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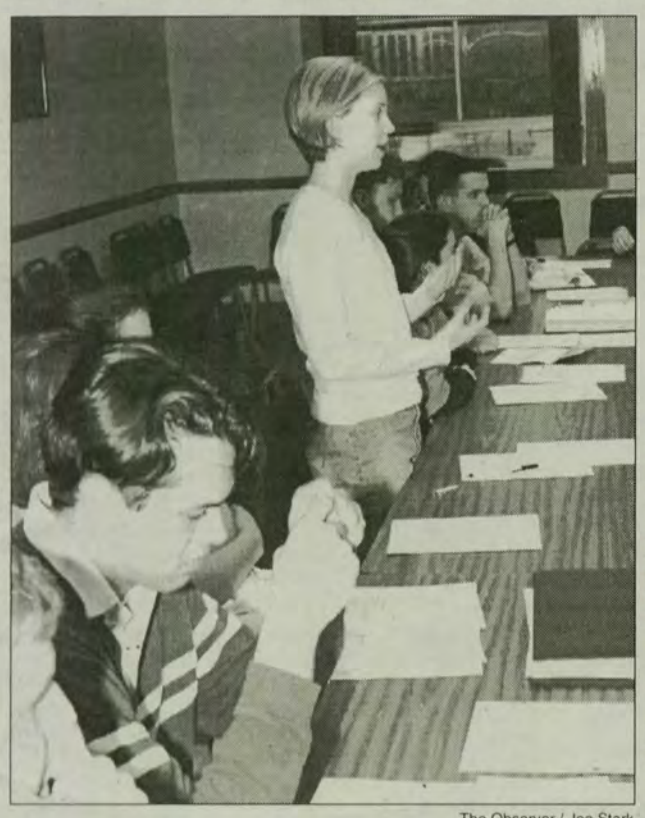
■ STUDENT SENATE

Members criticize trustees' clause decision



The Observer / Joe Stark

Gender Relations Committee co-chair Sophie Fortin argues in favor of a letter condemning the Board of Trustees February decision not to add sexual discrimination to the non-discrimination clause.

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate approved a letter condemning the Board of Trustees for its decision to vote against the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause at Wednesday night's meeting.

"We revised the letter, softened the language," said Siegfried senator Tom Ogorzalek, whose Gender Relations committee authored the letter. "The language isn't as violent anymore, I guess you could say."

However, other members of the senate were not convinced that the language of the letter was appropriate.

"It's an act of love, caring for other people that you may not even know, or maybe that you do know. That committee worked out of love, and this letter conveys anger," said Keough senator Brian O'Donoghue.

Pangborn representative Susan Roberts suspected that O'Donoghue's claim may have been influenced by the previous versions of the letter, which had been labeled too belligerent by members of the senate.

"I really don't see anything in this letter, as it stands now, as being flat-out angry," Roberts said. "I see it as being assertive, [and] I think you need to let people know when you're upset with them....We need to articulate to the Board of Fellows exactly why we're angry."

Howard senator Christine Jacobs added her support for the letter.

"I find what [the Board of Trustees] did hurtful. We are a community of love, but we can also be angry," she said.

Debate also focused on whether or not the letter itself was an appropriate way to express the senate's discontent with the decision.

"I think what the majority of the students want to know is why the Board of Trustees and the Board of Fellows voted against the nondiscrimination clause," said St. Edward's Hall senator Judson Penton. "It would be better to invite them to an open forum, like the Campus Life Council did."

Keenan Hall senator Matt Mamak agreed with Penton's proposal.

"I really don't think this letter serves a purpose," he said. "They know we're not happy about this ... I think we should stand behind what the CLC has done."

Gender Relations co-chair Sophie Fortin explained her rationale for approving the letter.

"We've found that the process was lacking in some sense. We just wanted to re-affirm that you [the Board of Trustees] have done this, but we're not going away," she said.

Enough members agreed with Fortin, and approved the resolution by a vote of 15 to 8.

The senate also debated a problem relating to next month's budget approval meeting, which is scheduled for April 13, nearly two weeks after the current term of office for government positions expires.

While a special motion has been passed to allow the current senators to vote on the budget, the question remains as to who will preside over the meeting: outgoing vice president Andrea Selak or vice president-elect Michael Palumbo.

Palumbo himself raised the question before the senate.

"On April 1, there is a new vice president, and I do think that the new vice president should chair the meeting," he said. "It's not me versus Andrea ... I'm just doing this

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ND business ethics wins No. 1 ranking

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

Business Week magazine ranked Notre Dame the No. 1 school for business ethics in is recently published "Business Week Guide to the Best Business Schools."

"This is a very flattering statement about our program," said Father Oliver Williams, associate professor of management and the academic director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business.

The guide bases its rankings on nationwide surveys to determine student satisfaction. According to the statistics, Notre Dame ranked first in the ethics curriculum for the program's "efforts to include ethics in the MBA program."

"This is the only guide that ranks MBA programs that gets national recognition, so this is a great achievement," Williams said.

Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business Administration, echoed Williams' sentiments.

"We are very pleased about the ranking," said Woo. "This reflects the efforts of the business administration faculty and the overall tradition of the University."

Woo said that being ranked highly is an honor and a responsibility.

"This doesn't mean that we have all the answers. We still have a lot of work to do, but we are very proud," Woo said.

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CAROLYN WOO
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"This ranking provides an opportunity to share the importance of business ethics and carry the message of the importance of ethics," she added. "It also places a responsibility to continually improve ethical development."

Other schools that made the list include the University of Virginia, Georgetown University, Brigham Young University, Yale University, Cornell University and Dartmouth University.

The guide also ranked Notre Dame's College of Business

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Celebrating the Irish

The Observer / Joe Stark

Father Jim Foster celebrates St. Patrick's Day mass with auxiliary bishop Father Daniel Jenky and auxiliary bishop emiritus Father Joseph Crowley in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Wednesday.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

Ladies and Gentleman

Dan Sullivan
Cartoonist

Ladies and gentlemen, I have attentively listened to you all speak. I have attended rallies and talks. I have read the endless dribble which clogs the pages of Viewpoint every weekday. And now I beg, entreat and I implore you all: Please get a life.

You know what the problem with Notre Dame is? It's not the hypocrisy of the administration, the over-priced tuition or the fact that gender relations are horrible. It's not the lack of the protection of sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause or the lack of diversity. The problem is the students.

I am so tired of listening to all your bleeding hearts pleading for acceptance. Maybe it's that you have been so sheltered for so long, caught in the Notre Dame bubble, that you all have failed to realize that the world doesn't listen to whining kids.

I'm not just speaking to the gays and lesbians calling for clause changes, the multicultural students calling for diversity or the hard-up Zahm guys pleading for an amendment to parietals. I'm talking to all of you.

Everyday, I have to listen to all of you whine and moan and complain — always playing the martyr, always being the victim — and it's getting really annoying. Sure everyone's got something about them that holds them back from their true potential. I'm short, overweight and balding at 22-years-old. I can't get a date on a Friday night, but you don't see me complaining because the University won't pay for my Rogaine.

As students, this is your campus. I'm tired of hearing, "Oh but the University doesn't listen to us. I'm oppressed. I'm downtrodden." Why don't you make them listen. The only reason people are oppressed is because they want to be.

Look at Martin Luther King, Jr. He was never a victim. He wouldn't let himself be one. He and those that fought beside him had backbone. Want to get the attention of the administration? Try a little civil disobedience.

Give the University a little bad press, cause them to lose a little tuition money or alumni cash, and they'll bend to your every whim. But for God's sake, stop complaining, stop talking and take action. Get some backbone. Take a risk. Otherwise leave.

We're all adults here, and no matter how much your mother and father coddled you as a child, now you're free to make your own decisions. If you really can't take the abuse from the University, leave. It's as simple as that. No one is stopping you. And if you don't leave, just put up with it. You're only here for four lousy years, and when you get out into the real world, you're free to do whatever you desire.

It's my understanding that the world outside the dome is a lot more open-minded and free thinking.

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

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Berkeley's nudists lose court battle for trial by jury

BERKELEY, Calif.

Berkeley's most famous public nudists officially lost Tuesday what they had been so fervently fighting for: the right to a jury trial.

Instead of going before a jury, nude performers Marty Kent and Debbie Moore, both 47, will automatically receive punishment, in the form of a fine, for parading around in their birthday suits during a downtown tree protest in November, a judge said.

During the protest, police issued the couple a citation for displaying their bare bodies at the corner of Shattuck Avenue and Kittredge Street in protest of a city plan to cut down 220 trees.

The case is the first test of the city's revised public nudity ordinance, which gives the district attorney the discretion of reducing the crime from a misdemeanor to an infraction.

Because an infraction means a judge decides guilt, rather than a jury, Kent and Moore have fought the change. They preferred the automatic jury that came with the higher misdemeanor charge. Traditionally, juries have been more sympathetic to them on public nudity cases.

The couple, who are members of the X-plicit players nude performance group argued that the tickets they received during the Nov. 12 protest had the "misdemeanor" box checked off, and therefore they deserved to be tried before a jury.

But Judge Ron Greenberg, of the Berkeley-Albany municipal court rejected the argument, saying that a jury was unnecessary because the district attorney did not file criminal misdemeanor charges.

All hope is not lost, however, said the attorney for the couple, David Beauvais. He said the judge could change his ruling on May 5 and allow for a trial by jury.

The attorney said the judge still needs to settle more pressing free speech issues, which include a possible violation of the couple's free speech rights.

Beauvais said the public, not a judge, should decide whether Kent and Moore are guilty, especially when there are free speech issues involved.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Study predicts increase in shark attacks

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Shark attacks have declined throughout the world during the last several years, but projections are showing the number will likely increase, especially in Florida, according to a U. Florida study. That could be bad news for beach goers in Florida, which is already the worldwide leader in shark attacks. George Burgess, director of the Gainesville-based International Shark Attack File and co-author of the study, said the numbers of sharks decreased in certain areas because of overfishing, changes in weather patterns or variations in the proximity of currents to the shoreline. But plans to limit commercial fishing could increase shark populations, said Kevin Johns, a research biologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History. This increase in the shark population, coupled with the increasing number of people worldwide, is likely to lead to more shark attacks.

■ COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Exercise machine impressed NASA

HOUSTON

NASA exercise equipment technology apparently cannot compare with the work done by a group of Colorado State University students, according to one CSU student. Tara Ruttley, Paul Colosky, Jon Dory and Jack Zentner have designed an exercise machine for micro-gravity conditions. The Constant Force Resistive Exercise Unit [CFREU] utilizes constant force springs and provides complete concentric and eccentric exercises for every major muscle group in the human body, Colosky said. Exercise technology is of special interest to NASA because of the chronic muscle atrophy humans experience in zero-gravity conditions. The body's degradation limits the time astronauts can spend in space "There is a space-race for exercise equipment," Ruttley said. "And our CFREU seems to be winning." Ruttley, Colosky and Dory met Monday with Susan Schneider, head of NASA's exercise development department.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Judge denies appeal on test-score ruling

EAST LANSING, Mich.

A federal judge threw two vital aspects of MSU athletics — recruiting and eligibility — into a tailspin Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter denied a request by the NCAA that would have allowed colleges to continue using minimum standardized test scores as a benchmark when recruiting athletes.The decision solidifies Buckwalter's ruling in a case last week that struck down Proposition 16 — an NCAA rule that required student athletes to meet minimum ACT or SAT scores when being awarded an athletic scholarship. Buckwalter flagged Proposition 16 as discriminatory toward African-American student-athletes. MSU, along with hundreds of other universities, has been left alone to decide what the standards of admission for student-athletes will be. Without Proposition 16, students must graduate high school with a 2.0 grade-point average in 13 core courses.

■ UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

Dayton remembers bad St. Patrick's Days

DAYTON, Ohio

St. Patrick's Day is making its return to the U. Dayton campus Wednesday, and university officials are optimistic they won't see a return to the traditions that prompted them to schedule the university's spring break to coincide with the holiday for the last five years. "It was just a really ugly scene," William Schuerman, vice president of student development and dean of students, said of the St. Patrick's celebrations of the past. Schuerman said the celebrations beginning in the late '80s and especially in the early '90s were totally out of control. He said it was not uncommon to find furniture and Dumpsters on fire, streets blocked, and large crowds confronting university and city police. "For a period of about five to six years things were just escalating," Schuerman said. "A certain segment of the population wanted UD to be known for that [the wild celebrations]."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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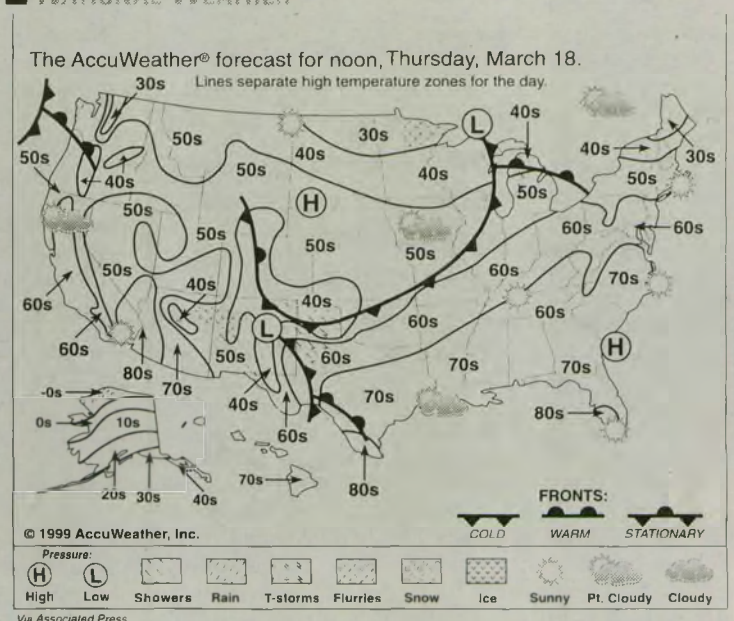

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Former poet laureate, wife to read poetry selections

By KATE STEER
News Writer

Robert Hass, a former poet laureate of the United States, and Brenda Hillman, an award-winning poet, will share selections of their writing tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

The Creative Writing Program and the English Department invited this husband-and-wife team from California as part of the Paul and Barbara Henkels Visiting Scholar Series.

Hass attended St. Mary's College of California for his undergraduate education and continued his formal education at Stanford University.

Hass served as a poet laureate of the United States from 1995-1997. The responsibilities of this office include giving lectures and readings at the Library of Congress and setting up a literary program for the Library of Congress and the Washington, D.C., community.

"In becoming the poet laureate, you become the person through whom public presence of poetry is manifest," said Hass.

During his term as poet laureate, Hass developed a program to battle illiteracy focusing on the interconnections of nature and poetry.

Hass published four award-winning collections of poetry as well as translating and editing other volumes. His own collections include "Field Guide" (1973), winner of the Yale Younger Poets Series, "Praise" (1979), "Human Wishes" (1989) and "Sun Under Wood: New Poems" (1996).

Hass also published "Twentieth Century Pleasures: Prose on Poetry," a gathering of critical essays which received the 1984 National Book Critics Circle award.

Other publications include the authoritative "The Essential Haiku" in 1995. Other honors that Hass earned include the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Hillman published her most recent collection of poems, "Loose Sugar," in 1997. Her other books include "Bright Existence" (1993), "Death Tractates" (1992) and "Fortress" (1989). Her work appeared in numerous anthologies, including "The Wesleyan Tradition and Best American Poetry" (1990). She received a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship for 1994-95, and her other honors include the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award for Poetry and the Poetry Society of America's Norma Farber First Book Prize.

Currently, Hass is a professor of English at the University of California-Berkeley. Hillman teaches at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

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DiMartino, Cramer highlight recital

Special to The Observer

Guest trumpeter Vincent DiMartino and faculty pianist Craig Cramer will headline tonight's music department trumpet and organ recital at 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The duo will perform works from Schmidt, Handel, Torelli, Ravel and Nehlybel.

DiMartino is a Matton Professor of Music and coordinator of the instrumental program at Centre College in Danville, Ky. He is a noted jazz and classical trumpet player. DiMartino has performed throughout the country and has been prominently featured in a number of recordings.

Two of his most famous recordings are a lead trumpet performance on Mel Torme's "Christmas Album" and recent efforts with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. Furthermore, DiMartino is a Yamaha Performing Artist and former president of the International Trumpet Guild.

Cramer, associate professor of music at Notre Dame, has performed throughout the United States as well as in Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland and Scotland. He has appeared as a soloist with the Toledo Symphony, the South Bend Chamber Orchestra, the South Bend Symphony, the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra and the Eastman Philharmonic. Cramer has also recorded five CDs.

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Rankings

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Administration faculty fourth in the nation for its balance between research and teaching. Virginia ranked first in this category, with the University of North Carolina and Dartmouth finishing higher than Notre Dame.

The business faculty ranked fifth in the category of availability outside the classroom, according to the study. Dartmouth lead those rankings, along with Cornell, North Carolina and Washington University in St. Louis, which all finished ahead of Notre Dame.

Also ranking fifth in the guide was Notre Dame's supportive alumni network. Schools finishing ahead of Notre Dame were Harvard, University of Southern California, Dartmouth and Cornell.

Notre Dame remained in Business Week's list of the top 50 MBA programs in the country. This list is an overall ranking based on the rankings of all of the individual categories.

■ NATIONAL BUDGET

House approves spending plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans pushed a $1.74 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 through a House committee Wednesday and were a hair's breadth from prevailing in a Senate panel after GOP lawmakers crushed Democratic attempts to block tax cuts.

By a 22-18 party-line vote, the House Budget Committee approved a spending plan by panel Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, that promises to leave Social Security surpluses alone while reducing taxes and increasing defense, education and several other programs.

"I don't think you can do much better than that," Kasich said.

Simultaneously, the Senate Budget Committee moved toward approving a similar plan. That panel planned to complete its work on Thursday.

On both sides of the Capitol, Democrats proposed requiring that Social Security and Medicare be overhauled before Republicans could get the tax cuts they want — $15 billion next year and $778 billion over the next decade. The GOP majority prevailed by party-line votes, 12-10 in the Senate Budget Committee and 23-19 in the House Budget Committee.

Democrats designed their amendments to the 2000 budget in order to cast Republicans as more eager to cut taxes than to fortify Social Security and Medicare for the looming retirement of baby boomers.

"There is a desperation to claim tax cuts as a primary thing they have to focus on," Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, the Senate budget panel's ranking Democrat.

Republicans countered that projected federal surpluses — which they say will total $2.9 trillion over the next 10 years — make it possible to do many things.

"Let's get it straight," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

"There are many priorities. We're going to save Medicare" and Social Security. "And in addition we are going to give the American people a welcome, needed tax cut."

Even as the GOP flexed its muscle in committee, they ran into a Clinton administration veto threat over a GOP plan to ensure that Social Security's vast surpluses over the next decade — before baby boomers start retiring — be set aside for debt reduction.

The Republican proposal — which will move as separate legislation from the budget resolution — would require that Social Security surpluses be used to buy down the debt. Doing otherwise would require votes of 60 of the 100 senators, a tough hurdle.

In a letter to Democratic leaders, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the plan could hinder the government from issuing new debt if needed, threatening its credit rating and perhaps requiring it to stop paying Social Security benefits.

"I will recommend that the president veto the bill if it contains the debt limit provisions," Rubin wrote.

Besides the GOP tax reductions, the similar budget plans by Domenici and Kasich would set aside $1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses through 2009 for debt reduction.

Congress' budget sets overall spending and tax limits, leaving decisions about specifics for later bills.

Even so, the GOP budget would boost defense spending to $289 billion, $9 billion more than this year and $8 billion more than Clinton has proposed. They would also increase spending for primary and secondary schools by more than $2 billion next year, and provide more for some agriculture and veterans programs.

Republicans said they could afford those increases while honoring a tight spending limit for next year set by the 1997 budget-balancing pact. Neither committee provided much detail about which programs they would cut to heed that spending ceiling, but both chairmen said they could do so.

"We believe these numbers are achievable," said Kasich. He added later, "Every program can't go up if we're going to stay" within the limits.

Nonetheless, Democrats said that to afford the GOP's proposed increases, the remaining programs affected by the spending limits would face 12 percent reductions. That could mean cuts to popular programs such as Head Start, food inspections and the FBI, they said.

"If it were an over-the-counter drug, it would have to say, 'Warning: Could be harmful to elderly, children and working families,'" Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said of the GOP plan. "It is really a disappointment. They've given us an offer that we must refuse."

Senate

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for precedent."

Parliamentarian Stephen Sanchez highlighted the procedural flaws in Palumbo's proposal.

"Just like [Andrea] is no longer vice president, none of you are senators. It seems inconsistent to use new members and old members in the same meeting," he explained.

'I FIND WHAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DID TO BE HURTFUL. WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, BUT WE CAN ALSO BE ANGRY.'

CHRISTINE JACOBS HOWARD SENATOR

While the chair of the meeting is essentially in charge of directing discussion, he or she may be called upon to cast a tie-breaking vote, which, Palumbo said, can be influenced by personal bias.

"If you want someone without bias, get the Saint Joseph High School student body president in here," Drew Olejnik said, adding that new vice presidents in the future may not be as readily familiar with parliamentary procedure.

Carroll senator Pat Foy concluded discussion by stating that the possibility of there being a tie vote on the budget approval was slim to none, negating a need for further debate.

Additionally, Fisher representative Philip Dittmar presented a proposal for a resolution commending the University for its fight against sweatshop labor.

Apprentices win gold in culinary show

Special to The Observer

Three chef's apprentices from Notre Dame earned gold medals in a culinary competition March 13, at the Stanz Foodservice Trade Show at South Bend's Century Center.

Laura Strunk, Giuseppe Macerata and Andy Thistletwaite were part of a five-member team that represented the South Bend chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

The team, captained by Thistletwaite and managed by executive chef Donald Miller of Notre Dame's Morris Inn, traveled to Wichita, Kan., on March 17, to represent Indiana in the ACF central regional culinary competition.

The four regional winners in the competition will compete in July at the national culinary competition in Chicago.

Macerata received the South Bend chapter's Junior Member of the Year recognition. The award honors a member who has shown outstanding examples of professional and personal leadership and behavior throughout the year.

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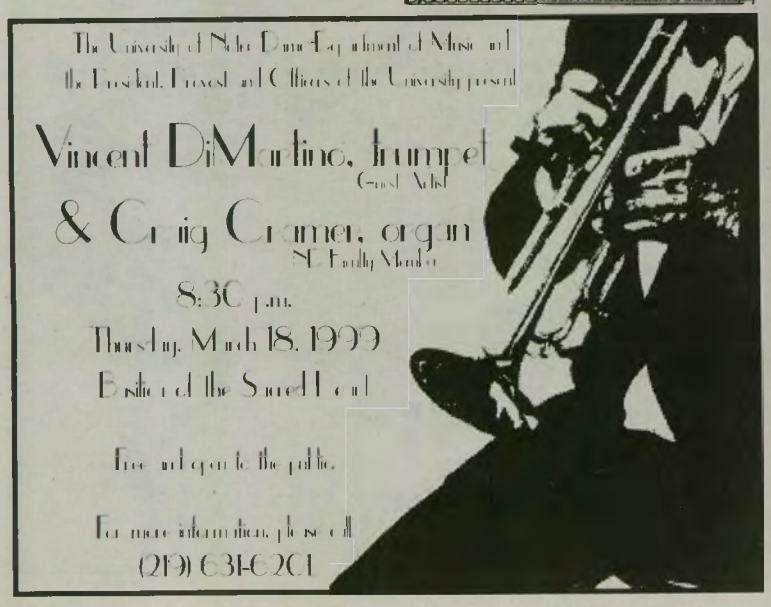

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Amish teen vandals arrested

HAZLETON, Iowa

Four Amish teen-agers were arrested for smashing 44 windows and overturning buggies during a rampage at the home of an Amish farmer, authorities said. At least three people cowered inside the home of Roman Raber as the teens were causing the damage, sheriff's deputy Glen Fults said. The youths apparently suspected Raber had called county deputies to report they had been drinking on the property earlier that evening, deputy Jeff Coleman said. Deputies had issued numerous alcohol-related citations in the earlier incident. "They trashed the farm," Fults said. As many as 40 youths were on the property late Sunday and early Monday, having lingered there following prayer services for the adults. Only a handful participated in the vandalism in this quiet Amish community about 50 miles north of Cedar Rapids. Raber doesn't have a phone and denied summoning authorities.

Drag queens upset Church

SAN FRANCISCO

Catholic leaders want the city to revoke a permit for a street party on Easter thrown by a theater troupe of habit-wearing drag queens known as the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The Sisters have a permit to close a section of a road in the largely gay Castro District to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Allowing a group that "mocks the Catholic Church" to close a public street on Easter is comparable to "allowing a group of neo-Nazis to close a city street for a celebration on the Jewish feast of Passover," said Maurice Healy, a spokesman for San Francisco's Roman Catholic Archdiocese. He wrote in the archdiocese's official newspaper, Catholic San Francisco: "This group has garnered a reputation for outrageous behavior by mocking religious life, ridicule of Catholic institutions and profane references to sacred liturgies."

Teen loses ear in fight

TAVERNIER, Fla.

A man bit off part of a teen-ager's ear in a fight that started with a traffic dispute, authorities say. Lazaro Enrique Vento, a 33-year-old house painter, was charged Tuesday with aggravated battery and causing an accident. Sheriff's deputy Phil Graham said he arrived to find 18-year-old Derek Crawford pressing a flannel shirt to his right ear and holding the torn piece in his hand. "It wasn't just a little bite. It's a good-size chunk. Mike Tyson would be impressed," Graham said. Doctors were unable to reattach the piece. Police said the argument began on the highway, with Vento accusing Crawford of tailgating. The fight spilled over to a parking lot, where Vento rammed Crawford's pickup truck with his own, deputies said.

Market Watch: 3/17

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New York celebrates St. Patrick's Day

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Smiling eyes, blue skies and a touch of glamour lent by grand marshal Maureen O'Hara added to the panache of today's 238th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue.

O'Hara, the Irish-born star of such classic movies as "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Quiet Man," waved and smiled broadly to the cheering crowds, which were pressed 10 deep against police barricades as some 200,000 marchers moved along the two-mile parade route.

"Being a New Yorker, I think this is the greatest parade in the world," said Mickey McGovern, 55, a Brooklyn-born drug counselor who now lives in Greensboro, N.C., but drives up every year just for the parade.

"It's incredible," said honor guard Michael Malfi, whose Monsignor Farrell Marching Band — an all boys parochial school from Staten Island — was the first marching band to step up the avenue.

Malfi, 17, and James Capelonga, 18, were carrying flags instead of their usual instruments — a synthesizer and xylophone — but were happy just to be there. "It's a great honor and a good experience," said Capelonga.

The Tokyo Pipe Band, making its New York debut, received applause and encouragement from fellow marchers as they lined up on West 44th Street.

"We're all very excited to be in the parade," said the band's Scottish mentor, Ian MacDonald. And Conn McKenna, 70, also of Scotland, a first time paradegoer, was glad to see them. "The more, the merrier," he said.

Other first time marchers included the 10-member Irish Galloglas Guard, a unit that has served as bodyguards for Irish leaders since 1242 A.D.

Dressed in rust kilts, gray military shirts and black berets, one member carried a massive ax on his shoulder which he called "a medieval attitude adjustment device."

AFP Photo

Men with bagpipes march in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York Wednesday in the city's 238th annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

The luck of the Irish was evident as thousands of green-wearing, shamrock carrying paradegoers lined the avenue under beautiful, balmy spring skies and temperatures inching toward 60 degrees. "It's breathtaking," said Kieron Bredy, a young man from Glasgow, Scotland. "America's great because no one's ashamed to show they're Irish."

His friend, Damian Gallagher, 19, also from Scotland, wore a green ribbon on his lapel. "This is for the Republican prisoners," Gallagher said. "My father's been incarcerated for two and a half years [in Glasgow]. He was sentenced for conspiracy."

The day began with a morning Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral where Cardinal John O'Connor talked about the contribution of Catholic schools to the education of New York children.

Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, whose relationship has never been warm, attended the Mass but sat in front pews on opposite sides of the aisle. The mayor sat next to O'Hara and later marched up the avenue with "Saturday Night Live" actors Colin Quinn and Molly Shannon.

■ ISRAEL

Court convicts Netanyahu ally

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM

A powerful ally of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his conviction on bribery charges Wednesday was a slight to his constituents, and called on them to show their anger at the polls in upcoming elections.

The conviction of Shas leader Arieh Deri deepened Israel's ethnic and religious divide. His calls to Sephardic voters — religious Jews of Middle Eastern descent — could help Netanyahu, whom the party supports, win re-election.

In a 917-page decision, a Jerusalem District Court ruled that the Moroccan-born politician used the Interior Ministry in the 1980s to illegally direct government funds toward Shas projects in local municipalities, and that he pocketed $155,000 in bribes.

When the case went to court in 1994, Deri's followers claimed the charges were prompted by religious and ethnic bias. Supporters burst into wails after the verdict was announced Wednesday. Others burned tires. Two of the three judges received death threats.

Netanyahu called on Shas supporters to show restraint.

"I view the threats on judges with extreme seriousness," Netanyahu said after the verdict. "We will not tolerate it."

Deri's bribery conviction carries a maximum sentence of seven years imprisonment. Sentencing will take place March 25.

The Shas party leaped to power in the 1992 elections, promising Sephardic Jews a slice of the Israeli pie after years of discrimination at the hands of the country's Ashkenazi, or European-descended elite.

Targeting low-income families by providing hot school lunches for their children and doling out religion along with social services, the party's popularity grew. In 1984, Shas started out with four seats, but today it holds 10 key seats in Netanyahu's coalition government, making it one of the most powerful parties.

Wednesday's verdict, coming on the heels of last month's ultra-Orthodox demonstration against the Supreme Court, deepened resentment by religious Jews against Israel's legal establishment, which they accuse of being anti-religious by ruling in favor of civil and not Jewish law.

Secular lawmakers rejected all charges of ethnic or religious bias.

Dan Meridor, a former justice minister, said it was an important day for the judicial system. "We have heard these accusations for several years and we believe in our [legal] system, which knows how to act totally independently and is not scared off by threats," he said.

Wearing the black skullcap, white shirt and black suit favored by Shas, Deri continued to proclaim his innocence Wednesday.

At an emotionally charged news conference, he promised to appeal the decision and said he would be vindicated in May 17 elections.

"God did us a great favor that this verdict was passed two months before the elections," Deri said.

State Dept. cautions U.S. travelers abroad

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The State Department renewed its calls Wednesday for Americans living and traveling abroad to remain vigilant of their personal safety.

The department said in a formal advisory that it continues to receive reports that provide cause for concern for the safety of U.S. government officials and private citizens abroad

"We takes these threats seriously, and the U.S. has increased security at United States Government facilities worldwide," the advisory said.

A similar worldwide caution was issued in December. "It's not a specific incident, it was a continuing situation," State Department spokeswoman Julie Reside gave Wednesday as the reason for extending it.

A number of U.S. diplomatic posts have temporarily suspended service to the public because of threats, and others may have to do so in the future.

The department cited the following situations as possible threats to the safety of Americans abroad:

• Osama bin Laden, who has been indicted for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa and for threatening to kill U.S. citizens, and other terrorists continue to make threats against the United States and do not distinguish between military and civilian targets.

• The potential for retaliatory action against Americans and American interests following U.S. air strikes against Sudan and Afghanistan and the apprehension of suspects in the bombing of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

• The potential for retaliatory action against Americans "because of Iraq's continuing defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions and persistent challenges to U.S. and coalition enforcement of the no-fly zones over Iraq."

The department recommended that Americans maintain a low profile, vary routes and times for all required travel and treat mail from unfamiliar sources with suspicion.

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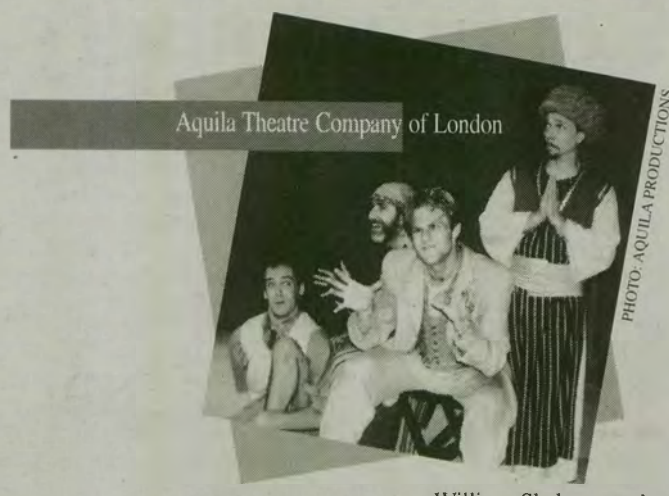

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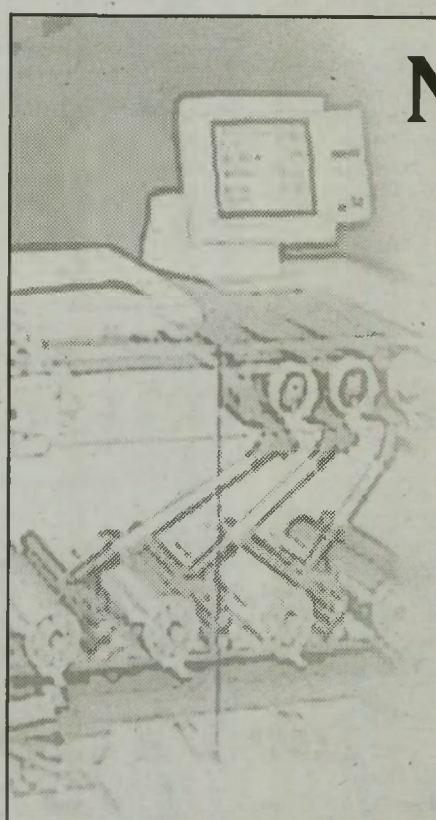

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■ YUGOSLAVIA

Army surrounds Serbian province

Associated Press

Pristinia

Fearing a possible NATO attack, the Yugoslav army bolstered its combat readiness, moving thousands of troops closer to Kosovo amid reports Wednesday that peace talks in France were on the brink of failing.

The war preparations also came as European Union forensic experts issued a report saying that dozens of ethnic Kosovo Albanians slain in January appeared to be civilians, not combatants.

Yugoslav army troops were setting up anti-aircraft missiles in the mountains northwest of Kosovo's capital, Pristina, rebel leader Suleiman Selimi said Wednesday in his first interview since being appointed supreme commander of the Kosovo Liberation Army last month.

Speaking to The Associated Press and another reporter at his home, Selimi said KLA fighters dug in at the Cicavica Mountains saw the missiles being unloaded from several covered trucks.

Senior officials with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said the missiles could be the Yugoslav version of a heat-seeking, Soviet-built short-range missile that monitors have seen on regional roads.

Fighting has claimed more than 2,000 lives in the past year in Kosovo, a province of Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic. About 90 percent of Kosovo's 2.2 million people are ethnic Albanians, and most favor independence.

NATO has warned that Serb failure to sign on to a Kosovo peace plan could result in air attacks against Serbian and Yugoslav strategic targets.

A U.S. Defense Department spokesman warned Tuesday that the government forces "certainly are bracing for war."

Kenneth Bacon, the Pentagon's spokesperson, said 16,000 to 21,000 Yugoslav army units are now on the perimeter of the Serbian province, up from about 10,000 reported two weeks ago and 4,500 in late February. Another 14,000 to 18,000 Yugoslav army forces were said to be deployed inside Kosovo — not counting the thousands of heavily armed Serb police forces.

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The ethnic-Albanian run Kosovo Information Center reported large movements of Yugoslav army and police forces throughout the province. In the northern Podujevo region, 30 army vehicles arrived Wednesday as reinforcements, it said.

In Pristina, the release of the final report on the slayings in the southern Kosovo village of Racak three months ago did little to end the controversy about whether the victims were massacred by Serbs or killed in battle.

While the head of the forensic team, Helena Ranta, called the Racak killings "a crime against humanity," the report did not directly accuse Serb forces of a massacre, nor did it support Yugoslav claims the victims were either rebel fighters or civilians caught in crossfire.

"There were no indications of the people being other than unarmed civilians," said the report.

William Walker, the American head of the OSCE mission in Kosovo, said the report — which concluded the victims were likely unarmed civilians — reinforced "my original conclusion."

Walker initially described the killings as a massacre by Serb forces. On Wednesday, he told the AP that the report "bolsters what I said" back in January.

A commentary on Serbian state-run television said Ranta "simply did not have the strength to specifically deny the earlier claims of massacre by William Walker."

The Yugoslav forensic team that also examined the Racak victims said an important test to determine whether they had been carrying arms was not performed — something Ranta acknowledged to reporters.

■ KOSOVO

Balkan talks near collapse

Associated Press

PARIS

The Kosovo peace talks appeared on the verge of collapse Wednesday, with the Serbs still demanding major changes to a political agreement and refusing to even discuss allowing foreign troops to police a deal.

Barring a sudden turnaround by the Serbs, it appeared likely the talks would end this week with a unilateral signing by the ethnic Albanians, who already have agreed to an international peace plan.

"Based on the last few days, we would not anticipate any further progress," said chief U.S. negotiator Christopher Hill.

Speaking at a news conference with his two fellow mediators, Hill said the ethnic Albanians would sign the deal "very shortly," presumably in the next day or two.

Hill insisted negotiations are continuing, and mediators said the co-chairs of the conference, the French and British foreign ministers, would evaluate the situation Thursday when they visit the Paris conference center where this second round of talks is taking place.

Hill said the mediators were pleased with the Kosovo Albanians' decision to sign, but his Russian counterpart, Boris Mayorsky, was more blunt.

"It takes two to tango," he said.

Fighting in Kosovo, a province of the main Yugoslav republic of Serbia, has killed more than 2,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands over the past year.

In Washington, NATO's commander, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, told a congressional committee that Serb forces are prepared to resume fighting in Kosovo on a "very large scale" if they do not reach a peace accord with ethnic Albanians.

A British diplomat at the Paris talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Western officials already were making contingency plans for failure of the talks.

The plans would involve a European mission to Belgrade, probably by French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, to try to sway hard-line Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

If that fails, top NATO officials might make the trip, the diplomat said on condition of anonymity. They would deliver a clear deadline to Milosevic to agree or face airstrikes.

State Department spokesman James Rubin traveled unannounced to Paris on Wednesday, where he met Hashim Thaci, head of the Kosovo Albanian delegation.

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Government prices Y2K crisis solutions at $6.8 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government raised its estimate Wednesday by $400 million to $6.8 billion for fixing the Year 2000 computer problem among federal agencies, and said costs are expected to rise again.

And with only weeks before its self-imposed deadline of March 31 to have all its most important 6,399 computer systems fixed, it said only four out of five of those systems have been repaired, replaced or never were vulnerable.

In a 57-page report from the Office of Management and Budget made available late Wednesday on the Internet, the government said three of its 24 largest agencies are making inadequate progress — the Transportation Department, Health and Human Services and the Agency for International Development.

Work at the Agency for International Development, one of the worst agencies for repairs, slowed after a computer failed testing that officials believed had already been fixed.

The government predicted that five of the agency's seven most important computers won't be fixed by the March 31 deadline. The report said the $400 million increase to fix all systems government-wide was anticipated, and blamed the rise in agencies finding that some computer systems need to be reworked after initial repairs.

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"To the extent that agencies encounter additional difficulties through testing ... costs are likely to rise," the report said.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000, when machines will assume it is 1900. Some computers can be reprogrammed, but many devices have embedded microchips that must be physically replaced. The latest report said agencies are facing few problems because of these embedded chips, which aren't typically used for systems operating federal programs.

"This area does not appear to be of great concern," it said.

The government also said it doesn't expect to experience problems in its federal buildings, some of which feature computer-controlled elevators and heating and security systems.

"No catastrophic Y2K building system potential failures have been identified," the report said, adding that "nearly all such systems allow for manual override."

AOL acquires Netscape

Associated Press

DULLES, Va.

America Online Inc. completed its nearly $10 billion acquisition of Netscape Communications Corp. Wednesday, creating a powerful new Internet force with two of the top Web destinations. AOL completed its all-stock purchase after Netscape shareholders voted overwhelmingly in favor of the deal, removing the last remaining hurdle. The Justice Department said last week it wouldn't oppose the takeover.

Dulles, Va.-based AOL, the world's largest Internet access and online service provider, plans to use Netscape's assets to gain key advantages in its battle with Microsoft Corp. to dominate the main Web sites where people get information and buy goods and services.

AOL chairman Steve Case has said he wants to give AOL's 16 million subscribers easier links.

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Experts say marijuana can ease pain of cancer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Marijuana has medical benefits for people suffering from cancer and AIDS and should undergo scientific trials to see how it works best, a panel of medical experts concluded Wednesday in a report to the federal government.

The drug remains illegal under federal law, despite ballot measures approving its use in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. The new report is sharpening debate over its use.

The Institute of Medicine, an affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences, said marijuana's active ingredients can ease pain, nausea and vomiting. It urged the development of a standard way to use the drug, such as an inhaler.

The conclusion was greeted warmly by most marijuana advocates, but opponents said they worry the report will encourage marijuana use.

"Let us waste no more time in providing this medication through legal, medical channels to all the patients whose lives may be saved," said Daniel Zingale of AIDS Action.

But Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., who led the fight to get the House to condemn medical marijuana last fall, said he is "deeply concerned" the report might encourage people to smoke marijuana.

It is known that some of the chemicals in marijuana can be useful, he acknowledged, but their place is in inhalers or pill form. "We should not sanction smoked marijuana because there is no way to control that," McCollum said.

"Providing good medicine — not marijuana — is the compassionate response to patients' pain and illnesses," said Robert Maginnis of the conservative Family Research Council. He insisted doctors have other medicines to treat any ailment that marijuana can help.

White House drug adviser Barry McCaffrey said the findings are unlikely to send pharmaceutical companies scrambling to do research on marijuana. "Our experience is there is little market interest," McCaffrey said.

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Ironically, the new analysis was requested and paid for by McCaffrey's White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, after an expert panel formed by the National Institutes of Health concluded in 1997 that some patients could be helped by marijuana, mainly cancer and AIDS victims.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart said: "What we found out is that there may be some chemical compounds in marijuana that are useful in pain relief or anti-nausea, but that smoking marijuana is a crude delivery system. So I think what this calls for ... is further research."

That is already under way at the NIH, which is running three studies of smoked marijuana and expects to approve a fourth this year.

One study looks at marijuana's safety in people with AIDS, a second is checking the extent of medical marijuana use by patients of health maintenance organizations and the third is studying marijuana's ability to reduce nausea. Nearing approval is a study of marijuana's effect on pain.

The National Cancer Institute is looking into the comparative value of a pill form of marijuana vs. a hormone in reducing nausea.

Breaking ranks with the pro-medical marijuana groups was the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, which condemned the report as "tepid."

"Clearly, the time has come for this administration to amend federal law to allow seriously ill patients immediate legal access," said Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the NORML Foundation.

The arguments over using marijuana as a medication have grown particularly intense in the last few years in western states where supporters got initiatives on the ballot to legalize the practice.

Voters in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have approved measures in support of medical marijuana.

Comet may contain Earth origins

Associated Press

Comet Hale-Bopp, which blazed across the sky in 1997, may be brimming with some of the primordial material from which the sun and the planets formed more than 4 billion years ago.

California Institute of Technology scientists who tuned radio telescopes onto the comet's nucleus as it cut across the solar system found vents spewing a volatile mixture of gas and dust into space.

The images suggest that 15 percent to 40 percent of Hale-Bopp's mass is pristine interstellar material, while the rest has been transformed extensively during the comet's passage through space.

The images are among the finest ever obtained of a comet with radio telescopes.

The findings were published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Comets are often called dirty snowballs. Most orbit far from the sun in the deep freeze beyond Pluto's orbit. That enables them to remain virtually unchanged over billions of years.

"Nothing has changed much out there since that time. Therefore it's a way of sampling some of the chemistry, or very close to what it was, when the solar system formed," said Paul Weisman, a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., who was not involved in the work.

The CalTech researchers found two icy jets erupting with forms of primordial deuterium-hydrogen, the poisonous gas hydrogen cyanide and a form of hydrogen called heavy water. The material may be rising from deep within the comet, said Geoffrey Blake, professor of cosmochemistry.

Last-chance drug may alleviate arthritis pain

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government has approved a machine to filter the blood of Americans with severe rheumatoid arthritis, in hopes it can alleviate the debilitating disease.

The Prosorba column, made by Cypress Bioscience, works much like dialysis. Once a week for 12 weeks, a patient's blood is slowly removed, the plasma is separated and treated by the Prosorba machine, and then the blood is retransfused into the body.

The machine offers a 30 percent chance of improving the swelling and pain that cripples patients' joints, Food and Drug Administration officials said in approving Prosorba late Tuesday.

The FDA stressed that Prosorba is only for a small proportion of patients — those with moderate to severe symptoms who have failed all other treatments.

"This is not a front-line therapy... It's clearly not for lots of people," said Miriam Provost, an FDA engineer and lead reviewer of the device.

"It's for patients who have basically failed everything."

About 2 million Americans suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. This is not the kind of arthritis common in the elderly because of the wear-and-tear of aging. Instead, rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease.

Patients' own immune systems go awry and attack their joints, causing inflammation and stiffness as rogue immune cells eat away cartilage and eventually erode bone.

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3/22.	Monday.	Washington Hall.	0800PM.	Tickets: $4-students. $7-non-students. LaFortune Info Desk.

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■ NORTHERN IRELAND

Clinton sends holiday message urging Irish peace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In a St. Patrick's Day message to Northern Ireland's uncertain peacemakers, President Clinton appealed for them all to cross "the last divide of the peace process" by finally forming their Protestant-Catholic government.

Clinton, seeking to bridge differences that are threatening to unravel the Good Friday accord reached in Belfast last year, was meeting separately with the two pivotal figures of the peace process — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble— who have argued publicly for months over when, if ever, the Irish Republican Army will disarm.

Clinton's aides emphasized he was presenting no particular compromise formula to Trimble, the Protestant elected to head the government, who faces increasing pressure within his own party not to yield more ground to Adams' IRA-allied party.

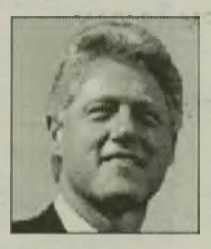
Trimble has insisted that Sinn Fein can't take its two seats in the envisioned 12-member government until the IRA starts handing its weapons to an international commission, which the accord established under the direction of Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain. The general attended Wednesday's festivities but made no comment. The IRA has repeatedly rejected the agreement's plans for gradual disarmament as amounting to surrender.

The government, originally slated to be formed last October, now faces a symbolic new deadline of April 2, this year's Good Friday — but with no public sign that either Trimble or the IRA is planning to budge from their opposite positions.

After their separate sessions with Clinton, both Trimble and Adams welcomed the president's interest and confirmed they now intended to hold their own joint meeting Thursday in Washington — their sixth since Trimble dropped his ban on talking to Adams last September.

Trimble — cowinner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize alongside moderate Catholic leader John Hume, who also talked with Clinton — said the ability to form the new government was "tantalizingly close."

But he also warned that any attempt to inject Sinn Fein into the system without "an actual start" to IRA disarmament would create "a very serious danger of things collapsing."



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BILL CLINTON
PRESIDENT

When asked whether he thought Clinton supported him or Adams, Trimble let out a lengthy laugh. "I'll leave that for the history books," he said.

Adams, speaking to reporters a half hour later, said Clinton hadn't put him under any particular pressure, but had offered "an insightful approach into how this whole process can be moved ahead." He declined to say what this was.

Speaking beside Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, Clinton declined to take sides, but emphasized that at last year's St. Patrick's Day festivities at the White House, Northern Irish politicians were pessimistic about even striking a peace accord. He said they must again have the vision to see beyond their current troubles.

"In a few short weeks, the time will come to bring the new institutions to life, so that the people of Northern Ireland finally can begin to take their destinies into their own hands," he said.

"To fully implement the Good Friday accord, the parties must resolve their differences. And to do it, they have to have the same spirit of cooperation and trust that led to the first agreement.

"They must lift their sights above the short-term difficulties. They must see that distant horizon when children will grow up in an Ireland trouble-free, and not even remember how it used to be."

Back home in Belfast, however, unidentified gunmen killed a Protestant extremist only recently paroled from prison — one of more than 200 paramilitary convicts to be freed under terms of the accord.

Police said the slaying was probably unconnected to Monday's car-bomb killing of an outspoken Catholic lawyer by a Protestant gang that sprang up in opposition to the peace accord.

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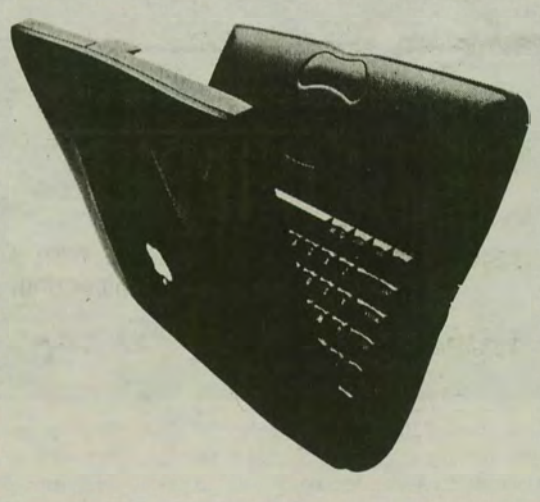

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■ CONGO

Rebels down Zimbabwe jet

Associated Press

LUBAO, Congo

Rwandan-backed Congolese rebels, battling to advance on a southern diamond center, said Wednesday they had shot down a Zimbabwean jet fighter.

The MiG aircraft was downed near the government-held town of Kabinda, 60 miles east of the diamond city of Mbuji-Mayi, after it attempted to attack an insurgent command center, rebel commanders said.

The plane crashed in rebel-controlled territory and the fate of the plane's pilot was unknown, the rebels said.

The report could not be independently confirmed.

On Sunday, the rebels, who are backed by Rwandan troops and weapons, said they had killed at least 210 Zimbabwean and Congolese troops loyal to President Laurent Kabila, including a Zimbabwean battalion commander. Zimbabwe denied the report.

Rebel commanders said they expected to capture Kabinda within days, opening the way for an advance on Mbuji-Mayi, whose diamonds are a main source of revenue for the government and whose capture will help finance the seven-month rebellion.

In Lubao, 120 miles east of Mbuji-Mayi, rebel soldiers unloaded boxes of ammunition and carried their wounded comrades to a small, Russian-built Antonov-28 cargo airplane that would take them to the eastern rebel stronghold at Goma.

They were watched by the few remaining residents of Lubao, a small, dusty town of scattered huts and palm trees that has become a base for the current rebel offensive.

The rebel coalition of ethnic Tutsis, disaffected Congolese soldiers and opposition politicians took up arms in August, accusing Kabila of mismanagement, corruption and ethnic warmongering. Since then, they have swept through the eastern half of Congo.

Kabila is receiving military support from Angola, Namibia and Chad as well as Zimbabwe. Several of the allies, plagued by conflicts and economic problems at home, have indicated a readiness to pull out of the war.

Rwanda and Uganda say they are backing the rebellion because Kabila refused to clamp down on rebels in eastern Congo who were attacking both countries.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni left the Rwandan capital, Kigali, on Wednesday after a two-day visit in which he sought to smooth out differences that have emerged between the two allies over the conduct of joint operations.

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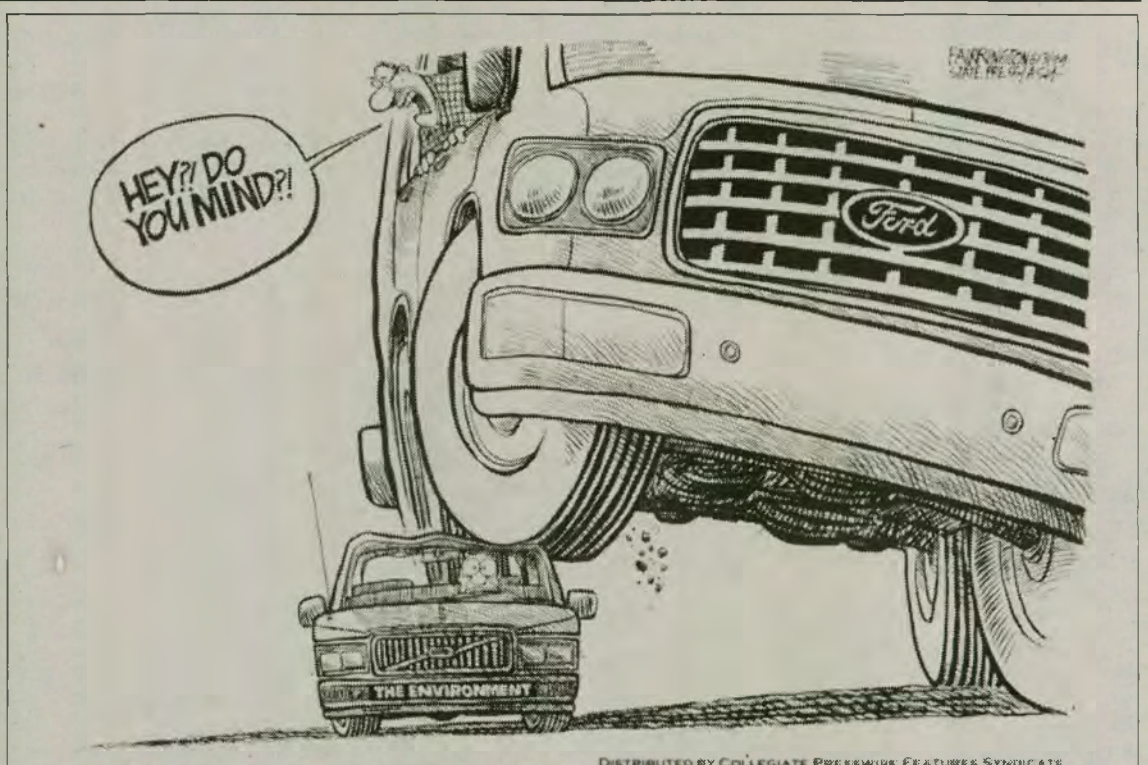

■ SO, WHAT'S MY POINT

Hello, My Name is 310-10-2220

Nakasha Ahmad

I am a card-carrying, state-certified, form-filler. So are the rest of you. This is because we have all attended college, and in order to apply for college, scholarships, or financial aid, we have to fill out reams of forms, cramming our entire lives into little 8-by-10-inch spaces and hoping to organize them in some way to prove that we have, after all, led a meaningful and important life in the twenty years we've been here (as we can barely put together whole sentences until we are ten, this may put us at a slight disadvantage).

We have been so programmed to fill them out and reveal our most personal dreams and aspirations that we don't think twice about giving intensely personal information to total strangers. We cheerfully send off, via the ever-dubious United States Postal Service and the insecure Web, our Social Security numbers and our other deep, dark secrets for anyone and everyone to see.

Now if that does not signify the boundless optimism and trust that Americans put in their fellow person, I really don't know what does.

Take, for example, our Social Security numbers. Nine little numbers, peppered with a couple of dashes. On paper, those numbers don't look so important. But with those nine numbers your average, garden-variety stalker can find out your name, date of birth, race, gender, address, phone number, driving record, mother's maiden name, what you wore to last year's formal (if you bought it with a credit card), and your dog's favorite puppy chow.

Yikes. This is pretty powerful information. And what is even more amazing is that we Americans willingly fill out the credit card applications and financial aid forms and give out the all-important code that defines us. We've basically handed out the code with our life on it and said, "Here, this is my life. Feel free to steal it from me if you like."

Thus, the growing cases of "switched" or mistaken identity. People who have had their Social Security numbers usurped can't go to work or buy anything electronically because they are presumed dead.

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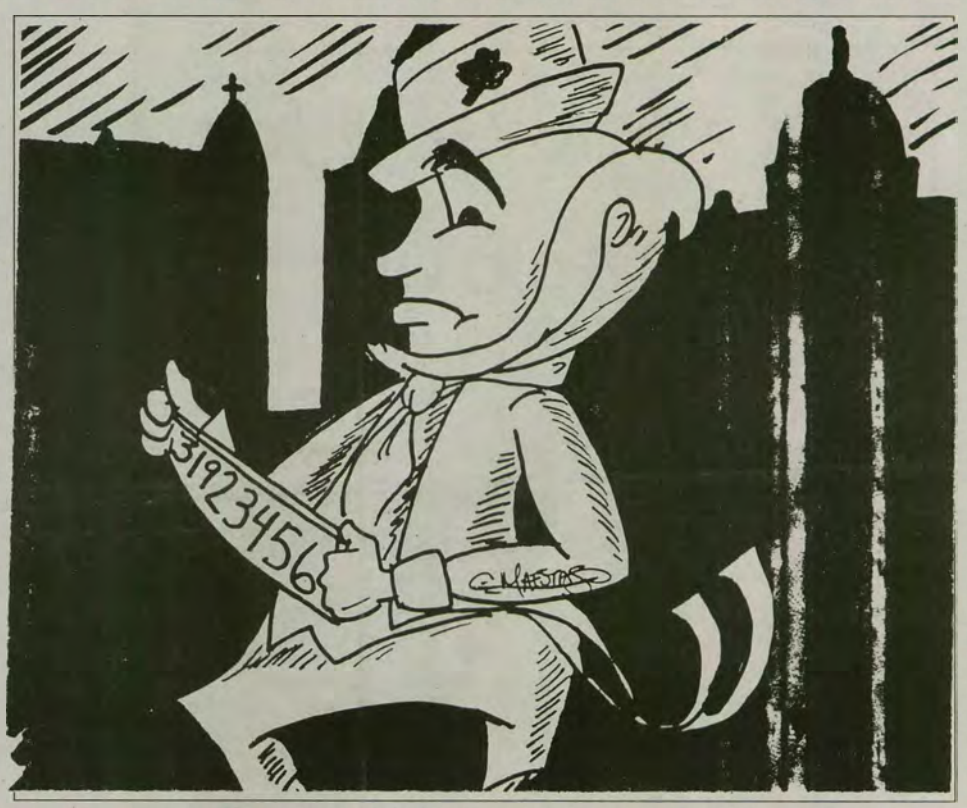
Conversely, there are those who receive bills for things they've never bought and wind up in debt because someone else has taken their Social Security number and pretended to be them.

Actually, this is the real reason why we can't reform Social Security. Contrary to popular belief, it's not because the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) is the largest, most powerful and most active interest group in the United States with a lot at stake in the preservation of the safety net. Nope. It's because if we came up with another Social Security plan, we would lose the numbers. It would just complicate the system. If we don't assign everyone here a number, what would we do?



We wouldn't just lose a safety net for the elderly. Oh, no. We'd lose ourselves. Our identity. We'd lose our ability to keep track of every trait of every person in the U.S. How would colleges keep track of who they're admitting and who they're not?

Every college brochure states that "Here, you're treated like a person, not like a number." If we eliminate numbers, we'd eliminate one of the biggest "selling points" that every college uses to lure unsuspecting high schoolers into their institution.

So maybe we should just make it easier on the poor government. Maybe we should just forget about naming our kids. Taylor? Amanda? Jennifer? Nah. Useless names. How about 355-67-8437? Or 222-45-6895? I like the sound of that. Why use names? We're already filed under the numbers.

Hi, I'm 310-10-2220.

Who are you?

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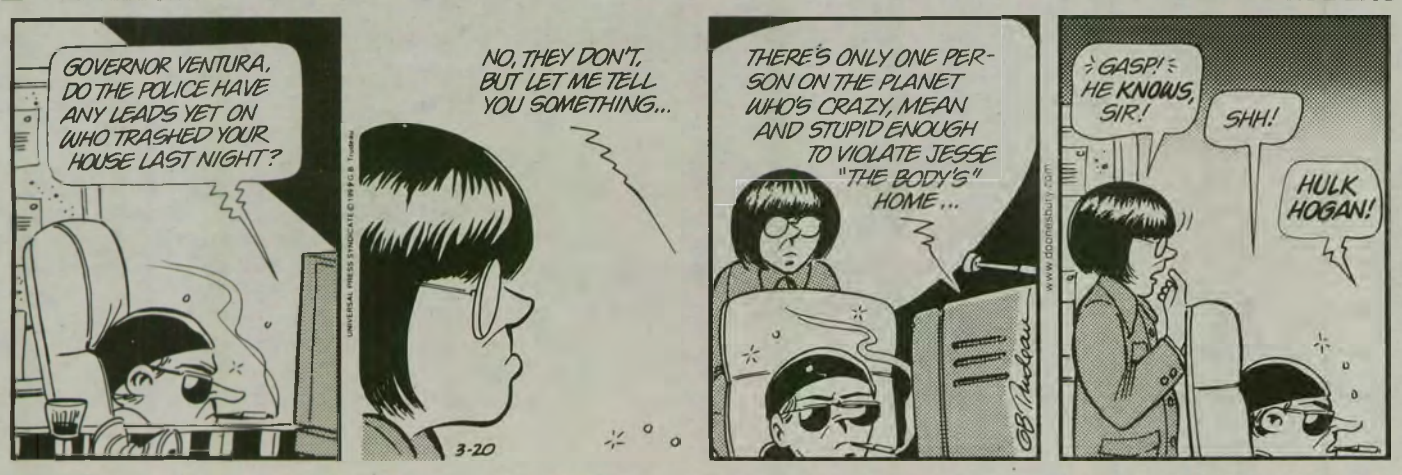

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'The cruelest lies are often told in silence.'

— Robert Louis Stevenson

VIEWPOINT

■ FOR A MORE JUST AND HUMANE WORLD

A Different Look at the Golden Dome

Justin Johnson

Let me tell you a story. Earlier in the year, a friend and I were studying in the Law Library. Occasionally, I'll study there because it's much quieter than Hesburgh Library at times. After having been there only about an hour, I had to use the restroom. Well, if you've ever been in the Law Library, you know that the architecture and design of the building is such that it easy to get lost, let alone find a restroom.

Somehow, I ended up on the second floor in the area of research periodicals and the like. I hesitated in asking someone where to find the restroom because I didn't want to disturb anyone. While I looked, I noticed a few people who seemed annoyed or disturbed by my presence, but naturally I thought nothing of it. It took me about 10 minutes to find the restroom. To say the least, it was much easier finding my way back to my study area.

No more than five minutes later, I was approached by campus security and questioned as to why I was even in the library. (Keep in mind that this is before I was asked to show proof of school identification.) I then asked what was the reason for such scrutiny and the security officer replied by saying that there had been "multiple reports of an individual, that fits (my) profile, suspected of stealing."

When I asked what this profile was, the officer simply pointed at the top of my head, upon which lay beautiful dreadlocks. Well, he then asked for school identification. Once I produced it, he immediately and genuinely started to apologize for his harsh and ignorant approach towards me. I sternly yet politely stopped him in mid-sentence and assured him that what was being said had been heard many times before in my last four years at Notre Dame.

You see, the very issue of my "profile" disturbs me. Before I go on, let me introduce myself and give you a "profile" of who I am. My name is Justin Johnson and I am a fifth-year senior graduating with degrees in sociology, anthropology and a minor in music. I am an African-American from San Francisco, California. I'm approximately 5'10" and have dreadlocks. Is this intimidating to you? Would you have called security if you had seen me walking in the halls of the Law Library, or any building for that matter? You probably would have. This is what disturbs me. I'm not in any building to steal or commit any crime, but for someone to assume that as my intention is frustrating and disappointing, especially here at Notre Dame. Just because I have dreadlocks and because I'm not in the "majority," should not make me a "suspect" of anything. My bookbag and ID are my saving graces, and I was fortunate enough to have them on me. Let's not even imagine what would have happened if I didn't have either.

The point of this story is that the "Notre Dame Experience" is not the same for everyone. For people of color it can be a very difficult one. This one experience that I speak about is by no means a singular event that just happened on campus. The truth, sad as it may be, is that there have been other events and situations where I was forced to examine the "real" nature of Notre Dame and its true character; that is, the University's priorities. By no means am I saying that Notre Dame hasn't been good to me. In fact, some of my best moments happened here. The friends I've made and some of the relationships that I've formed are truly special to me. If I had this experience to do over again, I would do it in a heartbeat. However, what remains is that there is something to be said about situations like the one I experienced in the Law Library.

In my opinion, there is a lack of awareness that needs to be addressed. It's not just about my situation or those similar, but it is, again, in the University's priorities. Why is that I am questioned in such a manner at an institution of higher learning? Why aren't more faculty of color here that would undoubtedly represent different perspectives and offer a variety of thoughts? This is real to me here at Notre Dame. There are many people who don't want to hear about this, but, as an African-American student and a member of this "family," I have to speak — and speak loudly. I'm left to question how a University so rich in faith, tradition, and resources can really be true to the ideals it claims?

You might be wondering why I've even decided to attend this University. I'll tell you why. Simply, I'm not one to give up easily. I deserve to attend this University as much as the next man or woman. As the first person in my family to attend college, I have many things to live up to. I'm not just here for me, but I'm here for my family and my ancestors. Life has not been smooth for me here, but I am leaving the University of Notre Dame an intelligent and confident man equipped to handle the world. What happened to me in the Law Library was another reason for me to continue on here through graduation. The diploma from this University is worth more than the gold finish on the Dome itself. The world is mine and nothing can stop me.

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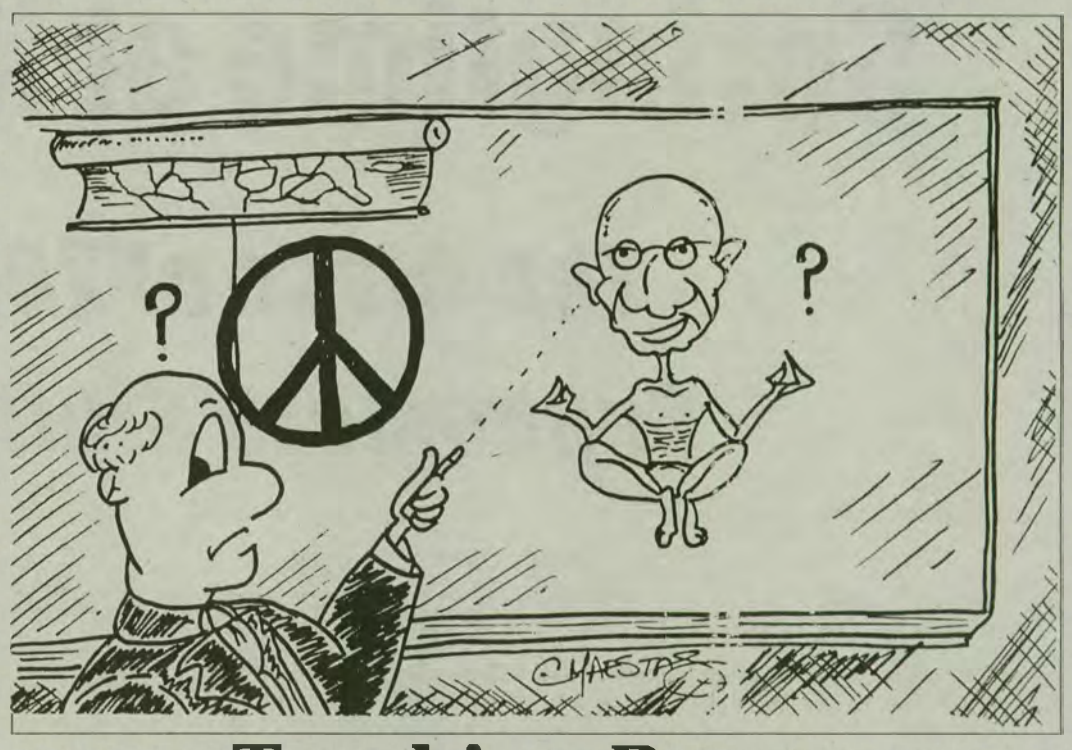

Teaching Peace

Colman McCarthy

Can peace be taught? And learned?

When I asked myself those questions 12 years ago, I responded like a journalist. Phone a few academic experts, get their readings and then I'd have my answers. But after phoning the experts and listening to them talk much and say little, I decided to do the kind of legwork and personal involvement that truly gets to the truth. I went to the school nearest my office in downtown Washington, D.C. and offered my services as a volunteer teacher of peace.

The principal and faculty welcomed me, as did the students. That semester, 25 juniors and seniors enrolled in my course "Alternatives to Violence." They were able to grasp intellectually what they already had absorbed emotionally: the haunting awareness that their future is threatened, their present enswamped by excessive military, environmental and family violence, and their nation's past record of nine declared wars and 135 undeclared wars like Grenada, Libya, Panama and the Gulf. The students loved the course, and I cherished their company.

Since that happy beginning, I took "Alternatives to Violence" to four universities — American, Georgetown, Maryland and Georgetown Law School — and two more high schools. In 12 years, I've taught more than 5,000 students. With all of them, I emphasized one theme: alternatives to violence exist and, if individuals and nations can organize themselves properly, nonviolent force is always stronger than violent force.

Some students open their minds to this immediately. They understand Gandhi: "Nonviolence is the weapon of the strong." They believe King: "The choice is not between violence and nonviolence but between nonviolence and nonexistence."

Other students have doubts which I encourage them to express. They do, repeatedly. Nonviolence and pacifism are beautiful theories and ideals, they tell me, but in the real world there are muggers and international despots.

All I asked of the "realists" was to think about life's two risks. Do you depend on violence or nonviolence to create peace? Not just peace in some vague "out there" among governments, but peace in our homes, where spouse and child abuse are at record highs, and peace in our schools, where teenage suicide is rampant, and peace in our neighborhoods, where 25 million U.S. households have guns, and peace on our planet, where 142 nations are spending 900 billion this year on arms and armies and where 1987 saw more wars and conflicts than any previous year in history.

Peace through violence has failed. Nearly 80 million have been killed in wars since 1900, a 500 percent increase over the 19th century. About 40,000 a year are killed a month in more than 40 wars and conflicts from the Middle East, Iran and Iraq, to Northern Ireland. More than 10,000 Americans are killed in handgun homicides annually. Those who defend violent solutions have some large numbers of deaths to defend.

Students are hungry to learn nonviolence. They understand it is much more than a noble ideal, it is also a basic survival skill. Learning nonviolence means that we dedicate our hearts, minds, time and money to a commitment that the force of love, the force of truth, the force of justice and force of organized resistance to corrupt power is always more effective, moral and enduring than the force of fists, guns, armies and nukes.

Yet we still resist. Theodore Roszak explains: The usual pattern seems to be that people give nonviolence two weeks to solve their problem and then decide it has "failed." Then they go on with violence for the next hundred years and it seems never to "fail" or be rejected.

As a student, you have a moral right to courses in peace. If your school doesn't offer them, or has too few, contact me at the Center for Teaching Peace and we can work to reform your school.

Let's not give peace a chance, let's give it a place in the curriculum.

Colman McCarthy, a Washington journalist, is the founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C. He will be appearing tonight at 7p.m. in 101 Debartolo.

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Springtime at Notre Dame brin

The Class of 2001 presents Sophomore Siblings Weekend

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
Scene Writer

This weekend, campus will be inundated with hundreds of would-be Domers for Sophomore Sibs Weekend.

Sophomores are invited to bring their siblings for a weekend full of activities, in an attempt to let the youngsters to find out what life is like at Notre Dame. Over 600 sophomores and their siblings will be in attendance for the festivities. The majority of siblings will be ages 10 to 18, although some are as young as 6 and others as old as 25. They will join their brothers and sisters for a weekend of fun and relaxation.

The weekend is not limited to siblings of sophomores, as in the case of only children. They are encouraged to "adopt" a sibling from one of their relatives or from friends who are overseas.

The weekend's activities will be kicked off on Friday with a barbecue, followed by a movie and free passes to the Gorch gameroom.

Saturday features a brunch with the Leprechaun and members of the football team. Tours of the stadium will follow, where everyone will get to see the playing field without all the crowds. A dorm-versus-dorm Olympic competition will take place in the afternoon at Stepan field, followed by a formal dinner with Father Hesburgh and football coach Bob Davie.

The sophomores and their siblings will have a chance to dance the night away at Senior Bar and may enjoy sundaes shortly after midnight.

The weekend will wrap up with a Mass at the Keenan-Stanford chapel, and a closing brunch afterwards.

This weekend is dedicated to giving the sophomores a chance to have a family activity as a class. Sophomore Class President Hunt Hanover points out that sophomores do not have a university-sponsored activity to allow them to spend time with their families.

"The seniors have Senior Week, the juniors have Junior Parents' Weekend and the freshman have Freshman Orientation. This activity gives the sophomores a chance to have some family time," Hanover explains.

Although this weekend is not sponsored by the University, it is something that the class officers work hard on to show their support for their classmates.

The class of 2001 has been planning the activities for this weekend for quite some time. Sophomores Mari Chris Trejo and Maria Alveras head a committee with six other sophomores who have been planning this weekend since the school year began

The class officers also hope that this weekend will give siblings a chance to see their Domer brothers and sisters, whom they might not be able to see often. "Some of these kids don't get to see how their brothers and sisters live at school. The only opportunity they may have had to see their life was at Freshman Orientation, and things may have changed since then, " said Hanover.

The Class of 2001's officers have high hopes for the success of this weekend. "We hope that it is a great time and that the kids get to spend some time with their siblings," explained Hanover.

Highlights of Sophomore Siblings Weekend

SATURDAY:

- Brunch with the leprechaun and members of the football team
- Football stadium tours
- Interhall Olympic competitions at Stepan Center
- Formal Dinner with Father Hesburgh and Coach Bob Davie
- Dance at Senior Bar

SUNDAY:

- Mass at Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Second City comes to Notre Dame!

Chicago's famous Second City theatre group, consisting of improv comedy actors, will perform at Washington Hall at 8 p.m. on March 22

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Second City is the home of many actors, such as Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Chris Farley

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Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in Stepan Center

Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m. at the door for $2

gs friends, family, faith and fun

Campus Ministry prepares for 'No Greater Love'

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Scene Editor

It is springtime at Notre Dame. Spring break is over, and though it is usually the highlight (or lowlight) for most students at any university, those at Notre Dame have something else to look forward to, perhaps something better. The time of spring break is also marked by Lent, a crucial time of the year on the Roman Catholic calendar. But with spring break still in Notre Dame's collective memory, Lent seems to be forgotten — something not thought about except during that one hour on Saturday evening or Sunday, if even then.

To erase the mid-semester malaise with which spring break infuses the student body, Campus Ministry has developed "No Greater Love," a campus-wide event meant to reinvigorate students' faith-life during this solemn season. Advertised as "a Notre Dame day of prayer, music and removal," "No Greater Love" will take place this Saturday at South Dining Hall.

The Observer/Liz Lang
This Saturday's "No Greater Love" uses God Quad's statue as the main symbol of the unique nature of Notre Dame's faith-life.

"Notre Dame has a unique combination of students, professors, staff, energy [and] attitude," said Frank Santoni, Campus Ministry intern and coordinator of the event. "We're trying to roll all that into 'No Greater Love,' to make it a Notre Dame day for Notre Dame students."

"No Greater Love" will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a large group meeting led by Father Michael Baxter. Baxter will act as emcee throughout the day, providing participants with the opportunity for Lenten prayer. The event will continue with Father Cyprian Consiglio leading the group in musical prayer. Baxter believes Consiglio's presence will make the day especially more significant.

"He's very prayerful. He's a monk," Baxter said. "He's had a lot of life experiences [that will help] in bringing the life of Christ to students."

"No Greater Love" will offer a variety of faith-sharing opportunities, using the knowledge of both Baxter and Consiglio, the personal touch of student speakers and the universal spirit of music. The first part of the day should make for an interesting and thought-provoking time.

Following this large group gathering, "No Greater Love" will break up into three rounds of discussion groups. Among the several groups available, Campus Ministry will provide opportunities to speak about such topics as Jesus, Christian sexual ethics, faith in action and scripture.

As Santoni noted, "No Greater Love" is a unique event of faith-living.

"There have been other places that do this sort of thing, but really, it can only be compared in structure, but not in its spirit ... we have a unique thing going here," he said.

While many students have attended various religious gatherings throughout their lives — Mass, youth rallies, retreats or Bible studies — "No Greater Love" mixes all of these up into a new faith experience. Though this is a first time thing at Notre Dame, Santoni hopes that it will become a new campus tradition.

To do this, Campus Ministry has implemented an aggressive campaign to get students to participate. Sending 10,000 postcards and flyers out to all Notre Dame students, both on- and off-campus, undergraduates and graduates, it hopes to attract as many students as possible.

This widespread, massive campaign surely sends the message that "No Greater Love" is for everyone. Though it does seem to be an emphatically Catholic event, Santoni feels that its unique quality makes the event that much more universal.

"It's something new, and that means unfamiliar. But it's gonna give people a fun time, a way to let loose and learn some stuff and [a chance] to reenergize," he remarked. "Especially after spring break, a lot of people probably weren't focusing on their spiritual lives ... This is a good way to get recharged and get ready for Easter, which is the Church's biggest celebration."

Indeed, spring break has been a trying time for many students. With botched airplane travel, forgettable and forgotten nights on various tropical islands or monotonous stays at home, returning to the norm is what every student wants for the home-stretch of the semester. But the onset of spring also marks a time of rebirth and rejuvenation in all aspects of life. Flowers bloom. Grasses become green. Bunnies hop amidst the warm beauty of the landscape.

And Easter comes — perhaps the greatest chance for rebirth in Catholics and Christians in general. "No Greater Love" provides a chance to enhance the significance of Easter, as it comes just as the season approaches its climax.

"The point is to, in a very clear and concrete way, to provide the space in people's lives to have an encounter with Christ," Baxter added.

Santoni stated that though they will not turn anyone down for the event, it would be helpful to sign up as soon as possible, in order to pick and choose among the various discussion groups. But from the looks of things, whatever happens this Saturday will be a healthy and helpful experience all the way around. The day ends with the group gathering in a closing Mass. After that, all participants will walk away with a new sense of their own faith, and a renewed lease on their time not only on this campus, but in their life as a whole.

"This sort of gets us back in the mindset," Santoni said. "So if you slacked off during Lent, this is one good way to put in your time, and focus on some things of the spirit rather than the mind, which we do a lot here, or the body, which may have been happening over spring break."

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Anne O'Meara Heaton, '94, will perform music from her new CD, Friday night at Lula's Cafe.

■ *Concert Watch*

Anne O'Meara Heaton

1994 Notre Dame graduate returns to South Bend to perform a concert at Lula's Cafe this Friday at 8:30 p.m. Performing with Frank Marotta Jr., Heaton will be playing songs fromher most recent album, "Anne O'Meara Heaton Live."

Heaton is stopping at Notre Dame in the midst of her Midwest tour of various college venues.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Chicago Fire looks to burn competition

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Major League Soccer starts its fourth season Saturday, facing two straight years of declining attendance but with far fewer concerns than any time since it began.

"The question doesn't seem to be anymore if we're going to survive, but how we're going to make the next step to being one of the top sports," Columbus Crew forward Brian McBride said.

The 12-team league opens after considerable movement of big-name players, a shake-up at MLS headquarters, the absence of coach Bruce Arena and a pending lawsuit attacking the structure of the league.

"I've said every year that each season is the most important,"MLS commissioner Doug Logan said. "You have to take that with a grain of salt."

There are five games on opening day, highlighted by defending champion Chicago Fire at San Jose, and a new look to rosters following major trades involving Raul Diaz Arce, Alexi Lalas, Tony Meola and John Harkes.

"I'm OK, but the ones who are really hurt are the fans, who are loyal to teams and players and then get treated like this," Meola said. "But it's a reality in this league."

Most rosters are all but set, with only a few foreign allocations still pending. D.C. United, Chicago and Los Angeles are still the powers, but Columbus is a contender for MLS Cup '99 on Nov. 21 in Foxboro, Mass.

The Crew, run by Lamar Hunt, inaugurate their stadium May 15 against New England. The 22,500-seat park is the first stadium in the United States built specifically for soccer. Season-ticket sales are up 45 percent in Columbus.

D.C. lost the MLS title game to Chicago in October but still won the bigger prize — the InterAmerican Cup against Brazil's Vasco da Gama.

"D.C. is still the team to beat in the East, until somebody knocks them off," McBride said.

Washington went through the most dramatic changes.

While Chicago and Los Angeles return virtually intact, United had to send defender Tony Sanneh to Germany and midfielder John Harkes to New England to get under the approximate $1.7 million salary cap.

Washington also lost Arena to the U.S. national team. Arena won the first two MLS titles and the InterAmerican crown. He is succeeded by Thomas Rongen.

The average crowd at MLS games last year, including two expansion franchises, dropped to 14,312 from 14,616, but overall attendance increased by more than 400,000.

Season-ticket sales are up just two percent from a year ago, but a shift in the schedule to have 58 percent of the league's 192 games on Saturday is expected to boost the gate.

The season begins with a big change at league headquarters. Sunil Gulati was stripped of his post as deputy commissioner last month, supposedly over renewing the contract of midfielder Tab Ramos without consulting the MetroStars.

Many are skittish about how the league will function without the one man primarily responsible for all player-contract negotiations.

Another issue is an antitrust lawsuit filed by the players' association. The case concerns the foundation of the league's business structure as a single entity.

The suit was filed before the start of the 1997 season and is not expected to go to trial until after the season.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Diamondbacks bow to Cubs

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz.

Sammy Sosa's new home run bow has Todd Stottlemyre bent out of shape.

"Nobody wants to be embarrassed," Stottlemyre said after Sosa hit two homers off him Wednesday in the Chicago Cubs' 8-5, 10-inning loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"I sure don't remember Mickey Mantle bowing after home runs," Stottlemyre said. "I guarantee Joe DiMaggio didn't bow. I bet everything I got Lou Gehrig didn't, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente. Those are great players. Those are guys who paved the way for us."

Sosa raised his home run total to seven, the most in spring training and two more than his 1999 spring total. He picked up the habit of bowing to fans during the All-Star tour of Japan last November.

"They're going to have a lot of opportunities to see me showing the bows, showing respect for fans," said Sosa, who has hit the home runs in just 22 at-bats.

Sosa, 3-for-17 (.167) against Stottlemyre during the regular season with no homers and eight strikeouts, hit a two-run homer to right-center in the first and a solo shot to left-center in the third.

Each time he crossed the plate, he stopped after a few steps for a crisp bow to the seats.

"I respect the way he and Mark McGwire put baseball back on the map last year," Stottlemyre said. "It's a huge credit to him personally."

The bows, however, crossed Stottlemyre's line.

"I took it as offensive," he said. "I don't bow after a strikeout or a win. Just play the game, be professional and move on."

Sosa was, well, unbowed.

"No comment," he said when informed of Stottlemyre's remarks. The bows, he said, are "showing respect for all the fans who come out here seeing the game."

KFP Photo

Slugger Sammy Sosa hit two homers against Diamondback Pitcher Todd Stottlemyre in yesterday's exhibition game.

After hitting 66 homers last year, four short of the record set by Mark McGwire, Sosa bulked up during the offseason.

He is two ahead of McGwire in the meaningless spring training race.

"I have a gym in my house. I was working out two times a day," Sosa said.

Did he exercise during his numerous travels, too?

"I was working out on the plane," he joked.

Stottlemyre, making his fourth spring start, allowed three runs and five hits in 2 2-3 innings.

Cubs starter Kevin Tapani gave up five runs — four earned — and six hits in 2 1-3 innings. He has an 8.59 ERA in three spring starts, allowing seven earned runs in 7 1-3 innings.

Matt Williams drove in three runs for the Diamondbacks with a two-run double in the first and a solo homer in the third.

Classifieds

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Ali my favorite feet I hope you're still in one piece this morning.

Jackie Lynn unfortuntely doesn't know how to read, huh T?

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■ NFL

League owners vote to reinstate replay

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Upon further and further and further review, instant replay is back in the NFL for the 1999 season.

The league's owners, who had killed replay every year for the last seven, overwhelmingly approved a new system Wednesday that will give coaches two challenges per game, with "a replay assistant" to determine if something is to be reviewed in the final two minutes of each half.

The referee on the field will make the final decision.

But unlike the system in effect from 1986-91, it's not intended to cover routine mistakes.

"We are implementing this system to correct the major, major, big mistake," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee, which came up with the plan.

The action comes after a season marked by several high-profile mistakes. It even led commissioner Paul Tagliabue to propose bringing it back for the playoffs, a move that was turned down.

Wednesday's vote was 28-3, the most overwhelming vote for replay since it first came up in 1986. The three "no" votes came from Cincinnati, the New York Jets and Arizona, while the New York Giants, who had voted against it every year, were among the "yes" votes.

That was primarily the reason why replay wasn't put in for longer than one year.

"There were several teams that were traditionally against it that voted for it this time," said the other cochairman, Rich McKay of Tampa Bay, another team that was often against replay. "They wanted to see how it works for a year before we put it in for a longer period."

Under the system to be used, coaches will have to act in the 40 seconds between the time a play ends and the ball is put back into play again to make the challenge. All said they would rely on word from an assistant upstairs.

"That won't be a problem," Holmgren said. "We always get five voices at once shouting, 'Yell at someone.' "

The referee on the field will then review the play. If he turns down the challenge, the team making it will lose a time out. If he upholds the challenge, the team will retain the time out.

In the final two minutes of each half, the replay assistant — probably a retired official — will stop the game if he sees a call that might be challenged, and the same procedure will be followed. The replay assistant's challenge will extend into any overtime.

That idea, which swayed the final votes to get over the total of 24 needed for approval, came from commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"The main thing the coaches objected to was the last two minutes," Tagliabue said.

So he proposed the system in which the last two minutes of each half would be overseen by the replay assistant.

He added that George Young, the league's vice president for football operations, then told him that might break the logjam and get the votes. As general manager of the Giants and cochairman of the competition committee, Young had been replay's most steadfast opponent.

The coaches were overwhelmingly for it.

"There will be a lot of strategy for us to think about," said Wade Phillips of Buffalo, one of the teams hurt most last season by calls that were later found to be incorrect. "We'll be doing a lot of studying.

"It's not likely we're going to challenge something in the middle of the field in the second quarter," Holmgren said.

"If someone tells me our receiver was in on a 10-yard play on which he was ruled out in the second quarter, I'd probably let it go. But if it's something that can get us points, then we'd challenge."

Replay will be like the old system — applicable to goalline and sideline plays and possession, but not to penalties.

The league also put off a decision on the $800 million sale of the Washington Redskins to Howard and Edward Milstein and until early April. Tagliabue said there weren't enough votes to approve the sale.

The only other rule change was on clipping near the line of scrimmage, which now will apply all over the field. In the past, clipping was legal in a small area between the tackles near the line of scrimmage.

The owners also formally took away the 2003 Super Bowl from San Francisco and invited San Diego, south Florida and other locations to submit bids.

That game could be the first Super Bowl played in February.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UNLV faces NCAA violations

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

UNLV's basketball program is under investigation once again, this time reportedly for allegations that an assistant coach gave money to make car payments on behalf of former player Tyrone Nesby.

It is the latest problem for UNLV coach Bill Bayno, whose team is in disarray following a season that began with high expectations but ended with a first-round loss in the NIT.

Three players said this week they are planning to leave the team and transfer to other schools, and the fourth-year coach has been bombarded with criticism from fans who blame the coach for the team's lackluster season.

NCAA investigators were on campus this week to conduct an informal review of allegations that associate head coach Glynn Cyprien gave a former student manager money to make car payments on Nesby's behalf.

Bayno said he was confident there had been no wrongdoing in his program.

"I know for a fact I have done nothing wrong to recruit the kids in my program," Bayno said. "I've always abided by the rules. I will cooperate fully with the NCAA and I'm confident that everything will be fine."

Mike Viellion, an international business major who once was a student manager for the basketball team, also said Cyprien loaned Viellion's 1995 Ford Thunderbird without his permission during the summer to another player, Kaspars Kambala, and that Kambala subsequently was involved in an accident that totaled the car.

Viellion said that four times during the 1997-98 basketball season, Cyprien gave him money out of his own pocket. Viellion said he was instructed to take the money to a car-leasing agency, which he declined to name, and make payments for Nesby, who is now an NBA rookie playing for the Los Angeles Clippers. Viellion said he could not recall the exact amount, but it was between $300 and $400.

Viellion also said he was a go-between for Bayno and Nesby in picking up loaner cars Bayno had arranged for Nesby when the player's car was out of commission.

A university is forbidden under NCAA rules from providing a benefit for a student-athlete that it would not provide for every other student.

"The truth will come out," Bayno said. "He's trying to blow up the program and I don't know why."

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Former UNLV basketball star Tyrone Nesby is implicated in the college's latest scandal involving illegal car payments.

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No Greater Love
Saturday, March 20, 10:30 am-5:30 pm, South Dining Hall. A Notre Dame day of prayer, music, and renewal. A spirit-filled gathering for students led by Fr. Michael Baxter, C.S.C. and Nationally-renowned musician Dan Consiglio. Students will also be able to choose from serveral breakout sessions led by dynamic speakers from around the Notre Dame community to learn more about different aspects of their faith.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Saturday, March 20 Mass
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Sunday, March 21
10:00 a.m. Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.
11:45 a.m. Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Sunday Lenten Vespers
7:15 p.m. Rev. James K. Foster, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading	Ezekiel	37:12-14
2nd Reading	Romans	8:8-11
Gospel	John	11:1-45

It's Not Too Late!

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Listen, gang, it's not too late. It's not too late for all of us to make something of Lent. It's not too late for you First Year students out there to meet new people. It's not too late for you Sophomores and Juniors out there to find new and creative ways to party. It's not too late for you Seniors out there to make something of your remaining days, and to maximize that which you take away from this place. It's not too late for all of us to make more of our efforts in faith and in prayer. Listen, it's not too late; but it will be if we don't choose to do something about it now.

I will say it simply: if you leave the University of Notre Dame without addressing some of the basic questions of faith, then we, as a university and as mentors and guides, will have failed; but, as importantly, you will have too. Whether you came here because Notre Dame is a Catholic university, is not the point. The fact is, it is, and if you do not learn something more about the Catholic faith while you are here, whether you are Catholic or not, then there's something wrong. The thought that there are those who make no effort to move from the faith of your parents to an adult and personal relationship with God, is perhaps the saddest reality that we face. But it's not too late.

I find myself wanting to say that if you're only going to Mass on Sunday because you know your parents expect you to, then think about that. And if you're not going to Mass on Sunday because your parents aren't here to tell you that you have to, then think about that, too. The fact is, the time in life has come for you to make your own choices and to make sense of your own faith. But these choices cannot be made only in response to your parents, whether in the affirmative or the negative. Ultimately, they must be made in response to God, and to the stirrings of the Spirit in your life and in your relationships. And if it's the case that you have no idea what that means, or what God might be saying to you, then maybe it's because you haven't stopped to listen, or even learned to listen. But it's not too late.

There are any number of ways to be about the business of learning more about our faith and deepening in our relationship with God. One of them is coming our way this Saturday on our campus. You've seen the posters and you've heard the spin, but in the end, you can only measure the merits of it by being there. "No Greater Love" is, at rock bottom, about our Lord Jesus Christ; and about the opportunity that each of us has to be in relationship to him. "No Greater Love" is an opportunity to gather to pray with others who long also to deepen in faith, but also to learn about different aspects of the faith which we profess.

The events of the day take place in the South Dining Hall. They begin at 10:30 a.m. with registration (but you have the option of signing up early via e-mail at ND.ministry.1@nd.edu). Things get kicked off at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, O.S.B. Cam. leading us in song and prayer, and Fr. Michael Baxter, C.S.C. preaching the Good News. Break-out sessions follow at Noon where you can choose from several local presenters on a variety of topics related to our faith. It's the perfect opportunity to learn and ask questions about many of the things that you've always wondered about. Lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. where you can dine and socialize to the acoustic music of our own Justin Dunn and others. The afternoon offers more break-out sessions and concludes with a rousing celebration of the Eucharist at 4:30 p.m. During the day, for those of you who wish to partake, there is the option of participating in the Stations of the Cross, the sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, and praying the rosary. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the events of the day.

I know what you're thinking: "I don't have time for all of that!" Let me assure you that you don't have enough time not to! Life is slipping by. Notre Dame, even for the youngest among you, is slipping away (Just ask the Seniors!). Let's get at the questions that really matter. You know full well that you will waste all kinds of time this weekend. Waste it with us! I marvel at how much time we spend in idle, even trite, conversation, or in front of a video game, or perched in front of a television, or drinking, simply drinking. Rarely in those settings do we get at the stuff that matters, the stuff of life, the stuff of faith, the heart of God. It's not too late. Come join us and meet others who share your questions and who share your faith. It's not too late to make something of Lent. It's not too late to take ownership of our faith. It's not too late to know that there is no greater love than that of our God for us. But in the end, it's up to you. Take the time; make the time! It's not too late!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

■ OLYMPICS

Six IOC members expelled as Olympic scandal widens

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland

One by one, the six accused International Olympic Committee members filed into a conference hall Wednesday and pleaded their case before their peers.

Some 90 minutes later, in what delegates described as a "painful and harrowing" exercise, all six were expelled.

The IOC completed an unprecedented purge of its own ranks, but backed president Juan Antonio Samaranch with an overwhelming vote of confidence and two rousing ovations during a special session wrought by the worst scandal in its 105-year history.

Despite the support, Samaranch hinted that he might leave office before the end of his term in 2001.

A total of 10 members have been banished or have resigned after being linked to $1.2 million in cash payments and other vote-buying inducements from Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games. Ten others have been censured or warned about their actions.

Olympic leaders said the expulsions marked a major turn in restoring the agency's credibility and the luster of the five rings.

But a leading U.S. congressional critic wasn't completely satisfied.

"Expelling members does nothing to address the utter lack of transparency and accountability in IOC processes," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "What we must see are concrete reforms."

With corporate sponsors also demanding reforms, Samaranch and his deputies said the house-cleaning was just the beginning and that the IOC would carry out long-term changes.

"We're nearing the end of the beginning," said IOC vice president Dick Pound, echoing Winston Churchill. "We have a fair amount of work ahead of us. This was a good start. Without having done it, it would have been hard to move forward."

On Thursday, the IOC is expected to appoint an independent ethics commission, change the selection process for the 2006 Winter Games and set up a special reform panel — including outside experts — to study structural changes.

"From the outset we have been telling the IOC to go deep and go wide in their investigations and it appears they are now doing that," said John LaBella, a spokesman for Kodak, one of the Olympic sponsors.

The six expelled members were Agustin Arroyo of Ecuador, Zein El Abdin Gadir of Sudan, Jean-Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo, Lamine Keita of Mali, Sergio Santander of Chile and Paul Wallwork of Samoa.

Several claimed they were scapegoats.

"I am the proverbial sacrificial lamb," Wallwork said. "Perhaps I was led to the slaughterhouse."

"I do believe the public and the press wanted to have heads knocked down," Arroyo said. "Mine happens to be in the way."

Santander said, "It happened as a purely political act. It probably occurred because Chile was such a small country."

Jean-Claude Ganga, the African Olympic official who had threatened to go down fighting, offered an unexpectedly muted reaction.

"We accept this decision with sporting good will — good winners, good losers," he said.

The six were ousted in secret ballots from 90 eligible voting members. None came close to the minimum 30 votes needed to avoid expulsion.

The vote counts were 72-16 against Arroyo, 86-4 against Gadir, 88-2 against Ganga, 72-16 against Keita, 76-12 against Santander and 67-19 against Wallwork.

The 10 who received warnings in the three-month inquiry included South Korean executive board member Kim Unyong, the highest-ranking official implicated in the scandal.

Kim's case remains open. Investigators say he could still face expulsion if evidence is found to prove he knew that Salt Lake bidders subsidized his son's salary at a telecommunications company.

The session began with Samaranch declaring that the IOC needed to be swift and decisive in dealing with a crisis that "has nearly destroyed the reputation and credibility of all its members and the organization itself."

"It is our IOC which is now on trial," he said. "The first step we must take is to clean our house. ... All that we have achieved is in great danger — and you must all be aware of this fact."

While Samaranch said he wanted to lead the IOC through reforms, the 78-year-old Spaniard gave perhaps his clearest signal yet that he might not finish his term, scheduled to conclude late in 2001.

"My last service to Olympism would be to restructure our organization in order to enter the new millennium stronger than ever," he said.

Earlier, speaking to reporters, Samaranch said, "My idea is to remain until 2001, but we will see."

After receiving two ovations from the delegates, Samaranch — who has faced numerous calls for his resignation from outside the IOC — put his leadership to a vote of confidence.

In a surprise move, instead of a vote by acclamation, Samaranch asked for a secret ballot.

The result was 86-2, with one blank ballot and one not returned.

Samaranch, who had left the room for the vote, returned to the hall to a standing ovation.

Then the members turned to the traumatic task of throwing out their own colleagues.

"It's difficult looking at a person and saying, 'No longer will you be among us,'" American IOC vice president Anita DeFrantz said.

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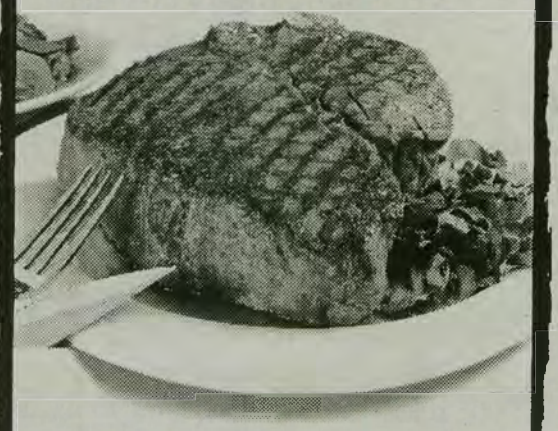

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Five earn All-America honors

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's men's and women's track and field teams completed another successful indoor track and field season as they wrapped up the season at the 1999 NCAA Indoor Track and Field championships on March 5-6.

Five members of the Notre Dame track team were named All-Americans by the United States Track Coaches Association, based on their performances in the 1999 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. First-time honorees included junior JoAnna Deeter of Glen Ellyn, Ill., senior Mike Brown of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., senior Antonio Arce of Palmdale, Calif., and junior Marshaun West of Sikeston, Mo., while junior Jennifer Engelhardt of Battle Creek, Mich., became the first Irish women's track and field athlete to earn All-America honors twice.

Engelhardt finished 13th this year with a leap of 5-8, while she finished ninth as a freshman with a jump of 5-8 1/2. Deeter also made history as she became the first Notre Dame women's athlete ever to earn both cross country and track and field All-America honors.

Deeter's time of 16:10.16 in the 5,000 meters destroyed the Notre Dame record of 16:22.64, which she set earlier this year at the Big East Championships. Brown, a three-time Big East champion in the pole vault and competing in his first NCAA Championships, tied for sixth place in the pole vault with his Notre Dame record vault of 17-10 1/2. Brown's vault broke the record of 17-6 1/2 he had set just the weekend before at the Alex Wilson Invitational. Arce placed tenth in the mile with his time of 4:13.32 after running 4:04.14 in his heat, and West finished seventh in the long jump with a leap of 24-11 1/2. Freshman Liz Grow of New Braunfels, Tex., also competed in the championships, finishing 17th (56.85) but failing to qualify for the finals in the 400 meters as she ran to a time of 56.85.

The five indoor All-Americans are the most by the Irish since 1997, when seven Notre Dame athletes earned that honor indoors — Jeff Hojnacki, Danny Payton, Jason Rexing and Derek Seiling in the distance medley relay (eighth place), Allen Rossum in the 55 meters (seventh), Dominque Calloway in the 55-meter hurdles (11th) and Engelhardt in the high

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■ BOXING

AFP Photo

Promoter Don King is scheduled to appear at a grand jury investigation of last week's Holyfield-Lewis bout.

Grand jury to judge Holyfield-Lewis fight

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

A grand jury is investigating the disputed draw in the heavyweight title fight between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield.

The panel will issue subpoenas and hear testimony about the judging of Saturday night's bout at Madison Square Garden, a spokeswoman for Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Wednesday.

Spokeswoman Barbara Thompson declined to discuss what illegalities, if any, Morgenthau thinks could be involved.

One source close to the investigation, who asked not to be identified, said: "We could be looking at tampering or illegal payments. Then again, maybe we're looking at lousy judging, which is not a crime."

State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer will offer Morgenthau's investigators "any and all assistance in their attempt to pursue a criminal case," Spitzer spokesman Darren Dopp said.

Spitzer, who worked for Morgenthau for six years, canceled a public hearing for Friday involving many of the principals in the fight Lewis was widely believed to have won.

Among those who had been scheduled to attend were promoter Don King and judge Eugenia Williams, the IBF judge who had Holyfield winning.

Holyfield is the IBF and WBA heavyweight champion. Lewis of Britain holds the WBC title.

Another hearing, scheduled for Thursday in Manhattan by the state Senate Committee on Investigations, will go forward, according to its chairman, state Sen. Roy Goodman of Manhattan.

Among those to appear are King and Dino Duva, Lewis' American promoter; Bob Lee, the IBF president; Arthur Mercante Jr., the bout's referee; and Williams.

Testifying by phone will be Larry O'Connell of England, the WBC judge who scored the fight a draw; Stanley Christodoulou of South Africa, the WBA judge who declared Lewis the winner; and WBC president Jose Sulaiman.

Goodman said his hearing will focus on the judging of Saturday's fight, the relationships between the sanctioning bodies and the boxing industry and health issues involving fighters.

"We'll really be taking a helicopter trip over all of the terrain of big-time boxing and whether there were improprieties in this fight," Goodman said.

The New York State Athletic Commission is also investigating the fight.

U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who sat ringside at the bout, said Wednesday that state athletic commissions must take the lead in reforming professional boxing and not wait for the federal government to step in.

He added that meaningful nationwide reforms might result from the dispute surrounding the bout and the four investigations it has prompted.

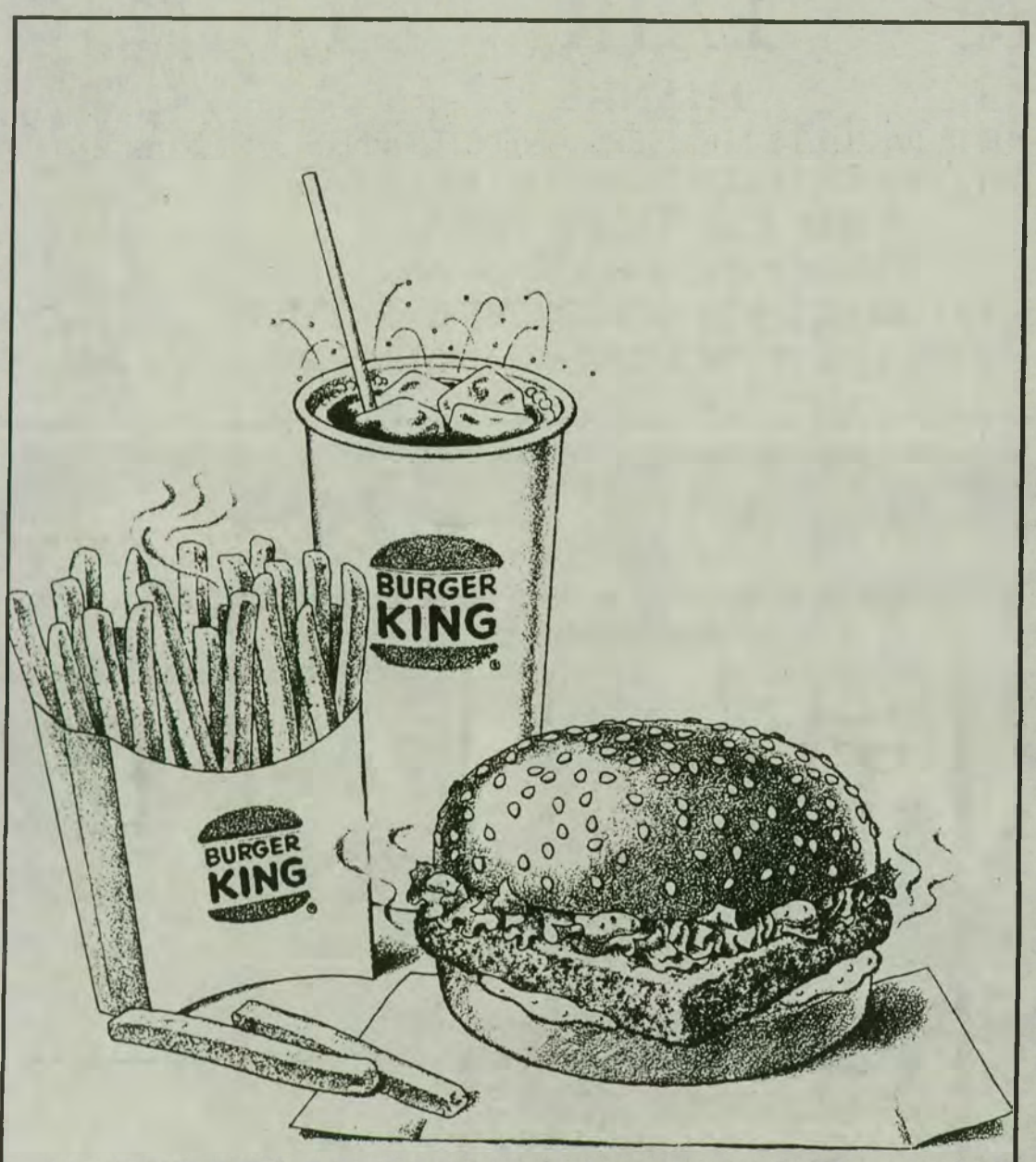
For a start, he said, state athletic commissions should appoint all ringside officials at bouts and not give international sanctioning bodies the opportunity to place potentially biased judges at a fight.

"State commissioners should not surrender any of their authority to sanctioning organizations or promoters," McCain said in a letter to Spitzer. "When they do, boxers are subject to manipulation and the public is cheated."

McCain has been working with a task force of state attorneys general, headed by Spitzer, to develop federal legislation to reform boxing that has been named of Muhammad Ali.

McCain said boxing is rife with "conflicts of interest and fraudulent practices" that contributed to the Lewis-Holyfield draw.

"The best outcome of the Holyfield-Lewis bout would be a complete overhaul of boxing industry abuses in America," he said.



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■ BASEBALL

Heilman and Irish capture title

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame baseball team has produced two Big East conference weekly award winners, following a successful spring break trip during which Notre Dame won their its final five games and claimed the championship of the Irish Baseball Classic held at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio, Texas.

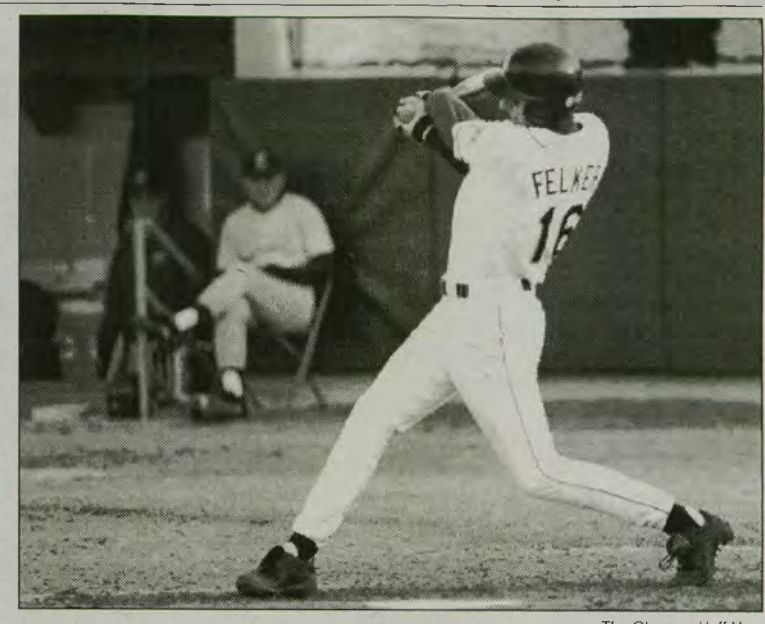
Notre Dame sophomore righthander Aaron Heilman of Logansport, Ind., was named the Big East co-pitcher of the week, joining West Virginia senior lefthander Lewis Ross who will face the Irish this weekend in the Big East opening series for both teams. Irish freshman centerfielder Steve Stanley of Upper Arlington, Ohio, and Providence freshman shortstop Jaime Athas shared the Big East Rookie of the Week award.

Heilman was named MVP of the Irish Baseball Classic, after posting his first career complete game in a 5-4 win over Creighton that clinched a spot in the championship game for the Irish. Heilman, making just his fourth career start, racked up a career-best 11 strikeouts versus the Bluejays while allowing six hits, one walk and three earned runs. He faced 36 batters, with 14 groundouts and just two flyouts.

For the entire 1999 season, Heilman has made five appearances (three starts) while posting a 2-1 record, one save and a 3.28 ERA. His season totals include 25 strikeouts, 21 hits and seven walks allowed in 24.2 innings, with four wild pitches, one hit-batter and a .219 opponent batting average.

Stanley ignited the offense in the Irish Baseball Classic from his leadoff spot, pacing the squad with a .444 batting average (8-for-18), seven runs scored and four stolen bases, plus four walks, just one strikeout and no errors while making several tough catches in center field. Stanley hit 6-for-12 with runners on base and reached on 6-of-7 leadoff at-bats during the week. He opened the IBC with one hit, two walks, two runs scored and two stolen bases in a 6-3 win over Penn State before going 2-for-2 with two walks, a sacrifice bunt and a run scored in the pivotal 5-4 comeback victory over Creighton. Stanley wrapped up the week with a hit, run scored and scored and stolen base in the IBC title game win over Creighton (5-3).

For the season, Stanley has bounced back from an 0-for-17 start over the first five games by hitting .410 in the current 8-2 run, raising his season average to .286 (16-for-56). The speedy lefthander is tied for second on the team with 11 runs scored while leading the squad with six stolen bases in eight attempts. His other season statistics include eight RBI, one double, six walks, nine strikeouts, one hit-by-pitch, three sacrifice flies, two sacrifice bunts and one error in 30 chances.



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Deep in the heart of Texas, junior outfielder Jeff Felker and the Irish baseball team improved their winning streak to five games.

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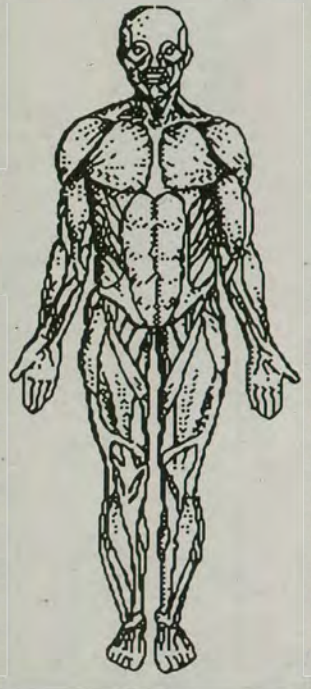

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame shines against Miami

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

Like many Notre Dame students, the Notre Dame men's tennis team enjoyed its first recent exposure to sunshine last week.

The 26th-ranked Irish shinned in their first outdoor match of the year, defeating 43rd-ranked Miami on their home court. The 5-2 victory over the Hurricanes marked the sixth-consecutive win for the Irish, their longest streak of the season.

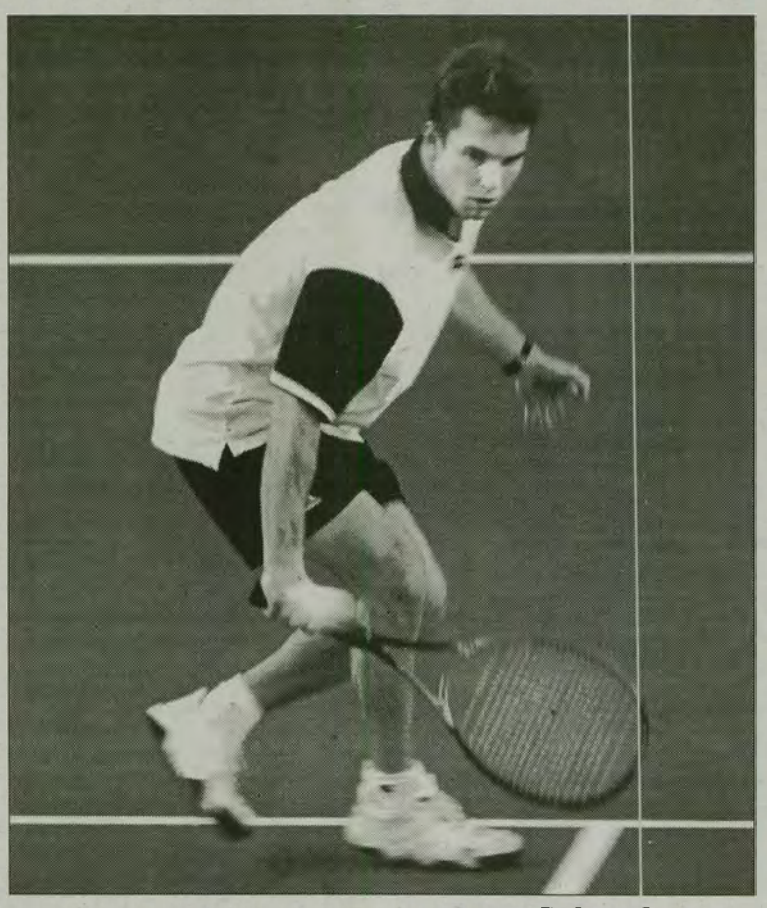
Continuing their dominance at No. 1 doubles, the tandem of junior All-American Ryan Sachire and senior captain Brian Patterson easily downed Miami's Tarik El Bassouni and Ralph Hilt 8-2.

Complimenting the victory at No. 1 doubles, the freshman combo of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico sealed the doubles point by achieving a 8-6 win over Hurricanes Lieberman and Johan Lindquist at No. 3 doubles.

Taborga added to an impressive outing by emerging victorious in his dual-match singles debut as well, beating Joel Berman 7-5, 6-4.

The Irish continued on to capture four of the singles points, with Matt Daly clinching the win with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Mark Arrowsmith at No. 3 singles.

Accounting for the other singles wins were No. 2-ranked Sachire (6-3, 6-3 over Jamin Thompson at No.1) and Patterson, who overcame a first-set slide to win 6-7 (8), 6-1, 6-1 over Lindquist.



The Observer/Ernesto Lacayo
The Notre Dame men's tennis squad knocked off the Hurricanes in its first outdoor match of the season.

Having faced Miami in the Big East championship title match for the last three years, the victory is hopefully prophetic for the Irish as they begin the homestretch towards the playoffs. Miami won the Big East championship in Miami in 1997 and 1998, while the Irish won in 1996.

Today, the Irish travel to Montgomery, Ala., where they will attempt to avenge their second place finish for the last two years at the Blue-Gray National Classic.

In 1998, the Irish lost a heartbreaker to Boise State, 4-3, and in the 1997 South Alabama quenched Notre Dame's title hopes with a 4-2 victory.

On March 27, the Irish return home to face No. 2-ranked Illinois, clearly the most challenging match of their heavily laden schedule.

■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish slay Knights to stay unbeaten

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Wednesday must have seemed like deja-vu for the Golden Knights of Gannon.

The No. 2-ranked women's lacrosse team in Division II could not avenge their 1998 20-10 loss to the Fighting Irish (3-0). Instead, Gannon (1-1) lost by the exact same score.

While an 1-0 Golden Knights lead just 1:40 minutes into the game made the Irish goal of establishing an early lead seem impossible, senior captain Kerry Callahan tied the score less than two minutes later and sparked a 4-0 Irish run.

Gannon pulled within two goals at the 12:43-minute mark with a score of 5-3, but Notre Dame responded with five straight goals, three by sophomore Courtney Calabrese. The teams then traded goals until half-time with the Irish posting a 12-6 advantage.

Like in their previous two games, the team applied defensive to secure the victory. After Stacey Reynolds scored at 1:11 of the first half, no Gannon shots got past goalie Carrie Marshall until there was a little over eight minutes remaining. By that time, Notre Dame had built a commanding 19-7 lead with five different players scoring, including Katherine Scarola with her first career goal.

The Golden Knights tried to mount a comeback with three more goals in the remaining time, but Calabrese stopped them with her sixth goal of the game at the 13-second mark.

While Calabrese led the team with 6 goals, Lael O'Shaughnessey scored 5 goals in one game for the third time this year. Also chipping in was Callahan who had three goals and six assists. The Irish scored on 20 of their 28 shots, picked up 23 groundballs to Gannon's one, and controlled 19 of the 22 draws.

The team built its lead and maintained it for almost 60 minutes.

Notre Dame will take on Syracuse next Tuesday and try to get back at a team that beat them by 11 at home last year.

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automatically qualified 400 medley team.

Through the relay, Kelly Hecking also earned a spot in both backstroke events.

In the freestyle events, Kristen Van Saun will make her first NCAA championship appearance in the 500- and 200-yard events.

Diver Mattingly qualified for both the one- and three-meter springboard events at last weekend's Zone C diving meet.

Her score of 484.95 on the three-meter was good for second place, beating Indiana's Erin Quinn but falling to Cincinnati's Angie Trostel who tallied 510.95 points.

Saturday's one-meter competition saw Mattingly earn third place with 398 points, placing behind Quinn (413.30) and Trostel (398.05).

Irish teammates Ketelhohn and Johnstone placed 15th and 28th, respectively, on the one-meter board and 11th and 32nd on the three-meter.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

The Notre Dame hockey team had its share of upsets during the regular season, including a win over top-ranked North Dakota.

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mon opponents, head-to-head competition, record versus other teams at .500 or better and record in the last 16 games played.

For each of the last two seasons, the 12 teams atop the Pairwise Rankings have qualified for the NCAA tournament, although that will probably not be the case this year, since Quinnipiac (a MAAC school) is currently 10th in the rankings. In actuality, the Pairwise Rankings do not necessarily determine who qualifies; national polls and power rankings such as the RPI can also be used to decide who receives the at-large bids.

This season, the CCHA has been arguably the strongest conference in the nation, rivaled closely by Hockey East. With New Hampshire, Maine and Boston College as its top three, Hockey East is probably stronger at the top. However, with teams like Ferris State and Bowling Green in sixth and seventh places, respectively, the CCHA is stronger altogether.

So, of the 12 bids, the three Hockey East teams previously mentioned should be locks for the tournament, as should the top three CCHA teams — Michigan State, Michigan and Ohio State.

The WCHA, while boasting of the nation's best team in North Dakota, is simply not as strong as Hockey East or the CCHA from top to bottom. Wisconsin, who came in fourth place in the regular season, is actually below .500 for the season; hence, the WCHA should receive just three bids (North Dakota, Colorado College and Denver).

Likewise, the ECAC only has one or two bonafide tournament teams. Clarkson, who won the conference's regular season title, has been ranked in the top 10 all season and will get an automatic bid. St. Lawrence finished second in the conference and 10th in the polls and is probably the only other team in the ECAC worthy of the NCAA tournament, despite losses to Niagara, Mass-Lowell and Boston University out-of-conference.

So the question remains as to which conference should get the extra bid. Fighting for the last at-large bid will be Notre Dame, Northern Michigan, Rensselaer and perhaps Providence.

Of those four teams, Notre Dame has the highest RPI, which is essentially a measure of strength of schedule. Rensselaer has not been ranked in the top 10 all season and has no major out-of-conference wins to speak of. Providence has not been ranked either, and its only decent win out-of-conference came against Princeton, a team that was ranked for part of the season and has faded down the stretch.

The stiffest competition for the final at-large bid will come from the Wildcats of Northern Michigan, who defeated the Irish two out of three games in the first round of the CCHA tournament on Joyce Center ice. The season series between the two schools is even at 2-2-2, although five of the six games took place at the Joyce Center.

As the RPI numbers dictate, Notre Dame has more quality wins than Northern, including a win Jan. 3, at top-ranked North Dakota. Other out-of-conference games of note for Notre Dame include a season opener win at Wisconsin and a tie at then No. 1 Boston College.

However, to the Wildcats' credit, they do have two big out-of-conference wins to speak of, both of which came on the road against Clarkson. Of course, the fact that Northern beat Notre Dame in the playoffs should weigh heavily. But Notre Dame did finish ahead of NMU in the regular season standings. Also, Notre Dame was ranked in the nation's top 10 for 17 consecutive weeks and 18 weeks in all, and Northern has not been ranked since early in the year.

For Notre Dame to make its first NCAA appearance in school history, Dave Poulin and his team have to hope for a couple of things to happen.

One: Michigan State has to beat Northern Michigan at Joe Louis Arena on Friday night. If that happens, NMU should fall behind the Irish in the Pairwise Rankings as well as fall further behind in the RPI.

Two: The Irish cannot afford any major upsets in the conference tournaments, which would result in the last at-large bid becoming an automatic bid for a team that otherwise would not qualify for the tournament.

If these two things happen, Notre Dame should end up getting that last at-large tournament bid, and it will almost certainly be in the East region as the sixth-seeded team.

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ter than we are. In women's epee we are equal but in women's foil we are better. It all comes down to how we fence in these days."

The women's foil team has the most NCAA experience of all the Irish squads. Walsh is a three-time first team All-American who finished second her freshman and sophomore years and third last year. Brown has been a second team All-American her first three years at Notre Dame.

Both fencers trained over spring break in New York with Columbia fencers Susan Jennings and Erin Smart.

Jennings and Smart finished fourth and second, respectively at last year's championships. They, along with Monique de Bruin of Stanford and Yelena Kalkina of Ohio State, will pose the stiffest challenge to Brown and Walsh to win the foil individual title this year.

Kalkina, the 1997 foil champion, is a familiar opponent for Brown and Walsh. Kalkina dealt Walsh her only loss on the year. Walsh, however, won the season series 2-1 with a 5-4 victory over Kalkina at the Midwest Intercollegiate Conference Championships.

Brown also had success against Kalkina at the MICC. Brown defeated Kalkina in the team competitions and then downed her in overtime in the individual tournament.

Last year's women's foil champion, Felicia Zimmerman of Stanford, will be fencing in the epee tournament this year.

"I think Stanford made a good move by having [Zimmerman] fence epee," Mustilli said. "Their foil team is deeper than their epee team so the move makes them stronger overall. However, it also helps us. She is not as strong at epee so she will win less epee bouts than she would win fencing foil."

Mustilli and Krol return for the Irish epee team. Mustilli, competing in her first championship last year, finished fourth and earned first team All-American honors.

Krol, the 1997 epee individual champion, finished sixth at her second NCAA Championship last year. Last year's epee champion, Walker of Penn State, returns to defend her title but she is hampered by a chest injury.

"We are looking forward to beating Walker since she beat Magda and I last year," Mustilli said. "She is injured, but she is still an athlete. She will be a tough competitor."

"She will probably not be 100 percent," Penn State coach Emmanuil Kaidanov said. "But she is very determined to compete at the championships."

Gaither and Casas are both newcomers to the NCAAs for the Irish at epee. Casas is a freshman who has fenced well all season. He posted at 44-14 record on the year and won a silver medal at the 1999 Junior Olympics.

Gaither has come on strong late in the season. After going 19-17 in the regular season, he caught fire in the post-season, winning both the MICC individual title and the Midwest Regional title.

Men's epee is the only weapon where the Irish have no NCAA experience. This, however, does not trouble coach Auriol.

"Casas is a freshman but he has been fencing for a long time," he said. "He has the experience. I am not worried about Brian being under pressure.

Gaither has been fencing well. He just needs to keep it together and deal with the pressure."

Stephane Auriol comes to Waltham following a disappointing postseason. He lost his Midwest Regional foil title to David Huynh of Wayne State. Auriol hopes to turn around his recent slide at the championships.

"I think I'll be all right," he said. "I just had a bad day. I got my focus back now. I think with the way I have fenced all year I can do alright. I just need to concentrate and focus on what I know how to do."

"He has to fence better than he did at the Regionals," coach Auriol said. "But I think he will. He has to beat the guys he is supposed to beat."

The other member of the men's foil team is Hayes. Hayes is coming off his best weekend of the year, falling just short of winning the Midwest Regional foil title. If the Irish are to have a chance at the title, Hayes must continue to fence well this weekend. The men's foil draw will not be easy for Auriol and Hayes. It is perhaps the deepest and toughest of all the weapons.

"There are 15 guys who are really good," Stephane Auriol said. "They have made junior teams or been on Olympic teams. So it is really tough. I think it is the toughest competition out of all the weapons."

The men's sabre team has dominated opponents all year. LaValle and Szelle hope to prove that they are just as strong individually

LaValle is the defending sabre champion. Lately, however, Szelle has been the dominant member of the team, winning the MICC sabre title and the Midwest Regional title. All in all, it is very possible the Irish could place 1-2 in the sabre.

The Irish have been training for months for four days of competition. For the seniors, this is the last chance to translate their individual successes into the team title that has eluded them for so long.

"I just hope that we can come back with a victory," Stephane Auriol said. "I am confident. The team is confident. We just have to go out there and do our job and hopefully bring back a national championship."

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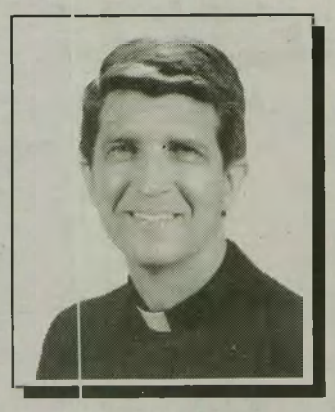

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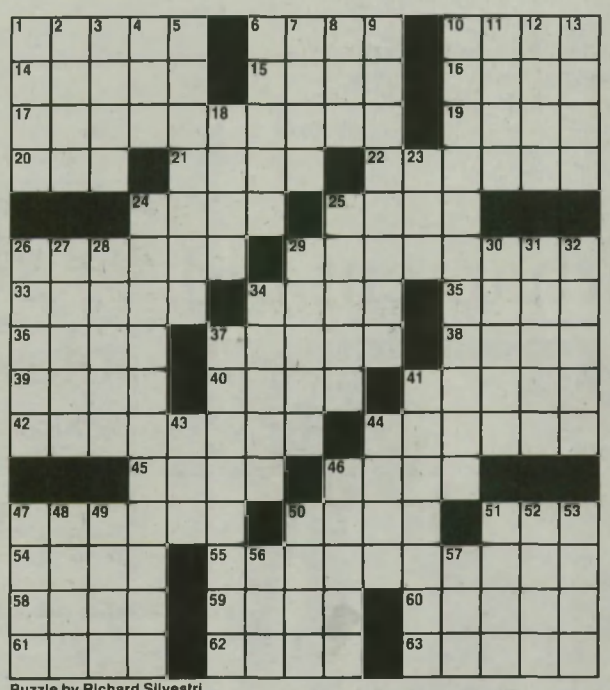

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Happy Birthday: You will be relentless in all that you pursue this year. Your ability to communicate with others will enable you to get your point across, resulting in the help you require to pursue your goals. Your devoted attitude will be rewarded by those who are observing you with interest. You will be able to expand your circle of friends and develop meaningful relationships. Your numbers: 6, 14, 21, 28, 34, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your efforts into doing the best job you can. You will not be able to win at home, so don't even bother confronting the situation in question. Get into some physical activity with children. ♻♻

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may have difficulty expressing yourself emotionally to relatives. Don't allow others to make decisions for you. Follow your intuition. You are the best judge of your own situation. ♻♻♻♻

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can expect opposition at work. Don't be too eager to let others in on your professional intentions. Do your own thing and work at your own speed. Listen rather than reveal. ♻♻♻

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be pessimistic if you start to dwell on the past. Busy yourself with projects that will help you become more aware of your own abilities. Your moody nature will drive those you love away. ♻♻♻

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Continue to avoid dealing with institutions. You will have better results later in the week. Take a breather and relax. You have taken on way too much. Your partner will need your attention. ♻♻♻

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't lend unreliable friends money. You will ruin your friendship, and you aren't likely to get back what you lent. Keep your personal problems to yourself. ♻♻♻♻

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your domestic situation will be confusing. Don't be misled if your mate is nice to you in front of other people. You can expect fireworks later if you haven't resolved personal issues. ♻♻

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your memory will be superb. This will be a great day to talk to individuals who can provide you with valuable information. You may want to do a little investigating and traveling about. ♻♻♻♻♻

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of any minor health problems immediately. Stay away from financial ventures that have a built-in risk factor. Discuss personal finances with someone knowledgeable. ♻♻♻

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotional life may be at stake if you have been preoccupied with the business world. You had better make amends quickly if you don't want to come home to an empty house. ♻♻♻

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be taken the wrong way if you don't spell things out. Many of your pursuits will be fruitless today. Get some rest. Tomorrow will be better. ♻♻♻

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will tend to overindulge, spend too much on children, and waste time with individuals who aren't the best influence. Do yourself a favor. Work on hobbies or self-improvement. ♻♻♻♻♻

■ Of Interest

The Hesburgh Center for International Studies is sponsoring a lecture, "Should the Truth Always be Told? Cultural Challenges to Truth Commissions" given by Priscilla Hayner today at 12:30 p.m. in seminar room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The Medieval Institute is sponsoring a lecture, "The Cult of King Alfred the Great" given by Simon Keyes of Cambridge University today at 4:15 p.m. in room 715 of the Hesburgh Library.

Vincent DiMartino and Craig Cramer will present a trumpet and organ concert tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Program includes works by Schmidt, Handel, Torelli, Nelhybel and Ravel. The concert is free and open to the public.

English Major Fair follow-up meeting will be held tonight from 7-8:30 p.m. in 106 O'Shaughnessy Hall. Advisors will be available.

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■ Two Irish baseball players earned this week's conference awards.

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■ FENCING

Irish fencers prepare for NCAA Championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Twenty-seven different schools have qualified fencers for the 1999 NCAA Fencing Championships in Waltham, Mass., but only two schools really matter: Notre Dame and Penn State.

In order to have a legitimate shot at winning the championship, a team must qualify 10 fencers. Only the Fighting Irish and the Nittany Lions have accomplished this feat. Other strong teams such as Stanford and Princeton will be represented, but without 10 fencers, they have little chance of winning the title.

"I think when it comes down to it on the last day," foil captain Stephane Auriol said. "it will be just us and Penn State again."

The Irish and the Nittany Lions are accustomed to close battles in the NCAA tournament. For the past four years, Penn State has won the team title while Notre Dame has finished second the past three years and third in 1995. With a national title in 1994, the Irish are the last team besides the Nittany Lions to win the championship.

Last year's championships featured the closest battle between the two schools. Penn State edged Notre Dame 149-147, a difference of a mere two bouts.

Both teams come to Waltham with a blend of experienced fencers and first-time qualifiers. The Irish feature five All-Americans: Myriah Brown, Magda Krol, Luke LaValle, Nicole Mustilli and Sara Walsh. The Irish also bring Auriol, the senior foil captain who has qualified twice previously. Freshmen Brian Casas and Gabor Szelle and juniors James Gaither and Chas Hayes are first-time qualifiers who round out the Irish field.

Penn State brings seven All-Americans to Waltham. Carla Esteva, David Lidow, Gang Lu, Thomas Peng, Aaron Stuewe, Michael Takagi and Charlotte Walker make the Nittany Lions the most experienced team in the field. Penn State also features three newcomers in Stephanie Eim, Christina Klemp and David Landgren.

In the regular season, Penn State beat the men's team 14-13 and the women's team 23-9. These early season setbacks do not mean that Penn State will defeat the Irish at the NCAAs. The NCAAs have a completely different format than the regular season meets. The Irish have vastly improved since January, especially with the addition of Gaither, who did not fence against Penn State earlier in the season.

"Penn State is the best team this year," head coach Yves Auriol said. "But that doesn't mean that they will win this year. I think that weapon by weapon they are not the best sabre team. We are better in sabre. In men's epee, they are not better than we are. They have a good men's foil team, bet-

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All-American Magda Krol hopes to lead the Irish fencing team to its first championship since 1994 this weekend in Waltham, Mass.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Irish vie for first tournament bid

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

It's NCAA tournament time, and I'm already psyched.

No, it's probably not what you think; I'm talking about the NCAA hockey tournament. In case you haven't been following, Notre Dame may only be one weekend away from the first NCAA hockey tournament bid in school history.

However, the purpose of this editorial is not to celebrate the great season we had and to tell you how close we came to a tournament bid. No, I am here to tell you exactly why we should get a bid.

First of all, allow me to describe a little bit about the structure of college hockey and how the tournament selection process works. Currently in Division I hockey, there are four major conferences eligible for the tournament. The Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) is in its first year in D-I, and thus will most likely not be represented in the tournament.

Automatic tournament bids are given to the regular season champions of the four conferences (CCHA, WCHA, ECAC and Hockey East) as well as to the winners of each conference's post-season tournament, just like in basketball. So, as many as eight or as few as four automatic bids can be handed out, depending on who wins the conference tournaments. Twelve teams in all qualify for the NCAA tournament; six are seeded in the west region and six in the east region.

As for the selection criterion, hockey is a bit more exact about which teams qualify for the tournament than other sports are (i.e. basketball).

Every team at or above .500 in D-I is compared against every other team with a similar record in the Pairwise Rankings. Each team is measured in the following categories: Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), record versus com-

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Sophomore right wing Ryan Dolder and the Irish hockey squad seek the first NCAA tournament bid in Notre Dame history.

■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers look to make splash at NCAAs

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

An unprecedented eight women will represent Notre Dame at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in Athens, Ga.

After a complex selection process, the No. 23 Irish qualified for 15 swims, a University record, and freshman Heather Mattingly qualified as the first diver ever to represent Notre Dame at the meet.

Only 13 schools will send more swimmers than Notre Dame, which hopes to move into the top 15.

The Irish sent only eight swimmers to last year's championship and finished 23rd.

Three of four 1998 Championship-team swimmers will return to the NCAAs.

Three-time All-American Shannon Suddarth and senior Brittany Kline with participate in both breaststroke events, while Carrie Nixon will make repeat performances in the sprint freestyles.

The Irish will be strongest in the 100-yard breaststroke, with three competing in the event. Kline leads the charge with a 1:02.38, the 17th-fastest time.

Just 11 hundredths of a second and five places behind her is Allison Lloyd, followed by Suddarth.

Suddarth placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke at last year's meet and 22nd in 1997. She will be joined by Lloyd in the 200 breaststroke, in which the two are ranked 18th and 27th, respectively.

Notre Dame's best hope for a top-eight finish in an individual event lies with Nixon. Having crushed her competition in both sprint freestyle events at February's Big East meet, Nixon is ranked sixth out of 51 swimmers in the 50 freestyle.

Nixon also edged into the top 16 with a 49.89 in the 100 freestyle and is the only Irish swimmer to automatically qualify for the meet.

Nixon will also compete in the 100 butterfly where she will be joined by co-captain Liz Barger, who qualified for both butterfly events based on her membership in the

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