls, and the taste of snow in my mouth
 I can snowboard! Standing to the east and west, north and south
 I was stylin', I was glidin'
 I was slidin', I was ridin'
 Then came one run, a run that even haunts me today
 I was coming down as my friend got in my way!
 Yes, she cut me off, and I had to stop immediately
 But my stopping technique involved falling excessively
 Down I go, the board hits my head
 I twist my knee; I now want to lie in bed
 So there I rest in the snow, much longer than before
 My friend was watching, hoping I would get up for one more
 But down I stay, and there I lay
 Cold and hurt, and not wanting to stand
 My worried friend has come to lend me a hand
 After some help, and some time to cope
 I finally get up and make my way down the slope
 For the rest of the day, my knee was still hurting
 For I know what damage was done, so I was cursing
 But this memory is soon coming to an end
 For now I recall the next day on our vacation weekend
 At least five hours straight, and five hours long
 My friend goes boarding as though nothing went wrong
 I guess this is cool, and she should have her fun
 Hitting the slopes, facing them one-on-one
 But there's only one thing as she was going on her run
 For the same five hours, I was stuck in the lodge just waiting for her to get done!

C.R. "Teo" Teodoro
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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Sweatshop protest in President's office continues

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Discussions continued Thursday between University administrators and student activists who have occupied President Lee Bollinger's office in the Fleming Administration Building since Wednesday morning.

Members of the Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality said they will not vacate the office until administrators meet their demands for a strong set of labor standards for the collegiate apparel industry.

The students, encamped on the second floor, spent much of yesterday blocking doorways, keeping University administrators and other workers out of Bollinger's office.

SOLE's bargaining team met with Bollinger, University General Counsel Marvin Krislov and Provost Nancy Cantor yesterday but did not come to an agreement, LSA senior Trevor Gardner said.



SOLE members said they are upset with parts of the University code of conduct for licensed manufacturers that Bollinger presented at Thursday's University Board of Regents meeting.

"The policy statement the University released at the regents' meeting does not represent an agreement between the students and President Bollinger," said SOLE member Peter Romer-Friedman, an LSA sophomore.

"We're upset, however, we know that this code is the strongest in the

nation and its existence is due solely to the efforts of U of M students," Gardner said.

Members participating in the sit-in said they will remain in the president's office overnight.

SOLE has called on the University for full public disclosure of factory locations and ownership and the living wage — a salary factoring in local living conditions.

The University agreed to full public disclosure in discussions with SOLE last week. The living wage remains the major point of contention in the University's discussions with SOLE.

"I have already said I will not agree to a timetable or an abstract living wage," Bollinger said, adding that the administration will not take further action on the issue for the time being.

Bollinger said it is not wise for the University to sign on to the living wage when the concept hasn't been tested.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Regents adopt new admissions plan

SAN FRANCISCO

In the first tweak of the admissions process since banning affirmative action, UC regents voted yesterday to guarantee a UC spot to high school students who graduate in the top four percent of their class. With Governor Gray Davis in attendance, regents approved a plan designed to draw more students from diverse socioeconomic classes and broader geographic distribution to the UC system. By admitting students based on their merit, regardless of what resources their high schools offer, the four-percent plan "levels the playing field" for high school students, supporters said. "It rewards excellence. It says we understand that some schools are better than others, but that it's not the students' fault," Davis said. "It doesn't matter what school you attend, it matters how you do." The four-percent plan also allows UC to fulfill the state's Master Plan.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Senate investigates partner benefits

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

The Wake Forest University Senate recently passed an unopposed recommendation for the university to investigate offering domestic partner benefits. Carole Browne, a professor of biology and the chairwoman of the Fringe Benefits Committee, said the Senate supports the idea of domestic partner benefits but understands that the University must study the pros and cons of the situation. Perry Patterson, a professor of economics and the faculty sponsor for the Gay Straight Student Alliance, originally brought the proposal to the Fringe Benefits Committee last November. "I think it is very important because there are members of the campus community whose partners do not have health insurance," Patterson said. Patterson said he also thinks offering domestic partner benefits is important because "universities we look up to" increasingly are offering them.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (OHIO)

Professor defends right to wear thong

OXFORD, Ohio

Associate professor of music G. Roger Davis wears a black beret and a leather jacket. He likes loud ties. And he likes to wear a thong at the recreational sports center. But Davis is suing Miami University with the contention that the rec's aquatic dress code policy, which now prohibits thong swimsuits, violates the Constitution and the laws of the United States. No trial date has been set, and Davis is suing for unspecified damages. Davis, who is a naturalist, or 'nudist,' said wearing a thong reflects the naturalist concept that the human body is not 'intrinsically lewd.' Therefore, he said he feels the University is infringing upon his rights, based on the first amendment and freedom of expression. He said he thinks his case is similar to cases in the '60s and '70s when men went to court to defend their right to have long hair. "People have a right to decide how they look," Davis said.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Police arrest employee for sex offense

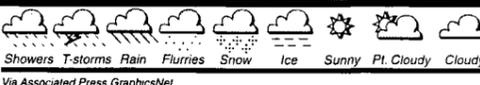
GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Police on Thursday arrested a University of Florida employee on charges of failing to disclose his HIV status to a sex partner, something he may have done in as many as 13 consensual sexual encounters. Dwayne William Cole, 26, tested HIV positive in August, 1996, but continued to have sexual encounters, many of which were unprotected, a police investigation found. His victim, an adult man, discovered Cole's HIV status after he had both anal and oral sex with Cole, reports show. That is when the victim called police. According to UF's telephone directory, Cole works in the College of Health Professions; but on a police report and in criminal records, he is listed as a student. Florida law states it is illegal for HIV-positive people to not inform sexual partners of their condition. Multiple violations of the law amount to a first-degree felony.

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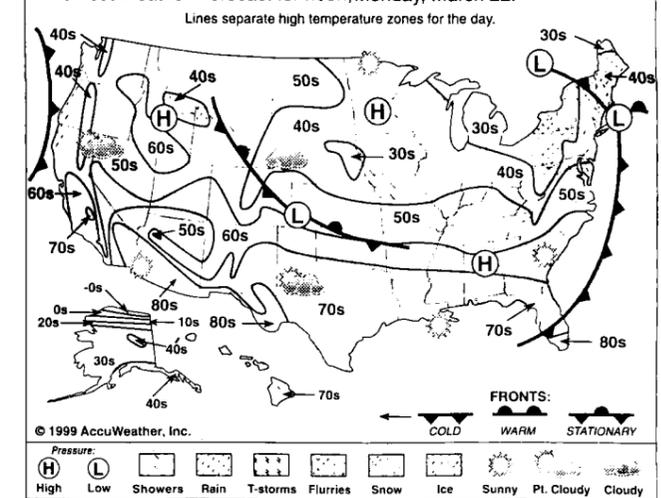
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Economy upsets political balance

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
News Writer

An economic crisis in Venezuela beginning in the early 1980s caused by the lack of resources in the country in turn caused a political crisis in the central government, according to Maria Pilar Garcia Guadilla from Simón Bolívar University in Venezuela, who gave a lecture Wednesday.

An increased call for the decentralization of governments, to reduce the amount of control held by one party and the increased involvement of the people in their government emerged from the political crisis, she said. The upper and middle classes, which had pushed for this shift, are now the least involved in the gov-

ernment.

"Our main concern is the success of democracy," said Guadilla. "We are trying to understand why they [Venezuelan citizens] would want to change from a centralized government to a decentralized government. We also want to know why, after they received the change they asked for, they aren't participating."

Guadilla has been studying the involvement of the citizens in the local governments for three years. She has spent time interviewing citizens from a mixed group of classes in Caracas, the capital, to understand why more people do not participate in the government and to analyze whether the decentralized government is better for the country.

She said her research seeks to find ways to involve more people in the local government, to promote democracy and to decide if the current problems of Venezuela are due to the shift from a centralized to a decentralized government.

Guadilla believes there is a risk in allowing local governments to gain power. However, because of the "acute political crisis" and the privatizing of the economy, a decentralized government may be the best answer for the country, if more citizens become involved.

Although there have been attempts in Venezuela to create dynasties of local government positions, Guadilla feels that this problem may be solved if more people are involved in the democratic process.

Circle K recognized for service projects

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame chapter of the Circle K was awarded fourteen out of a possible twenty awards at the recent Indiana District convention.

Among the awards was the Circle K Single Service Project Award, which recognized Notre Dame's La Casa de Amistad project. Having opened only a year ago, this newly introduced service project has served as a great success and example for our other projects.

"La Casa de Amistad" means "the house of friendship" and is dedicated to serving the impoverished Hispanic community in South Bend.

While Hispanics constitute only 15 percent of the population of South Bend, around 40

percent are unemployed and still struggling to learn English and find jobs. The Notre Dame Circle K is trying to give the center's 40 to 50 children a better opportunity to learn and excel, so that they will be successful in the future. Some of the volunteers also help the older visitors fill out work applications and work on learning English, as well as work at the food center distributing food to needy families.

La Casa de Amistad has also undergone renovations, enabling it to offer computer job training programs, AA meetings, legal help, ESL classes, and legal assistance. Along with painting and cleaning supplies, Notre Dame Circle K donated around 150 hours during the renovation.

An afternoon at the Grotto



The Observer / Duffy Arnault

Students and visitors alike enjoy a sunny afternoon at the Grotto. Many visitors were on campus over the weekend in conjunction with the Sophomore Sibs events.

■ SECURITY BEAT

MON., MARCH 15

- 2:33 p.m. An O'Neill Hall resident reported the theft of his unlocked bike from the South Dining Hall.
- 3 p.m. Security apprehended a suspicious person inside Sorin Hall. The man was identified, issued a no trespass warning letter, and escorted off campus.
- 5:15 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of clothing from his vehicle while parked in the C1 parking lot.
- 6:45 p.m. A Walsh Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

TUES., MARCH 16

- 11:50 a.m. Security responded to a two car accident on Douglas Rd. There were no injuries reported.
- 4:37 p.m. A Keough Hall resident reported the theft of his jacket from an unlocked locker in the Rockne Memorial.
- 5:55 p.m. Security transported a University employee to the University Health Center for treatment of a burn.

WED., MARCH 17

- 1:10 a.m. Security cited an off-campus student for exceeding the posted speed limit on Notre Dame Ave.
- 1:46 p.m. A Stanford Hall resident reported the theft of his bike from Stanford Hall.
- 4:00 p.m. A St. Edwards Hall resident reported the theft of his locked bike from a bike rack at St. Edwards Hall.
- 11:05 p.m. Security cited an off-campus student for disregarding an automatic signal on Juniper Rd.

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Medal

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graduated from this school."

The Laetare Medal has been presented annually at commencement since 1883. Conceived by professor James Edwards as an American counterpart of the papal honor, the Golden Rose, the award met with immediate approval by

Father Edward Sorin, University president at the time, who recognized the need for such an award.

Since that time, the recipient of the Laetare Medal has been chosen by a committee headed by the University's president.

Thus far, 92 men and 29 women have been recipients of the Medal, which is inscribed with "Magna est veritas et brevalebit" — "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

Kevorkian faces murder charges

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. "You killed him," Mike Wallace said to Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

"I did, but it's gonna be manslaughter, not murder," Kevorkian replied. "It's not necessarily murder. But it doesn't bother me what you call it. I know what it is."

Now jurors will be asked to decide what it was. In a trial scheduled to start Monday, an Oakland County jury will debate whether the events on the videotape that Kevorkian made and gave to CBS' "60 Minutes" equal a murder.

It will be the first murder trial for the 70-year-old retired pathologist and assisted suicide advocate, who says he has been part of more than 130 deaths since 1990. He has been tried on assisted suicide charges four times and escaped conviction each time, with three acquittals and one mistrial.

But this time, the video and Kevorkian's interview with "60 Minutes," along with several other twists, present new challenges and perhaps Kevorkian's most demanding trial so far.

All the previous felony trials were on assisted suicide charges, and Kevorkian's defense relied on evidence of pain and suffering by people who died with his help. This time, the judge ruled such testimony was not relevant to a murder charge and could be presented only to defend against an assisted suicide charge.

Prosecutors, who had initially charged Kevorkian with both assisted suicide and murder, then dropped the assisted suicide charge to keep out evidence that they said could "distract" jurors.

Kevorkian is also charged with illegally delivering a controlled substance — the first time that charge has gone to trial.

And for the first time, he faces a jury without lawyer Geoffrey Fieger, who made his name in his boisterous but successful defense of the suicide advocate. This time, Fieger called the case part of Kevorkian's "self-destructive streak" and refused to get involved.

That leaves Kevorkian's defense to David Gorosh, a 30-year-old former public defender and one-time Fieger employee, and perhaps to Kevorkian himself.

To some legal experts, it all adds up to the most challenging trial that Kevorkian has faced.

"I think his days as a free man are numbered," said Elizabeth Price Foley, a professor at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State

University. "If the jurors don't want to go so far as to say he's a murderer, there's a strong possibility they're going to find him guilty of the (controlled substance) delivery charge."

First-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison, while the drug charge is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Kevorkian is charged in the death of 52-year-old Thomas Youk, who was diagnosed two years ago with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease — a progressively fatal illness that eventually leaves victims unable to speak, swallow or move.

By last year, family members said, Youk was having trouble breathing and was afraid of choking on his own saliva. In September, Kevorkian went to Youk's home and videotaped a meeting. The grainy video shows Youk sitting in his wheelchair, mumbling responses to Kevorkian's questions.

Kevorkian came back the next evening. The videotape shows a man with a needle searching for a vein on Youk's hand, then injecting him three times. Youk's head lolls back.

Death

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tunity for all interested undergraduates to participate in the conference.

"The lecture was for the benefit of not only the physicians

and academics in attendance, but especially for the Notre Dame undergraduates," said philosophy professor W. David Solomon, who teaches medical ethics at Notre Dame.

Meilaender has written several books, most recently "Body, Soul and Bioethics" and "Bioethics: A Primer for Christians."

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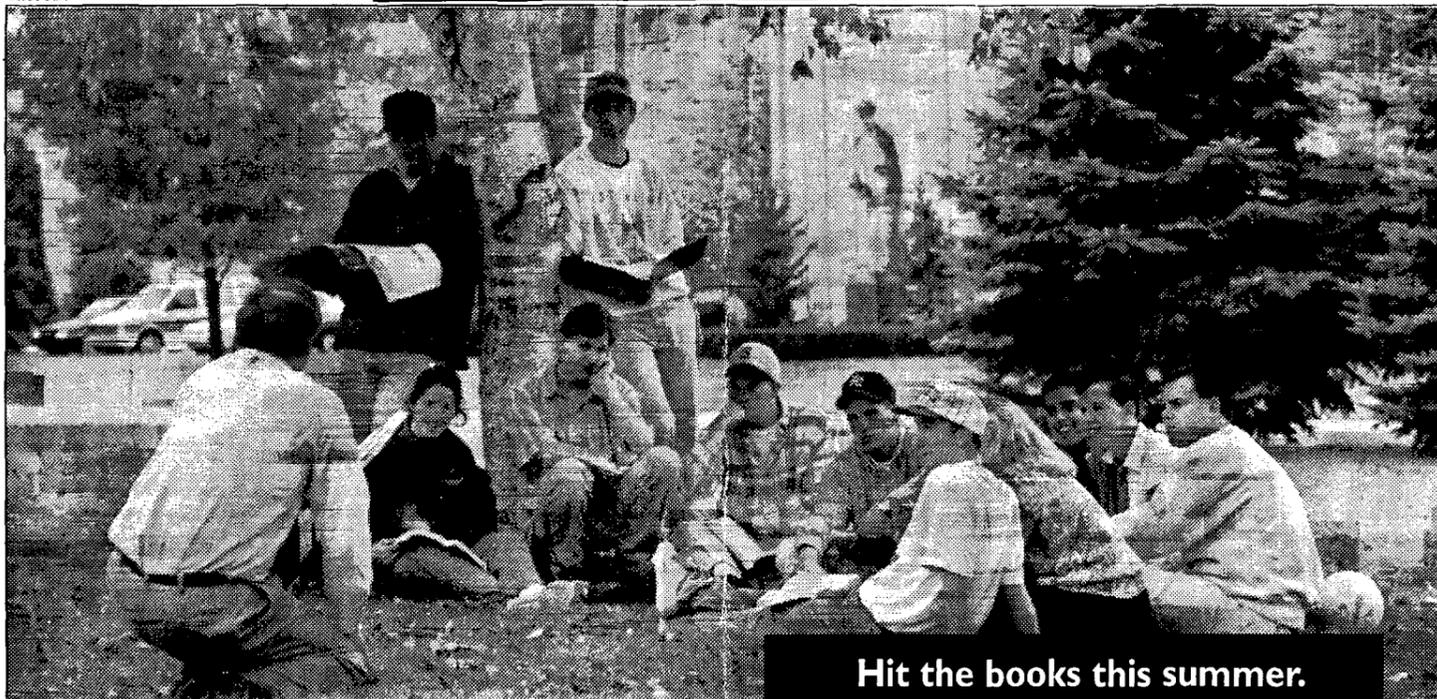
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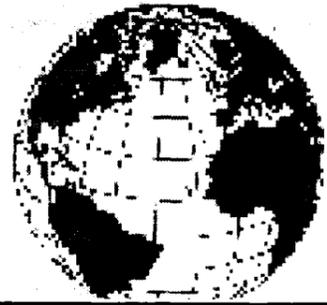
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Woman fatally stabs boyfriend over steak

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

A woman fatally stabbed her boyfriend after he tried to strangle her because her children ate his steak, police said. The 44-year-old man died from a chest wound en route to an area hospital Saturday. His name was not released. Neighbors said the couple had been arguing most of the day inside the Breezeway South Motel, where the woman and her 4- and 6-year-old daughters were staying with a friend. The man left for a time and returned to find the girls eating a steak he had left there. Police say he became enraged, slapping the children until their mother intervened. The man then shoved her against a kitchen sink and began choking her, but she grabbed a nearby kitchen knife and stabbed him, police said.

Detroit police crack teen prostitution ring

DETROIT

Authorities say they have crushed a prostitution ring whose ringleader allegedly lured young, troubled girls to the city with promises of sympathy, money and dancing jobs. Coleman, 39, was arraigned Friday on charges of transporting minors across state lines for prostitution and sex. Some girls were as young as 12, the FBI said. Four others were also named in federal warrants, but it was unclear Saturday if any had been arrested or arraigned. The FBI did not immediately return a call for comment. A federal affidavit says Coleman used numerous aliases as he befriended girls while traveling through West Virginia, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Girls told investigators they left troubled homes after Coleman promised them money and jobs in Detroit.

Salinger books remain unpublished

CONCORD, NH

J.D. Salinger, who won international acclaim for "The Catcher in the Rye" but hasn't published anything since 1965, has written at least 15 unpublished books kept locked up in a safe at his home, a neighbor said. The renowned recluse, who never gives interviews, came out with the landmark novel of teen-age alienation in 1951. He published only one other novel, "Franny and Zooey" in 1961, and some short stories. He lives in seclusion on his estate in Cornish, a town of fewer than 2,000 people near the Vermont border. Jerry Burt, of Plainfield, who was friends with Salinger in the 1960s and lives nearby, told The Associated Press on Saturday that Salinger said in 1978 he'd written 15 or 16 other books.



Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro delivers a speech during his visit to Corleone, Italy, the historical home of the Sicilian mafia, which celebrated an anti-Mafia day March 21, in a bid to stamp out the violent clan practices of the Cosa Nostra.

Sicily holds anti-mafia demonstration

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORLEONE

Italy's president led an anti-Mafia demonstration Sunday in the hometown of the recently convicted "boss of bosses," driving home a message of law and order.

"No one has the right to be above the law; no one has the right to rebel against the law — no one," President Oscar Luigi

Scalfaro told a crowd in the main piazza of the hillside Sicilian town of Corleone.

"In a civil country, this is an expression of bullying, this is an insurrection against the state."

Scalfaro and other national leaders presided over a day dedicated to victims of the Mafia.

Organizers assembled a list of 400 people killed by the Mafia in the past 50 years to be read aloud in

the town square.

Corleone was home base for Salvatore "Totò" Riina, the Mafia's alleged "boss of bosses," arrested in 1993 after decades on the run.

On Feb. 13, a court convicted Riina and 18 others in a 1992 car bombing that killed a leading prosecutor and five police escorts. The bombing helped prompt a crackdown on organized crime — a war still being fought today.

Authorities confiscated Riina's home and made it into a school, on show Sunday.

Corleone's notoriety once was such that it lent its name to that of an American Mafia family in Mario Puzo's "The Godfather."

"It was a capital of the Mafia and today instead it's a symbol of the fight against the Cosa Nostra," said Angelo Capodicasa, regional president of Sicily.

VENEZUELA

Ecologists fight to save turtles

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MARIA DEL ORINOCO

When famed German scientist Alexander von Humboldt arrived at the mighty Orinoco River two centuries ago, he marveled at 300,000 Orinoco turtles crammed onto a few tiny islands to lay their eggs.

Today barely 1,000 adult females are left in Venezuela, but environmentalists are making a last-ditch effort to save South America's largest freshwater turtle and the South American country's most endangered species.

On Saturday, 4,300 baby Orinoco turtles raised in captivity were released into the river as wide-eyed schoolchildren and National Guardsmen looked on in this remote village 250 miles south of Caracas.

"If we weren't doing this ... the species would be extinct," said Luis Carbonel, head of FUDECI, a nonprofit environmental organization.

Together with Venezuela's Environmental Ministry, FUDECI gathers newborn turtles on the beach or from nests and then raises them in controlled conditions through their first year of life. Stronger and better prepared to ward off predators, they are returned to the hot, dusty islands in the Orinoco.

Scientists say 95 percent of the turtles born and bred in the wild never make it to adulthood. Many are killed by vultures, falcons, alligators, catfish and other predators. The biggest enemy is man, however. The eggs are seized for food and the hatched animals are considered a delicacy.

An Orinoco turtle can fetch up to \$207, nearly the monthly wage of many workers.

Besides the "Head Start" program, environmental officials and armed National Guardsmen also sleep overnight on the islands to protect the eggs from poachers and hunters. Each nest holds up to 120 eggs the size of

ping-pong balls. Adults can grow to 66 pounds.

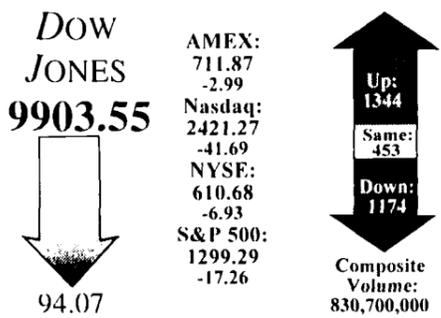
Scientists also run a "Head Start" program for marine turtles at the Los Roques archipelago in the Caribbean Sea off Venezuela's coast.

The program is not without controversy. Some experts say the programs for sea and fresh-water turtles may do more harm than good by disrupting an "imprinting" process that enables the reptiles to return to their birthplace to lay eggs years later, even after traveling thousands of miles.

Hedvely Guada, a turtle expert in Venezuela, said the programs may not be as disruptive to fresh water river turtles, whose range is smaller.

Venezuela kicked off the Orinoco "Head Start" program in 1992 and has released about 55,000 turtles. Officials say they believe the population has reached its nadir and they expect to see the numbers start rising as the Head Starters turn six years old, the birthing age.

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Former American hostage sues Iran for \$100 million

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ohio
Terry Anderson is set to sue Iran for \$100 million over the more than six years the former Associated Press correspondent was held hostage, shackled and blindfolded, in Lebanon. The lawsuit accuses Iran of having sponsored his captors.

The lawsuit to be filed Monday is also likely to become a challenge to the U.S. government.

The Clinton administration has thwarted plaintiffs in similar lawsuits from collecting millions of dollars awarded by U.S. courts, even though the damage claims are against countries the State Department labels as sponsors of terrorism.

In October, the president issued a blanket waiver of a requirement that federal agencies help obtain that money.

"Much of our argument is likely to be with the U.S. government, rather than the Iranian government," Anderson said in an interview at his home about 10 miles outside Athens, where he teaches journalism at Ohio University.

"The law says that the U.S. government is supposed to help us in pressing our claim," said Anderson, 51. Confident of winning a judgment against Iran, he said "the biggest obstacle to us receiving any money is the White House."

The lawsuit, to be filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, also names as plaintiffs Anderson's wife, Madeleine Bassil, 49, and their daughter, Sulome, who seek redress for emotional distress and their long separation from Anderson.

Sulome, 13, was born three months after her father, then AP chief Middle East correspondent, was taken captive in Beirut on March 16, 1985, as he returned from a morning tennis game.

Held longer than any other American in Lebanon, he was freed 2,454 days later, on Dec. 4, 1991. The family is seeking \$100 million in compensatory damages and unspecified punitive damages.

Named as defendants are the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Ministry of Information and Security.

The lawsuit says Anderson's captors were members of Hezbollah, or Party of God, "a politico-paramilitary terrorist organization operating in Lebanon." It says Iran is the party's sponsor, "providing it with funding, direction and training for its terrorist activities in Lebanon."

It says that as a hostage Anderson was fed a poor diet of bread, cheese and rice; was beaten, taunted and humiliated; was regularly threatened with death and falsely promised release; heard his fellow captives beaten and one die; grew so depressed he beat his head against a wall until he bled.

Iran's U.N. ambassador, Seyed Mohammad Hadi Nejad Hosseini, denied Friday that Iran had supported the hostage-takers and said U.S. courts have no jurisdiction over foreign countries.

In a faxed reply to questions, Nejad Hosseini said through a spokesman Iran condemns international terrorism and that there is "no shred of credible evidence" that it finances

Hezbollah.

Iran as well as Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria are listed by the State Department as state sponsors of terrorism.

Foreign countries used to be largely immune from lawsuits in U.S. courts. The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 allows legal action against countries alleged to sponsor terrorism that kill or injure U.S. citizens.

Such lawsuits seemed to get a boost last October when Congress required the Treasury and State departments to help recover damages. But an escape clause empowered the president to bar such help "in the interest of national security."

One way of collecting is to go after assets frozen in the United States. But the administration is trying to block this avenue.

U.S. government lawyers are fighting the family of Alisa Flatow, a college student from New Jersey killed in a 1995 bus bombing in Israel, who won a \$247.5 million judgment against Iran. The same goes for three of Anderson's fellow hostages, who last August won a \$65 million judgment against Iran.

The families of three Cuban-Americans killed in 1996 when Cuba shot down their private planes won a \$187 million judgment. The U.S. government gave each \$300,000 in seized Cuban assets but has battled their attempts to get more.

Plaintiff lawyers in these

cases said the U.S. government has raised a variety of objections, including possible complications in dealing with these countries, with which it has no formal relations. Iran, for example, holds U.S. property in its country, just as the U.S. government has custody of Iranian property in the United States.

Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, did not respond to repeated requests for comment on the policy. The State Department had no public comment.

Anderson has little expectation of getting any money either, but explains: "If we don't file a suit, whenever Iran and the United States settle accounts, we won't be sitting at the table."

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Inspectors: 'Potential catastrophe' awaits Capitol

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Now committed to following the laws it imposes on the rest of America, Congress is finding its own workplace so fraught with danger and carelessness that inspectors have worried about a "potential catastrophe," records show.

Digging into the bowels of the Capitol and other congressional buildings, new inspectors named by lawmakers to protect employees' safety discovered Congress' maintenance workers had the highest accident rate in the entire government.

A year's worth of inspections of the Capitol grounds found plenty of haz-

ards. Inspectors reported how:

- Congressional workers risked blood-transmitted diseases by digging through contaminated trash without protective clothing.

- One building contained high concentrations of the bacteria that cause Legionnaires' disease.

- Recalcitrant officials had to be issued federal citations before they moved flammable liquids stored near exposed electrical wires and in other dangerous places.

The Office of Compliance inspectors issued a scathing report last November on the work of the 2,000-employee Capitol Architect's Office, responsible for upkeep of the Capitol, eight congressional office buildings, the Library of

Congress, the Supreme Court and the power plant that supplies cooling and heating to congressional buildings.

"Overall ... protections for employee health and safety fall far below those that prevail in private companies and government agencies that have good safety programs," that report concluded.

The Architect's Office says it is just beginning to change a culture of neglect on Capitol Hill.

"We were behind" in bringing Congress into compliance, said Lynne Theiss, the Architect's executive officer. "We are making great strides to get ahead of the curve. We had a general change in our approach to business."

Just last week, however, inspectors found 14 new health and safety violations at the power plant. They included excessive exposure to coal dust, lack of a comprehensive respiratory program, failure to clean and disinfect respirators and a lack of working fire extinguishers.

Patricia Dollar, the Architect's former recycling coordinator, had a firsthand look at the hazards inside a closet in one House office building.

"Six drums were in there," she said. "One of the drums was very rusty and had popped and expanded. We unscrewed a little cock. We looked down and it was bubbling. It was a combination of leftover chemicals from the furniture repair shop. And it was extremely flammable."

Fire also is a serious fear for workers. Hazel Dews, a nighttime custodian in the Senate office buildings, complained, "We are in three buildings with one exit from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m."

The House inspector general reported in December that the Capitol and five other congressional properties were firetraps that left visitors, lawmakers and employees with an "undue risk of loss of life and property."

Fresh worries keep emerging.

In January, Architect's employees removed asbestos from a Capitol Police locker room — but never told the officers what they were doing. Asbestos can cause cancer if its dust is breathed.

Theiss acknowledged the officers should have been notified, calling it "a

failure to communicate."

Congress historically has exempted itself from the federal safety and labor laws it imposes and which are enforced on corporate America by agencies such as the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. But when Republicans took over the House in 1995, they engineered passage of legislation that committed Congress to follow those statutes and created the Office of Compliance to enforce them.

The Office of Compliance paints a portrait of a Capitol slow to adjust. It reported that two years ago inspectors found "improper storage of excessive quantities of flammable liquids at several locations" that were characterized as a "potential catastrophe."

When inspectors returned recently, they found the same materials still present.

"To get these hazardous materials removed, the general counsel had to issue citations, which finally resulted in the elimination of this serious hazard," the report said.

Theiss said the Architect's Office obtained "the right containers" after the initial inspection, but "we did not reduce the volumes. Quite honestly, I think it was an oversight."

The Office of Compliance also found that the Architect's Office had "the highest accident rate in the federal government." The rate of lost time due to injuries on Capitol Hill was about five times higher than for U.S. Forest Service workers, whose duties include fighting wildfires.

Theiss said there has been "some minimal improvement" by instituting training programs on problems such as how to "safely use a ladder, how to safely store a ladder."

She said some trash operations also were shut down last summer to re-evaluate safety, and workers subsequently were given protective clothing like aprons, gloves, tongs and proper shoes.

This occurred after some Architect workers risked exposure to disease when they "manually dug through piles of trash, measuring up to three feet in depth, in order to remove foreign materials from recyclable paper products," safety inspectors reported.

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■ SAUDI ARABIA

Iraq orders pilgrims to return

Associated Press

MECCA

Iraqi pilgrims streamed into Islam's holiest city of Mecca on Sunday, apparently unaware their government had ordered them home in a dispute over who's going to pay for the trip.

The pilgrims, completing the 930-mile journey from the Saudi border, stepped out of buses and made their way to camps set up to accommodate them during the annual Muslim pilgrimage.

"I want to thank President Saddam Hussein for all his help, God bless him," Abdul-Karim al-Basinji, of Erbil, Iraq, told Associated Press Television Network, as he stepped off the bus.

He didn't know that a day earlier, Baghdad ordered the 18,000 Iraqis who traveled to the holy city for two weeks of religious observances to return home after Saudi Arabia refused its demand that Iraqi funds frozen by U.N. sanctions be used to pay for the journey.

On Sunday, Iraq accused the kingdom of using intimidation against Iraqi pilgrims and of failing to honor a deal to finance the pilgrims'

expenses out of frozen funds. Saudi Arabia had offered to pay the pilgrims' expenses, but Iraq termed that "charity" and rejected it.

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein apparently had hoped the drama would highlight the harsh effects of U.N. economic sanctions since 1990 that have left most Iraqis too poor to make the pilgrimage.

The official Iraq News Agency quoted Muhsin Fahim al-Farhud, an official who had accompanied the pilgrims, as saying Saudi police intimidated the pilgrims and cut off their drinking water.

Many of the buses that headed back Saturday had just arrived in Mecca hours before, and many of the Iraqis expressed sorrow for being unable to perform the hajj pilgrimage, a duty required by all able-bodied Muslims at least once in a lifetime if they can afford it.

"First we cheered, danced and clapped," Adnan Mohammed, remembering the Iraqis' joy at getting into Saudi Arabia, said Saturday on returning to Karbala, Iraq. He added that "in the end we cried" in frustration at not being able to perform the hajj.

Balloonists complete trip around the world

Associated Press

MUT, Egypt
Bertrand Piccard, the Swiss psychiatrist-dreamer, and his British co-pilot Brian Jones set their globe-circling balloon down on remote Egyptian moonscape Sunday, linking the dawn of a new millennium with a civilization 5,000 years old.

"Up there it was grandiose, absolutely grandiose," Piccard said with a smile suggesting that was not the half of it. Several times he stopped trying to find words and fought back tears.

Jones beamed at his side, nodding happily.

"We are so grateful for that invisible hand that guided us all the way, making the right things happen when they were supposed to," Piccard said. Together they conquered the last great challenge of the air, floating more than 26,000 miles around the earth in their Breitling Orbiter 3. They crossed the "finish line" over Mauritania at 4:54 a.m. EST Saturday.

At the end, strong winds over Libya boosted them to 39,600 feet and carried them on to a landing in Egypt.

Jules Verne fantasized the exploit in a novel called "Five Weeks in a Balloon." But Piccard and Jones did it in less than three, combining space-age technology with the oldest of human motivations: guts and a quest for glory.

They carried amid their scant baggage a copy of "A Life." Written by French novelist Guy de Maupassant and dedicated to Verne, it had been in Verne's personal library.

"To think that that book had been handled and read by Jules Verne, and we had it with us, too, to read — it was wonderful," Piccard said.

Jean Verne, great-grandson of the 19th century novelist, said he loaned the book to Piccard to bring the balloonist luck.

"I told him that if he stayed in the spirit of Jules Verne heroes, he would succeed this time thanks to that."

Piccard's wife, Michelle, waited in Cairo, biting her nails and calming

her three young daughters. She had sat up until early Sunday with Swiss television crews, poring over maps while sifting through fragments of contradictory information on the balloon's trajectory.

She was Piccard's first thought after he emerged from the Egyptian army helicopter that brought the pilots from the landing site, a flat patch among dunes and rocky hills about 50 miles north of this oasis settlement in western Egypt.

"My next exploit will be something I've been wanting to do for a long time, which is sit with my wife and daughters and father in front of a warm fireplace and tell them about this trip," the 41-year-old doctor said.

Jones said the worst part was the cold.

"All of our water froze at night, so we waited till day to fill the kettles," he said. "It was very, very cold up there."

Strong ground winds to the north forced them to abandon plans to reach the pyramids. They had to

touch down at dawn, before winds blew too hard, and they settled on empty desert near here.

By the time they reached Egypt, the two men who had flown 29,056 miles in 19 days, 21 hours and 55 minutes.

They landed at 8:02 a.m. local time Sunday (1:02 a.m. EST), but because of logistical foul-ups the helicopters brought them to the small airport here only at 3:40 p.m. (8:40 a.m. EST).

Piccard said that after spending nearly 20 days in a balloon, being marooned for more than seven hours in the desert wasn't so bad. "It was beautiful," he said of the barren terrain.

Winds tipped over the gondola after it finally set down.

"We had to run around the balloon with our knives to make holes to keep from being dragged across the desert," Jones said. He added: "The balloon is a bit of a mess."

Jones, a 51-year-old pilot and balloonist, said he felt as deflated as the balloon physically. But he was clearly in high spirits.

"If you ask me now whether I'd do it again, I'd say no," he said. "But ask me later."

**'IF YOU ASK ME NOW
WHETHER I'D DO IT
AGAIN I'D SAY NO, BUT ASK
ME LATER.'**

BRIAN JONES
BRITISH BALLOONIST

YUGOSLAVIA

Albanians flee new offensive

Associated Press

LIKOVAC, Yugoslavia

Thousands of Kosovo Albanians, some clutching no more than a blanket, fled a Yugoslav army offensive Sunday that has spurred a last-ditch U.S. mission to convince President Slobodan Milosevic that NATO attack threats are serious.

On the second straight day of army attacks on Kosovo rebel strongholds, Washington dispatched senior envoy Richard Holbrooke to meet with the Yugoslav leader.

With NATO moving closer to long-threatened airstrikes, U.S. national security adviser Sandy Berger said the Holbrooke mission would be a "final effort for peace."

Holbrooke will be accompanied to the Yugoslav capital by U.S., European and Russian mediators who participated in last week's failed Paris peace talks. Before arriving in Belgrade, Holbrooke was to stop in Brussels, Belgium, to confer with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana.

Holbrooke hopes to meet Monday night with Milosevic.

Airstrikes are likely to follow if the talks end with Milosevic defiant on two counts: still refusing a Kosovo peace plan and per-

sisting in pressing an offensive against out-gunned Kosovo rebels.

Solana consulted with allies on airstrike plans Sunday, and an alliance official said military action could be launched "in the very near future."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the warning time for NATO military forces to attack has been reduced from 48 hours to just a few hours.

European leaders united Sunday in their call for Milosevic to stop the violence and accept the Kosovo peace agreement or face a NATO air attack.

"We are ready to do it and President Milosevic should not misunderstand that," British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Sunday.

A top Yugoslav Army general said Sunday the country's troops are fully prepared for any attack, the state news agency Tanjug reported.

General Nebojsa Pavkovic, in charge of an army corps responsible for Kosovo, visited a garrison in southern Serbia and said the units have been prepared "to repel any aggression against our country."

Holbrooke's trip to Belgrade comes with Kosovo's violence spreading.

Avalanche kills 3 snowmobilers

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

An avalanche killed three snowmobilers on Sunday and two were missing, authorities said.

A helicopter and specially trained dogs who can sniff out people buried under several feet of snow were sent to the area.

Alaska State Trooper spokesman Greg Wilkinson said the avalanche occurred about 4 p.m. in the Turnagain Pass Recreation Area, about 50 miles south of Anchorage.

Troopers at the scene reported at least three injuries, Wilkinson said. He said the victims were riding snowmobiles when the avalanche occurred, but did not have other

details.

Searchers were converging on the slide area as the sun began to set Sunday, probing the snow looking for survivors.

The Alaska Army National Guard also was sending one of its rescue groups to the pass.

The slide occurred nine days after another avalanche partially buried several people at the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood. Those skiers were not injured.

Turnagain Pass, in the Chugach Mountains at the northern end of the Kenai Peninsula, has received several feet of snow in the past few days. Temperatures in the 40s Sunday may have increased avalanche danger by putting a heavier layer of melting snow atop harder layers.

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Elizabethan England rules over Hollywood

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

In a night of surprises and upsets, the romantic comedy "Shakespeare in Love" won seven Academy Awards on Sunday, including best picture and best actress for Gwyneth Paltrow. Steven Spielberg's bloody World War II epic "Saving Private Ryan" won the prize for directing and four other Oscars.

Roberto Benigni, as an Italian Jew shielding his son from the horrors of the Holocaust in "Life is Beautiful," stunned the audience by becoming the first star of a foreign film to win as best actor. The tragi-comic film, which Benigni also wrote and directed, won additional Academy Awards for foreign film and dramatic score.

"This is a terrible mistake because I used up all my English," he said, as he leapt to the stage for the second time.

The split between best picture and director marked the first time since 1989 the prizes had gone to different movies. That year, "Driving Miss Daisy" won as best picture, while Oliver Stone was named best director for "Born on the Fourth of July."

Paltrow, never before nominated, was honored for her role as the object of a young Bard's affections.

"I don't feel very deserving of this in your presence," she said, sobbing, as she named her fellow nominees.

Judi Dench, who played the imperious but fair-minded Queen Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love," and James Coburn, the alcoholic, abusive father in "Affliction," won best supporting Oscars.

"Saving Private Ryan" also took prizes for cinematography, editing, sound and sound effects editing.

"Am I allowed to say I really

wanted this?" Spielberg joked as he accepted his second directing Oscar. His first was for "Schindler's List" in 1993.

"Shakespeare in Love," which led all contenders with 13 nominations, also picked up Oscars for original screenplay, art direction, costume design and musical or comedy score.

"Elizabeth" won for makeup. "Gods and Monsters" won for adapted screenplay.

The most controversial moment of the show came and went quickly, as director Elia Kazan — reviled by some for naming names during the McCarthy era — stepped out to accept a lifetime achievement award. Many members of the audience applauded heartily, some stood, while others, like actors Nick Nolte and Ed Harris, sat silently.

Besides Benigni, the only performer in a foreign language film to win an Oscar was Sophia Loren for "Two Women" in 1961.

Fittingly, it was Miss Loren who presented him with his first award of the night. The perpetually ebullient Benigni clambered over the backs of seats and hopped onto the stage after Loren openly roared for her fellow Italian and announced his foreign film victory.

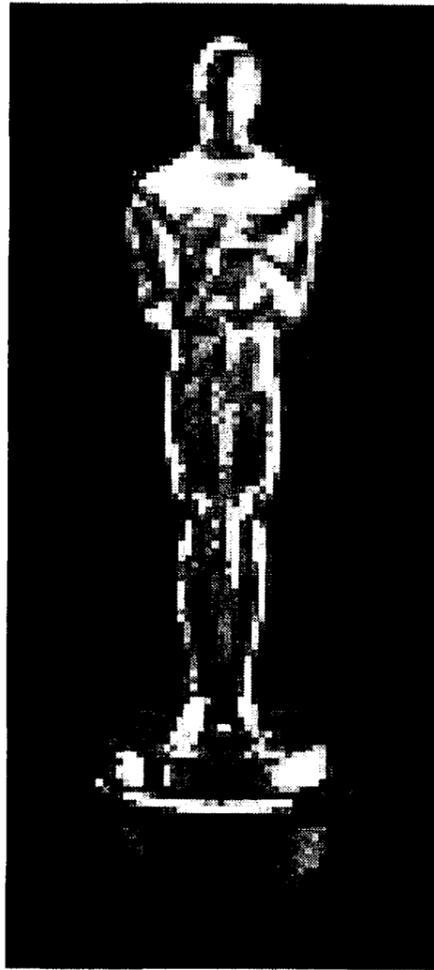
"I want to kiss everybody," said Benigni, who also was nominated in directing and screenplay categories, while the film was a best picture contender.

Another Holocaust film, "The Last Days," won the documentary award.

Dench, who made an indelible impression despite her brief screen time in the romantic comedy, held up her gold statuette and said with a smile: "I feel for eight minutes on the screen I should only get a little bit of him."

It was the first Oscar for the

In love with "Shakespeare"



Best Picture

"Shakespeare in Love"

Best Director

Steven Spielberg
"Saving Private Ryan"

Best Actress

Gwyneth Paltrow
"Shakespeare in Love"

Best Actor

Roberto Benigni
"Life is Beautiful"

Best Supporting Actress

Judi Dench
"Shakespeare in Love"

Best Supporting Actor

James Coburn
"Affliction"

Most Academy Awards

7, "Shakespeare in Love"

64-year-old British stage actress, who had been nominated last year for playing a different queen, Victoria, in "Mrs. Brown."

Coburn, 70, had never been nominated. "I've been doing this work for like over half my life, and I finally got one right, I guess," said the veteran actor, whose dozens of films include "Our Man Flint" and "The

Magnificent Seven."

"Some of them you do for money, some of them you do for love. This is a love child," Coburn said.

Host Whoopi Goldberg, who changed costumes repeatedly to mimic film characters, got the show off to a rousing start when she came out in full regalia as Elizabeth — who figured in two of this year's contenders — getting a rousing ovation, then a laugh when she announced with an accent that was more Bette Davis than British, "I am the African Queen."

She joked about being the last master of ceremonies of the century and millennium, saying: "I am the last 20th century fox." And referring to this year's furor over the special Oscar for Kazan, Goldberg joked: "I thought the blacklist was Hattie McDaniel and me."

The lack of a runaway favorite helped make the 71st Academy Awards among the most anticipated in recent history.

With two well received films as the leaders, the campaign for votes was conducted largely in Hollywood trade paper and newspaper ads.

Miramax, which often stages big-money campaigns for its Oscar candidates and succeeded two years ago with a best-picture win for "The English

Patient," laid out millions for "Shakespeare in Love" ads.

DreamWorks was forced to counter with an estimated \$4 million to promote its "Saving Private Ryan."

The battle of the dueling studios prompted calls for restrictions on campaign expenses. But, as in the political arena, no one has proposed how to limit the expenditures.

The Kazan controversy started after Karl Malden proposed an honorary award for the director of "A Streetcar Named Desire," "On the Waterfront," "East of Eden," "Gentleman's Agreement" and other classics. The board of governors agreed.

Kazan had long been criticized because he named names of his former Communist Party comrades before the House Un-American Activities committee in 1952.

After the academy announced the honor, he was attacked as a traitor by those whose defiance of the committee placed them on the industry's blacklist.

The furor over the Kazan award overshadowed another honorary Oscar this year — the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award to longtime producer-director Norman Jewison, whose credits include "The Cincinnati Kid," "In the Heat of the Night," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Moonstruck."



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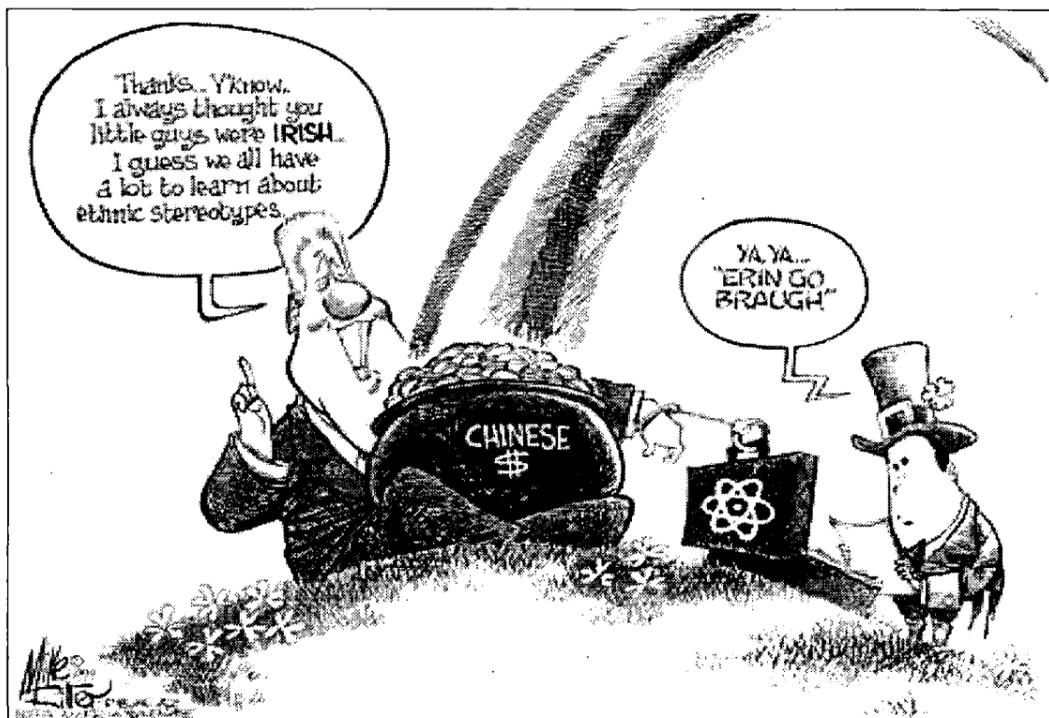
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GUEST COLUMN

On Emerging and Submerging Markets

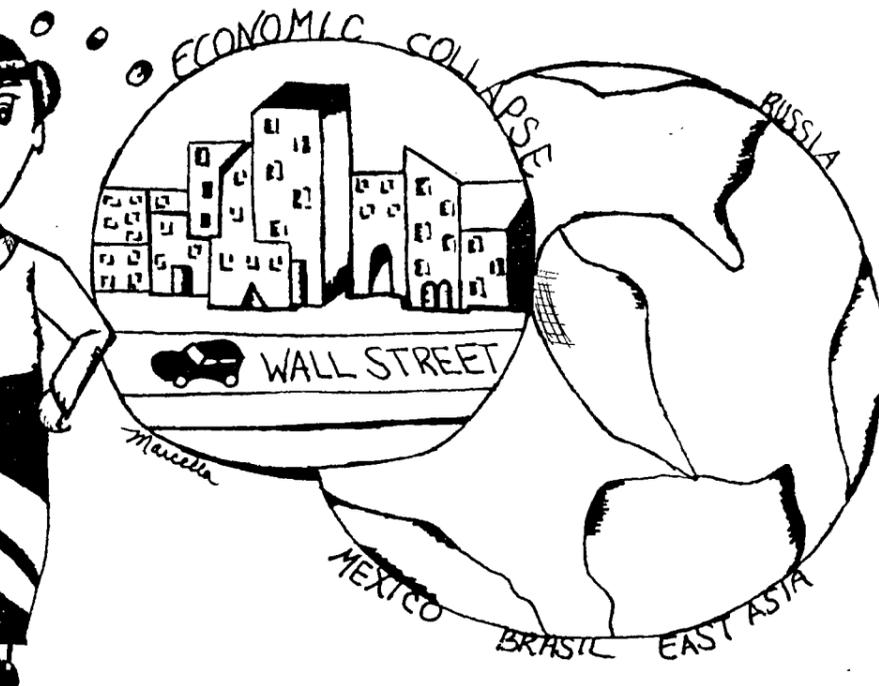
Mexico, East Asia, Russia and, now, Brazil. The second half of the 90s has witnessed the financial collapse of some of the most prominent economies among the so-called "emerging markets." In this context, major international financial institutions, led by the IMF, have approved huge rescue packages in order to stop the draining of these countries' foreign reserves and avoid the worst: a

necessary on secondary things, i.e., everything but interest rates.

Foreign competition, along with fiscal and monetary discipline, has helped to stabilize economies once mined by the plague of hyperinflation. True, but not at a low price. In fact, it must be said, the social costs of the IMF's "orthodox" policies have increased to alarming levels. Take the example of Brazil, where interest rates are as high as 40 percent a year, while inflation was less than three percent in 1998. At such a punitive price, capital is a virtually inaccessible good for local companies, usually too small to borrow abroad. This fact, plus an insane corporate tax load, makes competing against transnational giants, usually a hard task, a Herculean job.

One does not need to be an economist to predict some immediate outcomes: bankruptcy and massive unemployment leading to a falling demand and a rising private debt. Recession, to put it simply, as Brazil's GDP is forecasted to fall by three percent in 1999.

To make things worse, most developing countries do not have a social security system strong enough to cover a household's basic needs for more than a couple weeks, while, as statistics show, unemployed workers would have to wait many months to get a new job. Needless to say, any attempt from the government to use public resources to meet public needs tends to be interpreted as a risk upgrade and immediately punished with a massive withdrawing. Unless, of



course, the local central bank raises the premium rate.

That is the famous "speculative attack," a curious phenomenon in which an investor can leave a country at the touch of a keyboard after earning 40 percent a year in an overnight transaction. Amazingly, this is not illegal. Maybe counterproductive, to the extent that it discourages productive investment, or even immoral, due to its social consequences. But it is perfectly legal.

In any event, few people in rich countries seem to care about the social costs of IMF-led packages in developing countries, provided that their private pension funds keep making money with generous interest rates. So, who wants interest rates to fall in emerging markets? Investors do not, I guess. Neither do their advisors, the same investment banks that evaluate the "risk rate" in

emerging markets. Forget the IMF, whose main shareholders are precisely the countries where investors and advisors come from.

The "suits" of Wall Street will ponder that interest rates in developing countries must be high enough to pay the risk they are taking. Risk of what, if at the slightest signal of problems the IMF will run to ensure they will get their money back, 40 percent fatter, anyway?

OK, OK. Now I understand why these IMF operations are called "rescue packages." The problem is that, after all, they are rescuing the wrong victims.

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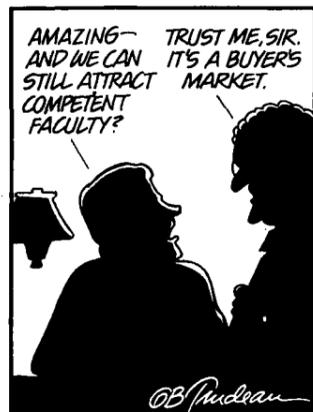
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Claudio Lins de Vasconcelos

debt moratoria. As G7 countries are urged to put more and more money in such packages, public opinion in rich economies has increasingly challenged the lenient position of their governments in face of the widely proclaimed fiscal and monetary laxity of developing countries.

Yet such complaints are only partly justifiable. As those who have paid attention to emerging markets in the last decade will agree, developing countries have made considerable progress towards political and economic liberalization. While deregulating their markets, privatizing state owned companies and reducing trade barriers, most have struggled to rebuild their democratic institutions, destroyed after four decades or so serving as battlefields of the Cold War. However, most keep relying on foreign investment to cover their persistent fiscal deficit, which means that they must follow the IMF's macro-economic guidelines. In other words, governments are urged to grab as much as they can from taxes, pay their foreign debts promptly and spend the minimum

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Men will lie on their backs, talking about the fall of man, and never make an effort to get up.'

— Henry David Thoreau

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cartoonist Should Stick to Cartoons

This is in response to Dan Sullivan's request for those interested in the cessation of hatred to "get a life."

Although some people might argue this point, a University experience, these "four lousy years" as Mr. Sullivan so inaccurately put it, is mostly to prepare a person to interact with the "real world."

We all speak of the Notre Dame "bubble" with a certain amount of disgust, so why would one condone an attitude that did nothing to dispel this bubble? I would imagine that four years is a long time to feel like you are subhuman.

To say that the oppressed should just suck it up until they graduate is not fair, to say the very least, and is certainly unfounded advice when the advice-giver has nothing to suck up.

Another point made was that those who feel they are oppressed should act instead of talking. Confronting the administration is no easy task. A group must discuss its goals, ideologies, and strategies before it acts in the most efficient and reasonable way. All of the talking has not been in vain, if for no other reason than it has raised awareness.

Mr. Sullivan uses the term "bleeding hearts" as though it were a condition to be swiftly eradicated. At least some are opening their hearts to something beyond themselves. Mr. Sullivan seems determined to keep the oppressed oppressed, and I seriously doubt, based on his comments, if he has any experience with racial hatred or abuse based on sexual orientation.

Only one who has been on the receiving end of this negativity would ever have grounds to speak as Mr. Sullivan did, and even then he could certainly not speak for the entire community of which he was a part. When he finds himself in the "real world" one day, he will see that "putting up" with such oppression, as he is advising everyone to do, only encourages further abuse.

Sullivan's article increases in horror with each paragraph. "The only reason people are oppressed is because they want to be." Really? I'm sure the Jews were skipping and whistling on the way to the gas chambers thinking, "Finally! We are getting what we want!" I'm sure the African American people during the days of slavery would throw their hands up in the air with big grins on their faces and do a little dance, shouting, "Oh happy day!!" when they were separated from their families and lynched.

Oppression runs in many forms, and we can't forget that.

Mr. Sullivan used Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example towards his defense. Ironically, people with the sentiments Dan Sullivan expressed are precisely what that great man saw as the most dangerous impediment to his cause of justice — "the white moderate who is more interested in preserving order than justice, who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice (Letters from a Birmingham Jail)." It is preposterous to ask people to just "put up with" the oppression they are being dealt via silence, rude comments, people looking the other way, people staring, Inside Columns, whatever.

Let's not ask people who make us uncomfortable because of their differences to shut up and leave. I am not introducing any original, ground-breaking ideas here. I am just adding to the open dialogue that many find so annoying. But I feel confident that my ideas are not perpetuating a social regression or complacency, and I believe Mr. Sullivan's are. The world would be better if he and those like him would look around and forget about the trivial things that annoy him long enough to see something that actually matters.

Laura Wolfe
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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Animal Rights Article Unnecessarily Insensitive

I am writing to let Dustin Ferrell know that I appreciate his superficial attempt at humor (however unsuccessful), but also to clarify his stated misconceptions.

Although I agree with him that few people feel animals and humans deserve equal rights, I am compelled to believe that no being created by God deserves to be mistreated, exploited, or manipulated for the mere pleasure or entertainment of another of God's creatures.

The manner in which he stated the right "to marinate, to swift cooking, to a clean shot, to decorate, to jump through hoops at Sea World, to entertain [him] on Jay Leno and Wildlife Shows, and to test cosmetics," simply illustrates the insensitive way you chose to approach an issue that means a great deal to many, especially to those that can't speak for or defend themselves.

The other rights "to sniff airport luggage [and to star] in Disney movies" raises a slightly different issue. Luckily, those animals that participate in activities such as these are rightfully protected by animal welfare regulations. A dog that searches for drugs is the family pet of one officer, who is responsible for the animal's health and well being. Other animals that have the intelligence and talent to develop skills such as "Air Bud," have a constant companion in an

animal rights representative while making a film.

Mr. Ferrell and I share the same sentiments, on movies that hold wild animals captive for filming (thankfully, "Willie" has been freed), but obviously for different reasons.

Concerning the last right "to bite owners who make [pets] wear sweaters and bandanas," I agree that although we are responsible for caring for animals that we have domesticated, that does not include dressing animals up to make them "cute" by human standards.

I do not expect Mr. Ferrell, or anyone else, to become vegan, refuse to hunt or fish, boycott circuses and the like, only purchase products not made from or tested on animals, or any of the other lifestyle choices I make based on my belief that we do not have the right to harm or abuse animals.

I am not asking him to agree with me, but just to recognize that in his column he expressed his views in an unnecessarily insensitive manner.

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Liberation Theology Not 'Just a Sociology'

I am writing in response to Gabriel Martinez's criticism of liberation theology in The Observer on March 17.

Liberation theology is a way of doing theology (i.e., thinking about the mystery of our Christian faith) which sees the salvation Jesus Christ offers as intrinsically related to (though not synonymous with) people's struggle to overcome their poverty and change the sinful arrangements that help keep people poor and "unimportant." That struggle is made from within the context of our Christian faith, and verifies the truth of our Christian convictions and commitments. On this definition, liberation theology is not "marxist" or "just a sociology."

Liberation theology is not even mentioned in Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the focus of Mr. Martinez article and the basis for his critique of liberation theology. The socio-political dimensions of the gospel are well-documented by many theologians, many of who are not liberation theologians.

Liberation theology certainly does see Jesus as the truth — that sets people free for genuine, concrete love of God and neighbor — which demands, among other things,

an honest and disciplined look (using social sciences as a tool, when helpful) at the reality of suffering, injustice, and prejudice, not scorn in the name of Christ for doing so.

The idea that salvation begins and ends with what happens to my own soul is a very difficult claim to sustain on biblical and theological grounds.

Like any other theology, liberation theology is not perfect, but it deserves a fair hearing. One can legitimately disagree with some or all of it without essentially deeming it an instrument of sin and the dupe of the devil, and this is what I respectfully invite Mr. Martinez to do.

I applaud his view that theology classes should "proclaim Justice, and Truth and Human Dignity," and suggest that this is what liberation theology tries quite successfully to do.

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'This' ain't worth the analysis

"Analyze This"

Director: Harold Ramis

Starring: Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal and Lisa Kudrow



(Out of five shamrocks)

By CHRISTIAN A. PIERCE
Scene Movie Critic

Does a joke become funnier the more times you hear it?

Probably not. If anything, you get annoyed with it.

Well, in the film industry, this frequently happens with previews. When promoting a comedy, advertisers will typically cut and paste a few humorous sequences for the film. If you find these scenes funny, then the advertisers have done their job by enticing you to go see the film. Yet, in seeing the film one would hope that there are other humorous scenes aside from those in the commercials. If you don't, you're probably pretty ticked off considering that the commercial was free and you just wasted \$7 on the film.

Herein lies the problem with Harold Ramis' new film, "Analyze This." The previews showed the beautiful chemistry that actors Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal seem to have. We watch as mob boss Paul Vitti (De Niro) reaches out to his therapist, Dr. Ben Sobel (Crystal). Now, this sounds like an incredible idea for a movie — a

New York mob boss is suffering panic attacks due to job related stress and seeks treatment from a struggling psychiatrist. It is such an ingenious concept, with the potential for so much material. Yet, it is one thing to come up with a great idea; it is another to analyze this it through.

"Analyze This" unfortunately never invokes a great deal of laughter in its audience. Almost all the funny scenes are used in the previews, and while I found them enjoyable, I had already seen them numerous times. The remainder of the movie is composed of stupid little sequences where De Niro acts poorly and Crystal's character fails to develop. This appears rather unusual as both actors are of high quality, each having made stellar pieces in the past.

I don't know if I can express how truly bad De Niro is in this film. Comedy has never been his forte, but acting with the likes of Billy Crystal, one would think he might rise to the occasion. The character of Paul Vitti is one rather suited for De Niro, similar to his role of Al Capone in "The Untouchables." So why is it De Niro can master the role of Capone, but falls flat on his face for Paul Vitti? To me it's a mystery.

I'm sure you're wondering what's so bad about De Niro and Crystal? Well, the list goes on and on, though a few problems are worth mentioning.

De Niro is called on to cry in this film numerous times, something this macho man is clearly not accustomed to. As he cries, one never can tell if he is really supposed to be crying or if he is merely faking it. Director Harold Ramis probably

wanted the audience to find De Niro's crying humorous, but it just comes out as moronic. Clearly, De Niro can not act out a scene which requires crying, and Ramis should have excluded such scenes from the film.

Crystal on the other hand is underdeveloped as the therapist Dr. Ben Sobel. We see a few scenes in which Sobel listens to the problems of his patients, mainly middle-aged couples complaining about their sex lives. Dr. Sobel imagines how he reacts to these couples, usually screaming, "Get a life." Yet, professionally he

gives these people advice and continues his mild mannered practice.

Apparently, Dr. Sobel is supposed to seem bored, so one would think having mob boss Paul Vitti as a client would be exciting. Wrong! Dr. Sobel is getting married soon to a television news reporter Laura MacNamara, played by Lisa Kudrow. This angry version of Phoebe wants nothing to do with Vitti, for any association with him is obviously dangerous. She continually mouths off to Mr. Vitti, who finds her irritating, upsetting his condition even further.

Dr. Sobel must then break off his relationship with Vitti if his marriage is to survive. Vitti will hear nothing of it, and like any other mob boss, he gets his way by force. Anyway, they meet, they talk, Vitti thinks he's cured, Dr. Sobel knows he's not and the film drags on and on and on.

From the start, this film is utter garbage — something not apparent in the previews. The film is filled with credible actors and actresses performing at their worst. No one in this film can seem to act, which is a shame since they are all extremely talented. The writers never include enough humor, which is not going to help a comedy get a good review.

"Analyze This?" What are you kidding me? — there's nothing in this film to analyze. The humor is so sparse and the stuff in between is so tediously boring, that this film just never gets going. My recommendation to you would be to watch the previews and enjoy the humor, because that's all this film's got. Save yourself the seven bucks. Skip "Analyze This."



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers
Roberto De Niro stars in the box-office winner, "Analyze This."

The intended cruelty of dangerous sex

"Cruel Intentions"

Director: Richard Kimble

Starring: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, Reese Witherspoon, Selma Blair and Joshua Jackson



(Out of five shamrocks)

By JULIE HAMILTON
Assistant Scene Editor

Here's the recipe for making a dark tale of manipulating love: Take two spoiled socialites from Manhattan and add one wager laced with seduction and the robbery of innocence. This will result in the wicked story of deception, "Cruel Intentions".

The film stars Sarah Michelle Gellar (best known for her killer moves in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") as the sultry Kathryn Merteuil and Ryan Phillippe ("I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "54"), who portrays playboy Sebastian Valmont. As stepsiblings, they plot to destroy the reputation and naiveté of two young ladies, Annette (Reese Witherspoon) and Cecile (Selma Blair). Kathryn has her own selfish and revengeful intentions for an attack — her boyfriend Court ditched her for the inexperienced Cecile.

Kathryn asks her stepbrother, Sebastian, to assist her in the undertaking of the revengeful plan. All Sebastian has to do is simply seduce the lovely Cecile and then Court will receive her tainted and unpure. He is the perfect man for this task, since he is one of the most successful womanizers in

Manhattan. Although the task seems trivial and easy for this experienced lover, he accepts.

Sebastian has also become preoccupied with another more challenging conquest. There's a new girl in town, and she is the new headmaster's daughter at Sebastian and Kathryn's exclusive high school. Annette is intriguing to Sebastian because of her beauty as well as her chastity, which she declared in an article she

had recently written in Seventeen. Sebastian always gets the women he wants, and he is determined to win Annette as well.

Sebastian bets Kathryn that he can take away Annette's purity by the time the fall semester begins. Kathryn agrees to the bet, but if he loses, she gets his prize possession — a hot 1956 Jaguar. More interestingly, if he takes Annette's virginity, Kathryn tells her stepbrother that he may sleep with her, something he has desired since their parents married.

Does any of this seem familiar to you? If it does, don't worry too much. "Cruel Intentions" is a modern twist on the novel, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" ("Dangerous Liaisons"). Its most memorable screen adaptation was the Oscar winning "Dangerous Liaisons," starring Michelle Pfeiffer, John Malkovich, Glenn Close and Uma Thurman. This revision of the original tale of romantic manipulation is more appealing to younger audiences because of the identifiable characters that pull in avid fans.

So the scene is set for Sebastian and Kathryn's cruel plotting. He slowly tempts Annette with supposed interest in her personality and her hobbies. He challenges her viewpoint on virginity: only to lose it to the one you love and

who loves you in return, and never before marriage. Annette believes in saving this precious event until after she and her boyfriend, Trevor, are married. Sebastian thinks it is silly and tells Annette that she is missing out. She dismisses Sebastian's friendly attempts at conversation, telling him that she has been warned against his devious ways prior to their meeting.

Sebastian's persistence pays off. Eventually, Annette becomes less and less annoyed with Sebastian's attention. She realizes that he makes her laugh, and this makes her feel special.

As for seducing Cecile, the task was complicated by her love for her cello teacher, Ronald. However, Sebastian knows how to play the game. He tells Cecile that if she wants Ronald to love her, she must also be sexually experienced. Of course, Sebastian offers himself as a "teacher." Kathryn gets what she wants, and Cecile becomes irritatingly obsessed with sex.

Finally, Annette starts to feel less loyal to her beliefs and begins to give in to Sebastian's advances. Then the unexpected happens — the opportunity that Sebastian has been waiting for presents itself, and he rejects it. Sebastian has come to a true turning point in his personal feelings for Annette, and they are deeper than he ever intended.

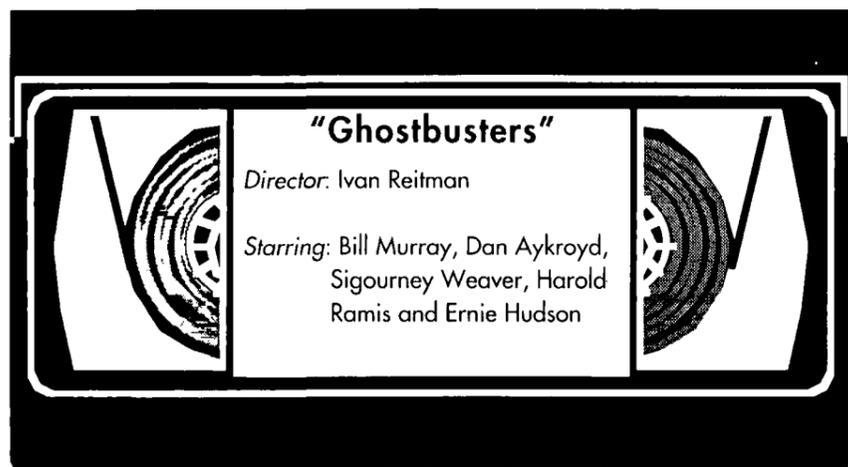
The film is an entertaining and visually impressive piece. The plot twists and



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures
Ryan Phillippe, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Reese Witherspoon and Selma Blair (top left to bottom right) star in "Cruel Intentions," the modern version of "Dangerous Liaisons."

turns and keeps the general interest level consistent. At first glance, this movie may be a turnoff for individuals who were expecting a lighthearted, romantic tale. But, just let the lessons of the film set in over a few days, and most likely you will realize that the film accomplishes much, and it is interesting and unexpected. The guess work involved makes "Cruel Intentions" a solid film that is lacking only in the area of modesty.

■ VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



By DAN SULLIVAN
Scene Movie Critic

"Ghostbusters," the precursor to such recent films as "Men in Black," is an '80s classic about four rejects from the scientific community who go on to fight the multitude of phantasms running amuck in New York City, eventually going on to save the entire world. Being "children of the '80s" ourselves, I'm sure a majority of us can remember the popular cartoon "Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters," but I was surprised to find a few people who had never seen the film from beginning to end.

Written by Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis, the film comedy is strong, combining elements of slapstick and sight gags — at times reminiscent of The Three Stooges — with the quick wit of Peter Venkman (Bill Murray).

The plot is easy to follow with a setup leaves no loose ends by the conclusion. Character development,

that the film is somewhat dated by its special effects. Ghosts for the most part seem to come out more hokey than spooky, and the claymation dogs, inserted with bluescreen, are embarrassing when compared to today's computer-generated characters. Whereas these primitive effects do not detract from the humor of the film, it gives the film a campy feel, which I don't believe the film-makes desired.

Though the film's special effects may be lacking, one of the things that has made this film so successful for the past 15 years is that the script does not completely depend on the support of the special effects. Instead, it is more character-driven than anything else. The ghosts are fun to look at but the most interesting aspects of the film are how the Ghostbusters, especially Peter Venkman, react to each other.

Finally, one of the simplest reasons why this film seems to stay in the pop culture mind even after 15 years is



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Harold Ramis, Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd star in "Ghostbusters," 1984's blockbuster box-office smash.

however, could have used some strengthening.

For instance, Winston Zeddemore (Ernie Hudson), the late addition to the group, holds little purpose in the scheme of the plot, besides the fact that he is an unbeliever made believer. And the fact remains that Peter also fills this role as well.

The cast of the film is filled with familiar actors, including Bill Murray, Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Rick Moranis and Harold Ramis, who more than aptly pull off the comedy in many scenes, while still lending an eerie suspense to other scenes.

The only problem with this film is

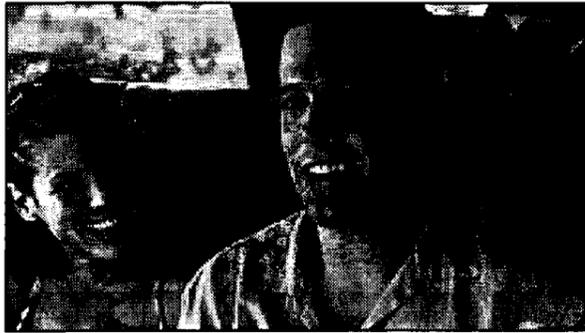
because it is loaded with memorable lines.

Who can ever forget "I've been slimed," "Don't cross the streams" or Winston Zeddemore's sage advice, "Ray! If someone asks you if you're a god, you say yes!"

Without quotable little jewels such as these I honestly doubt this film would ever have been so popular. "Ghostbusters" is a hilarious '80s classic, which can still hold its own today. Because of its character driven plot, more primitive special effects are easily overlooked, while the comedy and one-liners are sure to be noticed and appreciated for years to come.

■ CHART-TOPPERS

'Forces' at the box-office



Sandra Bullock (left) and Ben Affleck flexed their muscles at the box-office, as their new romantic comedy, "Forces of Nature," took the number one spot in its debut weekend, with \$13.9 million. Also a force at the box-office, "Analyze This" continued its successful run with a \$11.2 million take.

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Top Ten

Weekend at the Box Office

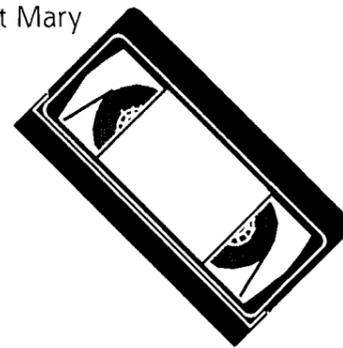
| Movie Title | Gross Sales |
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| 1. Forces of Nature | \$ 13.9 million |
| 2. Analyze This | \$ 11.9 million |
| 3. True Crime | \$ 5.3 million |
| 4. Baby Geniuses | \$ 4.5 million |
| 5. Cruel Intentions | \$ 4.2 million |
| 6. The King and I | \$ 4.1 million |
| 7. The Rage: Carrie 2 | \$ 3.6 million |
| 8. The Corruptor | \$ 3.0 million |
| 9. Shakespeare in Love | \$ 2.8 million |
| 10. The Deep End of the Ocean | \$ 2.7 million |

Source: Associated Press

Top Ten

Last Week's Video Rentals

| Movie Title |
|---------------------------------|
| 1. There's Something About Mary |
| 2. Ronin |
| 3. Snake Eyes |
| 4. Antz |
| 5. Rounders |
| 6. Rush Hour |
| 7. Practical Magic |
| 8. The Truman Show |
| 9. Soldier |
| 10. Urban Legend |



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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Three top-seeded teams remain

Battle for Final Four slots begins with women's top seeds still alive in tourney

Associated Press

And now, the toughest, most pressure-packed round of all in the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Three No. 1 seeds remain standing among the eight teams getting ready for Monday night's regional championship games, which determine who goes to the Final Four in San Jose, Calif., next weekend.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt has said that because a trip to the Final Four is so close, the regional finals are the most difficult games in the tournament. And she knows from experience.

Last year, Tennessee had to rally from 12 points down to beat North Carolina 76-70 in the Mideast finals. The Lady Vols then routed Arkansas and Louisiana Tech to win their third straight national championship and finish 39-0.

This year, another Atlantic Coast Conference team stands between Tennessee and trip to the Final Four. The top-seeded Lady Vols (31-2) play No. 3 seed Duke (27-6) in the East Regional at Greensboro, N.C., and in Summitt's view, survival depends more on mental toughness than talent.

"We have maintained the commitment to going out and being the best team in March with more or less talent," she said. "You've got to look at your team and look at your opposition and think about how you have to influence them. At this time of year it's a lot about being mentally strong and disciplined."

The other No. 1 seeds still playing are in the Midwest and West. Top-ranked Purdue (31-1) takes a 29-game winning streak against third-seeded Rutgers (29-5) in the Midwest at Normal, Ill. In the West at Los Angeles, top-seeded Louisiana Tech (29-2), seeking a 10th Final Four trip, plays No. 3 seed UCLA (26-7).

The surprise team at this point is No. 4 seed Iowa State (25-7) in the Mideast. The Cyclones, who had won only one NCAA tournament game before this year, play third-seeded Georgia (26-6) in Cincinnati.

Tennessee and Duke met earlier this year, with Tennessee winning 74-60 in December. Duke coach Gail Goestenkors welcomes the rematch.

"Whether we want to admit it or not, we were a little intimidated going on the floor with them that first game," Goestenkors said. "It took us a half to get through that."

The Duke player with the biggest challenge is sophomore Georgia Schweitzer, who has to guard All-American Chamique Holdsclaw. Holdsclaw, as usual, has elevated her play in March, scoring 23, 39 and 27 points in her three tournament games.

"You just try to keep her from taking over the game," Schweitzer said.

Purdue will have to crack a tough Rutgers defense to keep its winning streak intact. That defense was sensational in the regional semifinals Saturday night, holding Texas Tech to 11 first-half points in a 53-42 victory.

"Some people play defense out of responsibility, because they're supposed to," Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer said. "We embrace it."

Purdue will counter with its outstanding guard court of Stephanie White-McCarty, Ukari Figgs and Katie Douglas. They combined for 63 points in Saturday night's 82-59 victory over North Carolina.

"We just need to go out and attack with the offensive style we have," Figgs said. "I don't think we're intimidated by it. We just want to go out and play our game."

Louisiana Tech faces a UCLA team concerned about the health of point guard Erica Gomez, who sprained her right ankle 25 seconds into the Bruins' semifinal victory over Colorado State.

She watched the rest of the game from the bench wearing a knee-high walking boot. Freshman Michelle Greco ran the team well in Gomez' absence.

"We don't really consider her a freshman anymore. She loves the pressure," UCLA coach Kathy Olivier said. "The bigger the game, the better she plays."

Iowa State stunned top-seeded Connecticut 64-58 on Saturday with a flurry of 3-point baskets at the end. In Georgia, the Cyclones face an opponent with a crafty coach, Andy Landers, who has won 31 NCAA tournament games and already has made four trips to the Final Four.

Landers has built the kind of program that Iowa State is trying to become. The victory over Connecticut was a big step in that direction, coach Bill Fennelly said.

"We have the proof now that we're a decent team," Fennelly said. "We've won 25 games, made it this far and beaten a good team. We have a lot more credibility now. We would love to go and continue to play."

'WE JUST NEED TO GO OUT AND ATTACK WITH THE OFFENSIVE STYLE WE HAVE.'

UKARI FIGGS
PURDUE PLAYER

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans rally to defeat Wildcats

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Call Michigan State ugly or blue-collar if you like. The Spartans also have plenty of heart and more than a few players, and because of that they're headed to the Final Four.

The top-seeded Spartans, who twice trailed by 13 points early in the game, came back to beat No. 3 seed Kentucky 73-66 in the Midwest Regional final Sunday and earn their first trip to the Final Four in 20 years.

Michigan State plays Duke next Saturday in the Final Four at St. Petersburg, Fla., while Connecticut plays Ohio State in the other national semifinal.

Morris Peterson scored 19 points, including six free throws in the final 30 seconds, and had 10 rebounds. Mateen Cleaves had 11 assists and 10 points. A.J. Granger and Andre Hutson scored 14 each in Michigan State's 22nd straight victory. And everyone hit the boards to help the Spartans (33-4) outrebound a Kentucky team that once had a big edge in that department.

It looked early as though Kentucky (28-9) would be going to its fourth straight Final Four. But the shots stopped falling after the defending champions took leads of 17-4 and 19-6.

Scott Padgett, who had averaged 19 points in the first three tournament games, was a non-factor until hitting two late 3-pointers. And Heshimu Evans went scoreless after getting 12 points in the first 10 minutes.

Michigan State's first lead, 43-42, didn't come until Cleaves hit a jumper with 15:45 remaining in the game. The Spartans trailed 50-46 with just over 11 minutes to play, then held Kentucky to one field goal in the next six minutes to take

a 60-54 lead.

They led by seven twice, the final time 67-60, and Kentucky got no closer than 69-66 on a Padgett 3-pointer with 18.8 seconds to play. Peterson then hit both ends of a one-and-one to seal the victory, and added two more with 5 seconds remaining.

Evans scored nine of Kentucky's first 13 points, helping the Wildcats run their way to the 17-4 lead with just over seven minutes played. But he only had one basket the rest of the half and watched the final 5:36 after picking up his second foul.

He got his third foul three minutes into the second half and his fourth with 6:25 remaining.

Michigan State used 3-point shooting and better rebounding to right itself after Kentucky's blitz. The Spartans, who came in averaging four 3-pointers per game, were 5-of-11 in the half including three by Granger. They wound up 7-of-17 from behind the arc.

Granger, Jason Klein and Cleaves hit consecutive 3s in the final 1:21 to make it a one-point deficit at halftime.

Michigan State missed 12 of its first 15 shots but went 10-for-13 after that. The Spartans also stayed even on the backboards in the final eight minutes of the half after falling behind 15-7 in that category. They finished with a 33-29 advantage.

Michigan State's bench contributed 18 first-half points. Granger had nine — all on 3-pointers — and Peterson and scored seven. Kentucky's biggest contributor off the bench was freshman Tayshaun Prince, who scored a dozen — three more than his total for the tournament.

The crowd of 42,519 was a record for an NCAA regional.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Duke topples Temple, 85-64

Blue Devils secure 12th Final Four appearance

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Duke is where everybody expected it to be this season, and where the Blue Devils haven't been since 1994 — the Final Four.

"It's great to be at the level Duke has been and we're back there again," sophomore center Elton Brand said Sunday after the 85-64 victory over sixth-seeded Temple in the East Regional final.

The nation's top-ranked team is closing the decade where it was almost every year at the start of the '90s.

The Blue Devils (36-1) extended their school-record winning streak to 31 games and will be making their 12th Final Four appearance — the eighth under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

On Saturday, in St. Petersburg, Fla., Duke plays Michigan State, which beat Kentucky 73-66 to win the Midwest Regional. The Blue Devils beat the Spartans 73-67 in December in the Great Eight.

Duke was in the Final Four from 1990-92 and again in 1994, winning the national championship in 1991 and 1992.

"It's been a long time coming and it's something I haven't experienced," fifth-year senior Trajan Langdon said. "Coming into this game I knew it was my last chance to go to the Final Four."

Langdon, a second-team All-America, did something about it with an impressive shooting display against Temple's famed matchup zone defense, going 5-for-6 from 3-point range and finishing with 23 points.

"He is as pure a shooter as I've seen in college basketball," Temple coach John Chaney said.

The loss deprived Chaney of his first trip to the Final Four. It was the fourth time he had a team in the regional final and it was third time he lost that game in Continental Airlines Arena.

The first of those was to Duke in 1988, and Temple, which has been to two Final Fours, the last in 1958, lost to North Carolina there in 1991.

This tournament run was the least likely for Chaney.

"Just being here a fourth time is a tremendous honor as far as I'm concerned," Chaney said. "This ranks up there as one of the best and these kids are going to win and win and win."

The matchup zone employed by the 67-year-old coach kept the game close for a while. But Duke, the heaviest tournament favorite since UNLV in 1991, had too many answers.

There was the outside shooting of Langdon, the inside power of Elton Brand and the athleticism of one of the nation's deepest teams.

It was all too much for Temple (24-11).

"Our teams are similar but his has better athletes," Chaney said, referring to Krzyzewski. "I just hope whoever plans to beat them believes in the Lord."

The Owls were hit with their worst loss of the season, allowed more than 55 points for the first time in this tournament and gave up the most points by a Chaney-coached team in 15 NCAA tournament appearances.

Brand, the only unanimous first-team All-America, had 21 points and eight rebounds. The Blue Devils, second in the nation in field goal percentage at 51.6, shot 60 percent (27-for-45).

Mark Karcher and Lamont Barnes each had 19 points for Temple, which shot 38 percent (25-for-65).

Temple got within 64-54 with 10:26 to play on a 3-pointer by Karcher. That may not seem close, but the Blue Devils had won their tournament games by an average of 33 points and their 26.1 average margin of victory is tops in the country.

Duke, which leads the nation averaging 93.2 points per game, came right back with an 11-2 run, the last four points coming on a power dunk and nice low post move by Brand and the lead was 75-56 with 5:51 to play.

"I thought we were playing to keep a margin," Krzyzewski

said. "We held them a couple of times and I felt coming in that how we defended them would be the most important aspect of the game. If we play well on the defensive end it helps us offensively."

Temple's last lead was 11-10 with 13 1/2 minutes left in the half. Langdon then hit the second and third of his three straight 3s to start a 12-0 run and suddenly the zone had to extend.

The Owls did get within 30-25 with 3 1/2 minutes left on a 3-pointer by Mark Karcher, but a 6-0 run over the next minute had the lead back to 11.

The Blue Devils put the exclamation point on the first half when freshman Corey Maggette flew into sight and dunked the rebound of a missed 3-pointer by Avery to make it 43-31.

"You don't get a chance to play for the national championship until you get to the Final Four," Krzyzewski said. "Now we can talk about winning the national championship."

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Fencing

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faced against Smart was faulty equipment. Szelle had wired his sword wrong so that when he parried Smart's attacks with his weapon, the scoring system still registered a touch. It was not until late in the bout that he discovered this error.

Equipment problems aside, Szelle still fenced his worst match of the day against Smart.

"I was very flat," he said. "I didn't fence well. He had a strange tempo and I wasn't adjusting to it well."

Despite the disappointing loss in the finals, Szelle's performance was still remarkable for a freshman fencer. His second place finish was the best by an Irish freshman since Walsh finished second her freshman year. In his first NCAA appearance, Szelle was the only Notre Dame fencer to win first-team All-American honors.

The sabre team's 32 points — five more than any other team — confirmed that their undefeated dual-meet record was no fluke and that the Irish had the top sabre team in the country.

Men's Foil

The foil team made the most dramatic turn-around on Friday. After Thursdays competition, Auriol and Hayes found themselves in 17th and 14th place with only 10 total wins in four rounds.

A completely different foil squad stepped onto the strips for rounds five through seven. Hayes won five of his five of his nine bouts and Auriol won six of nine as the sabre squad rallied to finish seventh and scored 21 points for the team. At the 1998 championships, the foil team managed to score only 15 points.

"It felt good to end the tournament on an up-note," Stephane said. "It could have been easier for us to give up."

Men's Epee

Junior James Gaither and freshman Brian Casas made their NCAA debuts for the Irish on Friday afternoon as the men's epee competition began.

Gaither's tournament was marked by inconsistency. He defeated many of the top fencers while also falling to weaker fencers. In one of the highlights of the tournament, Gaither broke through St. John's Doron Levit's arrogant style to score a thrilling victory. While Levit

danced and seemed to taunt Gaither with his relaxed attitude, Gaither dominated the bout and embarrassed Levit by scoring a toe-touch.

"For some reason I was able to beat all the top guys and bombed against guys I should have beat," he said. "Some guys just had my number today and some didn't. But I also think I fell into the Notre Dame stigma of playing down to an opponent's level."

Gaither posted an 11-12 record and finished in 14th place overall. Casas — fencing in the championships in his first year of collegiate competition — had an excellent tournament. He flirted with the top four spots through six rounds before dropping two bouts in round seven to fall out of contention for a spot in the semifinals. He won 14 bouts and placed eighth overall in the epee tournament. He joined fellow freshman Szelle on the All-American list for his performance.

The epee team earned 25 points for the Irish and finished fifth overall.

Women's Foil

The women's competition began on Saturday with the Irish still trailing Penn State by a large margin. Only a perfect performance by the women and a collapse by Penn State could save the title for the Irish. The Irish fenced very strongly and Penn State did stumble a bit. Notre Dame managed to close the gap to a mere seven-points late Saturday afternoon before Penn State pulled away on Sunday.

The disappointment of losing any chance at a title hurt the women's drive a bit on Sunday.

"It's hard when you realize that you are not going to win as a team," said foilist Myriah Brown who earned All-American honors for the fourth consecutive year. "It was difficult to lose your reason that you were fencing. It is tough to group and start fencing for individual honors and to maintain second place rather than fighting for first."

Brown and fellow foilist Walsh teamed to earn 32 points for the Irish, good for fourth place overall.

Walsh finished fifth in the tournament. She tied with fourth place Yelena Kalkina with 19 wins but lost the tie-breaker on indicators 59-44. She just barely missed becoming the first Irish fencer to qualify for the semifinals in all four years of competition.

Brown finished 11th overall with 13 wins. She earned also earned All-American honors for the fourth time in her career.



The Observer/Kevin Dalam Junior James Gaither finished his NCAA competition with an overall record of 11-12, placing 14th in men's epee and leading the Irish to a second place finish.

Brown and Walsh closed their careers as the most prolific women's foil combination in Irish history. The two combined for 522 victories and eight All-American awards. Brown is the Irish career leader in foil wins while Walsh stands in third. They hold four of the 10 best single-season foil records and single season winning percentage. They are only two of only three women's fencers to earn All-American honors for the Irish four times.

Women's Epee

The women's epee team also performed well at the tournament.

"We fenced very well today," three-time All-American Magda Krol said. "We were strong, had good style and fought hard."

Following a red card that cost her the match against Heidi Triggs of Air Force, Krol reeled off nine straight wins. Krol, however, claims that the red card did not inspire her to fence stronger.

"I put the red card behind me," Krol said. "I always try to focus on one bout at a time and not worry about other bouts."

Krol, a junior, finished eighth in the tournament with 14 wins. She earned All-American honors for the third straight year.

Mustilli closed her Irish career with a fifth place finish and her straight All-American award. She posted 15 wins on the day and fell just short of qualifying for the semifinals. She entered round seven with a chance to qualify, but the previous six rounds had taken their toll on the senior captain and she was com-

pletely exhausted. Fencing valiantly against the strong Penn State epee team, she still dropped her first two bouts.

Mustilli, however rallied in her final bout against Meghan Gaseor of Northwestern. Feeding off the energy of the crowd and an inner strength that had guided her to 304 career wins, she defeated Gaseor to close her career with a win.

Mustilli is the second winning-most woman fencer in Irish history. She also owns the distinct honor of owning records in both epee and foil. Fencing foil her freshman year, she won 69 bouts and still stands 10th in single-season wins and seventh in career winning percentage. She made the transition to epee her sophomore year and distinguished herself as one of the top Irish epeeists of all-time. Her 235 career epee wins are good for second all-time and she has the third-best winning percentage in Irish history.

Despite all the individual accomplishments of the Class of 1999, the fourth straight second place finish was still a bitter pill to swallow.

"We could have fenced better," Brown said. "It's not the ending I hoped for."

"We could have won NAAs with the talent we have," LaValle said. "We have some mental problem with out mental psyche. We are lacking something mentally to win the tournament."

Coach Auriol, who has always called this senior class a "special class," felt that the title was just not meant to be this year.

"Last year we missed the opportunity to win nationals," he said. "Penn State was just too strong this year. I know that it is hard for the seniors to finish second again. But this just wasn't our year."



The Observer/Kevin Dalam Senior captain Nicole Mustilli finished fifth in the epee competition for Notre Dame.

Fencing Championship Results

- Penn State - 171 Points*
- Notre Dame - 139 Points*
- Stanford - 136 Points*
- Princeton - 118 Points*

■ BASEBALL

Pitching leads team to doubleheader victory

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Behind strong pitching performances from Aaron Heilman and Tim Kalita, the Notre Dame baseball team swept Saturday's doubleheader with West Virginia (6-9) and improved to 11-6 on the season.

The Irish took the first game 4-1 and followed it up with a 6-4 victory in the nightcap. The third game of the series was scheduled for Sunday, but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

"Any time you come out of West Virginia with two wins, it's an accomplishment," junior shortstop Brant Ust said. "They have a history of playing us tough, but it was nice to get off to a good start in Big East play."

Heilman went the distance in the first game, allowing just one run and striking out nine, while walking none. The sophomore righthander faced just four batters over the minimum and scattered three hits over seven innings.

"Dominating is the one word I'd use to describe his performance on Saturday," Ust said. "He's probably one of the few pitchers in the country who you can give a one or two run lead to and feel confident that he'll shut down the opponent."

West Virginia's Lewis Ross (1-1) dropped the decision, giving up four earned runs and nine hits over seven innings.

Freshman centerfielder Steve Stanley reached on a bunt single in the first inning and later scored the first Irish run on a groundout by sophomore Alec Porzel.

West Virginia tied it up in the bottom of the inning behind singles from Nate Reese and Travis Pittman, but Heilman shut down the Mountaineers the rest of the way.

Notre Dame scored a run in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to give the Irish the 4-1 victory. In the fifth inning, Stanley hit a shot up the middle, driving in freshman catcher Paul O'Toole. Bushey singled to start the top of the sixth and advanced to third on Porzel's double down the left-field line. Designated hitter Matt Nussbaum's sacrifice fly

drove in Bushey and pushed the Irish lead to 3-1.

Bushey drove in the final run of the afternoon, when he singled in O'Toole, who led off the inning with a single.

In the nightcap, Kalita (2-1) went eight innings to earn the victory for the Irish. He allowed four runs on seven hits and two walks, while equaling his career high with 10 strikeouts.

Junior righthander John Corbin struck out two in the ninth and notched his third save of the season.

WVU's Jeremy Cummings took the loss and dropped to 0-4 on the season.

All-American Ust provided some fireworks in the top of the first when he tagged Cummings' 1-2 pitch over the left-centerfield fence. The two-run blast was his eighth of the season and 37th of his career — tying him for second on Notre Dame's all-time list.

West Virginia got one back in the bottom of the inning, but Notre Dame blew the game open with a three-run third.

Stanley reached on a walk and advanced to third on a single by Bushey. West Virginia's Todd Brock then robbed Porzel on a grounder down the third base line, but Stanley scored. Ust drew an intentional walk and Jeff Felker delivered a two-strike single to left center, but Bushey was gunned down at the plate by Mountaineer outfielder Matt McGee. Nussbaum, however, drilled a shot up the middle to score Ust and Felker.

"We scored when we needed to," said Ust. "We had a 5-1 lead for most of the second game, but we need to work on putting a team away. I think that will come when guys get used to being in RBI situations."

West Virginia tacked on three in the seventh when Reeser homered off Kalita, but Notre Dame's Jeff Peconte added some insurance in the ninth with an RBI single.

The Irish were solid in the field and didn't commit and error in either game.

Notre Dame has now won seven straight ball games and will look to push that streak to eight when they take on Western Michigan at home on

Tuesday.

"Weather permitting, we're looking forward to getting the

season underway at home," said Ust. "We have a big home-stand in April, so it'll be good

to play on our field, be in our dugout, and get the Eck season going."

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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Belles drop three matches

Saint Mary's falls victim to tough Division I foes

By ANGELA FOX
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team started off their season against tough competition from some Division I schools. Over break, Saint Mary's traveled to Arizona for matches against Northern Illinois, Butler University and Walsh.

Although the Belles lost against all three schools, playing against a higher division gave the players some great experience, according to the players.

"All three teams offered really good competition," said senior captain Katie Vales. "It really helped prepare us for the season."

Saint Mary's continued its

season against DePauw University, losing 3-6. Despite the loss, some individuals prevailed over their opponents. Senior Betsy Gemmer won at No. 4 singles, as did junior Krista Eastburn at No. 6 singles. The No. 1 doubles team

'ALL THREE TEAMS OFFERED REALLY GOOD COMPETITION.'

KATIE VALES
SENIOR WOMEN'S TENNIS CAPTAIN

of Vales and freshman Annie Knish won in a tie-breaker, 9-8. Knish said that after they both lost their singles matches, they came out with the attitude that they had nothing to lose. They tried to be

aggressive and get focused early on.

Saturday, Saint Mary's had an enormous victory over Defiance College. This was their first conference match and the Belles won 9-0. The singles winners were No. 1 Vales (6-0, 6-1), No. 2 Knish (6-0, 6-0), No. 3 Becky Kremer (6-0, 6-1), No. 4 Gemmer (6-1, 6-0), No. 5 Taylor Jarrin (6-0, 6-0) and No. 6 Eastburn (6-1, 6-0).

The doubles teams seem to be coming together now that they have played more together and are developing strategies. The doubles winners were No. 1 Vales/Knish (6-0, 6-0), No. 2 Kremer/Gemmer (6-2, 6-0), and No. 3 Jarrin/Eastburn (6-1, 6-2). Next Saturday Saint Mary's will play at Adrian College, whom they defeated last year 9-0. Vales said with a stronger team they should expect they same results.

■ FOX SPORTS . . . ALMOST

NCAA tournament frustrates fanatic

By TED FOX
Sports Writer

Back at the end of January, I wrote an article about men's NCAA March Madness only being a little over a month away. Even then, I was pretty excited.

Maybe you just thought I couldn't think of anything better to write about. That is, if you're one of the few people besides my parents and me who actually remembers I wrote that column.

But pretend for a minute you do remember. To many of you, writing about this tournament so far in advance may have seemed, to borrow a phrase from Dan Patrick and Keith Olbermann when they used to co-host ESPN's Sportscenter, like a bit of "premature jocularity."

Not surprisingly, at least to those who follow college hoops, that has not turned out to be the case.

On the contrary, the first two weeks of this year's March march to the Final Four have proven once again that no amount of jocularity concerning what must be the best event in all of sports can ever be premature.

How do I know this?

Because I spent the first weekend of this year's tourney being just about as frustrated as I could be, as I watched my predicted winners seemingly every game lose.

It started with Gonzaga over Minnesota, a mild upset of a 10 seed over a seven which was playing without four of its players.

However, in the course of the next two days, every other 10 seed — Purdue, Creighton, and Miami of Ohio — all won. Of course, I didn't pick one of them to make it out of the opening round.

That made it even more fun when three of these four (all but Creighton) won again over the weekend and made it to the Sweet 16. But it didn't take me that long to figure out that any chance I had to be a professional oddsmaker was evaporating before my very eyes. No, that happened before the week-

end even started.

You see, in the process of conducting my rigorous scientific approach to choose the winners of all 63 games, I somehow came up with a Final Four of Duke, Arizona, Maryland, and North Carolina.

Despite the fact that this Final Four included three teams from the ACC, it still seemed semi-reasonable. It consisted of a one, two, three, and four seed, which is realistic and still accounts for upsets.

Of course, these picks were made before I had the benefit of watching the games. Herein lies the problem.

North Carolina, the number three seed in my group, lost to Weber State, the fourteen seed, in the first round.

Oops.

The next night, Arizona, the number four in the group, lost a 61-60 nail-biter to the number thirteen Sooners of Oklahoma.

Whoops.

Maryland at least made it to the Sweet 16 before bowing out to St. John's, salvaging a little, albeit hardly any, respect for my bracket — which by this time had quite a few Xs on it.

I hadn't even picked Duke, the only Final Four team still standing, to make it to the title game, basically because I got sick of everyone telling me the trophy was already theirs. That just bugs me, especially as a North Carolina fan.

And yet, this tournament has been a blast so far for me. I don't have to worry about checking my picks anymore. I can just watch the games, enjoy the basketball, and root for the upsets and the excitement that come with them, which cannot be matched.

This makes for a great tournament.

Most of all, I can sit back now and wait for someone to beat the Dukies. It's my last chance at redemption. I still maintain someone's going to do it before this tournament is over, even though everyone you ask would let them cut down the nets today if they could.

Maybe by the time this is printed, Temple will have proven me right. And if not them, one of the teams after them.

Watching how all this will play out is providing for another awesome March.

And the thought of my redemption makes me happy.

Of course, that could be an instance of premature jocularity. But I don't think so.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Padres' Brooks earns first hit

Associated Press

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa are making this spring seem a lot like last summer.

McGwire and Sosa each hit their eighth home runs Sunday to remain tied for the spring training lead. McGwire's two-run shot came off A.J. Burnett in the third inning of the St. Louis Cardinals' 10-4 loss to Florida Marlins split squad.

Sosa's three-run homer came in the second inning of the Chicago Cubs' 10-7 loss to the San Francisco Giants at Mesa, Ariz.

"He's ready, I'm ready. He's got to do a job, I've got to do a job," Sosa said. "For me, it doesn't take too long to get ready. I've been relaxed and patient at home plate and that's helping me not to swing at pitches I shouldn't be swinging at."

Meanwhile, New York

Yankees manager Joe Torre was released from Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. According to pathology reports, his cancer was limited to his prostate gland and there is no trace of the disease in the lymph nodes.

He is not expected to rejoin the team for 6-to-12 weeks, but he will head to Florida to recuperate, according to family friend Jeff Wehling.

"He wants to be near the team, but he also thought it would be better to be there because the weather is much warmer than in New York, and he can get out and do his walking," Wehling said.

At Port Charlotte, Fla., the Texas Rangers said reliever John Wetteland may start the season on the disabled list. Wetteland has been slowed by an ankle injury last month and muscle spasms in his lower back.

"The delivery that I saw on Thursday, I didn't like it at all," manager Johnny Oates said. "He just can't push off on that ankle well enough for me."

At Dunedin, Fla., the Boston Red Sox said shortstop Nomar Garciaparra won't return to the team until at least Wednesday while he undergoes tests on in California on his injured right elbow.

"He just needs to get checked out now," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said Sunday.

At Peoria, Ariz., Country singer-turned-baseball player Garth Brooks got his first hit of spring training, singling up the middle off Mike Sirotko in the San Diego Padres' 11-8 loss to the Chicago White Sox. It was his 10th plate appearance.

"I bet that base hit to him means more than if he sells another million records," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said.

Swim

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Three of those also re-wrote NCAA and meet records.

"We expected it to be competitive, but every time you walk in there you have all these fast people swimming," Kline said of the nation's fastest meet. "No matter how much you prepare yourself for it, it's still so fast."

Kline emphasized that qualifying twice as many swimmers as the previous season made for more team spirit. She also notes that seven out of eight team members will return to the team next year.

One of the biggest challenges for the women was to keep being successful after winning the Big East Championship meet with a record-high score.

"We had a tremendous Big East [championship meet], and to repeat those performances is a difficult task," Barger said.

"It was hard because we swam so well at Big East, so we didn't swim as well as we hoped, but overall I think we did pretty well," Kline said.

The top 16 finishers in the pre-

lims of each event returned to score points in the finals. The Irish experienced many near misses to score: Five swims and one set of dives were within three places of making finals.

This includes the 200 freestyle relay and Kline's 100 breaststroke, both of which placed 17th. Heather Mattingly, Notre Dame's first diver to qualify for the meet, placed 18th on the three-meter board with 378.10 points.

With the 1998-99 season behind them, team members see it as an overall success.

"I think we made tremendous leaps," Barger said. "We beat teams we hadn't beaten before, and team unity is the best I've ever seen."

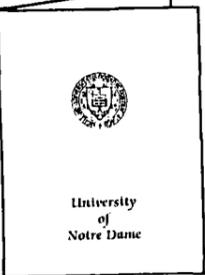
"This has been a big breakthrough year for us," Nixon said. "We had a really good season, people worked hard, and it paid off."

They realize, however, that not all their goals were accomplished. For Nixon, the NCAA meet is "something to learn from for next year."

"We have a talented freshman class coming in, and that's exciting to think about," Barger said about next season.

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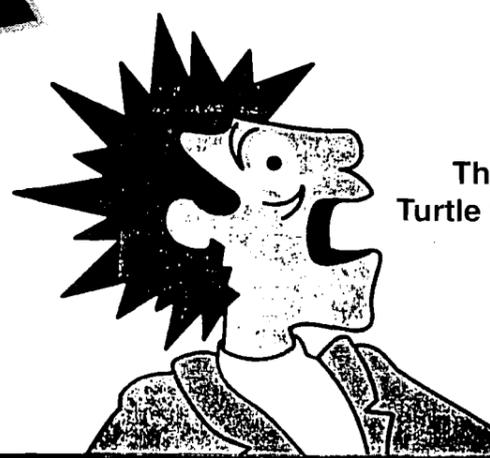
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■ NBA

Rodman returns to rally Lakers to win

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dennis Rodman returned to the Los Angeles Lakers and was his usual defiant self Sunday, refusing to apologize for his eccentric lifestyle or his gambling trip to Las Vegas while his team was on the road losing three of four games.

"I'll be here the rest of the season. I've used up my hall pass," he said, adding that his return got just the kind of reaction from his teammates that he expected — none.

Rodman played 23 minutes Sunday and had four points on 2-for-2 shooting and grabbed six rebounds to help the Lakers overcome a 24-point deficit to beat the Orlando Magic 115-104.

The seven-time rebounding champion, who has helped teams win five NBA championships, insisted the eight-day break had nothing to do with drinking, gambling, smoking or marital problems.

"This game ain't worth that much for me to lose who I am," Rodman said, adding that he was fined \$100 a day by the Lakers. "I had to get away because I really didn't know if I wanted to play basketball."

In fact, he said, it was wife Carmen Electra who helped convince him to return to work after spending part of the layoff in Las Vegas.

Asked if he had resolved the matters that left him pondering retirement, Rodman smiled.

"Nothing's ever ironed out. They just kind of subside for a while," he said. Of his decision to spend part of the time gambling in Las Vegas, he said: "I'm different. I do it my way."

He did not apologize — publicly, or to his teammates.

"I didn't need to do that. I won't do that," Rodman said.

"Like I said, action speaks louder than words. I came back ... People have to understand this is me. Just let me do what I've got to do and everything will be all right."

The 13th-year pro's teammates were supportive.

"He had personal problems and our organization was gracious enough to let him go to Vegas and do some gambling and clear his head, whatever," Shaquille O'Neal said. "But he's back. We all said what we had to say to him. Hopefully, he doesn't do that again."

Rodman said he arrived in town at about 3 a.m. and accompanied the team to Orlando Arena where he spoke briefly with coach Kurt Rambis.

"I just asked him if he was all right," Rambis said. "He said he was all right, and that was it."

When asked if Rodman assured him he will not leave the team again, the coach said: "I don't think anybody can make those assurances."

Rambis declined to speculate on what might happen if seven-time rebounding champion leaves the team again.

"We'll have to cross that bridge if and when it happens," Rambis said. "I'm not going to sit here with hard and fast rules to what happens in future situations."

It was suggested to Rambis that the Lakers, particularly under former coach Pat Riley, would not have tolerated such behavior when Rambis was part of teams led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rodman has been on five championship teams — two with Detroit, three with Chicago.

However, at age 37, he has grown weary of the game. Still, he says, he plans to help get the Lakers a title.

■ MEN'S LACROSSE

ND falls short against Loyola

Irish set standard for season with strong performance

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The men's lacrosse team proved it belongs to be mentioned with the nation's elite teams this weekend. The 17th-ranked Irish were narrowly defeated 10-8 by top-ranked Loyola (Md.) in front of a large crowd in Baltimore.

Despite a sub-par practice on Thursday followed by a delayed flight on Friday which caused the Irish to miss their walk-through, the Irish were ready come game time.

"We played well. We were with them the entire game," said assistant coach Jim Finlay. "We scrapped for every goal and defensive play that we had. It was the players who really made this game, no doubt about it. They proved to themselves and to the rest of the lacrosse world that they are as good as anyone else."

The Irish opened up the scoring 2:06 into the game on a goal by Chris Dusseau. Steve Bishko also scored in the first quarter, but Loyola's Peter Haas's three goals propelled Loyola to a 3-2

lead after the first 15 minutes. Haas scored again to begin the second quarter, before the Irish offense came alive. They exploded for four unanswered goals before Loyola scored twice to tie the score at six going into the second half.

Dusseau's goal in the third quarter, his fourth goal of the game, knotted the game at seven

Dusseau and David Biddison. While Dusseau was the offensive star for the Irish, Biddison spearheaded a defense which held the potent Greyhound attack to ten goals. Other key defensive players were seniors Laurence Galli and Ray Cross along with sophomore Mike Adams.

With the outstanding play on Saturday, Finlay now knows how good his team can play and expects that kind of effort every game.

"We played so well that we've set the bar, the level of play that we know we can play at," said Finlay. "Now, we tell our players that every time you come out you have to play that way. I think they're ready for the challenge."

The road doesn't get any easier for the Irish as they host another ranked team, Hobart on Saturday. Coach Kevin Corrigan was scouting Hobart in person yesterday in Boston. Finlay knows his team is in for a battle this weekend.

"Hobart's a great team. They get better every year. They're as good as anyone else and will come ready to play," said Finlay. "We've got a lot to prove. They beat us by a couple of goals last year. We're pretty happy to have an opportunity to play them again and prove that we're a little better than last year."

'WE PLAYED SO WELL THAT WE'VE SET THE BAR, THE LEVEL OF PLAY THAT WE KNOW WE CAN PLAY AT.'

JIM FINLEY
NOTRE DAME ASSISTANT COACH

and was the closest the Irish would come again the game. In addition to Dusseau's four goals, sophomore David Ulrich also played a solid game. Ulrich, who was named the Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week for his performance in last week's 14-10 victory over Villanova, recorded two goals and two assists for the Irish, who fell to 3-2 on the season. Goalkeeper Kirk Howell, making only his fifth career start, had a career-high 15 saves in defeat.

Coach Finlay praised the leadership of his co-captains

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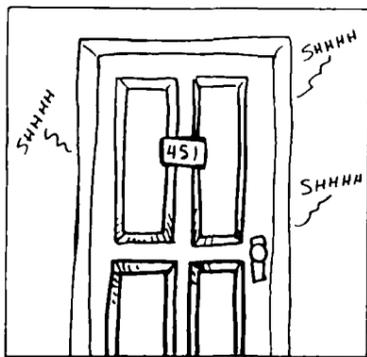
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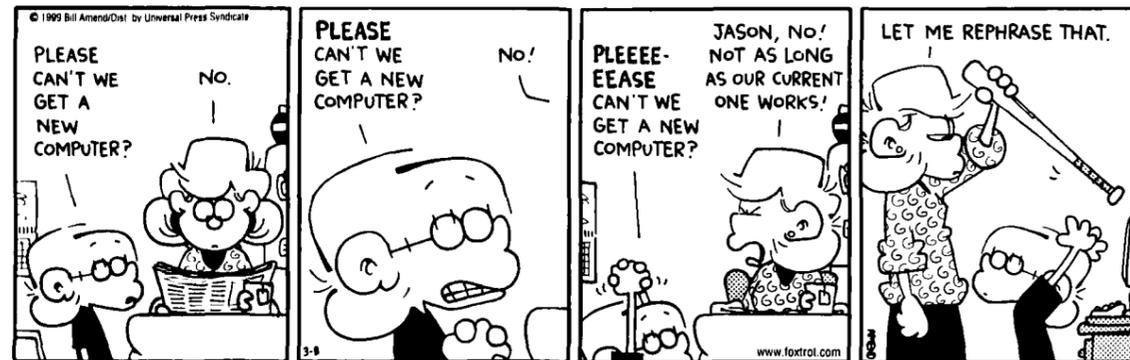
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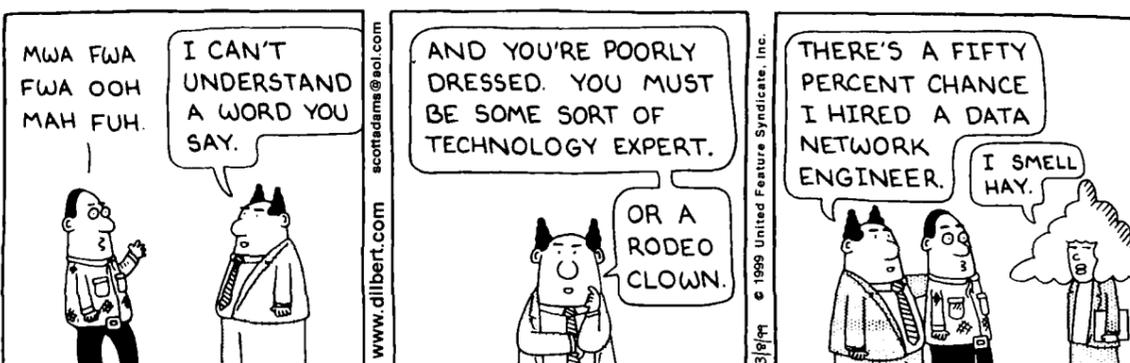
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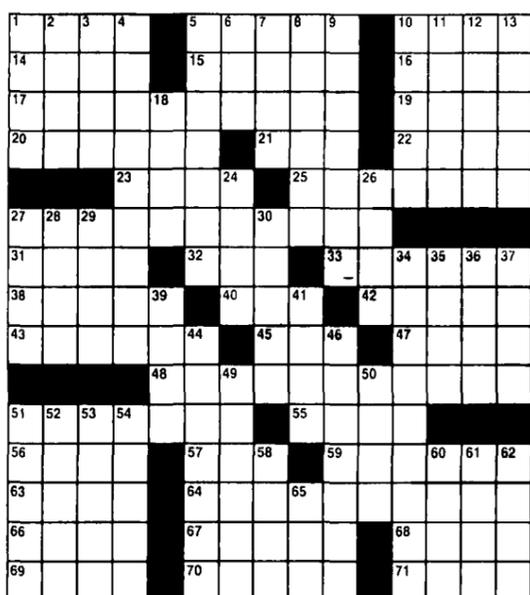
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Government: An Arts and Letters Major Fair follow-up meeting will be held today from 7-8 p.m. in 126 DeBartolo Hall. Advisors will be available.

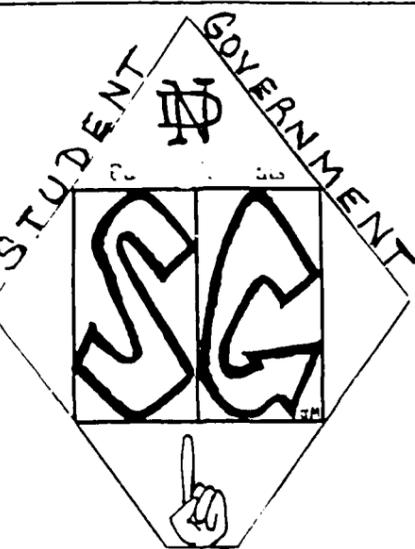
Economics: An Arts and Letters Major follow-up meeting will be held today from 6-7 p.m. in 118 O'Shaughnessy Hall. Advisors will be available.

CAPP: An Arts and Letters Major follow-up meeting will be held today from 6-7 p.m. in 217 DeBartolo Hall. Advisors will be available.

The Internships Office of the Government Department invites students to attend the Fall '99 Internship Information meeting on March 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in 204 O'Shaughnessy. This meeting will focus on local internship opportunities, application procedures and academic credit requirements. All students are welcome.

Disability Awareness Week - Participate in Simulation Day on March 24. Spend the day discovering what it's like to live with a physical disability. Discuss your experiences over dinner with other participants and students with real disabilities. Call Rosie McDowell at 289-4831 or Patty Flynn at 1-5293 to register.

Wanted: A ONE-PANEL CARTOONIST. If interested, call 1-4542.



Financial Aid Seminar!!

On Tuesday, March 23, a Financial Aid Seminar will be held in Montgomery Theater in LaFortune Student Center. It will be conducted by Joseph A. Russo at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions call Kathleen McCann, Academic Resources at 634-2668. All are welcome!!

SPORTS

Back to business . . .

■ LA Lakers' star Dennis Rodman returned to action on Sunday after taking a leave of absence for undisclosed reasons.

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■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish season ends with five All-American performances

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team ended their season Saturday by placing 28th with 16 points in the NCAA Championship meet.

Host Georgia won the meet for the first time with 504.5 points, defeating 1998 champions Stanford and leaving Southern Methodist at a distant third.

The Irish placed two individu-

als and two relays in the top 16. Carrie Nixon was first to score, with a 16th-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

Most of Notre Dame's scoring followed immediately with the 400-yard medley relay. The team of Kelly Hecking, Shannon Suddarth, Liz Barger and Carrie Nixon placed 11th, the school's highest finish in an event at NCAAs.

Friday's finals session began with the 200 medley relay,

where the Irish team of Hecking, Brittany Kline, Barger and Nixon placed 16th at 1:42.75.

Suddarth wrapped up Irish scoring on Saturday night with a 15th-place finish in the 200 breaststroke at 2:15.20. The swim earned her honorable mention All-America status for the fourth time in her career, making her the most decorated Notre Dame swimmer at the NCAA Championships.

Although the Irish hoped to

finish higher in the team standings, other successes minimize the disappointment, according to co-captain Barger.

"We came away with five All-Americans. We've never had a relay before, and it made the top sixteen. We had more swimmers than we ever had before," she said.

"We've had a very successful season overall, so we're not disappointed with NCAAs," Nixon said. "It really goes to show how

well we work together as a team."

Nixon noted that the meet was more high-scoring than last year. The points were more concentrated among the higher ranks, so higher scores than expected were needed to place among the top 15 teams.

Every event brought a new pool record. In addition, U.S. Open and American records were broken in four events.

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■ NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers strike back to take second

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

WALTHAM, Mass.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Notre Dame fencing team finished second at the NCAA tournament in Waltham, Mass., to five-time defending national champion Penn State.

The Irish came to Waltham with high hopes for the national title that has eluded them since 1994. Qualifying the maximum 10 fencers and bringing five All-Americans, the Irish thought they had their best chance of knocking off the Nittany Lions. Penn State, however, proved to be too strong this year, defeating the Irish 171-139.

"I think we fenced well," head coach Yves Auriol said. "But we had to admit that Penn State was the stronger team this year."

"They had 10 strong fencers," said epee captain Nicole Mustilli who finished her Notre Dame career by finishing fifth and earning All-American honors for the second straight year. "Even their weaker fencers fenced up. That's easy when you have spirit and you have the pressure. We fenced with a lot of pressure that we had to be perfect."

The Irish brought five seniors to NCAAs and hoped that this year would finally be the year that they would bring the title home to South Bend. The combination of a talented Penn State squad and the pressure of the final tournament of their collegiate careers proved to be too much. Many fencers felt that they did not fence at the top of their game.

"I didn't fence very well," said Sara Walsh, who earned All-American honors in women's foil for the fourth time. "This was probably my worst tournament in my four years of college. I was really nervous since this was my last year. I didn't have the focus I needed in my big four bouts."

The pressure hurt the Irish the most on Thursday when they stumbled to sixth place



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Senior captain Luke LaValle garnered All-American honors for the fourth straight year as he finished with a record of 12-11.

after four rounds in men's foil and men's sabre.

"I think a lot of people put too much pressure on themselves and we didn't handle it too well," Stephane Auriol said.

On Friday, behind improved fencing from sabre captain Luke LaValle, foil captain Stephane Auriol, junior foilist Chas Hayes and freshman sabreman Gabor Szelle, the Irish struck back to move into third place.

"We were all struggling so we knew someone had to be a catalyst," Hayes said. "So we stepped it up. We are upper-

classmen so it is our job to lift the team's spirits."

Men's Sabre

Defending sabre champion LaValle found himself in 14th place with a 6-8 after the first four rounds of competition. LaValle fenced better on Friday to improve his record to 12-11 and garnered All-American honors for the fourth straight year. He became the first sabreman to earn this distinction since Leszek Nowosielski in 1988-91.

"Fencing as poorly as I did on Thursday, it completely killed my mental psyche," said LaValle, who finished his career second in all-time sabre wins with 200. "On Friday, I just tried to fence one bout at a time and tried to have fun."

Szelle finished Thursday's rounds in fourth place overall with an 11-3 record. Following a pep-talk by coach Auriol that night, Szelle went undefeated in his remaining bouts to finish with a 20-3 record. His second place finish qualified him for the semifinals of the sabre competi-

tion.

In the semifinals, Szelle trounced Patrick Durkin on Columbia, 15-5. Durkin finished third at last year's championships. In the finals, Szelle finally discovered an opponent who was fencing even better than he was in Keith Smart. Smart — the 1997 sabre champion — finished eighth at last year's championships.

Against Szelle, he jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead and Szelle never recovered, falling 15-4. Part of the problem that Szelle

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



Softball at Purdue,
March 23, 2 p.m.



at Michigan,
March 24, 4 p.m.



Men's Swimming
at NCAA Championships,
March 25-27



Baseball at Western Michigan,
March 23, 5 p.m.



Women's Lacrosse
at Syracuse,
March 23, 3 p.m.