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ND sets '99-'00 tuition increase

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

The University of Notre Dame will increase undergraduate tuition by 5.4 percent for the 1999-2000 academic year.

"When the University built the budget for the coming year, we realized our expenses were really growing," said John Sejdinaj, director of finance and budgeting. "As instructional, student services and construction expenses grow, funds must increase and the majority of these funds come from tuition."

In a letter to undergraduate parents, University president Father Edward Malloy wrote: "We have sought to cushion the impact of tuition increases with greater student financial assistance. Indeed, increases in University-administered scholarship aid in recent years have been far greater than the increases in student costs."

Malloy noted that Notre Dame's tuition still remains much lower than other comparable private institutions.

On the same note, Sejdinaj explained Notre Dame's ability to keep tuition fees down.

"Notre Dame started with a low tuition and has been able to keep it

low," Sejdinaj stated. "There are a combination of things, including the endowment, annual gift giving and efficient operations that have helped to keep tuition down."

Tuition is lower than most schools. In addition, Notre Dame has an approxi-

mate \$1.8 billion endowment.

"Performance over several years must be smooth so not to overspend or underspend in a certain year," Sejdinaj said.

Sejdinaj also pointed out that the money coming in from the tuition increase will directly help to improve students' education.

"In overall spending money, tuition is the biggest piece of the pie, and thus as expenses increase, so must tuition," he said. "The money received from the increase will go to many places, but the bulk goes to improving the academy and providing a better education."

Parents' reactions to the tuition increase vary.

"I trust Father Malloy and the trustees to charge the amount that is appropriate," said Walter Smith, father of a freshman. "I know that running an institution like Notre Dame is extremely expensive and I am sure that a thoughtful process was used to determine what the tuition would be. I trust they are charging the correct amount."

Not all parents agree, however.

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'WE HAVE SOUGHT TO CUSHION THE IMPACT OF TUITION INCREASES WITH GREATER STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.'



FATHER EDWARD MALLOY
NOTRE DAME PRESIDENT

Campus long-distance plan may expand

By MATTHEW SMITH
News Writer

Students may soon have alternate campus long-distance opportunities to weigh against their Cincinnati Bell Long Distance option, according to Steve Ellis, Notre Dame telecommunications manager.

The telecommunications department is looking into greater calling card availability, particularly through the Hammes Notre Dame bookstore.

"We're actively working on it," Ellis said. "No one from administration is stopping the Bookstore from going out and getting [cheaper calling cards] to sell at their store."

Since 1985, CBLD has enjoyed a virtual long-distance monopoly under that University's bidding policy and telephone-use rules.

"By law we can only block you from long-distance plans where you have to dial a 'one' before you enter your call's area code," Ellis

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REINVENTING AN OLD-TIME FAVORITE, NOTRE DAME STUDENTS ARE ...

Swinging Into Action

By LAURA PETELLE
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This is not your grandmother's swing.

These aren't the big bands of the '40s. These aren't the same moves. The music isn't as technical.

But the idea is the same — energetic men and women jumping and jiving the night away.

At Notre Dame, the night is Wednesday and the jumpers and jivers belong to the new swing club, a group that was started this year by seniors Greg Barlin and Heather Densmore who felt that Notre Dame lacked a certain swing culture.

"There was no place to swing around here," said Barlin.

Still, Barlin wanted to swing.

He and Densmore, who began working together in the Ballroom Dance Club, attempted to fill the swing void. The pair organized a group of eight student instructors to lead 15 to 35 dancers each Wednesday in room 401 of the Rockne Memorial.

"The music is fun to listen

to, and you can't swing dance if you're unhappy," said Barlin. "The music ... is a refreshing change. It has a good beat."

Scott Davis, a freshman and next year's swing club president, agreed.

"It's just a fun dance. It's got to do with the music, first of all; the music just makes you want to dance," he said. "People just like to dance. It's fun."

The swing dance craze has been building for several years. Swing music began a revival when CDs first came on the market and record labels desperate to put discs on shelves raided their archives. Old swing albums that had for years been unavailable went into wide release.

Hollywood caught on as well. The movies "Swing Kids" of 1993 and "Swingers" of 1998 brought swing dancing into popular consciousness.

Advertising also cashed in on the swing craze. A Gap ad featuring swing dancers twirling in Gap Khakis received such a popular audience response that after Gap pulled it off the air, a letter-writing cam-

paign brought it back to the airwaves.

Bands such as Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the Squirrel Nut Zippers began playing a looser, more ska-influenced version of swing with strong beats, quick tempos and fun melodies.

The new swing dancing is more of a hodgepodge than it was in the '40s, but the two most popular forms of swing dancing remain East Coast style and the Lindy Hop, named for Charles Lindberg's famous "hop" across the Atlantic.

But why the popularity at Notre Dame? In a school where "gender relations" — or lack thereof — is a legitimate seminar topic, swing provides welcome co-ed contact.

"I think the single-sex dorms can make it a struggle to have dual-sex events," said Barlin. "Something like swing forces people to interact — you can't swing dance by yourself. It's a healthy thing. It's something you can do with a partner. It has a nice social aspect."

"For the most part, people come as couples,

although they don't have to," said Davis. "I'd like to see more people come to meet other people."

Barlin got involved with swing through ballroom dance and by dancing in swing clubs in Milwaukee, Wis.

Davis, on the other hand, was more reluctant at first.

"I started back in California, back home," he said. "My friends made me go." Gradually, he said, he got into the swing scene.

"It was the music and the dance itself," he said. "It's a lot of fun; I started meeting a whole bunch of people."

Currently, the club offers a beginning lesson three weeks in a row, then three consecutive weeks of intermediate lessons. Through this program, the lessons increase in difficulty and couples don't have to attend every week.

Every fourth week the swing club hosts a dance in Stepan Center, which can act both as a catch-up for those who didn't quite get the steps and as a chance to show off.

Davis would like to

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

What Would Rambo Do?

As the years have gone by, I've looked back and realized that I have not always had the proper guidance I've needed. This feeling depressed me at first, and I didn't know where to find my inspiration in life.

Fortunately, a voice called out to me while watching "First Blood: Part One." John Rambo was being mercilessly pursued by sheriffs who had obviously not taken his civil liberties into consideration. In one scene, Rambo threw a rock at the sheriff helicopter, causing an officer to fall out. Keep in mind that Rambo had just fallen through several trees after jumping off of a cliff to avoid being shot. (This was before he withstood the National Guard troops.)

I was so impressed by this heroic stand that I realized the benchmark by which I would judge my further actions. I would simply keep in mind one simple question: What would Rambo do?

For example, consider the folks who graze right outside of the doors at DeBartolo, often only two or three steps away from the door. Rambo would take issue with the fact that these thoughtful folks feel no motivation to move. So ... what would Rambo do?

I imagine he would extend his arms outward and spin around while grunting loudly, launching students hither and thither. Of course, Rambo would only act in such a way if he were unable to appropriate a tank.

Rambo might then run in a crazed frenzy toward O'Shag with his glistening crossbow in hand and launch a single arrow at the building, causing it to explode a la "Rambo III." Then again, Rambo would notice that the tower is perfect high ground for fighting off invading communists. (Note to Rambo: They're inside.)

Rambo might actually get away with over-running a building here at Notre Dame. After all, Rambo would have the Faculty Senate on his side, since they would be unconvinced that the building had in fact blown up.

Fortunately for you peace lovers, Rambo could not commit such an atrocity thanks to Pax Christi. They have removed from campus all of the weaponry which ROTC members so enjoyed. You see, they conducted a lot of research into the presence of ROTC at Notre Dame, taking the perspective of ROTC into account. Even freshman members of the group are now qualified to criticize ROTC in the paper!

Moving on, I often ponder how Rambo would like the Office of Loan Sharks, located in a tall building on campus. These folks often go above and beyond in their pursuit of our money, even if, hypothetically, one already had 80 percent of his total expenses paid.

I think Rambo would probably do as much as he did to his base when he returned slightly unhappy and would fire M-16 rounds at the ceiling while screaming unintelligibly. I doubt they would threaten to take away his DART privileges after that.

It isn't important to focus on concrete situations when we consider Rambo and his works. What we must adhere to are the principles of rugged individualism, psychosis and grudge holding — things which helped Rambo single-handedly win the Cold War in his films. And in a very non-violent manner, we can transform these lessons into safer actions for a more civil and humane Notre Dame.

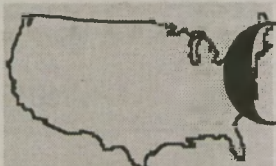
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Outside the Dome

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Police close riot-tip form Web site because of tampering

EAST LANSING, Mich.

The tip form used on the Web site to identify participants in the March 27-28 riot was closed Tuesday evening after police discovered it had been tampered with.

East Lansing police have nabbed at least six suspects with the aid of tips from the site and an e-mail address.

"The smaller sites are the ones not always aware of security issues," said Charles Severance, director of MSU's Division of Engineering Computing Services. "It's often a simple oversight."

A number of MSU students received anonymous e-mail messages this week listing instructions on how to read information submitted by visitors to the site, police said. The site allows visitors to fill out a form identifying people in photos taken during the riot. Visitors had the option of



leaving their own names.

Rod Taylor, East Lansing information systems manager, said the first anonymous e-mail was discovered at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday. By 5:15 p.m., workers had resolved the problem by removing the form from the site, Taylor said.

"If anyone else hacks into the form part, we have placed a strong warning that tells the person that it is against the law to view a confidential police site," he said.

Taylor said 90 to 150 tips had been

turned in via the Web site. As of Wednesday morning, the site had received more than 40,000 hits, he said.

Police are investigating whether names of those who have turned in rioters have been released. East Lansing police Capt. Louis Muhn said.

"It is against the law to harass anyone who is or has cooperated with a criminal investigation," he said. "We will be searching this week to find those responsible for getting into the files and distributing them."

Severance said if the file were left unprotected, it wouldn't take much to break in and look at data.

"All you need is common sense and a little experience," he said.

Muhn said based on video footage and additional photographs placed on the site, there could be a lot more people charged with inciting to riot.

■ YALE UNIVERSITY

Students trade cover pages for free beer

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Cold beer and effervescent seniors poured into Rudy's Bar Wednesday night to celebrate the completion of their senior essays. According to the 60-year-old tradition, all seniors can trade the cover page of their essay for one free beer on the house. The pages get pinned up on twine stretching across the bar, and the senior class bids adieu to their bright college years. "We do this as a token of our appreciation," said Rudy's Bartender John Flick. "These kids have been here for four years, and they're coming to blow off some steam." Cover pages hanging from the ceiling tackled topics ranging from: "Where's my Mommy: The role of motherhood in Disney Films," to "The History of Twin Studies Research on Sexual Orientation" to "Dynamics of leukocyte infiltration roles of serum auto antibody and endothelial CD40 expression in mediating leukocyte, infiltration in auto immune-provovier."

■ TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Cigar smoking popular among students

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

From lounge lizards in the '70s to Monica Lewinsky in the '90s, enjoying a fine cigar has become more popular and more troublesome throughout the years. The ins and outs of cigar smoking may be more than a smoker has bargained for. For a novice smoker, discerning the quality of a cigar may be difficult. Vanessa Hildebrand, co-owner of Little Havana Cigar Company, said the area in which tobacco leaves are grown affects the flavor and quality of the cigar. Most tobacco leaves are grown in South American countries, such as Nicaragua, Honduras and Cuba. "Basically, tobacco leaves are grown and fermented like fine wine," Hildebrand said. "The quality of a cigar is based upon the environment which it is grown, what the weather is like." A premium cigar consists of filler leaves, a binder and a wrapper. The filler leaves can be either intact or in pieces, and are chosen for the aroma.

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

Court names hospital in wrongful death

DURHAM, N.C.

Duke University Health System is named in a wrongful death suit filed Tuesday in Durham County Superior Court. The lawsuit alleges that the Health System, Dr. James Short and Person County Memorial Hospital all acted below the appropriate standard of care in their treatment of Austin Damien Long, a one-day-old baby who died at Duke Hospital April 11, 1997. According to the suit, the Health System's Life Flight helicopter took too long to arrive at PCMH and transport Long to Duke for further treatment. The suit also claims that before the helicopter flight, Short and other care-givers at PCMH in Roxboro made an incorrect diagnosis and were too slow to administer treatment. The Health System currently manages PCMH, although it did not in April 1997. The suit was filed just days before the two-year statute of limitations on wrongful death cases expired.

■ FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Students protest against professor

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

On Tuesday evening, student government leaders sponsored a town hall meeting for university administrators and interested students to discuss Florida State University professor Glayde Whitney's backing of David Duke. "As a scientist who specializes in the field of behavioral genetics, I must tell you that I have gone over David Duke's considerable data on genetics and race and find it in line with the latest scientific discoveries and knowledge in this area. His grasp of this area of research is quite remarkable for having a degree in history rather than a doctorate in the biological disciplines," Whitney said in a foreword he penned for Duke's new book, "My Awakening." Alluding to Thales' belief in searching for knowledge through naturalistic observation, which involves describing events as they exist in the real world, Whitney compared Duke to past thinkers such as Voltaire, Martin Luther and Galileo.

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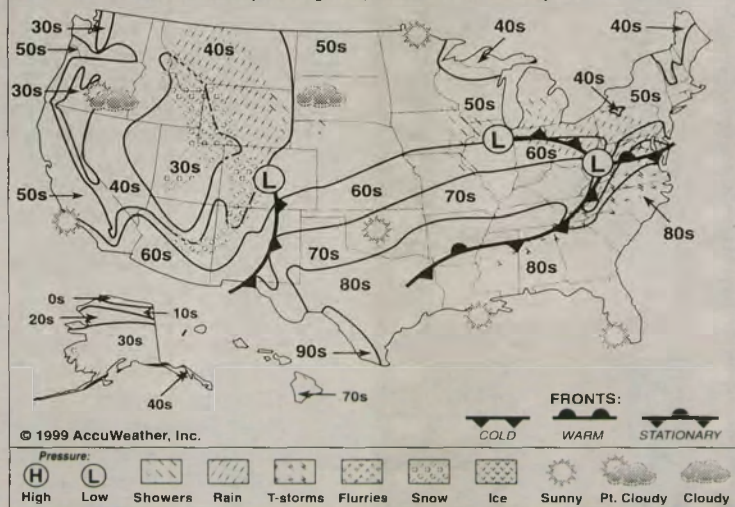
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Teamwork for Tomorrow strives to empower children

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

Seniors J.P. Cooney, Scott Cullen and Elisabeth Krick are making volunteer opportunities more accessible with their growing Teamwork for

Tomorrow program, now in its second semester.

Started with hopes of brightening the futures of local children, the program focuses on literacy, athletic development, health and nutrition, sportsmanship and teamwork and

mentoring.

Founder Cooney modeled the program from one he heard about in lecture.

"I first heard about it at an education seminar held through the CSC," Cooney said.

Cooney and Cullen observed

the need for a reading program when they learned that South Bend public housing students are among the lowest scorers on the I-STEP tests, which primarily focus on reading.

"The children are in desperate need of quality after-school programming from well-trained personnel," Cooney said.

"It sets up a curriculum and goals," said co-founder and business director Cullen. "The program is very focused and very goal-oriented."

Launched in cooperation with the South Bend Housing Authority, the program invites children who live in public housing to meet twice a week with tutors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The tutors work with individual or pairs of students in grades three through six on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Funded by a variety of private sources, the program operates on \$3,200 per semester.

"We are financially supported by local businesses, friends, benefactors, our families and Campus Ministry helps us out a little bit, too — we scraped it together," Cullen said.

Cullen considers the program beneficial to both children and tutors.

"It has changed my life, and it has a profound effect on the

volunteers," he said.

"I think it is a great program" said current volunteer Megan Tierney. "We managed to get a lot done in the community."

The application process, now closed, looks for volunteers "that are committed, optimistic, flexible, creative, realistic and empathetic," said Cooney.

Freshman Mary Krhovsky recently applied for next fall's 35 available tutoring positions.

"As a freshman, I have concentrated mostly on getting adjusted, but recently I have begun to

miss the sense of purpose and satisfaction that comes from helping the under privileged," Krhovsky said.

"Teamwork for Tomorrow is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference," said Molly Matune, another freshman applicant. "Amidst the classes and the homework, it is a convenient way to offer time and service."

Although this is Cooney's final year at Notre Dame, he still has hopes for Teamwork for Tomorrow.

"I want it to continue exactly the way it is, but better," he said. "I want the program to empower children to make differences in their own lives."

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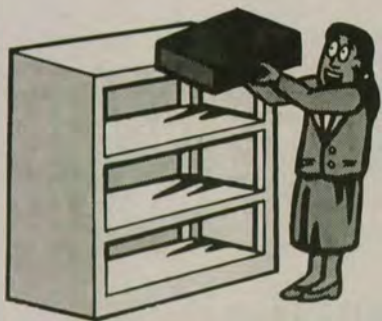


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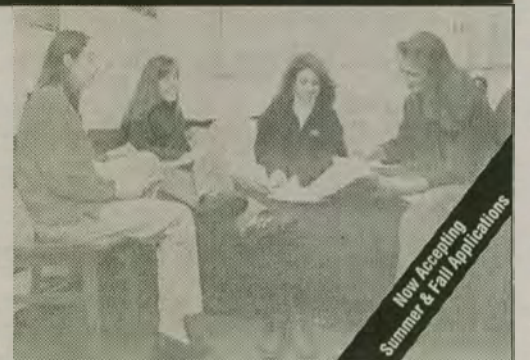


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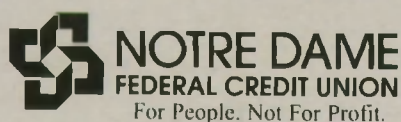
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said.

Students who try to enroll in long distance programs that require a caller to dial a number one before entering an area code, such as those offered by AT&T or Sprint are unable to access the programs from their dorm rooms. The University blocks calling programs that bill the owner of the phone. Under those plans, Notre Dame would be sent the bill for all long-distance calls made on campus.

Ellis acknowledged that this allows the University to block nearly every long-distance plan.

"If we let you use most of those plans, the University will end up getting billed," he said.

At present, any attempt to use dial-out plans offered by AT&T, MCI or other long-distance companies from dorm room telephones are automatically blocked.

Some of these cards offer 10 cents-per-minute rates anytime, in contrast to CBLD's complex calling schedule. On that plan, daytime long-distance calls cost 26 cents per minute. To get down to 12 cents per minute with CBLD, you have to call after 11 p.m.

Still, CBLD officials say that their monthly billing plan is easier on the consumer than prepaid calling cards that allow only a certain number of min-

utes.

"What do you do if you're in the middle of your conversation and the card runs out of minutes?" asked Tim Shindeldecker, vice president of Corporate Development for CBLD. "Plus, with CBLD, you don't have to pay up front. You or your parents can be billed

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later."

Unlike college students that deal with AT&T, CBLD users have neither options of different plans nor discounted calls.

AT&T offers its campus users a choice between two plans. Members can either pay 15 cents per minute all the time with no basic fee or 10 cents per minute all the time, with a \$4.95 per-month fee.

CBLD's rates are based loosely on AT&T's, said Shindeldecker.

"We follow the industry standard, AT&T, and adjust our prices accordingly," he said. "We

are getting the best possible education for the money.

"We continue to deliver quality at a lower price," he said. "At a time when our student body is at an all-time high in scholastic credentials, when our teacher-scholars are coming from the graduate schools and faculties of the best universities in the world, when our physical facilities provide an outstanding learning environment, we remain very competitive."

Notre Dame has lower total cost than 18 of the universities ranked in the U.S. News and World Report top 20, and is ranked 81st out of 100 in total student charges for this group.

take a discount of seven percent off what they charge."

CBLD provides services other colleges, including Saint Mary's and Northern Kentucky University. Rates for those schools are very similar to Notre Dame's. In addition to its college customers, CBLD serves residential households as well.

But while CBLD's contract will remain intact at Notre Dame next year, there is possibility for change.

Every three years, CBLD negotiates a contract with Notre Dame's telecommunications department. During these negotiations, the University has a chance to work to improve student rates. CBLD's contract is up for negotiation in 2000.

In these negotiations, the University tries to apply certain standards to its long-distance carrier and uses its bulk of subscriptions to influence pricing.

"In our contract with CBLD, we require that [our rates] be a certain percentage below direct dial rates of the big companies," he said. "Every three years, the University takes bids from different companies."

If the rates of AT&T and other long-distance companies stay competitive, Notre Dame students could receive a rate reduction within two years.

For now, however, Shindeldecker disagrees with the assessment that CBLD has a monopoly on long-distance service at Notre Dame.

"Not at all," he said, noting that students are free to use other calling cards, an option



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Calling options outside a student's dorm room are limited. One option students have is the pay phone to keep costs down.

which many take advantage of. CBLD regularly donates money Shindeldecker also said that for financial aid for Notre Dame

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"I do not feel the increase is appropriate," said Thomas Revers, father of a junior. "I feel tuition is already too high. Over that past few years I've noticed that miscellaneous fees have been increasing also. I never see an explanation for this either, and I just wonder where exactly my money is going."

Although some parents are upset, Malloy tried to explain why Notre Dame is so expensive and the reasons students

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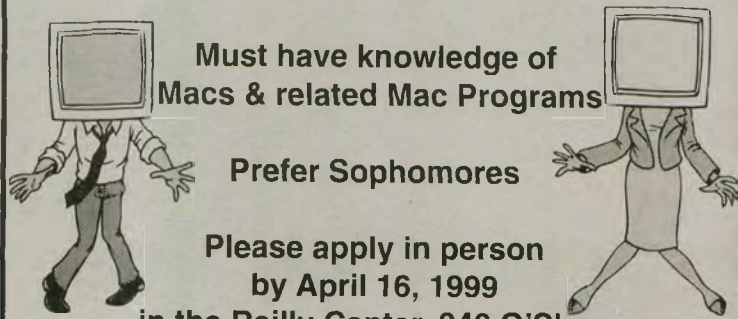
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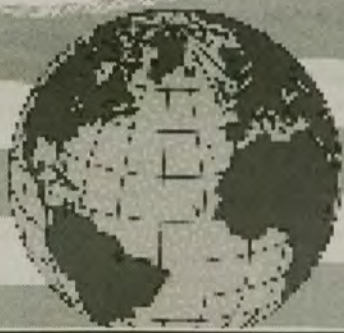
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Absent hijacker gets death sentence

BEIRUT, Lebanon

A former security guard at Beirut's international airport has been sentenced in absentia to death for a hijacking 14 years ago that left one person dead. It was the first conviction in a hijacking dating back to Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war. The Military Tribunal late Wednesday found Doraid Hassan guilty of the Feb. 23, 1985 hijacking of a Middle East Airlines Boeing 707 and sentenced him to death. The plane, with 119 passengers aboard, was hijacked as it prepared to take off from Beirut for a flight to Paris. A 65-year-old man died and seven people were injured as they scrambled down emergency chutes when the five-hour drama ended. Hassan, a Lebanese Druse and the lone hijacker, slipped away, apparently to Choueifat, a town east of the airport that was then controlled by Druse militiamen.

Buddhists want holiday for Buddha's birthday

TAIPEI, Taiwan

In predominantly Buddhist Taiwan, Christmas is a national holiday, but the birth of the Buddha is not. Buddhist organizations said Thursday they hope to change that, and are petitioning to have April 8 designated as a day when believers and nonbelievers alike may take some time for observance and reflection. "We hope that very soon the day when we celebrate the birth of the Buddha will join other important days as a national holiday," said Liao Chung, a Buddhist monk who presided over a massive ceremony Thursday to observe the Buddha's birthday at a public square in downtown Taipei. The cause challenges workaholic Taiwan, where most people follow a combination of Buddhism and traditional Chinese polytheism.

Mafia friend may receive death penalty

PALERMO, Sicily

Prosecutors who accuse former Premier Giulio Andreotti of helping the Mafia asked a court Thursday to convict and sentence him to 15 years — a penalty usually reserved for top organized crime bosses. Andreotti, 80, who was one of the most powerful figures in the last half century of Italian politics, denies that he aided the Mafia in return for votes for his Christian Democrats in Sicily. He insists he is the victim of a vendetta by mobsters angered by his anti-Mafia laws. His trial, which began in the Sicilian capital in 1995, is based largely on testimony from mob turncoats. Closing defense arguments are to begin next month. The jury is expected to deliver its verdict in June.



AFP Photo

President Bill Clinton and Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji watch ceremonial troops on the south lawn of the White House Thursday during a state arrival ceremony for Zhu in Washington, D.C. The two leaders are expected to talk about China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

Clinton and China premier meet press

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WASHINGTON

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji promised President Clinton on Thursday to cooperate in investigations of alleged nuclear-weapons spying and illegal campaign contributions by Beijing "no matter who it may involve."

But he ridiculed the suggestion of Chinese meddling in U.S. politics and denied the espionage charge.

Side by side with Clinton at a 91-minute news conference, Zhu also rejected U.S. charges of human rights abuses in China as "unfair" and an intrusion in its internal affairs.

After a day of talks, both leaders pointedly took note of heightened tensions and suspicions between their nations. Zhu joked that he almost canceled his visit because the political atmosphere in the United States "is so anti-China." Clinton acknowledged there is an "anti-China crowd in America."

Yet, at a windup news conference, they claimed important progress on the contentious issue of trade, even though they failed to agree on a market-opening deal that would have cleared the way for China's entry into the World Trade Organization — a longstanding Chinese goal.

Clinton's economic adviser, Gene Sperling, said China made "significant movement and concessions" and the two leaders said they hoped to reach a final agreement by year's end.

Clinton and Zhu answered questions, joked and sparred with each other at length. Much of the time was taken up by Zhu's long answers and translation, with Clinton listening patiently. It was the second longest news conference of Clinton's presidency — just short of his 94-minute, year-end wrapup appearance before the cameras in December 1997.

Unapologetic about their differences, Zhu said that "maybe the friends who are able to say no to you

are the best friends for you."

In what he said was "a very solemn statement," Zhu said he and President Jiang Zemin had no knowledge of suspicions that China stole nuclear warhead designs from U.S. labs in the 1980s.

"I don't believe such a story," he said, chiding Americans for doubting China's ability to develop its own technology without U.S. help.

Zhu also mocked allegations that China funneled \$300,000 to Clinton's re-election campaign in 1996 in hopes of currying favor. With China sitting on \$146 billion in foreign currency reserves, he said, "why just \$300,000? That would be too foolish."

Even so, he said China would cooperate with the U.S. investigations. "As so long as you can provide some clues, and no matter who it may involve, we will investigate into it."

Clinton said he discussed the allegations with Zhu in a meeting late Wednesday and was told privately what Zhu said publicly.

Refugee plan may not include Cuba

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WASHINGTON

Citing changed conditions, a Clinton administration official raised the possibility Thursday that a plan to use the U.S. naval base in Cuba to shelter 20,000 Kosovo refugees may be scrapped.

"It's possible it won't happen," said J. Brian Atwood, the administration's foreign aid chief and also coordinator for the U.S. relief effort in support of the refugees.

In a telephone conference call with reporters, Atwood said the decision on Tuesday to use the Guantanamo base for temporary asylum was made

when thousands of Kosovar Albanians faced an extraordinarily difficult humanitarian situation.

Since then, Atwood said, international relief efforts have improved living conditions. Another plus, he said, was the transfer of tens of thousands of desperate refugees from the "no-man's land" along the Kosovo-Albanian border.

Atwood said no one in the government is enthusiastic about housing refugees at Guantanamo because of the heat and the base's long distance from the Balkans.

"We want to keep people in the region," Atwood said. "We want to prepare the people to return to

their homes. It will be a lot easier to undertake that if they are in the region."

He said the administration is still prepared to take people into Guantanamo but will do so only if there are volunteers. He added that many apparently would prefer to remain close to home.

At the Pentagon, Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Wald told reporters that the Guantanamo base was ready to receive Kosovar refugees. But, he said, no final decision had been made to fly any there.

The Cuban government, while condemning NATO military action against Yugoslavia, said it has no objection to use of

Guantanamo as a refugee haven and also offered to cooperate in providing assistance.

If no refugees are sent to Guantanamo, it could mean that none would come to the United States at all.

Earlier this decade, the base was used for refugees from Haiti and later from Cuba. In 1995, the administration decided to resettle the Cubans in the United States out of concern about a violent uprising by the many Cubans unhappy with their situation on Guantanamo. Officials have said there is no chance that any Kosovar refugees sent to the base will be allowed to settle on the U.S. mainland.

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Scheidler: Violence ineffective as a protest measure

By ERIN PIROUTEK
News Writer

People who shoot abortionists must be insane, said Joseph Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Action League, in a lecture Wednesday.

"I absolutely abhor violence," said Scheidler. "Our weapons are prayer and action."

Although Scheidler is opposed to violence against abortion doctors, he explained that he is also opposed to abortion. Scheidler said certain laws, such as the law permitting abortion, are immoral and should not be obeyed.

"The law that allowed Nazis to kill Jews was a bad law," said Scheidler. "I fight because

it is wrong to kill children. The child is not the rapist. The child is not the cause of the poverty. You don't kill somebody for somebody's convenience."

However, there are consequences to fighting for one's beliefs, Scheidler said.

"When you're fighting against an unjust law, you will have to do things that seem illegal," Scheidler said, noting the 16 occasions that he spent time in jail. "If you're doing the Lord's work, you're going to suffer."

Following Scheidler's remarks, Notre Dame law professor Robert Blakey discussed the legality of Scheidler's pro-life activism.

Scheidler, whose methods of

pro-life protest include praying in front of abortion clinics, drew a lawsuit from the National Organization for Women for his actions.

Blakely defended Scheidler in the case and claimed the suit violated his first amendment rights.

The case against him was based upon the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO), enacted by Congress in 1970 to protect against acts of murder, kidnapping, arson, provision of illegal goods and services, drugs, corruption in government and unions, bribery, extortion and commercial fraud.

Blakely, an expert on the Racketeer Influenced and

Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) contested the use of RICO as the basis of the lawsuit against Scheidler.

The district court in *NOW vs. Scheidler*, after being shown all of NOW's evidence specifically held on a summary judgement motion that NOW's evidence supposedly connecting Scheidler and his co-defendants to murder, kidnapping or arson was insufficient as a matter of law.

The right to demonstrate against abortion is protected by the first amendment and legislation should support that, Blakely said.

Blakely was personally involved in drafting and implementing RICO and RICO-type legislation in 22 of the 29

states that have enacted racketeering laws.

RICO was drafted with the intent that it would not be used at all in the context of social or political demonstrations, Blakey said.

"Everybody who supported RICO and everyone who opposed it believed it had no first amendment implications," said Blakey.

Changes in jurisprudential attitude, however, can change law, said Blakey.

"If the judge comes to the courtroom believing that abortion is a good idea, they will twist the law," said Blakey. "Maybe the impact of the abortion wars will be that we all lose free speech. That's too high a price to pay."

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expand the club next year. He foresees trips to Chicago to dance at clubs there and perhaps a weekly night at a South Bend club in addition to the classes.

But is swing just a passing fancy?

"I used to think it was a fad," said Davis. "But this has been picking up for over two and a half years now. If people want it to stay, it will."

"It isn't difficult," added Barlin.

And if you can't quite get the Lindy Hop under control, you can always ask grandma for some pointers.

Workshop focuses on liturgy discussion

Special to The Observer

A workshop for religious educators and liturgical ministers, entitled "Preaching the Languages of the Liturgy," will be held Sunday through Tuesday at Notre Dame.

The workshop, sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Pastoral Liturgy, will bring together priests, men and women religious, lay catechists and liturgy planners for a discussion. The discussion will deal with the words, gestures and objects of Catholic liturgy.

"In the renewal of the liturgy, Catholics have experienced an expanded Liturgy of

the Word with a greatly enhanced lectionary and preaching that is grounded in scripture," said Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director of the center and one of the workshop speakers, "but what about the other sources of preaching and mystagogy? How can preachers, liturgy planners, catechists for children, adult initiation teams rediscover the rich and ancient languages of the liturgy? Can mystagogy - opening up the liturgy - again become a vital part of our faith experience?"

Other workshop speakers will include Father Timothy Fitzgerald, associate

director of the center and author of "Baptism: A Parish Celebration"; Nathan Mitchell, associate director of the center, editor of *Assembly* and author of "Eucharist as Sacrament of Initiation"; Craig Satterley, ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and doctoral candidate in liturgical studies at Notre Dame; and Father James Schmittmeyer, author of "The Words of Worship: Presiding and Preaching at the Rites."

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Clinton pushes for patients' rights

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton and more than 100 Democrats are staging old-fashioned pep rallies and a newfangled Internet petition drive in this year's fight for the "patients' bill of rights."

The president was flying to Philadelphia today to renew his argument for new regulations on HMOs and other managed care plans.

A dozen or more House Democrats were joining him by bus from Capitol Hill, where they were starting the day by unveiling a new Web site where computer users can sign a petition supporting the package.

Another 90 Democrats are fanning out across 32 states for their own campaign-style rallies.

"Democrats are going to take this fight on the road," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn. "We're going to use the latest technology, this information superhighway, to give voice to the people in this country."

Their no-holds-barred push for legislation that died in the Republican-led Congress last year is emboldened by Democratic gains in November's congressional elections.

"The patients' bill of rights is one of the president's highest priorities for the year, and given the changes in the Congress this year, we believe we have an excellent chance of getting a

serious, real bill enacted," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said.

A Senate committee approved a more limited HMO bill on a party-line vote last month, but there has been no action in the House yet. Democrats complain the Senate bill would only cover about 48 million Americans who are in health plans regulated solely by the federal government.

Clinton headed to Philadelphia armed with new figures that show his executive action last year extending such protections to 9 million federal employees is costing less than \$10 per per-

son per year.

up health costs and "open the door to more lawsuits."

"This helps trial lawyers who pocket most of the money, but does nothing to help patients get proper care when needed," said Dan Danner, chairman of the Health Benefits Coalition, which has run television ads in 19 states over the past two weeks.

But White House officials contend that the 285 health plans that serve federal workers also serve private citizens and are providing these guarantees for just a few extra dollars.

"The same things can be applied for all Americans," said Chris Jennings, Clinton's top health policy aide.

The president does not have the power to unilaterally extend to federal workers the most controversial — and most expensive — provision that Democrats are pushing: the right to sue health plans and collect damages when they withhold treatment.

Nor has Clinton required the plans to pay for "medically necessary" care, as determined by doctors.

But today, Clinton was newly requiring federal workers' health plans to adopt two popular provisions: The mandatory release of information about customer satisfaction, the quality of doctors and hospitals, and how doctors are paid — and — the allowance for patients to stay with their doctors for 90 days, even if the doctor is dropped from the network, if patients are in the middle of a treatment or pregnancy.

'THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS IS ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR, AND GIVEN THE CHANGES IN THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF GETTING A SERIOUS, REAL BILL ENACTED.'

BARRY TOIV

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESPERSON

Malaysia virus stumps scientists

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

A tropical virus that has killed dozens of people in Malaysia is the first of its kind and virologists are stumped as to how it spreads, an American health official said today.

Nine scientists from the United States and other experts from Australia, Taiwan and Japan arrived in Malaysia several weeks ago to help the Southeast Asian country determine the nature of the virus believed to be spreading from pigs to humans.

The CDC said Thursday that 229 people are believed to have been sickened in the last six months in Malaysia. At least 111 have died.

"This is a new, previously unrecognized virus found in humans," Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta told The Associated Press by telephone. "This virus has never been seen before."

The scientists have been tramping through pig pens and farming communities where the deadly virus first appeared, wearing gloves, gowns and battery-operated respirators while visiting the worst-hit areas.

"We don't know if it's highly infectious. We don't know how people are being infected," Skinner said. "It doesn't appear, right now, that this is being transmitted from person to person, but we're still not going to rule that out."

Government health experts initially said the outbreak began with the deaths of 15 people last October who succumbed to the Japanese encephalitis virus, which is transmitted by the Culex mosquito. These findings were confirmed by World Health Organization officials from Japan who came to help investigate.

But in late February, the number of deaths among villagers and farmers in the hog-rearing district of Bukit Pelandok in central Negeri Sembilan jumped dramatically, prompting health officials to seek further help.

Malaysian virologists flew to the United States on March 17 with samples. Lab analyses quickly proved that the virus wasn't Japanese encephalitis. Instead, it resembled a very rare Hendra virus, first detected in Australia in 1994.

Symptoms are the same for both viruses — high fever, aches, eventual coma and death.

A similar illness afflicted 11 slaughterhouse workers in Singapore last month after they handled imported pigs from Malaysia, the CDC said. One of the workers died.

It's not clear what proportion of the illnesses were caused by infections with the new Hendra-like virus or how many were due to Japanese encephalitis, the CDC said.

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Mergers threaten small bookstores' futures

Associated Press

SEATTLE Sandwiched between coffee bars and vintage clothing shops, the Fremont Place Book Co. has provided the city's hip, young Fremont neighborhood with everything from obscure titles to bestsellers for more than a decade.

But a sign in the window warns of an uncertain future: "This bookstore is endangered."

The owners of the store, like hundreds who run independent bookstores nationwide, fear being wiped out by chain-owned megastores and cyber shops that offer virtually limitless titles.

The latest threat is the proposed acquisition by Barnes & Noble — the country's largest bookstore chain — of Ingram Book Co., the world's largest book distributor.

For independent booksellers, the \$600 million deal is the last straw.

"We were all just aghast when we heard about the deal," says Carol Santoro, co-owner of Fremont Place.

"It's becoming more and more of a dynasty."

Smaller booksellers worry the merger will allow Barnes & Noble to learn what others are buying.

Santoro has responded by shifting orders to other suppliers.

But independent booksellers are not the only ones worried about self-preservation in a changing industry. Even a giant in the business like Ingram says it cannot overlook the impact of chain stores and online retailers in the market.

Online book sales are expected to account for 10 percent of all transactions by 2002.

At the urging of several members of Congress, including Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, and independent booksellers, the Federal Trade Commission is looking into the deal between Ingram and Barnes & Noble.

The state attorney general in California — home to many independent booksellers — also is investigating.

Wyden took up the cause because of personal exposure to the tough circumstances facing small booksellers.

His father was an author and ran his own publishing house for some years.

"I was raised being skeptical about what is happening in the bookselling business," Wyden said.

He supports conditions to the merger so all booksellers have equal access to published material. He also favors "firewalls" to prevent information sharing.

Without such conditions, Wyden believes the deal could be the death of the small stores.

"I think this really is a survival issue for them," Wyden said.

Independent bookstores have been on the offensive since the dawn of the mega bookstore, when giants like Borders and Barnes & Noble opened up triple decker shops stocked with thousands of

book titles, CDs and even cappuccino bars.

Because of their high volume, these stores were able to slash prices.

Then came Amazon.com. The online retail giant has revolutionized the market, enabling shoppers to buy, send and special-order books with a click of the mouse.

In March, the American Booksellers Association and other independent bookstores filed suit against the two retail book chains.

They said that they have used their clout to secure illegal deals and preferential treatment from publishing houses.

Another suit filed by independent booksellers in August also names Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. The ABA argues that the proposed deal between Ingram and Barnes & Noble will add to the stranglehold on independent booksellers and reduce the diversity of materials.

"You wind up with a smaller and smaller group of people deciding who to publish," said Len Vlahos of the ABA, based in Tarrytown, N.Y.

While there will always be the John Grishams and other big moneymakers, bookstores also need to make room for lesser known names.

"You like to think artistic content matters," says Santoro. "Not just the bottom line."

Ingram says it is reaching out to its clients to assure them of confidentiality in their transactions.

Predictions that the merger will reduce the variety of books available are just not true, says Mary Ellen Keating of Barnes & Noble.

"We are going to make every book available," she said.

But Wyden says independent bookstores do more than just sell books, and often function as community centers.

"The small stores help make rural life more vibrant," Wyden said.

Mayor from Michigan resigns

Port Huron mayor leaves office because of sexual misconduct charges

Associated Press

PORT HURON, Mich. Gerald "Ajax" Ackerman resigned as mayor following his arraignment on 14 counts of sexual misconduct involving children — which sent shock waves through this city an hour north of Detroit.

"This community just feels violated," City Council member Cliff Schrader said.

Mayor Pro Tem Steven Miller confirmed this morning that the city received Ackerman's letter of resignation Wednesday afternoon.

Ackerman, honored five years ago by the National Association of Social Workers, became mayor — a mostly ceremonial role, since the city has a city manager to run the government — in 1997.

Ackerman never looked like a typical mayor, with his long flowing red beard, ponytail and leather duds. He didn't have the background of a typical mayor, either. He admitted he's a former drug and alcohol addict and liked to ride motorcycles.

And for this conservative city of 37,000, electing such a man to the mayor's seat took what Schrader described as "a lot of trust."

That trust was shattered as the man who used his story of struggle to overcome drug and alcohol addiction to help young people himself stood charged with sexual misconduct involving children he counseled.

The usually flamboyant and outspoken Ackerman stood silent during his arraignment Wednesday in a crowded courtroom.

Ackerman, 42, was charged with six counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, five counts of criminal sexual conduct, two counts of production of child abusive material and one count of indecent

exposure. The charges involve four girls, ages 9 to 14, police Capt. Brian Moeller said.

Ackerman was accused of taking pornographic photos of some of the girls and appearing with them in some. Moeller said. He said police spent four hours Tuesday night searching Clear Choices, a counseling facility that Ackerman runs, and took two computers from it.

Ackerman, for whom the judge entered an innocent plea, was released Wednesday night on \$25,000 bond.

Since he moved here in the late 1980s, he has been con-

and longtime resident, doesn't believe the charges. "I just can't see him do that," he said. "They don't know if he did it. ... It could be some kind of hoax."

If convicted, Ackerman could face life in prison, but would more likely get a 16-to-23-year prison sentence, St. Clair County Assistant Prosecutor Mona Sayed said.

Police said Ackerman was arrested following an investigation into complaints by the girls' parents. The alleged abuse occurred between August and March, Sayed said.

An alcoholic at 14, he was in and out of rehabilitation facilities for most of his 20s before sobering up.

Since moving to Port Huron, he has worked part-time at a mental health center and an HIV/AIDS clinic, opened Clear Choices and volunteered at a shelter for runaways.

'THIS COMMUNITY JUST FEELS VIOLATED.'

CLIFF SCHRADER
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

sidered a role model for kids and motivation for others trying to break free of their addictions.

"We really opened up to Ajax and his past," City Council member Anita Ashford said.

But Wednesday, those who once welcomed him voiced outrage; others expressed disbelief.

"I feel he kind of let his community down," said Donna Stranyak, a 36-year-old waitress at the downtown Cavis Cafe.

One of her patrons, Randy Arnott, a 47-year-old laborer


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Study: Social Security saves third of elderly from poverty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Social Security benefits keep about a third of the nation's elderly from slipping into poverty and significantly help narrow the income disparities between women and men in old age, a study released Thursday shows.

"Social Security cuts about in half the gap in poverty rates between elderly women and elderly men," said Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

The center is skeptical of proposals to remake the Social Security system to allow private investment and generally supports keeping the current system intact.

Overall, the study found that without income from Social Security, 47.6 percent of elderly Americans, or 15.3 million people, would have been poor in 1997. Social Security cut that poverty rate by 11.9 percent, or 3.8 million senior citizens.

The monthly checks mean that 35.7 percent of people ages 65 and older who would live in poverty have incomes that place them above the poverty line.

Without monthly Social Security checks, 52.6 percent of women 65 and older would be poor, compared with 40.8 percent of men — a gap of 11.8 percentage points, the study found. But with Social Security, 14.7 percent of elderly women were poor, compared with 8.2 percent of men — cutting the gap between the sexes to 6.5 percentage points.

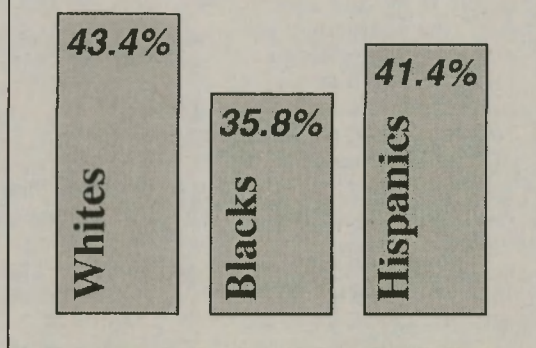
Women who are not married when they are elderly do not benefit as much, Greenstein said. Even with Social Security benefits, the poverty rate among elderly widows is 20.3 percent, and for single and divorced women it is 27 percent.

The nonprofit research center used 1997 census data to measure the effect of Social Security on lifting elderly Americans' incomes above the Federal poverty level.

Elderly individuals were considered to be poor in 1997 if they had income below \$7,698 a year; the level for elderly couples was below \$9,712.

Women get a particularly good deal from Social Security, the study found. Although women pay 38

Elderly Income Based on Social Security



The Observer/Joe Mueller

percent of all Social Security payroll taxes, they get 53 percent of benefits.

In part, that is because women live longer than men, and Social Security benefits rise each year to keep up with inflation. Also, women make up the bulk of those who collect the special Social Security benefits that spouses, widows and widowers are entitled to receive even if they never worked themselves.

Social Security generally provides bigger retirement checks to people who earned more during their working lives, and men tend to earn more than women.

But the program somewhat mitigates that by taking into account a higher percentage of low-wage workers' earnings when calculating their retirement benefits, and that helps women.

The study also found that black and Hispanic Americans draw a larger percentage of their old-age income from Social Security than whites. Elderly blacks get on average 43.4 percent of their income from the retirement program, compared with 41.4 percent for Hispanic Americans and 35.8 percent for whites.

THAILAND

U.S. Senator: Trial will aid Cambodia

Associated Press

BANGKOK

Cambodia's plan to try a former Khmer Rouge leader with help from foreign judges and prosecutors can strengthen the country's institutions while providing accountability for the group's genocidal rule, a U.S. senator said Thursday.

Sen. John Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat, described the plan as a "win-win" situation.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen agreed during a meeting Tuesday night with Kerry to have foreign participation in Cambodia's trial of former guerrilla commander Ta Mok, in a compromise with calls for a fully international tribunal.

Human rights groups, the United Nations, the United States and other countries have said Cambodia's judicial system has neither the competence nor the political independence to hold a credible trial that will fully and fairly investigate Khmer Rouge crimes.

But Hun Sen has refused their calls for an international tribunal to prosecute the radical communist movement's leadership. He has also resisted trying many

Khmer Rouge leaders, saying it would harm attempts at reconciliation.

The policies of the Khmer Rouge during their 1975-1979 reign of terror were responsible for the death of as many as 2 million Cambodians through overwork, starvation or execution.

Kerry, speaking to reporters in Bangkok on the way back to the United States, said the compromise of a Cambodian court with foreign assistance was "the best opportunity to provide world opinion and Cambodian opinion with resolution in an accountable way."

An international tribunal without Cambodian cooperation could also be suspect in its results, he said.

Ta Mok, meanwhile, was visited Thursday by his lawyer, Cambodian-American Benson Samay, for the first time at the military prison where he is being detained awaiting trial.

Arrested March 6 by the army, the one-legged Ta Mok, known as "The Butcher," has been charged with terrorist acts against the government under a 1994 law outlawing the Khmer Rouge.



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Bogus Web report sends stock soaring

Hoax increases PairGain Technologies stock 31 percent

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wall Street has always trafficked in rumors, but as an online hoax demonstrated this week, the lightning speed of the Internet can give a scam a big head start on the truth.

A bogus report on PairGain Technologies posted Wednesday on the World Wide Web boosted the company's stock price 31 percent before the story was debunked.

The incident caught the attention of regulators and reminded investors, especially impulsive day traders, that the speed and simplicity of the Internet can also wreak havoc.

"The Internet has become the world's largest conference call," said Anthony Elgindy, an online trader who runs Pacific Equity Investigations, a research firm. "And plenty of the people talking about stocks have hidden motives for what they're saying."

No one yet knows the source or the motives behind the fraudulent report on PairGain, which appeared early Wednesday on Angelfire.com, a Web site that allows surfers to create personal Web pages.

The report said PairGain, a Tustin, Calif., maker of telecommunications equipment, would be acquired by an Israeli firm, ECI Telecom, for \$1.35 billion, or about twice its current market value.

Traders leapt on the hot tip, buying up shares and touting the stock in chat rooms run by

Yahoo! The report appeared credible, with quotes from company officials, and the page was a near-perfect replica of the Web site run by financial news giant Bloomberg LP.

PairGain shares, which closed at \$8.50 Tuesday, rose as high as \$11.12 1/2 on Wednesday before company officials confirmed the report was untrue and the page was yanked from the Internet. The stock settled back to close at \$9.37 1/2, on volume of 13.7 million shares. On an average trading day, about 2 million shares of PairGain change hands.

Volume Thursday was down to 1.2 million shares as PairGain slipped 25 cents to close at \$9.12 1/2.

PairGain and Bloomberg officials said Thursday that they had turned the matter over to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which wouldn't

confirm details of any investigation. But legal experts said the perpetrator of the PairGain hoax could find himself charged with securities fraud and wire fraud, and could face five to 30 years in prison and fines of up to

\$1 million.

The losses to investors who took the bait are tough to tally. Dozens of stock traders lamented the hoax in postings on investment chat rooms, but none were forthcoming about their own experiences.

A few chastised themselves for responding so quickly to the PairGain rumor.

"Let's raise our requirements for allowing ourselves to be impressed," wrote one trader.

"Criminality deserves no admiration," wrote another.

Yet rumors spread over the Internet have been the lifeblood of the growing ranks of day traders, who try to make quick profits from the twists and turns of corporate America.

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FAA plans Y2K compliance test

Associated Press

DENVER

Saturday night, the Federal Aviation Administration will try the first live test of its Year 2000 air-traffic-control computer fixes.

Officials hope for a better debut than the Denver airport's bag-shredding computerized luggage system.

Late Saturday and early Sunday, the agency plans to split the computers controlling air traffic around the airport and spin the clock ahead to Jan. 1, 2000, in half of the systems.

The radar systems will track both commercial flights and an FAA Lear Jet flying over Grand Junction, in western Colorado; Denver, on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains; and Colorado Springs, located to the south.

During the four-hour test, technicians will check computer software changes designed to solve the Y2K problem. Early computer programs used a two-digit format

to read dates, and there has been widespread concern about problems when the year changes from "99" to "00," which unrepaired computers may construe as 1900 instead of 2000.

For safety's sake, the FAA plane and the small amount of commercial traffic expected during the midnight hours will be tracked by air traffic control systems not participating in the exercise.

Afterward, the computers will be rejoined and tapes from both sides will be sent to the agency's technical center in Atlantic City, N.J., for comparison. The results will be released next week.

Denver International Airport was chosen for the test because its computers can be split and track flights on parallel systems. The airport gained some infamy when it opened in 1995 for its \$5 billion pricetag and an automated baggage system that had a propensity to chew up luggage.

"This is an extremely impor-

tant test to the national air-space system," said Ray Long, head of the FAA's Y2K program. Long said he doesn't anticipate problems, but if they are encountered, "That's why you do testing."

Each year, more than 600 million people — and billions worth of goods and mail — travel through U.S. skies. All do so with the aid of the FAA's computerized air traffic control system.

Because of that, many people have sworn off flying over the New Year's holiday, including the chief executive officer and other top officials at Australia's Qantas Airlines. The carrier has never had a fatal crash.

"I will be at our headquarters stone cold sober watching what happens and ready to take quick actions," Qantas CEO James Strong said Thursday in Adelaide, Australia, in a speech to a national meeting of accountants. "The last place I'd want a key executive to be is in the air."

IBM will offer PC products online

Associated Press

NEW YORK

IBM plans to offer its entire PC product line for sale over the Internet — much like rivals Dell Computer, Gateway and Compaq Computer — as it goes directly after the small business and consumer market.

But the new strategy runs the risk of alienating the resellers and retailers of IBM machines that have made Big Blue one of the world's top computer makers.

Code-named Project Odyssey, IBM's plan focuses on luring small businesses and consumers as new customers, said Edward Barbini, a company spokesman.

IBM already enjoys substantial revenues from its Web site — an estimated \$38 million a day. That includes sales of some per-

sonal computers, but most of the revenue comes from computer servers, memory chips and networking gear.

Furthermore, only 7 percent of IBM's e-commerce revenues come from sales to small business or consumers, which often perceive IBM products as designed for large-scale operations.

"Frankly, this is another avenue for [small businesses] to reach IBM," said Barbini.

IBM's online sales totaled \$3.3 billion last year and are expected to exceed \$10 billion in 1999. In 1998, IBM had \$81.7 billion in revenue overall.

They hope to increase online sales not only through the sale of PC products, but also by selling the services that will enable companies to conduct their business online, Barbini said.

David Goldstein, president of

the Dallas-based Channel Marketing Corp., said IBM's planned move is the latest in the growing trend of PC manufacturers selling directly to the business or consumer.

Still, IBM's upgraded focus on direct sales runs the risk of alienating the computer resellers who have traditionally sold IBM products and now will be competing against IBM for the same business, Goldstein said.

Barbini said, however, that IBM would be working with the businesses that sell IBM products to help them secure revenue-generating service and installation contracts. In this instance, both IBM and the partner would make money.

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Girl brings back ice cream man

Associated Press

SUDBURY, Mass.

The ice cream man returneth to this town, thanks to an eloquent 12-year-old girl.

Sara Gentile persuaded nearly 300 grown-ups at Wednesday night's town meeting to allow ice cream trucks back into this small town outside Boston.

The sixth-grader did her homework for her presentation, having written to nearly a dozen town clerks and police chiefs in nearby communities that allow ice cream trucks.

"I am pleased to inform you

that none reported any incidents of drug dealing, child abuse or personal injury," Gentile said.

She argued that statistics show ice cream trucks are safer than school buses, bicycles and skateboards.

The board of selectmen supported her proposal because, as selectman Maryann Clark put it, "The selectmen are children at heart."

An attempt last year to lift the ban was rejected after a resident said the trucks would lead to noise pollution and traffic dangers.

NYC fines dad for kids in trees

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Children climbing trees?! This has got to stop!

That's pretty much the message Anthony Avellino said he got from two park rangers last month. They handed him a \$1,000 ticket after his daughters, ages 9 and 11, and their 11-year-old friend were caught climbing a Japanese white pine in Central Park.

"My children have been climbing trees for nine years," Avellino said. "Please give me a warning. I will make sure that it will not happen again."

But officials said it was too

late — the tree was damaged. They said they will bring photographs of broken boughs to environmental court to prove it.

Avellino said he would fight

the ticket, which cites him for "destruction, defacement or abuse of a tree."

It is not the wackiest ticket ever given in New York City.

There was the so-called pee-wee wee-wee case, in which the

grandmother of a 4-year-old was given a \$50 ticket for letting the boy deposit a "noxious liquid" on city property. (The lad urinated on a bush.)

Or the deli owner ordered to pay \$1,000 for damaging a honey locust tree by chaining his bicycle to it; a judge dismissed the charge. Or the 23 winter-solstice revelers who were fined \$50 for dancing around a beach bonfire without Parks Department permission.

The story of the pine fine began on March 21 when Avellino, a New York restaurant manager, took his daughters Leah and Rebecca and their friend Darryn to Central Park to knock a softball around.

The girls soon got bored and decided to climb trees instead. They went into a special grove where pine trees get extra care and chose a Japanese white pine, one of only about a dozen in the city.

Parks Department spokesman Edward Skyler said Thursday that the trees, which have soft boughs, are not indigenous to New York and cost several thou-

sand dollars apiece.

Two park rangers ordered the children down.

Avellino said the children were sitting still in the tree telling each other stories, and that they were startled by the ranger and while complying with the order one child broke a branch.

Skyler said the rangers saw at least three branches fall and noticed several others broken and two or three more lying on the ground.

A warning was out of the question. "The damage was done," Skyler said.

But with no posted signs, how's a park patron supposed to know that tree-climbing is forbidden?

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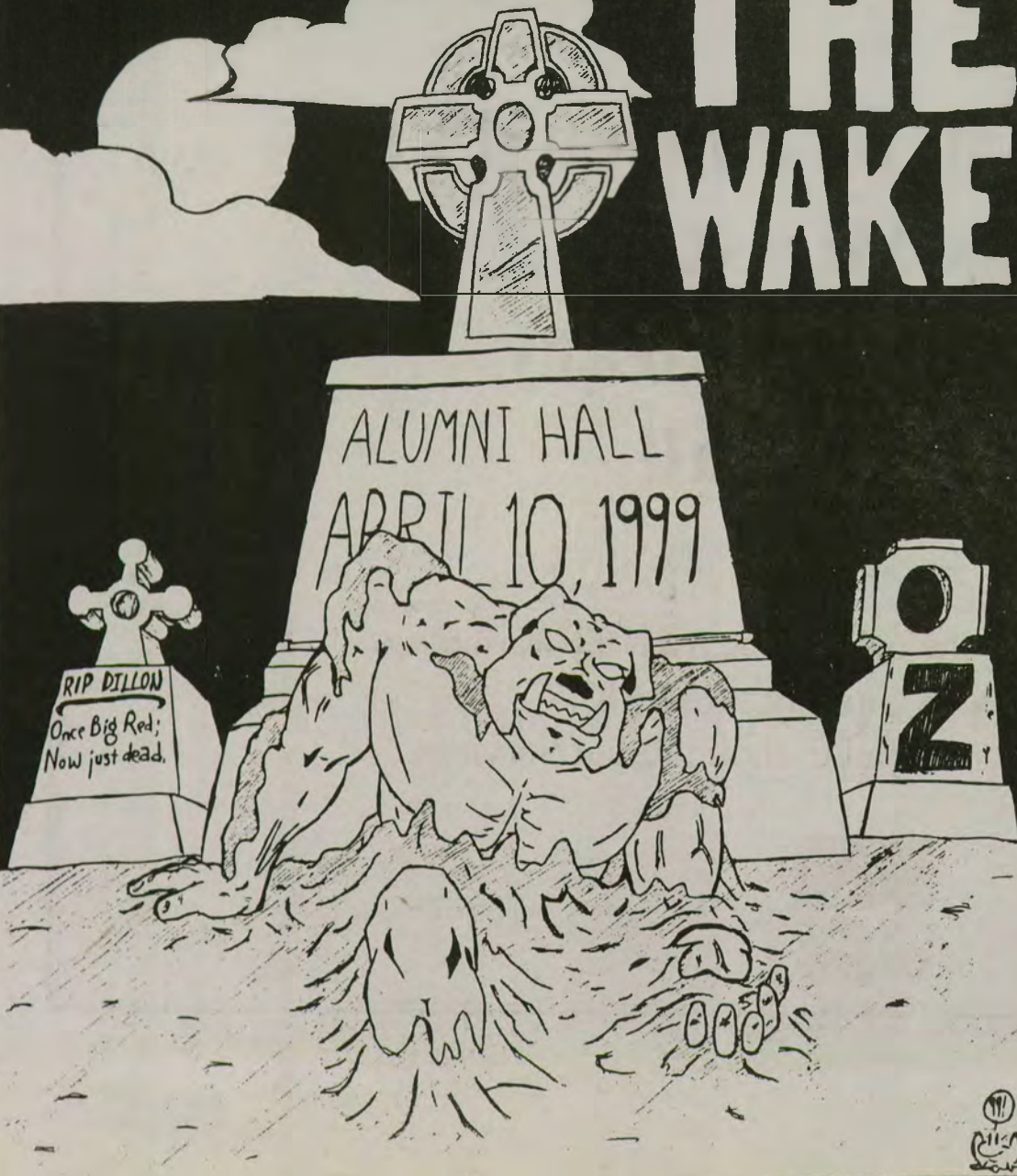
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■ YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia: Attacks complete, refugees should return home

Associated Press

BELGRADE
Yugoslavia urged refugees to return home Thursday, declaring "peace has prevailed in Kosovo" and saying its 14-month war against ethnic Albanian separatists was over. But Western officials feared those same refugees would be used as human shields against NATO attacks.

NATO jets unleashed fierce attacks late Thursday and early Friday against Yugoslavia, even though a former Cypriot president arrived in Belgrade to try to win freedom for three captured U.S. soldiers. A hard-line Serbian vice premier, however, ruled out any release as long as the NATO bombardment continued.

On the 16th night of the U.S.-led air assault, hopes for the prisoners' release were mixed with concern over thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees whose fate was unknown a day after Yugoslavia sealed off its borders and stopped their flight out of Kosovo.

The Yugoslav government, which says it is observing a unilateral cease-fire in Kosovo since Tuesday for Orthodox Easter, claimed the refugees were voluntarily heading back to their homes in the province.

Shortly after 10 p.m., air-raid sirens sounded in Belgrade, as well as Novi Sad, Nis, Kragujevac and Cacak, heralding yet another night of attacks.

The state-run Tanjug news agency said at least seven missiles struck the center of Kragujevac, 55 miles southeast of Belgrade, including the Zastava auto factory. Tanjug also said NATO jets

struck an oil storage depot early Friday in Smederevo, about 18 miles east of Belgrade, setting it ablaze.

In addition, Studio B television said NATO planes were "active" on Orthodox Good Friday over the Belgrade area and around two towns, Uzice and Pozega, about 60 miles to the south.

Earlier in the evening, thousands chanting "Yugoslavia! Yugoslavia!" gathered on two major bridges in Belgrade and one in Novi Sad to serve as volunteer "human shields" against attacks.

Spyros Kyprianou, currently the speaker of the Cypriot parliament, said he planned to meet Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Friday and that the Americans might be freed during the long Orthodox Easter weekend. He called on NATO to reciprocate with a cease-fire over the holiday, something the alliance has refused. NATO had arranged for safe passage for Kyprianou's flight.

Vice Premier Vojislav Seselj, leader of the influential Serbian Radical Party, told reporters Thursday that releasing the Americans was "out of the question."

U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin said only an unconditional release would be acceptable. "Any attempt to use this as a bargaining chip is both illegal and immoral," he said.

President Clinton insisted that NATO can still win in Kosovo without sending in ground troops, and expressed hope Thursday that the three servicemen would be freed.

"We would like to see the servicemen released because they never should have been detained in the first place," Clinton said.

Kosovo Roundup

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■ MACEDONIA

Refugees get lost in confusion

Associated Press

BRAZDA
Aid agencies struggled Thursday with refugees lost in the confusion of the exodus from Kosovo, from starving elderly overlooked in an abandoned camp to a 10,000-strong group that may — or may not — be missing.

Red Cross ambulances retrieved the two dozen or more old people from the litter and squalor of the no-man's land on Macedonia's border, cleared in a sudden sweep by Macedonian authorities before daylight Wednesday.

Hafiza Marina, 70, bent with pain and age on a table in a field hospital, told medical workers she had no food for 10 days; no water at least since authorities cleared out the border enclave.

"My son. My son," she whispered. Tears rolled down the wrinkles of her face to the vinyl examining table. The evacuation came so quickly, and so relentlessly, that families were blocked from reaching elderly relatives, refugees said.

At the Brazda camp near the Macedonian capital of Skopje, NATO troops carried the old people off ambulances on stretchers, or

helped the stooped figures down. None of them was believed to have died, Red Cross Maj. Christian Halla.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees still was trying to account for 10,000 of those removed from the border enclave, spokeswoman Paula Ghedina said.

The agency knew the 10,000 had been loaded on buses with the rest, Ghedina said, but "We're not sure where the buses are taking them."

The UNHCR said the rest of the estimated 50,000-60,000 refugees had gone to Albania, Turkey or camps farther inside Macedonia.

Macedonia challenged the UNHCR's account of a missing 10,000, saying the aid agency's estimates of the numbers of refugees were off. In the third week of the exodus, aid groups are still trying to register — and count — the refugees.

"It is not acceptable to say that ... refugees have been transported to unknown countries," Interior Minister Pavle Trajavanoc said.

International agencies backed the decision to clear the border enclave, a muddy swath where refugees had little or no food, clean water or latrines. Many criticized the abruptness of the clearing, however.

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■ BELARUS

Authorities arrest candidate

Associated Press

MINSK
Authorities charged a Belarusian opposition leader Thursday with embezzlement and abuse of office, a month before a presidential election in which he planned to run.

Former Prime Minister Mikhail Chigir was arrested April 2, the day after he was registered as a candidate in presidential elections that the opposition is hoping to hold in May.

Police said Chigir is suspected of embezzling \$1 million during his tenure at Belagroprom Bank, a large private bank that he headed before he was appointed prime minister in 1994.

Chigir resigned as premier in the fall of 1996 to protest

President Alexander Lukashenko's move to rewrite the Belarusian Constitution, extending his term until 2001 and calling off presidential elections that had been scheduled for May 1999.

Lukashenko also ousted the popularly elected parliament, replacing it with a body of his supporters.

Earlier this year, members of the disbanded parliament formed an alternative electoral commission and plan to hold a presidential election May 16, despite a ban by Lukashenko. Chigir registered as a candidate.

Since Chigir's resignation, prosecutors have floated allegations that in the early 1990s he illegally gave a Canadian firm a \$1 million loan that was never returned. But prosecutors took

no formal action until this month.

Chigir has repeatedly said that dozens of checks had revealed nothing illegal about the loan.

Meanwhile, another official accused of wrongdoing disappeared while under house arrest, officials said Thursday.

Tamara Vinnikova, the former head of the Belarusian national bank, had been kept under guard in her apartment in the capital, Minsk, since November 1997. She disappeared Wednesday, said Alexei Taranov, spokesman for the prosecutor's office.

Vinnikova is accused of unspecified wrongdoing during her tenure as head of a commercial bank before her appointment to head the national bank in September 1995.

■ MALAYSIA

Mysterious disease confounds doctors

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR

A tropical virus that has killed dozens of people in Malaysia is the first of its kind and virologists are stumped as to how it spreads, an American health official said today.

Nine scientists from the United States and other experts from Australia, Taiwan and Japan arrived in Malaysia several weeks ago to help the Southeast Asian country determine the nature of the virus believed to be spreading from pigs to humans. The outbreak has killed 90 people.

"This is a new, previously unrecognized virus found in humans," Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta told The Associated Press by telephone. "This virus has never been seen before."

The scientists have been tramping through pig pens and farming communities where the deadly virus first appeared, wearing gloves, gowns and battery-operated respirators while visiting the worst-hit areas.

"We don't know if it's highly infectious. We don't know how people are being infected," Skinner said. "It doesn't appear, right now, that this is being transmitted from person to person, but we're still not going to rule that out."

Government health experts initially said the outbreak began with the deaths of 15 people last October who succumbed to the Japanese encephalitis virus, which is transmitted by the Culex mosquito. These findings were confirmed by World Health

Organization officials from Japan who came to help investigate.

But in late February, the number of deaths among villagers and farmers in the hog-rearing district of Bukit Pelandok in central Negeri Sembilan jumped dramatically, prompting health officials to seek further help.

About 70 people died in a month, including pig farmers who received a vaccine for the Japanese encephalitis virus.

Malaysian virologists flew to the United States on March 17 with samples. Lab analyses quickly proved that the virus wasn't Japanese encephalitis. Instead, it resembled a very rare Hendra virus, first detected in Australia in 1994.

Symptoms are the same for both viruses — high fever, aches, eventual coma and death.

The CDC finding plunged Malaysia into further confusion. Pig farmers deserted their homes after police cordoned off their villages. To curb the outbreak, soldiers dressed like astronauts swept through a half-dozen pig-farming districts in an attempt to slaughter a targeted 1 million pigs.

Malaysians have been left wondering which virus is which. A 24-hour government hot line set up Wednesday provides detailed information on the Hendra virus. It encourages all workers on pig farms — the only victims of the virus so far — to wash their hands with soap and water after handling pigs.

"But it's not Hendra," insisted CDC spokesman Skinner today. "It's a Hendra-like virus, and it has a high mortality rate."

Power plant explosion kills two

Associated Press

TAMPA
A thunderous explosion rocked a power plant Thursday morning, killing two workers and injuring 49 people, three critically.

The blast tore a huge section from a building holding the six coal-fired generators at the Tampa Electric Co. plant on the edge of Tampa Bay, two miles from downtown. The explosion was heard at least 35 miles away.

"I thought I was going to meet my maker or go to hell, and it made me want to get right with God," said Robert Worley, a worker who escaped injury.

A leak of hydrogen gas was believed to have caused the blast, which happened as contractors tested a generator following routine maintenance, sheriff's deputies said. Hydrogen is used as a coolant for the generators.

Steve Jenkins, a spokesman for the electric company, said the blast damaged just one of the generators.

The body of Johnny Bass, 52, who worked for a contractor hired to give the unit its spring tune-up, was pulled from rubble. Another worker who suffered burns, Edward Barker, 57, died at a hospital.

Thirty-nine of the injured were taken to the hospital. Many of those hurt suffered cuts and smoke inhalation.

The plant, with a work force of about 250, was shut down after the blast. Jenkins said TECO would have to assess the damage before deciding when to fire up the plant again.

Electrical service to customers was not interrupted.

TECO supplies power for 500,000 customers. The plant accounts for about one-third of the utility's generating capacity.

"I definitely heard a first explosion, small like a sonic boom, and then this horrendous explosion," Bill Simmons, who lives a few miles away, told TV station WTVT. "With all this terrorism going on and everything, I didn't know what happened, whether somebody had set off a bomb here or what."



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■ GOD N' LIFE

Culture Shock in Canada

Last summer, while driving through the Ontario and Quebec provinces of Canada, I experienced culture shock in many different ways. I realized, too, that this culture shock — also experienced between members of different religions — may be just one of the obstacles in peoples coming together to live in peace.

As my car moved towards Ottawa, Canada's capital, I began noticing signs in both English and French. I thought this was rather accommodating, since the city lies just across the river from the French-speaking Quebec.

The drivers in the city were accommodating, too, which helped this out-of-towner navigate confusing streets. In the park on Canada Day, I, along with the 100,000 others present, was offered a Canadian flag to wave. I got to enjoy fireworks from the roof of an apartment building and shared drinks at an authentic Irish pub on the corner. I couldn't have asked for a more restful time.

Then I crossed the Ottawa River into Quebec. No more English on the road signs. Knowing little French, I had to guess at a few things. In Montreal, I tried to order a cheeseburger at a Burger King: interesting project and something taken for granted by many people in the States. When the counter person doesn't speak English, it can be an adventure in fast food.

A similar incident transpired while trying to buy groceries in Quebec City. Handing the clerk a \$100 bill (Canadian), she didn't know what to do. I didn't know what to say. To say the least, the people in line behind me got rather impatient by the time this poor woman figured out how much change to give me.

When groups from the various churches sit down at a common table to discuss matters vital to each faith, it can be much the same. Catholics say one thing, Methodists say another. Jews have a distinct view, Muslims have their own. It is like talking in different languages to each other without a translator.

Julie A. Ferraro

What it all comes down to, though, is belief in God. The fact that no two people can pick up the Scriptures and find an identical meaning in a story or passage makes it clear that God speaks to each of us in a unique way. We are created to be unique. And nothing is wrong with that.

For this reason, we should not be afraid to experience the "culture shock" of other religions.

Even if we don't understand what someone believes, we can often learn from an intelligent, non-belligerent exchange. Just as I learned a bit of French from my swing through Quebec. There may be some "common ground" — a popular term these days — that will bring us closer together in understanding.

And, in the same way I survived my trip to Canada (complete with the sight of hot air balloons shaped like maple leaves, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer on a horse), we will survive the differences in religious observance and faith. There is beauty in each and every one of them, after all. If we maintain an open mind, such a "culture shock" can help our own relationship with God.

Julie A. Ferraro's column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Doherty Untested as Head Coach

As an alumnus who only contributes the bare minimum required each year to maintain my football ticket eligibility, I recognize that I have little room to complain about the recent hiring of Matt Doherty as the men's basketball coach.

Since when did Michael B. McCaskey, the president of the Chicago Bears, start running the Irish athletic department? I have no idea what actually transpired in the Rick Majerus fiasco, but I find it hard to believe that his admission of cheating on exams while at Marquette solely disqualified him from the running. After all, star wide receiver Lake Dawson was allowed to return to Notre Dame in the early '90s after having someone take an exam for him. (She happened to have gotten 100 percent, which, I think, should have earned Lake a lifetime suspension for stupidity.) But poor Mr. Dawson was given a second chance because he was just a boy at the time of his transgression — of course, so was Mr. Majerus, whose major mistake apparently was not cheating in college, but admitting it as an adult. I wonder if Notre Dame will now begin holding its graduates to the same stringent standards. Will people who have erred as grown-ups be driven from the Golden Dome also? Take Eddie DeBartolo, for instance. Would the University reject another \$30 million donation from "Casino Eddie?" As if.

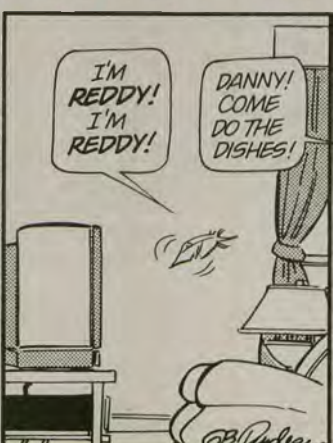
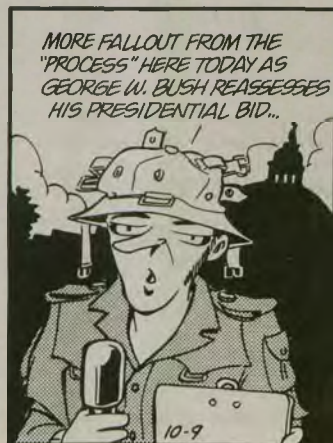
But enough about Majerus. There were plenty of other good candidates who are currently head coaches at Division I schools. Oh, I forgot — Fighting Irish coaching descriptions now state "Inexperience preferred." Can somebody please tell me when Notre Dame instituted its Head Coaching Internship Program? Three times in the past four years, Notre Dame has hired individuals (Dave Poulin, Bob Davie and Doherty) lacking head coaching experience at any level. Clearly, the new polict worked in the case of Poulin, who led the hockey team into the Top 10 this past season. While the jury may still be out on Davie, I can think of approximately 11 million reasons why it was foolish to throw an untested commodity into the hottest seat in college football. Better safe than sorry, I think the saying goes. (Speaking of Davie, funny that he managed to get hired despite several skeletons in his coaching closet. Maybe Rick should have called Bob to find out how he dodged those bullets three years ago.)

But maybe I am completely wrong. Maybe Matt Doherty is the answer. I mean, he did say "growing up in a Catholic family in New York City, you naturally follow Notre Dame." Funny, then, that he turned down Digger's scholarship offer and went to North Carolina.

But listen. If Coach Doherty brings us back to the NCAA tournament, I'll be the first to die my hair gray in his honor. Not *that* gray, but pretty gray.

Jamie Reidy, '92
April 7, 1999
Modesto, California

■ DOONESBURY



GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

‘There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, hire someone or forbid your kids to do it.’

— Monta Crane

■ THE COMMON GOOD

The Maximum Living Wage, Part II

Last time I showed that one specification of Catholic social teaching in response to capitalism is the maximum living wage — there are concrete limits to what we can accumulate for our own consumption. The key concept here is that of the universal destination of created goods. God's creation is meant for all to share. The key distinction is between the right to private property and the appropriate use of that property. In John Paul II's words, even "private property is under 'social' mortgage." (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 31) The task of this column is to detail the precise meaning and implications of the maximum living wage.

The first point that it is important to have clear is that the maximum living wage does not itself limit what one earns or even what one owns. What it limits is how much of what one earns or owns one uses for one's own consumption. One can earn two million dollars a year or have a net worth of \$10 million, as long as the use of most of that income and wealth is put toward meeting the needs of people who are less well off. For instance, someone might give 1.8 of the two million dollars to a non-profit agency that retrains persons who have lost their jobs.

Or, in the other case, a person with a net worth of \$10 million might own a company that itself does the training. The purpose of the company is not the maximization of profit but the education and training of the unemployed so that they, too, might find fulfillment through active participation in economic life.

This would be an instance of the preferential option for the poor in the form of an affirmative action hiring policy that favors persons who do not have work at the time of the job interview.

In the calculation of the maximum living wage, therefore, income and wealth differences, by themselves, are not sufficient to make conclusive moral judgments. To put it another way, unlike in Marxist analysis, to make money — and even to make a great deal of it — is not an intrinsically evil act.

However, when one combines the factors of vast income and wealth differences with the low incidence of activity such as that described above on the part of the wealthy, conclusive judgments are merited. The accumulation of wealth may not be intrinsically evil, but the low incidence of the right use of private property suggests that evil is nonetheless very difficult to avoid.

Here, Catholic social teaching is directly in line with well-known words spoken roughly 2,000 years ago. "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God. For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:24-25).

The second point that needs to be clear is that the state is not the first means of assuring that Catholics in the economic sector live within the limits of the maximum living wage. To appeal first to the state would violate the social doctrine's principle of subsidiarity. Always present but first defined in modern Catholic social teaching in Pius XI's *Quadragesimo Anno*, the principle of subsidiarity regulates the interaction of associations and institutions as society seeks to meet the demands of the common good.

Properly understood, the principle cuts in two directions. First of all, it carries a presumption against direct involvement by large-scale and remote institutions. The role of larger institutions is to support, not replace, the smaller and more proximate ones. In fact, the root meaning of the Latin word *subsidiū* is "support." The larger institutions have difficulty discerning and responding to the unique textures of life in its specificity. If they usurp the prerogative of the smaller, more intimate associations, the result can be the opposite of what is intended. However, subsidiarity also affirms that the role of larger institutions in the form of support is positive and necessary. In fact, in extreme situations, the larger,

more remote institutions can intervene directly, but care needs to be taken that this be a short-term remedy, or else the smaller, more proximate associations will atrophy.

With regard to the economic order, the state is to support a well-functioning market, and it does so by providing a favorable atmosphere and by appealing to economic rights to form what John Paul II calls "a strong juridical framework" to set limits on the logic and effects of the market (*Centesimus Annus*, 42).

In dire situations, there can be direct intervention; modern Catholic social teaching since the Second Vatican Council has explicitly supported state expropriation of private property. Pope Paul VI writes, "If certain landed estates impede the general prosperity because they are extensive, unused, or poorly used, or because they bring hardship to peoples or are detrimental to the interest of the country, the common good sometimes demands their expropriation" (*Populorum Progressio*, 24; cf. also, *Gaudium et Spes*, 71).

In short, the principle of subsidiarity indicates that the first appeal to the wealthy is to their beneficence, as long as this is understood as an empowering beneficence that fosters active participation in the economic sphere rather than ongoing dependence. Again, education and job training are necessary supplements to meeting immediate material needs. The state can "support" this activity, for instance, by providing tax breaks for charitable giving. If the well-off are not forthcoming, then the state can intercede. Whatever the specific social mechanism for aiding others to move from marginalization to participation, the activity is a requirement — not a pick-and-choose option — for Catholics and is one key indicator of whether they are practicing their faith.

The next question that arises is that of the dollar amount of the maximum living wage. To determine the amount with any exactitude, we would first need an ecclesial and broader social conversation on what more than the minimum basics is required for a more fully good life. For

instance, high school may be minimum. However, given the importance of education in a post-industrial economy, college may be required for a more fully participating life.

A similar conversation must take place with regard to housing, health care, leisure, and so forth. The attempt is to re-establish the three-level map of material

goods of 1) necessity, 2) substance, and 3) superfluity discussed last time, and to recover some sense of substance/superfluity distinction so that the temptation to always have more can be curbed. Secondly, we would need to cali-

brate the cost of a life of substance to the size and any special needs (e.g. wheelchair access) of the family in question together with its geographical location. (A house in South Bend, for instance, does not cost what its counterpart does in New York). Publications like the cost of living

section of the "Places Rated Almanac" already carry out this latter task.

Determining the maximum living wage would be an ongoing matter because of shifting ideas of what constitutes substance (here we must be wary of the consumerist compulsion to make every object a required one for living) and the changing cost of living.

Just where, in dollar terms, to start the debate? I asked a Catholic worker-associated colleague that question with regard to a family of four in South Bend. He replied that for the sake of introducing the concept of a maximum where there might be strong resistance to it, we should "Start high: \$250,000 annual salary." I agreed (\$200,000 was the number I had in mind), though I thought that the debate would begin to get substantive around the \$100,000 mark.

In the absence of an already existing church and society conversation on the maximum living wage, these numbers seem a good high-water mark from which to start. To set parameters on the conversation, however, it is also important to set the low-water mark. The universal destination of goods requires that we consider all persons, and the above numbers seem to reflect, at best, only an American context. In a world context, the numbers would have to be lower. Indeed, given extensive and extreme need in the

world as a whole, the minimum (necessity) and maximum (substance) living wages may well be one and the same.

Three objections might be raised concerning the maximum living wage. The first is that it does not take merit into consideration. Persons who work hard, the argument goes, *deserve* whatever they can earn. A response from the perspective of Catholic social teaching would answer that there is in the maximum living wage a concept of merit. The difference is that the merit — what one gains — derives from using for others all income and wealth above the maximum. Here again, Catholic teaching is in keeping with our 2,000-year old source: "Sell your possessions and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys."

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:33-34; cf. also 6:24-26; 12:13-21; 16:13). What one earns is the privilege of using one's wealth for others.

Even here, there are guidelines: Care must be taken not to use the occasion to draw attention to oneself (Matthew 6:1-4) and one must give to those in need. Not only do the well-off give a lesser proportion of their income than the poor — itself a scandal — but, in the words of the Franciscan ethicist Kenneth Himes, "the philanthropy practiced by the affluent often goes to institutions which benefit themselves rather than the less well-off" ("The Inextricable Link of Charity and Discipleship," *Origins* (February 20, 1997): 578). In Catholic teaching, we have the privilege and requirement of giving wealth away, but not to anyone we please. This is because the wealth is not ours in the first place. Giving to the poor is giving their wealth back to them. Recall Paul VI's quote of Ambrose, "You are not making a gift of your own possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself."

The second objection is that capitalism is dynamic, and therefore it is not possible to set a maximum living wage. We have seen, however, the various factors that must enter into its calculation. It is no more complex than figuring the minimum living wage for different familial and geographical contexts. It is noteworthy that the owners of sweatshops, in an attempt to deflect the moral question, are appealing to the fact of dynamic capitalism to claim that the minimum living wage is impossible to compute. The objection against a maximum wage on the basis of incomputability attempts a similar deflection.

The third objection is that because capitalism is dynamic, we ought not calculate a minimum wage. This is because the self-interest — indeed, the avarice — of capitalists has the effect of benefitting others. Now we are back to William Simon's "Greed is not a sin." In the terminology of contemporary moral theory, this is a form of consequentialism. It is a particularly insidious form because it attempts to valorize vice, and it is debatable whether it succeeds even on its own terms.

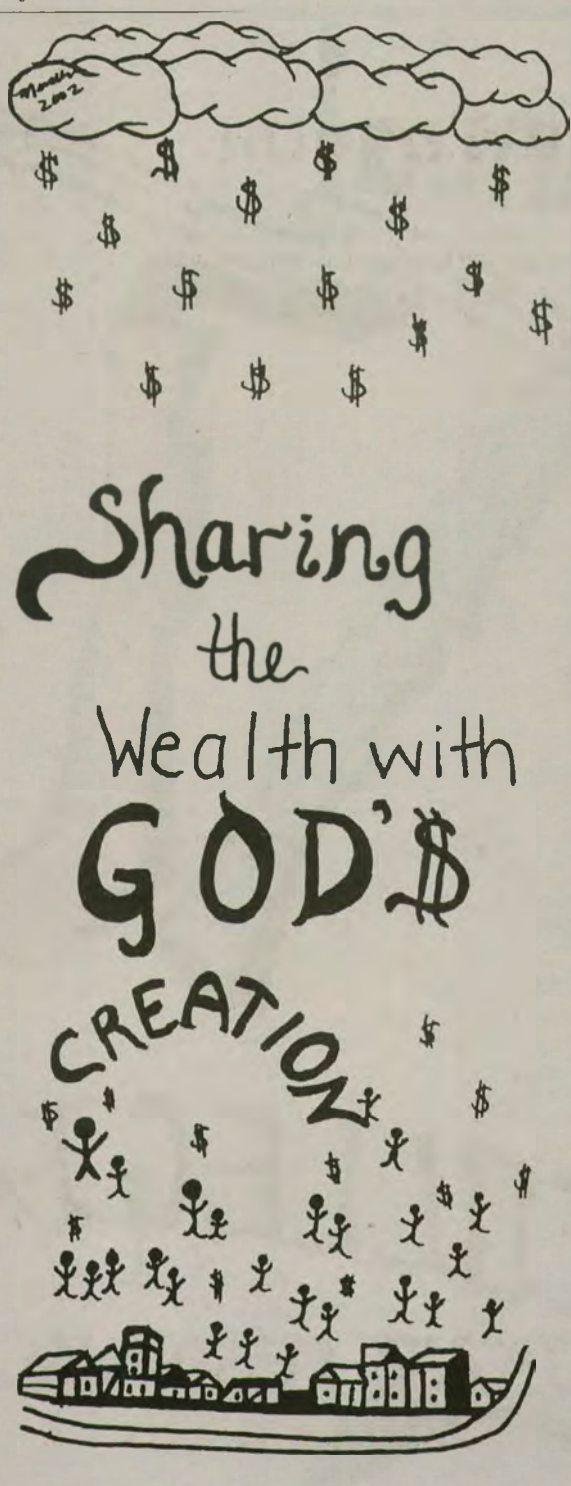
I have set out the broad parameters of the maximum living wage. Now it is up to Michael Novak and other Catholics who claim moral seriousness to join the conversation or else jettison any pretensions of being committed to Catholic social teaching on the limits of private property.

My next column (the last of the year) will address the three ways — intellectual, ecclesial, and rhetorical — that Novak attempts to avoid accountability to Catholic doctrine.

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Todd David Whitmore



What's that sound?

Groovin' hard with jazz at Stepan

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant Managing Editor

The 41st annual Collegiate Jazz Festival kicks off tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Stepan Center with the hometown band, the Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Father George Wiskirchen.

The festival features 14 collegiate bands, selected by audition, from all over the country, including the University of Michigan, Louisiana State University, Knox College and the University of North Florida.

The Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble will open the show with four songs of different jazz genres. They begin with "Bones for Basie," a medium

tempo swing piece featuring the trombone section. Lane Weaver and Jeff Spoonhower play featured solos in this piece.

The ballad "Skylark," a jazz standard, is their next piece. It features Keith Syska with a mellow saxophone sound. "Skylark" is followed by "Setting Calvin's Waltz," a gospel piece featuring Syska and perennial

favorite Spoonhower. Guitar player Brenden Mowery also takes a solo.

The Ensemble closes with "Moanin'," a gospel-influenced bop tune that features some group improv.

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday, the Judges' Jam begins. This year's judges are saxophonist Greg Tardy, trumpet player Michael Mossman, pianist Benny Green, drummer Jeff Hamilton and bassist Chuck Israels.

Tardy, a native of New Orleans, began his musical career on classical clarinet, but soon switched to jazz saxophone. His music is heavily influenced by the legendary John Coltrane. Tardy records with the record label Impulse! and has just released his first album with that label. The album, entitled "Serendipity," is a combination of bebop and blues.

Mossman has been playing trumpet on the international scene since age 17. Born in Philadelphia, he attended Oberlin College and Conservatory and graduated with degrees in sociology/anthropology, orchestral trumpet and jazz composition. He took his master's from Rutgers and is active in music education.

Mossman played the Horace Silver Quintet for several years and has also played with such people and groups as Dizzy Gillespie, Slide Hampton, the Charles Mingus Orchestra and the Count Basie Orchestra. His most recent album, "Mama Soho," was released in June 1998.

Green, played with Art Blakey, Betty Carter and Freddie Hubbard from 1983-1990. He moved on to playing as a front man, and for his most recent album, "Kaleidoscope," he recruited such jazz greats as bassist Ron Carter and drummer Lewis Nash to compliment his pianistic style.

Drummer Hamilton is a native of Richmond, Ind. He played with the Ray Brown Trio from 1988-1995, then left to work on his own trio. Hamilton, who began playing drums at age eight, has played for over 175 recordings with such diverse artists as Natalie Cole, Rosemary Clooney, Barbra Streisand and Mel Torme. His most recent recording is "Hands On."

Israels has been a regular on the jazz scene since the early 1960s. He has played with the Bill Evans Trio, the Billy Harris Trio, Bud Powell and jazz legend Benny Goodman. He has conducted shows on Broadway, writer and arranged jazz and taught jazz at Western Washington. Some of Israels' best recordings include "Coltrane Time (with John Coltrane)," "My Point of View (with Herbie Hancock)" and "Live at Shelley's Manne Hole."

The festival will run tonight from 7:30 p.m. until approximately 11:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a clinic in the Notre Dame band building at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. All other events take place in Stepan Center.

Jeff Spoonhower contributed to this report.



JAZZ. You got it!



Branford Marsalis performed Wednesday night at Stepan Center. The jazz saxophonist wowed audiences with his proficient jazz sounds.

The Observer/Liz Lang

Friday, April 9

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| 7:30 p.m. Notre Dame Big Band | 10:30 p.m. Judge's Jam |
| 8:15 p.m. University of North Florida Combo I | Saxophone: Greg Tardy |
| 9 p.m. Crane-SUNY Potsdam | Trumpet: Michael Mossman |
| 9:45 p.m. Central Michigan Jazz Percussion and Steel Drum Ensemble | Piano: Benny Green |
| | Percussion: Jeff Hamilton |
| | Bass: Chuck Israels |

Saturday, April 10

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| 10:30 a.m. Clinics in Notre Dame Band Building, free to all | BREAK |
| 1 p.m. Central Michigan University | 7:30 p.m. Louisiana State University Combo |
| 1:45 p.m. Slippery Rock University | 8:15 p.m. Drake University |
| 2:30 p.m. Notre Dame Combo | 9 p.m. Western Michigan Combo |
| 3:15 p.m. University of Michigan | 9:45 p.m. University of North Florida Combo II |
| 4 p.m. Knox College | 10:30 p.m. Western Michigan University |

A fearless leader rides again

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant Managing Editor

Behind the scenes at the Collegiate Jazz Festival, there is a corps of volunteers dedicated to making CJF happen.

And none is more dedicated than Lisa Zimmer.

Zimmer, a senior, has been with CJF since her freshman year, and has chaired CJF a record three times.

"I went to the SUB recruitment night my freshman year," Zimmer said. "I was into music in high school, so I saw CJF and went, 'Oh, cool!'"

Her freshman year, Zimmer was on the hospitality and program committees. The next year, she was the chair of the entire festival. Many of the people she led were junior and seniors and had been with the festival longer than she had.

"It was a little strange [ordering around older people]," she said. "It was a little awkward. I was always asking questions."

"I sat at my desk for three months not knowing where to find agents' numbers," she said.

Each September, Zimmer called bands. She called judges in October, and in January began worrying about things like T-shirts and programs. As the date of the festival approaches, Zimmer is busy setting up the venue, talking to local media and making last minute arrangements.

By her junior year, Zimmer had things under control.

"I knew what to do and what not to do," she said. "But something will always go wrong."

That year, Zimmer dealt with what she called her "worst CJF experience."

"Two [of the judges] got stuck at the airport," she said. The judges kept trying to reach Zimmer in the Student Union Board (SUB) office, but she wasn't in the office, and no one in the office knew how to help them.

When Zimmer finally got the message,

she called the hotel they were supposed to be staying in, and was told they had checked in.

"Actually, the hotel had pre-checked them in," she said. "They weren't there."

Zimmer finally got the judges to the festival right as it was about to begin. They were both crabby and hungry, and as the festival ended for the night, at 1:30 a.m., one told her he hadn't had anything hot to eat all day and he wanted some soup.

Zimmer drove up U.S. 31/33 looking for soup, found a 24-hour diner and went in to find out if they had soup. But she didn't know what kind the judge wanted.

"I ordered one of every kind of soup," she said. "I got there [back to the hotel], and he was fine."

Another one of last year's judges, bassist Charnett Moffett, helped Zimmer have her best CJF-related experience.

Zimmer had been watching Harry Connick, Jr., on TV, and saw Charnett Moffett playing bass for him. When she picked Moffett up at the airport, she casually mentioned that she saw him playing with Connick.

Moffett told her they were playing a concert in Normal, Ill., the next month, and offered to get her backstage passes.

"I'm a huge Harry Connick, Jr., fan," said Zimmer. "And Charnett Moffett got us backstage! We got to go backstage and meet Harry Connick, Jr.!"

Zimmer said the most interesting part of the job is dealing with the judges.

"Some of these guys are old school," she said. "They've lived this jazz lifestyle."

Last year, she called bassist Chuck Israels, and his wife answered the phone. Zimmer politely asked, "Is Mr. Israels there?"

"It's Chuck, baby! This is jazz!" replied Israels' wife.

This year, Zimmer was the driving force behind bringing sax master Branford Marsalis to campus for last



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Lisa Zimmer has chaired the Collegiate Jazz Festival for a record three years. In her final year, she was able to bring jazz star Branford to Stepan Center Wednesday night.

Wednesday's concert.

"Even my sophomore year I was looking to do something bigger," said Zimmer. "I've called the armed forces bands in the past. Branford was touring in our area this year."

The festival this year features saxophonist Gregory Tardy, trumpet player Michael Mossman, pianist Benny Green, drummer Jeff Hamilton and Israels as judges.

"This year's been good — a little hectic, since I'm graduating in a month and training someone for next year," Zimmer said. "I have a great committee this year — I can delegate."

Zimmer's legacy is not just three years of a well-run festival, but a better-organized office. In the past, Zimmer said, since the chairperson would only be chairing the festival for a year a time, some things that could have been very

easy were very difficult.

For instance, hundreds of postcards are sent to various colleges inviting them to audition for the festival.

"Every summer, I took them all home and spent the summer hand-addressing the post cards," said Zimmer. "Now we're putting it on the computer. Three years gave me a chance for better efficiency."

This weekend her three years of hard work come to a climax.

"This weekend will be crazy," Zimmer said.

Because the CJF committee is all volunteer, Zimmer relies on the dedication of her committee members to put the festival together and make it run smoothly.

"Sunday morning is the best time," she said with a laugh, "because it's over."

■ GYMNASTICS

Moceanus reach agreement to end earnings feud

Associated Press

HOUSTON

After enormous success at a young age — followed by a high-profile rift with her parents — Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu may have finally found peace.

The 17-year-old gymnast and her parents have reached a confidential financial settlement and ended a protective order against her father.

"This has been an extremely difficult time for my family, and I hope that we can now begin to move forward in support of one another," Miss Moceanu said in a statement.

"I know that deep down my father loves me, and of course I love him, so I need to find a way in my heart to give him forgiveness. I hope there is a chance that someday things in my family can be normal again."

The family fight erupted publicly last

October, when Miss Moceanu sued for her independence, saying her father, Dumitru Moceanu, had squandered the money she had earned in a 10-year professional career. She was declared a legal adult Oct. 29.

Miss Moceanu's parents placed her earnings in a trust fund, which they administer. She did not have access to the trust until she turned 35.

Her father has said all of his daughter's earnings went into building a 70,000-

square-foot gym with Miss Moceanu's blessings. He has refused to say how much the gym cost, but his attorney Katherine Scardino said it was about \$2 million.

The gymnast sought and won a court order on Dec. 9 that kept her father at least 500 feet away after police said they were investigating Dumitru, 44, for allegedly trying to hire killers to murder two of his daughter's friends. He denied the allegation.

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■ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

White: Ban opposite-sex reporters from locker rooms

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Reggie White has a new issue: he's against allowing reporters of the opposite sex into the locker rooms of professional athletes.

"I can't see any legitimate reason for forcing male athletes to walk around naked in front of women who aren't their wives," the retired defensive end and ordained minister

wrote in an opinion piece published in Thursday's editions of The Wall Street Journal.

He added: "women athletes also shouldn't be forced to deal with male reporters while they're changing."

White's article, adapted from his book, "Fighting the Good Fight," urges players and spouses to stop open locker room policies.

"Go all the way to the Supreme Court, if need be," he

wrote. "I just hope that if that happens, one of the exhibits before the court isn't a film of Reggie White singing in the shower."

White, 37, created controversy a year ago with a speech to the Wisconsin Legislature in which he attacked homosexuality and used racial stereotypes.

Leslie Hammond, an NFL spokeswoman, said the league's open locker room pol-

icy is working. "They are professionals and they are doing their jobs," she said.

But White claims many players are unhappy about the practice of allowing women in locker rooms, which has been in effect for two decades in all four major professional sports.

"I've seen a lot of female reporters and camerawomen ogling guys in the locker room," White wrote. "There's not much a player can do

about it, which leads to a high level of frustration."

He added, "Talk about taking the notion of 'public figure' to an extreme!"

A telephone message left for White with his agent, Jimmy Sexton, in Memphis, Tenn., on Thursday afternoon was not immediately returned.

White offered a solution.

"It's not as if players aren't willing to talk to female reporters," he wrote.

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Love shares lead at Augusta

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. Davis Love III had no problem with the rough at Augusta National or the additional 25 yards on No. 17.

He birdied that hole on his way to a three-under-par 69 for a share of the early first-round lead in the Masters on Thursday.

What really got his attention was his walk down the 14th and 15th fairways. Ahead on the greens, course officials were dousing them with water, trying to keep them from becoming as hard as a brick.

"You can tell," Love said as a sly smile crept over his face, "they've got them right where they want them."

They were right on the edge of going from unrelenting to unfair. And that left players walking the fine line between a solid round and a disaster.

Love, Scott McCarron and Brandel Chamblee felt a mixture of satisfaction and relief after getting around in 69.

"You just don't want to blow yourself out the first day," Love said. "This wasn't going to be a day for real low scores. They took the air out of the greens last night."

Justin Leonard and Colin Montgomerie had their best start ever in the Masters and were in a group at 70 that also included 1994 champion Jose Maria Olazabal.

Ernie Els fell out of the lead with a double bogey on the 18th to finish at 71, while Tiger Woods survived a triple bogey on the par-five eighth and was

at even-par 72.

David Duval, trying to win for the third consecutive week, was at two-under and facing a 12-foot par putt on No. 13 when play was suspended. Defending champion Mark O'Meara and Nick Price were at 1-under.

They were among 33 players still on the course, which was pelted with showers. All that did was give the watering crew the rest of the day off.

If only everyone else had such light duty.

On a day that began under hot, hazy and hard conditions — the high was a suffocating 90 degrees — only Carlos Franco managed to get as low as four-under for the day. That fizzled with two bogeys and a double bogey, and he landed on his feet at 72.

Of the 63 players who finished their rounds, only 16 broke par. The course was playing about one stroke easier than last year, but it was missing the howling, swirling winds from the first round a year ago.

Not that everyone found it easier.

Nick Faldo, a three-time Masters champion, showed how badly his game is suffering when he played the first 15 holes without a birdie and wound up with an 80. Faldo has not broken par at Augusta since his final-round 67 to win the 1996 Masters.

Els felt about the same way when he walked off the course. He was three-under after a birdie on the 17th when his drive found the fairway bunker, then he caught a

plugged lie in the greenside bunker and three-putted.

"You can't do things like I did on 18," he said.

Woods knows the feeling. His six birdies were more than anyone Thursday, but half of them were wasted on No. 8, where he took an eight.

He hit his drive into trees and found his ball between two pine cones, leaving him little choice but to play it straight — and straight into a tree. The ball caromed back and into the azaleas, from where he had to take a penalty drop.

"This is how you lose a tournament," Woods muttered to himself.

Duval was tied for the lead after four birdies on the front nine, but he was showing signs of struggling. He had to make two knee-knocking par putts on the 10th and 11th, took bogey by missing another green at No. 12 and then hooked his drive in Rae's Creek on the 13th.

When the siren sounded, he had a 12-foot putt to save par.

The changes at Augusta were the most significant ever — tee boxes moved back on No. 17 and the par-five second hole, an elevated green on No. 11, 20 new pine trees lining the fairways between No. 15 and the 17th. And because of the largest field in 33 years in part because of change in the qualification system — the first two rounds were played in three-somes for the first time since 1962.

Still, it always comes down to who can survive the slippery, contoured greens.

BOXING

WBC proposes new point system

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

The World Boxing Council proposed Thursday a new system to announce judges' points after the fourth and eighth rounds of title fights to avoid controversies like the one that marred a recent bout for the heavyweight crown.

"We have just mailed a letter to that effect today to the Washington, D.C., Athletic Commission for the next fight there and we are awaiting a reply," WBC executive secretary Eduardo Lamason said.

"A lot of people are in favor of that system, of announcing the points at the fourth and eighth round and the final score at the end, especially after what happened last time," he added.

The World Boxing Association went even further Thursday with a proposal to apply "open scoring" — announcing the points after each round — in a fight on the same card, a scoring method not used in more than a decade.

But quite a number of people involved doubted it will work.

A fierce controversy erupted when the judges declared a draw in the March 13 unification title fight in New York's Madison Square Garden between Britain's

Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield.

The fans and almost everyone else were convinced that Lewis dominated.

The WBC hopes that announcing points at the end of the fourth and eighth rounds will diminish the chances of controversy erupting over decisions.

Lewis held the WBC heavyweight crown, while Holyfield held the title for both the WBA based in Caracas, Venezuela, and the New Jersey-headquartered International Boxing Federation.

A grand jury already was investigating whether the IBF sold rankings and arranged fights in return for kickbacks, and it came under additional scrutiny from law enforcement agencies in New York after the Holyfield-Lewis bout.

In the letter, WBC president Jose Sulaiman proposed the new system be implemented in time for the middleweight fight between Hassine Cherifi of France and American challenger Keith Holmes scheduled for April 24 in Washington.

The judges' names would not be made public — they would be designated as A, B, and C — and only the local boxing commission and the WBC would know them, Sulaiman's proposal said.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Wood's elbow surgery a success

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Kerry Wood, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, underwent reconstructive elbow surgery Thursday, with Dr. James Andrews transplanting a ligament in what's known as O'Tommy John surgery.

Wood will miss the entire 1999 season. The 21-year-old right-hander went 13-6 for the Cubs last season and struck out 20 batters against Houston last May, tying a major league record.

During the surgery, Wood's torn ulnar collateral ligament was repaired and wrapped

with a graft from his right forearm, a procedure pioneered on John's left elbow by Dr. Frank Jobe in 1974.

Wood missed the final month last season because of a sore elbow before returning to start Game 3 of the NL playoffs against the Atlanta Braves. He tore the ligament after making just 26 pitches in his first spring training start last month.

Wood is scheduled to be released from the hospital Friday and then will travel to Chicago after two weeks to begin range-of-motion exercises, the Cubs said.

Wood struck out 233 last

season, had a 3.40 ERA and allowed hitters just a .196 average. He was the fourth overall pick in the 1995 amateur draft.

Now the pitcher who has been compared to fellow Texans Roger Clemens and Nolan Ryan is faced with the reality that his 95-mph fastball may not return. Rehabilitation usually takes about a year.

When he comes back, Wood will have to change his delivery some more, taking stress off the reconstructed elbow. The Cubs had already worked with him during the spring to stop throwing across his body.

Brand will enter NBA draft

Associated Press

Duke's Elton Brand has decided to skip his final two years of eligibility and will enter this year's NBA draft, CNN-Sports Illustrated reported Thursday.

Without citing any sources, CNN-SI said an official announcement will be made next week.

Duke sports information director Mike Cragg told The Associated Press that as far as he knows, Brand still hasn't made up his mind.

He also said that no announcement has been scheduled for next week.

The sophomore center has been honored this year by the AP, the Los Angeles Athletic Club, the Atlanta

Tipoff Club, the United States Basketball Writers Association and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Brand averaged 17.8 points and 9.8 rebounds for the Blue Devils, who finished 37-2, including a perfect record in ACC play. Duke lost to Connecticut, 77-74, in the NCAA championship game.



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'Yogi' ends 14-year-old exile from NY Stadium

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Yogi Berra returns to Yankee Stadium on Friday, ending his 14-year exile on a most appropriate day.

After managing the Yankees to a 4-1 victory over Minnesota in 1984, Berra uttered the final word on season debuts, coining the phrase: "A home opener is always exciting, no matter whether it's at home or on the road."

He was fired the following year after a 6-10 start, and vowed never to return as long as George Steinbrenner owned the club. Last January, Berra ended the feud, saying simply: "It's over."

Two months later, Berra took over as the greatest living Yankee when Joe DiMaggio died on March 8. On Friday, he replaces the Yankee Clipper for the ceremonial first pitch after the World Series banner is raised in the Bronx for the second time in three years.

"We always look forward to opening day at Yankee Stadium," center fielder Bernie Williams said. "We had a great year last year, and we're still enjoying the fruits of that."

David Cone (20-7) makes his first start of the season, pitching against the Detroit Tigers' Beiker Graterol, who will be making his major league debut.

Yankees manager Joe Torre, still recovering from prostate cancer surgery, wasn't expected at the home opener, but intends to be at the ballpark

Sunday for the presentation of World Series rings.

With interim manager Don Zimmer heading the team, the Yankees began the season by winning two of three games at Oakland.

"After losing the first game out here and winning two, I'm happy," Zimmer said before the Yankees returned home Wednesday night. "We've got guys swinging the bat a little now."

New York won eight of 11 against Detroit last season, with Cone going 2-1, including two victories during a seven-day span in April 12.

Coming off their 125-win season, which culminated with a World Series sweep of San Diego, the Yankees sold more than 2 million tickets before their home opener, a season record.

"I didn't feel right winning the World Series last year and not having Yogi there," Steinbrenner said in January after Berra agreed to end their feud. "I'm just happy he feels it's time to put this behind us. I'm glad he's said, 'George, I forgive you.'"

Berra has not been at Yankee Stadium for an official function since Steinbrenner hired Billy Martin to replace him in 1985, though he has occasionally showed up to visit friends. In a sign of the thawed relations with Steinbrenner, Berra attended a Yankees' spring training game last month.

"Fourteen years, I'd say, is long enough," Berra said.

Injury bug nabs 'Iron Man' after 19 years

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Cal Ripken missed a second straight start Thursday, but he said his sore back feels much better and he has no intention of going on the disabled list for the first time in his 19-year career.

"Absolutely not," Ripken said. "Today I'm bouncing around real well and eager to put the uniform on and start swinging. But it just makes sense to go one more day."

Ripken, 38, left the Baltimore Orioles' opener against Tampa Bay on Monday with stiffness in his back. He then sat out Wednesday's game, the first time he missed a game due to injury since 1982.

Last Sept. 20, Ripken voluntarily ended his record consecutive games streak of 2,632 by sitting out the Orioles' final home game against the New

York Yankees.

Ripken's back loosened up considerably by Thursday, but he was omitted from the starting lineup for the game against the Devil Rays after discussing his status with manager Ray Miller and trainer Richie Bancell.

"I'm popping around and I'm sure I can do a lot of things," Ripken said. "But when you think about it from an intelligent viewpoint, I probably shouldn't do anything dumb and (should) give myself one more day. That was the advice given to me and that's what I'm going to do."

Ripken did not take batting practice, and Miller said he would try to avoid the temptation to use him as a pinch-hitter Thursday night.

"I told him to rest and continue to get treatment. Using him tonight would defeat the purpose of giving him another day," Miller said.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cubbies top Houston 2-1 despite sparkless Sosa

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Jose Lima took care of Sammy Sosa, but he could not, however, handle Henry Rodriguez and Jose Hernandez.

Sosa remained homerless for the season and 1-for-10 at the plate, but Rodriguez and Hernandez hit solo homers and the Chicago Cubs got a lucky bounce to beat the Houston Astros 2-1 Thursday night.

Jon Lieber (1-0) won his first start for the Cubs. He allowed five hits in eight innings, striking out six and walking none.

Rod Beck got a save in his first appearance of the season with some help from the artificial turf.

With two outs in the ninth and Jeff Bagwell on first base, Carl Everett hit a ground-rule double that bounced over the left-field fence. Had the ball stayed in play, Bagwell would have had a chance to score.

Instead, Bagwell had to stop at third, and Beck got Richard Hidalgo on a game-ending grounder.

Sosa, who hit three homers last season off Lima (0-1), flied out in the first and walked in the third. He took a called third strike to end the fifth inning and fouled out to third baseman Ken Caminiti in the eighth.

Sosa hit his 66th and final homer off Lima last Sept. 25. The Cubs star also hit Nos. 50 and 51 off Lima at Wrigley Field on Aug. 23 — after that game, there were published reports questioning whether Lima grooved a pitch for Sosa, and players denied the allegation.

Last year, Sosa did not homer until his fourth game. He had only one after 10 games.

Lima led the Astros with 34 home runs allowed last season and was fourth in the NL. It didn't take him long to get started on his 1999 total, either.

Rodriguez and Hernandez hit solo home runs in the second inning, both over the left-field fence.

Ricky Gutierrez doubled to start the third for Houston. He reached third on a perfectly placed sacrifice bunt by Lima and scored on a groundout by Craig Biggio.

Lima was 3-0 lifetime against the Cubs. After yielding the homers, Lima kept the Astros in the game through eight innings. He struck out seven, including Rodriguez to end the eighth.

EXPOS 5, METS 1

Vladimir Guerrero and Shane Andrews each had two RBIs as the Montreal Expos spoiled Orel Hershiser's New York Mets debut with a 5-1 win Thursday night.

The Expos scored twice off Hershiser (0-1) in the first and third innings in front of a near-sellout crowd of 43,918 at Olympic Stadium for Montreal's home opener.

Miguel Batista (1-0) allowed four hits, including a solo homer by Edgardo Alfonzo in the third, before leaving to a standing ovation when he was replaced by Steve Kline.

The crowd — 3,680 fans fewer than came for Montreal's first three games last year had just given itself an ovation following the posting of the attendance figure. This could have been the Expos' last home opener in Montreal, as the team could relocate following

the season.

Ugueth Urbina struck out Matt Franco with runners on first and second and two outs in the ninth for his first save.

Montreal took a 2-0 lead in the first when Guerrero hit a two-out RBI single and scored on Brad Fullmer's triple.

Guerrero hit another RBI single off Hershiser in the third. He advanced to third on Fullmer's double off the center-field wall and both runners scored on Andrews' a two-run single.

Hershiser, signed as a free agent by the Mets on March 25, allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in four innings after allowing only three earned runs in 17 innings with the Cleveland Indians and Mets this spring.

Alfonzo's solo shot with two outs in the third brought the Mets to within 2-1. Two great throws by Chris Widger saved Batista more runs.

Batista issued consecutive walks to Hershiser and Rickey Henderson to lead off the inning. With Alfonzo batting, Hershiser strayed too far off second and Widger threw a strike to shortstop Orlando Cabrera at second to pick off Hershiser as Alfonzo faked a bunt on a first-pitch strike.

Henderson was then thrown out attempting to steal second on a 2-1 pitch to Alfonzo, who fouled off Batista's next pitch before driving his first homer of the season.

Henderson doubled leading off the eighth. After Batista struck out Alfonzo, Kline came on in relief and hit John Olerud with a pitch before getting Mike Piazza to hit back to him on the mound to start an inning-ending double play.

Josias Manzanillo struck out four Expos, including the side in the fifth inning, in two innings of relief after replacing Hershiser.

CARDINALS 9, BREWERS 4

Fernando Tatis now has a two-home run lead on Mark McGwire. Tatis' three-run, fifth-inning homer was his third in as many games for St. Louis and was the big hit in a 9-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers Thursday.

He is now one homer away from tying one of McGwire's many records from last season, when the Cardinals slugger joined Willie Mays as the only players to hit homers in the first four games.

Tatis has six RBIs and he also stole his first two bases, helping to spoil the National League debut of Brewers pitcher Jim Abbott.

Abbott (0-1) lasted five innings and allowed six runs on five hits. The pitcher, who has just one hand, was 0-for-2 in his first career at-bats, although it took a perfect play by Tatis at third to catch him by a half-step on a chopper to start the third.

McGwire, who homered in the opener, was 0-for-3 with an intentional walk. He scored on Tatis' home run, which put the Cardinals ahead 6-3.

Shawon Dunston also homered for the Cardinals. St. Louis added three runs in the sixth off Valerio de los Santos on an RBI double by pinch-hitter Placido Polanco, a run-scoring single by Darren Bragg and a wild pitch.

Bobby Hughes homered and had an RBI double for Milwaukee. Sean Berry had three hits and Jeff Cirillo had

two for the Brewers.

Kent Mercker (1-0) also lasted five innings and allowed three runs on eight hits.

PHILLIES 6, BRAVES 3

On the night Hank Aaron was honored, it was only fitting that home runs helped decide the game.

Too bad for Aaron, his Atlanta Braves didn't win.

Scott Rolen and Rico Brogna hit solo homers and Paul Byrd shut down his former team on two hits in 7 1-3 innings as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Braves 6-3 Thursday night.

Before the game, Aaron was praised on the 25th anniversary of his 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record. Commissioner Bud Selig, NL president Len Coleman and Al Downing, who surrendered the historic homer at Atlanta, were among those taking part in the 45-minute ceremony.

Aaron, now 65 and a Braves senior vice president, finished with 755 home runs. He was part of a sellout crowd of 47,225 that watched Brogna homered in the second and Rolen connect in the sixth off Kevin Millwood (0-1).

Down 6-2 in the eighth, Atlanta scored once on an error by second baseman Marlon Anderson and loaded the bases with two outs. But Jeff Brantley came out of the bullpen — the Phillies tied an NL record by using five pitch-

ers in the inning — and struck out Andruw Jones to preserve the lead.

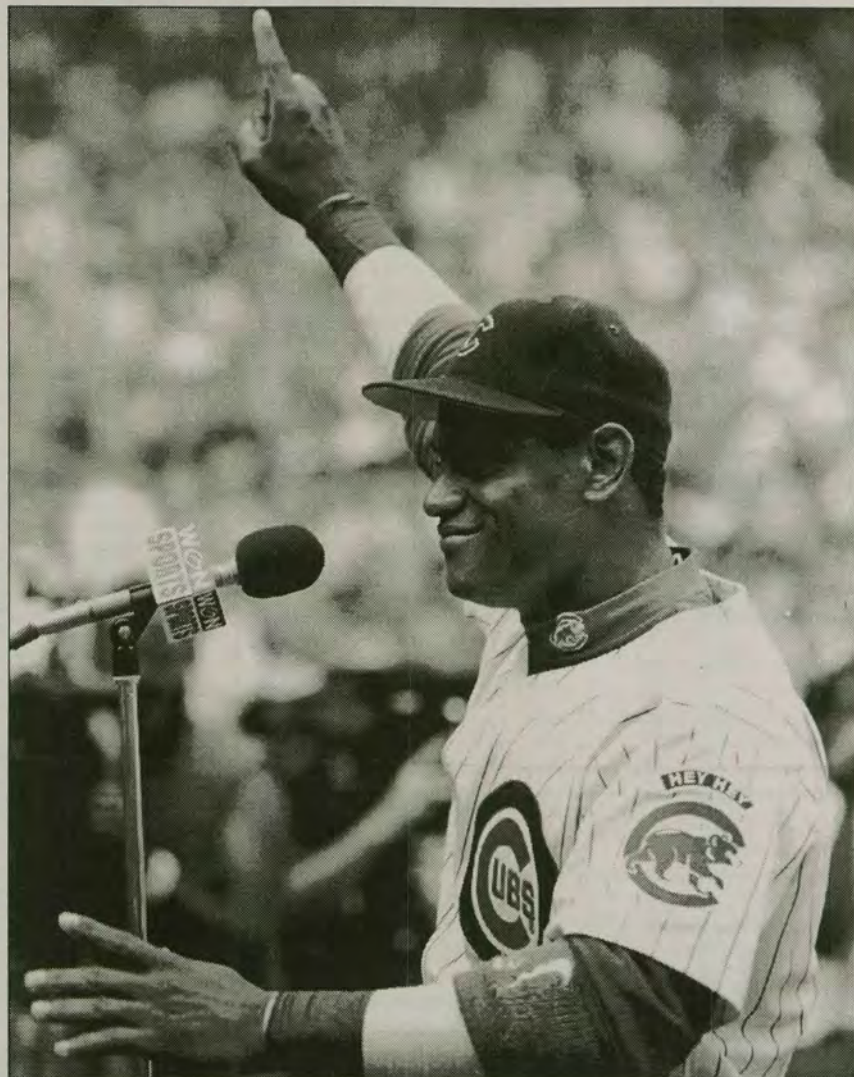
Brantley closed for his second save as the Phillies split the season opening, four-game series. He struck out three of his four batters.

Braves reliever Mark Wohlers, who walked four in only two-thirds of an inning in Monday's opener, made his second appearance of the sea-

son and was not as fortunate as Brantley.

Trying to solve control troubles that cost him his job as the Atlanta closer, Wohlers struggled after taking over to pitch the ninth.

Wohlers walked leadoff hitter Alex Arias on four pitches, then lobbed Doug Glanville's sacrifice bunt over first baseman Ryan Klesko's head for an error.



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Sammy Sosa's 1-for-10 record at the plate with no home runs thus far in 1999 isn't far from his start in 1998 — the slugger had only one homer in his first 10 games.

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■ NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Devils defeat Caps, win third-straight division title

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. The New Jersey Devils captured their third straight Atlantic Division title by defeating the Washington Capitals 1-0 on Thursday night.

Martin Brodeur made 15 saves and Brian Rolston scored the game-winner with his 20th goal of the season as the Devils became the first team since the Philadelphia Flyers (1985-'87) to win three straight division titles.

While Brodeur didn't face many shots in recording his fourth shutout of the season and 36th of his career, he had to make a couple of outstanding saves to get it. He stopped a deflection right in front by Adam Oates early in the second period and he made a great stop in close on Richard Zednik with 30 seconds left in the second period.

The shutout was Brodeur's second of the season against the Capitals and the fifth of his career against them, the most he has had against any team.

Rolston reached the 20-goal mark for the first time after Washington failed to clear the puck out of its zone early in the second period. Defenseman Sheldon Souray got the puck at the right point and goaltender Olaf Kolzig could not control his shot. Rolston got the rebound and ended a personal 16-game scoring drought by scoring off the goaltender's stick at 2:23.

Kolzig was outstanding, stopping 24 shots in the Capitals' first game since being eliminated from the playoff race.

Washington, which went to the Stanley Cup finals a year ago, has now been shut out nine times this season, including a 0-0 tie with Calgary.

A little more than three minutes after Rolston's goal, Sergei Nemchinov had a goal nullified because Devils teammate Randy McKay was in the crease.

Capitals defenseman Alexei Tezikov, who was called up from Cincinnati of the IHL on an emergency basis earlier in the day, missed the first period because his flight to Newark was diverted to Albany, N.Y. because of weather. He ended up taking a \$200 cab ride to the Continental Airlines Arena.

FLYERS 3, PENGUINS 1

Apparently, the Philadelphia Flyers haven't given up without Eric Lindros.

After learning that their leading scorer and captain suffered a setback in his recovery from a collapsed lung, the Flyers made it clear that they intend to move on — with or without him.

John LeClair tied Lindros for the team lead with his 40th goal Thursday night, and the Flyers got a crucial 3-1 victory over the reeling Pittsburgh Penguins, who were without NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr.

With Jagr back in Pittsburgh due to a right groin injury, the Penguins lost their third straight and saw their longest winless streak of the season grow to eight games — 0-6-2. It was their 10th consecutive loss in Philadelphia.

The Flyers, who got LeClair, Mark Recchi and Eric Desjardins back from injuries, moved past the Penguins to gain sole possession of fifth place in the Eastern Conference with four games left.

With 88 points, Philadelphia leads idle Buffalo and Boston — which lost to Tampa Bay by

three points. The Flyers also won the season series with Pittsburgh, 3-1-1, which could be a tiebreaker for playoff position.

Rod Brind'Amour scored his 23rd goal and added an assist, and Recchi scored his 16th on a shot that Penguins defenseman Jiri Slegr deflected into his own net.

Brind'Amour, elevated to captain while Lindros is out, had an empty-net goal waved off at the end of regulation because time had expired.

LeClair had missed the last two games, both losses, with back spasms. Recchi missed two games with migraine headaches, and Desjardins — Philadelphia's top defenseman missed seven games with a knee injury.

The Penguins, who lost their third straight, said Jagr is day-to-day. He missed four games early last season with the same injury and had acupuncture treatments two years ago.

In the absence of Lindros, Brind'Amour tried to carry the burden. He scored his 23rd goal 2:27 into the game on a nice pass from Adam Burt to make it 1-0.

After Rob Brown tied it two minutes later, Brind'Amour assisted on LeClair's 40th goal to give the Flyers a 2-1 lead with 3:31 left in the first period. On the power play, Desjardins skated in from the point and launched a wrist shot that was deflected. LeClair, with his back to the goal, touched it last as it bounced past goalie Peter Skudra.

Recchi made it 3-1 with his 16th goal 4 1/2 minutes into the second. Slegr was spinning around to get into position as Recchi skated in and ended up steering the puck right into the net for a 3-1 Flyers lead.

Four players got roughing

penalties resulting from a scuffle after the second period horn. Burt and Matthew Barnaby locked up in a shoving match, and Brind'Amour and Ian Moran also were penalized. Barnaby gestured toward the Flyers' bench as everyone skated off for the intermission.

ISLANDERS 3, CANADIANS 1

Mariusz Czerkawski and Zigmund Palffy each had a goal and an assist as the New York Islanders beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-1 Thursday night.

The Islanders won only their third game since Feb. 27 (3-11-3), and their first at home since that same date when they beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-1.

Mats Lindgren scored New York's other goal. Wade Flaherty stopped 20 shots in his 10th straight start in goal.

Brian Savage had Montreal's only goal, his 100th in the NHL.

Jose Theodore stopped 26 shots for the Canadiens, who lost for the fourth time in their last six games.

New York scored three goals in the second period to jump out to a 3-0 lead.

Czerkawski opened the scoring 76 seconds into the period when he sent a spinning backhand from the low left circle between Theodore's pads.

Palffy scored his team-leading 19th goal for a 2-0 lead at 7:09. He tried to pass the puck out from behind the net, and it deflected off defenseman Miroslav Guren over the goal line.

Lindgren sent a close shot in at 12:10.

Savage scored for Montreal with 63 seconds left on a one-timer from the high slot while

the Canadiens were on a power play.

The Islanders lost rookie defenseman Eric Brewer in the period to a strained tendon in his leg.

LIGHTNING 3, BRUINS 0

Kevin Hodson and Corey Schwab combined to make 27 saves as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Boston Bruins 3-0 Thursday night.

Hodson left after the first period with a groin pull and Schwab finished up as the Lightning beat the Bruins one day after they clinched a playoff berth.

Vincent Lecavalier, Colin Forbes and Chris Gratton scored for the Lightning.

Boston, playing its fifth game in eight days, had a four-game winning streak snapped. The Bruins also saw the end of their six-game road unbeaten streak (5-0-1).

Lecavalier scored on Tampa Bay's first shot for the second consecutive game. The rookie scored his 13th goal on a wrist shot from the right circle at 3:28 of the first period.

Forbes put the Lightning up 2-0 at 19:01 of the second period, lifting a shot from the low slot over Boston goalie Robbie Tallas.

Gratton added an empty-net goal with 48.6 seconds left in the third period.

Stephane Richer had two assists, giving the Tampa Bay right wing five points including four assists — over the past three games.

Tallas, who entered the game 2-0-1 this season and 5-0-1 all-time against Tampa Bay, made his first start since Feb. 21 — a span of 22 games. The goalie kept the game close by making point-blank saves on Mike Sillinger and Lecavalier late in the second period.

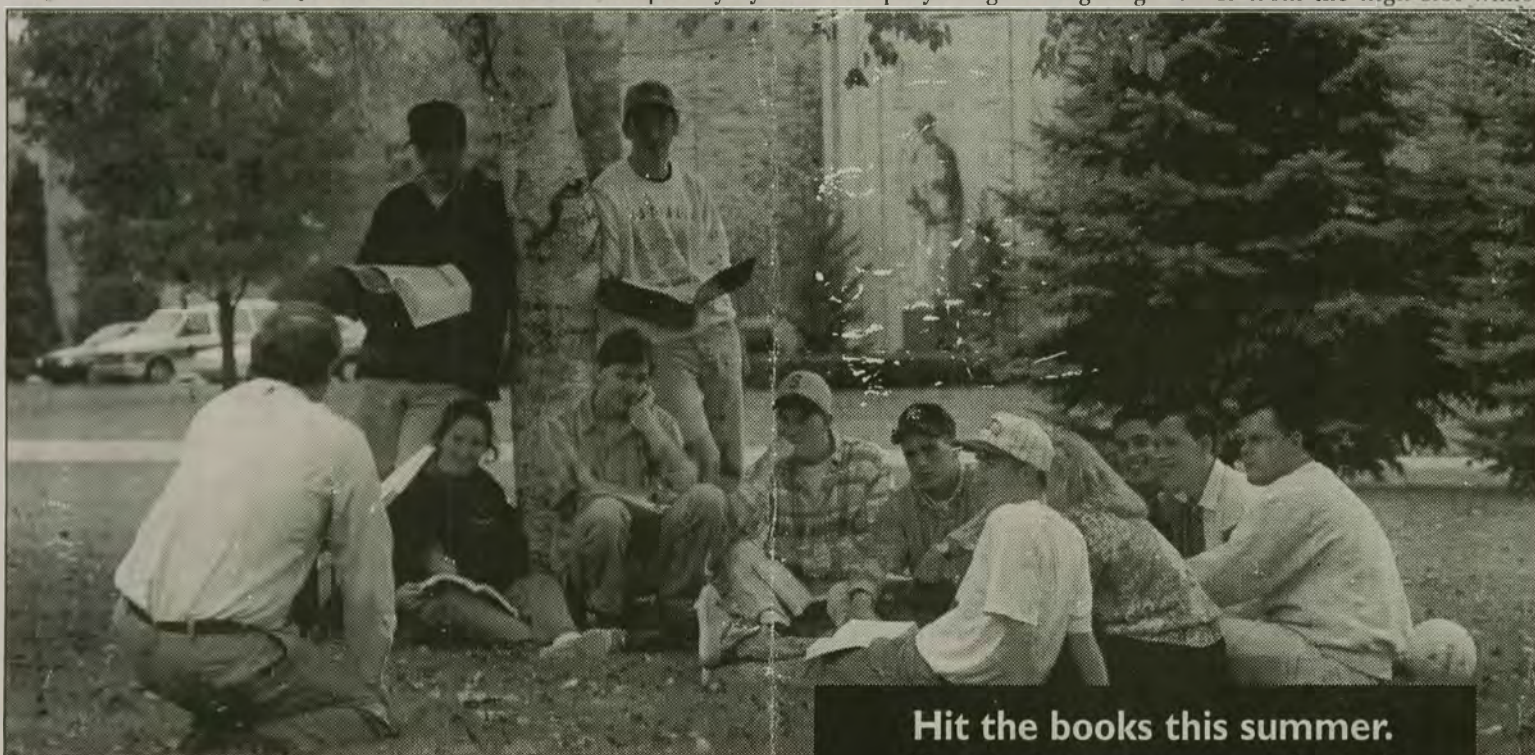
Schwab made a glove save on Ray Bourque's blue-line drive in the third period and also caught a break when a Jason Allison shot hit both posts.

Tampa Bay center Michael Nylander left the game with a concussion at 10:02 of the first period following a hit along the boards by Boston left wing Ken Baumgartner, who received a five-minute boarding penalty and a game misconduct.

The Lightning could manage just two shots, including Alexandre Daigle's one-timer from the slot, during the extended power play against the Bruins' top-ranked penalty-killing unit.

Defenseman Hal Gill, who had the Bruins' longest current iron man streak of 118 games — including regular season and playoffs — sat out with a hip flexor injury and was listed as day to day.

The victory was Tampa Bay's first against the Bruins since Dec. 17, 1997, snapping a five-game (0-4-1) winless drought.



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■ NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

'Mailman' delivers season-high 38 in 92-85 Jazz win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY Karl Malone scored 25 of his season-high 38 points in the second half as the Utah Jazz edged Golden State 92-85 Thursday night for their 10th consecutive victory over the Warriors.

The Jazz won their fourth straight game but never pulled away from a Warriors team playing for the fifth time in seven nights. Golden State led 81-80 on Bimbo Coles' jumper with 3:34 to play, but Malone and Bryon Russell hit jumpers to give Utah an 87-81 lead with 1:33 left.

Coles and Chris Mills then hit jumpers to cut Utah's lead to two points with 44 seconds remaining, but Tony Delk turned the ball over and John Starks missed a three-pointer for the Warriors.

Malone, who sprained his left knee in Utah's win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday, made all 10 of his free throws in the fourth quarter and finished 18-for-19 from the line. He also grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Jazz won their second game in seven days against the Warriors, who have lost five of their last six. Golden State fell to seven games below .500, the lowest point in its once-promising season.

Utah coach Jerry Sloan was ejected by referee Ronnie Nunn with 9:19 remaining in the first half. It was the second straight early exit for Sloan, who also was tossed from Utah's win at the Forum.

Utah has won six straight and 26 of its last 27 games at home, while Golden State hasn't won at the Delta Center since November 1994.

Coles led the Warriors with 20 points, almost all of them on jump shots, as his team struggled to score inside against Utah. Starks, Golden State's leading scorer, spent the evening in foul trouble and scored his 14 points in just 24 minutes.

The Warriors, who were playing the fourth game of a six-game road trip, outplayed the Jazz for three quarters. Golden State held Utah to 43.1 percent shooting and led until midway through the third quarter.

But Utah outrebounded Golden State 46-27. The Warriors were averaging 49 rebounds per game, tops in the NBA.

Russell added 15 points for the Jazz, and Shandon Anderson had 12 off the bench. Mills scored 18 points for Golden State.

Playing just their third home game in the last 25 days, the Jazz improved their home record to 14-1, second only to Portland's 17-1 mark. Utah plays three more times at the Delta Center in the next four days, including a meeting with Phoenix on Friday.

SPURS 92, ROCKETS 83

Sean Elliott scored 19 points as the San Antonio Spurs won their sixth straight game and ended Houston's nine-game home winning streak with a 92-83 victory over the Rockets on Thursday night.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who made a late run after trailing by 19 points down midway through the third period.

Houston closed to 88-81 with 1:17 left before ex-Rocket Mario Elie made four straight free throws in the final minute to

clinch the victory.

Tim Duncan added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who have won 18 of their last 20 games. Elie finished with 14 points, David Robinson had 13, and Avery Johnson had 10 points and 10 assists.

The Spurs held Houston to just two field goals for nearly six minutes to open the second half, while Robinson and Elliott each scored five points to give the Spurs a 68-49 lead midway through the third quarter.

Then the Rockets began chipping away.

Olajuwon and Michael Dickerson each scored five points during a 15-5 Houston run, and Sam Mack's three-pointer to start the final period keyed a 7-2 spurt that cut the Spurs' lead to 77-71.

But a dunk by Robinson and a jumper by Johnson restored San Antonio's double-digit lead with 6:05 left.

The Rockets, second in the league with more than six three-pointers per game, were just 2 of 12 from behind the arc. The Spurs, 24th in the league from long range, were 6-of-13 on three-point attempts.

MAGIC 73, CAVALIERS 69

Penny Hardaway scored 23 points, Matt Harpring added 14 and 12 rebounds and Orlando overcame a horrible shooting night Thursday for its fifth straight win — a sloppy, bloody 73-69 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Magic shot just 35 percent from the floor (28-of-80) and 52 percent from the line (14-of-27), and scored only 14 points in the fourth quarter. But it was enough

to beat the tired Cavs, who were playing their third game in three nights.

Cleveland also made only 35 percent of its field-goal attempts and managed just 13 fourth-quarter points. The 69 points were a season-low for the Cavs, who are in the midst of playing seven games in nine nights.

Harpring and teammate Isaac Austin both had to get stitches during the game, which had several wild sequences where players dived recklessly to the floor or into the crowd for balls.

Darrell Armstrong, Orlando's 6-foot-1 point guard, grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds — most of them on long misses — and had seven assists for the Magic.

Shawn Kemp had 17 points and Brevin Knight added 14, seven rebounds and six assists for the Cavs.

Wesley Person made three-pointers on consecutive trips early in the second half as the Cavs opened a 10-point lead. But Cleveland would score only one field goal in the next eight minutes as Hardaway scored eight points in a 21-2 run that gave the Magic a 59-50 lead with 2:23 remaining in the third.

But just when it looked like three games in 72 hours had finally caught up to the Cavs, Orlando went cold from the floor and didn't score until 7:58 remained on Harpring's jumper.

Harpring had just returned after getting a deep gash over his right eye during a scramble with Cleveland's Johnny Newman.

With Harpring sprawled on the court, Newman tried to dive over Harpring but landed on the rookie's head, bouncing it hard off the floor. As he lay bleeding, the

Gund Arena crowd gasped when a replay was shown on the video scoreboard. Harpring got seven stitches and returned wearing a large bandage.

Hardaway's basket with 2:11 left put Orlando ahead 68-64, and when the Cavs had a turnover and miss, Austin's short jumper put the Magic up by six.

Cleveland got within three on Derek Anderson's three-pointer with 10 seconds to play before

Harpring's free throw with eight seconds remaining closed it out.

CELTICS 101, RAPTORS 89

Kenny Anderson scored 23 points and Antoine Walker had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Boston Celtics beat the Toronto Raptors 101-89 Thursday night.

Boston won its second in a row after snapping a four-game losing streak. Toronto has lost two straight at home after winning nine in a row at home.

Ron Mercer had 18 points, Paul Pierce 15 and Vitaly Potapenko 11 for the Celtics, who beat the Raptors for the first time this season following two losses.

Rookie Vince Carter led Toronto with 31 points, including a basket that cut Boston's lead to six with 5:20 remaining.

Anderson, who refused to report to Toronto last season, was booed every time he touched the ball. He had seven assists and was 3-for-4 from three-point range.

The Celtics were 8-for-13 from long range, including 4-for-5 by Walker.

Boston used its full-court press to force 22 turnovers that the Celtics converted into 25 points.

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■ NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Lindros to undergo surgery today to drain lung fluid

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Eric Lindros suffered a setback in his recovery from a collapsed lung Thursday, returning to Philadelphia only to learn he must go back to the hospital for surgery.

A whirlwind day that began with Lindros being released from a hospital in Nashville, Tenn., turned somber when his doctor announced that the prolific scorer and team captain will have surgery Friday to drain fluid that has accumulated in his chest cavity.

Dr. Larry Kaiser, a chest surgeon who is taking over Lindros' care, said during a news conference next to the Flyers' locker room that Lindros ran a fever in excess of 102 degrees Wednesday night and the fluid in his chest — partly comprised of clotted blood — may be infected.

The procedure, known as video thoroscopy, is minor, and Lindros is expected to be hospitalized 4-5 days at the University of Pennsylvania. But the news reinforced Flyers plans to proceed into the playoffs as if Lindros will not be joining them.

"It looked like things were going to come along quite nicely on their own," Kaiser said. "But the film from this morning showed what appeared to be an increase in collection of fluid in that right chest. The fact that he had a fairly high fever last night — well above 102, in fact — indicated there might be something else going on."

Lindros, who was resting at home, shows no signs of additional bleeding, Kaiser said. He canceled plans to come to the arena and meet with teammates before the Flyers' game against Pittsburgh Thursday night.

"I think you could say he was very disappointed," Kaiser said. "He was under the impression that this was behind him and he

was on his way home. I think he dislikes being in the hospital. He was clearly disappointed, but he understands."

Kaiser, who will perform the operation, said it involves inserting a tube and a microscopic camera through small incisions in his chest. The material and clotted blood is not the lung, but in the area between the lung and the diaphragm, Kaiser said. It is keeping the lung from expanding properly.

"In terms of full recovery, that remains to be determined," Kaiser said. "I expect him to be fully normal after this and be playing as great as he ever played. I can't give you any kind of time estimate. Right now, he needs to be taken care of."

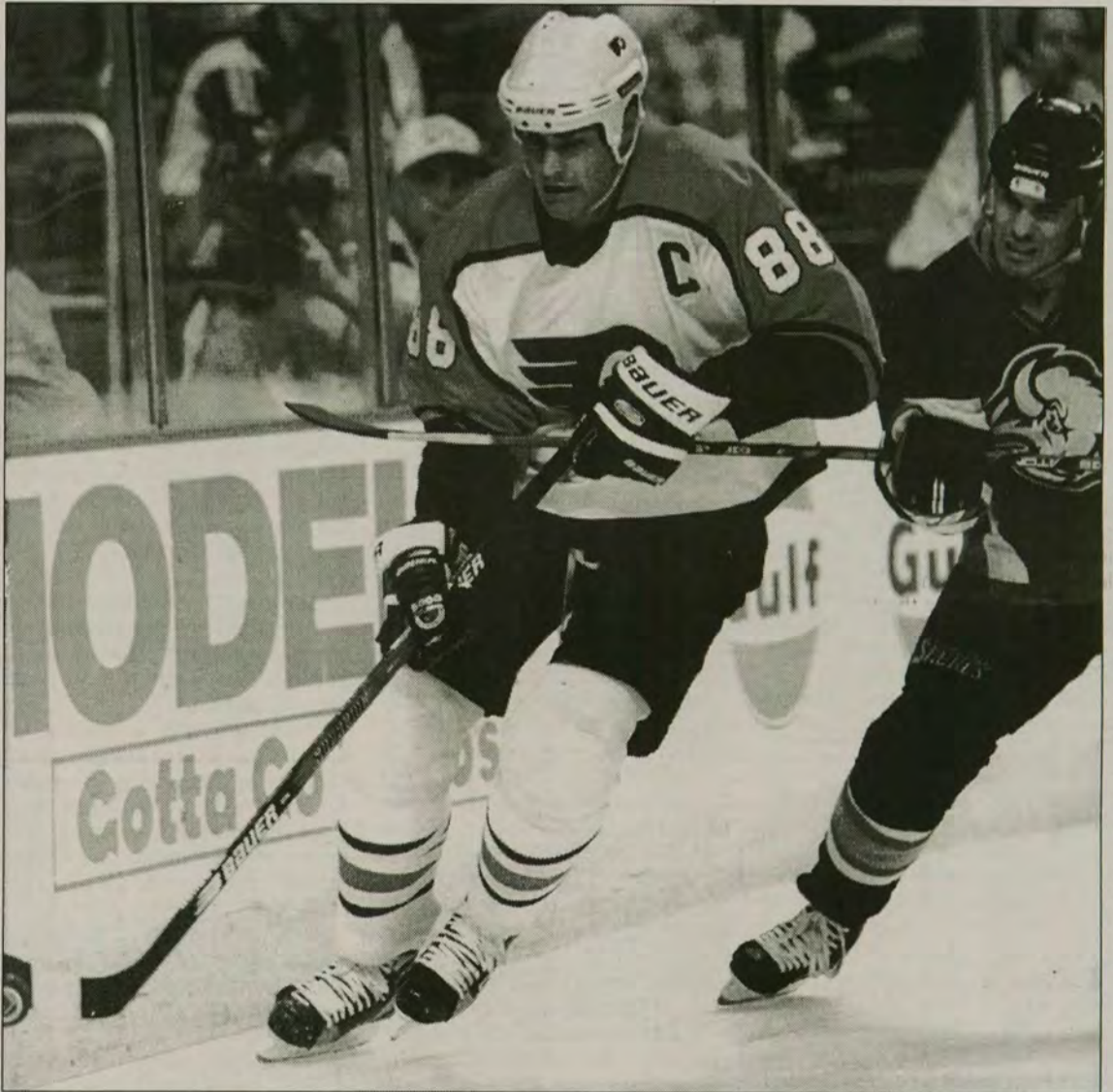
Doctors still don't know what caused about six pints of blood to seep into Lindros' chest after a 2-1 victory over the Nashville Predators last Thursday. Tests showed no signs of a broken rib, so they believe a blood vessel ruptured.

Lindros was pale and coughing intermittently during a brief news conference before being released from Baptist Hospital Thursday and flying home to Philadelphia. He said he was "getting better every day," but understands the seriousness of his injury.

"You don't worry about the next game," the Philadelphia Flyers' captain and leading scorer said. "You don't worry about the first round. You wonder what's going to happen in the next hour."

Doctors have said Lindros needs 3-4 weeks to regenerate the blood he lost. He continues to insist on not having a transfusion, and Kaiser is following those instructions. The playoffs begin April 21.

"The worst-case scenario is I don't come back until September," Lindros said. "But I think because of the jump-start



KRT photo

Flyer captain Eric Lindros will most likely miss the beginning of his team's playoffs as he undergoes surgery today to remove fluid buildup in his chest.

we had here and the good care here, I might be on my way back much sooner than that."

Lindros, one of the toughest players and most dominant scorers in the NHL, has endured numerous injuries during his career, though none as serious as this.

Roommate Keith Jones found him lying in the bathtub early

last Friday and called the Flyers' training staff. Lindros was taken by ambulance to Baptist, where doctors found that the blood-heavy right lung was pushing against his heart.

"He didn't recognize the seriousness of his injury," said Dr. Richard Garman, who works with the Predators.

The Flyers went into Thursday

night's game against Pittsburgh tied for fourth in the Eastern Conference. The team continues to assume that Lindros won't be back this season.

"We have to prepare that way and play that way," Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said. "We can't sit and hope and hope and hope. With that serious an injury, who knows?"

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■ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DeBartolo continues to be beset by woes

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO
Suspended San Francisco 49ers co-owner Eddie DeBartolo was sued by his own corporation and the football team Thursday, accused of owing the company \$94 million and hurting prospects for a new stadium.

The Edward J. DeBartolo Corp. and the 49ers, now run by DeBartolo's sister Denise DeBartolo York and her husband since DeBartolo became enmeshed 16 months ago in a Louisiana gambling fraud scandal, filed the lawsuit in San Francisco County Superior Court.

The suit said it is seeking repayment of the debt, cutting DeBartolo's management ties to the team, and ending any personal financial interest claimed by DeBartolo in the stadium project.

NFL spokeswoman Leslie Hammond said the league did not have any immediate comment on the suit.

DeBartolo's spokesman called the lawsuit a "sad and desperate act" by York and her husband, John York.

"As events and the various lawsuits to come will demonstrate, Mr. DeBartolo is entitled to control of the 49ers following the lifting of his suspension, over \$100 million of damages from the Yorks, and an immediate equal say in the running of the family businesses," said spokesman Rick Rice.

"To avoid meeting their obliga-

tions, the Yorks have breached prior agreements, refused to attend shareholder meetings, and rebuffed all overtures at restoring family peace," Rice said.

He said the suit was filed because "Mrs. York will lose control of the board of the Edward J. DeBartolo Corp. at next Tuesday's annual meeting."

Sam Singer, a spokesman for the DeBartolo Corp., said he had "no idea" to what the \$100 million referred.

Singer said the suit was not about any personal dispute between DeBartolo and his sister.

"Denise loves her brother very much, but they have vastly different business styles," Singer said. "What this really is about is this is a corporate lawsuit."

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has sanctioned DeBartolo, saying he is guilty of conduct detrimental to the NFL for his involvement in the gambling fraud case.

DeBartolo, who pleaded guilty in October to failing to report a felony in connection with the gambling fraud case, could be reinstated by the league if he satisfies the terms of his banishment, Tagliabue has said.

DeBartolo retains the right to discuss some aspects of team operations with his sister and her husband, who is a vice president in the 49ers' front office. But any such discussions are to be strictly advisory and the Yorks are free to accept or ignore his advice.

■ TRACK AND FIELD

Irish build steam against Purdue

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

It is not uncommon the Irish track team to make the trip to West Lafayette for a meet against Purdue, but this weekend, it will face uncommon pressure.

The quad meet against Purdue, Wyoming and Central Michigan will be the cornerstone for success or failure for two of the country's most prestigious meets to be held over the next two weeks.

The Purdue meet will provide coaches and athletes one last chance to prove their mettle before selections are made for the Mount Sac Invitational and the world-renowned Drake Relays.

Many of the athletes were feeling the pressure during training this week as the competition is becoming more and more daunting.

Brigid O'Brien, 3,000-meter standout, understands that coach Tim Connelly is using the Purdue meet as a mock Big East tournament, carrying his premiere athletes to one of the last scored meets before the real deal in Villanova, Penn.

High jumper Jennifer Englehardt said she knows what Connelly is working on and is excited with the team's prospects.

"The upcoming meet is a scored meet and going off of the indoor season and events this season we are really anxious to see what we can do," she said.

Freshman standout Natalie Hallett also recognizes the sig-



The Observer/Liz Lang

The Irish have their sights set beyond this weekend's meet at Purdue as they prepare for a pair of the nation's most prestigious meets.

nificance of the Purdue meet, stating, "Not everyone gets to go to Mount Sac so I am really excited for Purdue."

Purdue is a chance for athletes on the bubble to prove themselves worthy of competing at the next level.

Always one for pointers, Hallett is going into this weekend's competition confident.

"Senior vaulter Mike Brown says that people do well at Purdue, we compete there a lot so we know the ropes, we know

what to expect," she said.

Antonio Arce said he is also yearning for the top notch competition he is sure to encounter at Mount Sac and Drake.

"The competition will be very good and you never know what the conditions will be," he said. "Basically, we prepare for the worst and go into each meet with a positive workout."

It seems that Arce, along with the rest of the team recognizes that in failing to prepare you prepare to fail.

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Kiss and Tell outplayed Kareem, Worthy, and 3 Others Who Play With a Magic Johnson, winning the preliminary round Bookstore Basketball matchup, 21-15.

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games of the day began, cramping some teams' style. Team Girth squared-off with the A-team in a wet showdown.

"The rain slowed things down a little," said Team Girth's captain Pat Mitsch. "It affected both teams' play."

Despite adverse conditions, Team Girth put on a strong performance, defeating the A-team 21-15. Mitsch led the team with 12 rebounds.

Kiss and Tell and Kareem, Worthy, and 3 Others Who Play With a Magic Johnson III: Return of the One-Eye matched up for a fun competition.

"Neither team was very good," said Kiss and Tell captain Bob Cennane. "It was a lot of fun, though. Both teams were just out for a good time."

Kiss and Tell finished with the 21-15 win.

"Our biggest strength was our big man inside, Pat Schlehuber," said Cennane. "We just gave it to him and let him get the job done."

The final games of the preliminary round will be played today on the Stepan and McGlinn basketball courts beginning at 4 p.m.

As the preliminary round finishes, the tournament's top seeds will hit the court this weekend in the round of 512, hoping to start their runs for the finals.

No. 1 Primetime squares off against Fart, Fart, Fart, Poop, No Comment on Saturday at 11 a.m. on the Stepan courts. Primetime, looking to defend its 1998 championship title, returns four of five players to the lineup. The teams strong guard-oriented style of play and years of experience will be a tough match for the inexperienced challengers.

"None of us play basketball," said senior Casey Burns, captain of Fart, Fart, Fart, Poop, No Comment. "We're just looking to

have a good time."

While the team might reschedule and play on Sunday, Primetime may have to play down one man in the opening round because team member Kevin Hughes is out of town. The team is not concerned about playing only four and seems confident in its ability.

"Our biggest asset is our team continuity. We're friends on the court and we're friends off the court," said Primetime captain Raam Jani. "We're always going to get outsized, but what we lack in height we make up for with quickness."

Keyplay.com, at the second-seed spot, will face Shut Your Mouth and Know Your Role at 2 p.m. at Stepan on Saturday. The members of Shut Your Mouth and Know Your Role said they are not intimidated by their draw in the first round.

"It's going to be a tough challenge, but it takes a lot of the pressure off of us and puts it on them," said captain Chris Jackson. "We've got nothing to lose and they have everything. We're taking the game seriously; We've got five guys that can do everything with a basketball."

Ranked third, Malicious Prosecution, which has its sights set beyond the opening rounds of the tournament, will play Something Stupid Like Checkers. The two teams will match up on the Stepan courts at 12:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

At No. 4, En Fuego, led by senior Irish starting center Phil Hickey, will meet Head Protection at 11 a.m. at Lyons on Saturday.

"We have really good balance and so we should be able to get things done on the inside and the outside," said En Fuego captain Mike Reed. "We should be able to give other teams some problems defensively, and with Phil in the middle, it should shut down the inside."

The games in the round of 512 will last until Wednesday.

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■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Casting and Angling — A clinic will be offered on Tuesday and April 20, from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center and at campus lakes. There is an \$8 class fee. Participants should register in advance at RecSports. Dan Bucha, certified American Casting Association instructor, will lead three evenings of bait casting, fly-casting, spinning and fishing. Equipment will be provided,

but participants should bring personal equipment if possible. More information is available at RecSports at 631-6100.

Kayaking — Registration is being held at RecSports for four pool sessions and a one-day excursion. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday and April 19 and 22, at Rolfs Aquatic Center, from 7 to 10 p.m. Class size is limited. The cost is \$15. Questions should

be directed to the RecSports office at 631-6100.

Christmas in April Benefit Run will be held on Saturday, at 11 a.m. Participants should meet at Stepan Center for a 5K or 10K run or two-mile walk. T-shirts go to all finishers.

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■ SOFTBALL

Conference opponents await ND on East Coast trip



The Irish will look to keep their bats loose and swinging this weekend as they face a set of strong conference opponents at Rutgers and Villanova.

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish have a tough task ahead of them, traveling east to play four games in the next two days against conference opponents.

Notre Dame will take on Rutgers Saturday in New Jersey and then travel to Pennsylvania to take on Villanova on Sunday. The Irish (23-15, 2-0) will try to stay undefeated in Big East play during these four games.

"We have a very competitive weekend ahead of us," said head coach Liz Miller. "All three teams look equal."

On Saturday the Irish will play a strong Rutgers team.

"They have very explosive players," said Miller. "One of their pitchers threw a no-hitter against us last year, so it should be a tough game."

Rutgers is currently 13-13 on the season and .1-1 in the Big East. They split a doubleheader against Villanova earlier this season.

Villanova team that the Irish will play on Sunday leads the country in batting average. The Wildcats have three players that are currently hitting over .400. They also have one player that has maintained a batting aver-

age over .500 for the season.

"The key for us will be to stay loose, especially with our bats," said Miller. "That is our strength and we are a tough team when we are swinging the bat. If we get uptight, then that changes and makes it harder on us."

The Irish have five players batting over .300, and Jen Sharron is three points away with a .297 batting average. T

he Irish squad has also hit 17 home runs, which equals a team record, and are led by Kris McCleary's six home runs. Jarrah Myers and Lizzy Lemire both are key part of the Irish offensive attack.

Freshman Myers leads the team in hitting with a .357 average and in RBIs with 24. Lemire is hitting .356 with 18 RBIs and a team-leading nine doubles. The two also have combined for five home runs.

Another key for the Irish this weekend will be the Sharron's pitching.

She was named Big East Player of the Week after recording two wins against Pittsburgh last week.

The Irish will have to see how many innings she can give them. Since her injury, she has not pitched much despite her efforts against Pittsburgh.

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them. We'll just have to go out there and do the best we can."

Recently, "the best" has been exciting comeback victories. Wednesday, the team used a seven-run eighth inning to defeat Bowling Green, 14-10 for its 10th comeback victory of the season.

The Falcons used a seven-run third inning to claim a 9-1 lead going into the fourth, but the

Irish chipped away at the lead with two runs each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings before putting the game away in the eighth.

While the Irish have used their offensive clout to rally back to victory, a large share of the credit goes to junior Jeff Felker. The first baseman recently shared Big East player of the week honors with Pittsburgh senior second baseman Lou Melucci. Felker went 10-for-17 on the week, with two home runs, three doubles and four RBI.

"He's been our key RBI guy for us this week," Ust said. "He's been providing us some key runs in these past few games."

Catcher Jeff Wagner has also provided some key offense for the squad. After missing much of March with a foot injury, the senior stepped back into the lineup against Connecticut in dramatic fashion by connecting on his first pitch deep to left field for a home run.

Wagner has hit five home runs in the past four games, boosting his career total to 48, slightly ahead of Ust's 43

dingers. Heading into this weekend's series, Wagner is four home runs behind current major leaguer Mo Vaughn, who had 26 home runs in a conference regular season with the Seton Hall Pirates.

While most of the team will be healthy for this weekend's series, freshman third baseman Andrew Bushey recently was given three to four weeks on the disabled list for a knee injury suffered on March 20 against West Virginia.

Fortunately for the team, junior Jeff Perconte has stepped

into the position admirably. In his last eight games, the Illinois native has .458 with two home runs and eight RBI.

"We've been doing all right, thanks to him," Ust said. "Jeff's been doing a good job. It's tough for him, since he's been used to playing in the outfield, but he's been able to provide."

As for the series between the Irish and the Panthers, the two teams are slated to clash on Saturday with a doubleheader at noon.

They will meet again for a finale on Sunday at noon.

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A relatively healthy Irish team will look to keep to gain some consistency and avoid close-call wins as they play host to the Panthers.

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■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Final words on baseball's first trip into Cuba

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Columnist

O.K., I must admit it. Among the seemingly endless barrage of papers and tests that my professors have graciously given me, I have some time out for myself to think about something that's been bothering me for a couple of weeks.

For those of you who have been living under a stack of papers, I'll quickly fill you in. A week and a half ago, Major League Baseball visited that land filled with evil spirits, dangerous militants and, even worse, communists. It's also known as Cuba.

After careful thought on the subject, I'm still very confused and have a few concerns about a lot of the happenings within and surrounding the game. So I made a list of questions and concerns that I have been trying to address.

I don't understand how anyone can feel that this was "just another game." Several of the ballplayers were quoted as saying it was just baseball, no politics.

Yeah, and every spring training game is fought for with similar emphasis put upon winning, especially when its only days before the beginning of a long and grueling schedule.

The next thing you're going to tell me is that we boycotted the 1980 Olympics because we felt it was too cold in Moscow. Now don't get me wrong, I also often dream about living in an ideal world, where sports can transcend politics.

But realistically, if you didn't think this game was significantly political, then I'll trade you a Brien Taylor rookie card for one of those Alex Rodriguez cards straight across.

Everyone in America, minus a few Oriole-haters, wanted to win that game to prove American superiority over the nation of Fidel.

We wanted to win the game and make a statement about the value of America. I don't understand, then, why we sent the Orioles.

I mean, no offense to Oriole fans, but to send a team that historically overpays and then under-achieves seems downright silly to me.

Call me crazy, but shouldn't we have sent either a team like the Indians, Braves, and Yankees to dominate the game and prove that American baseball is the greatest in the world or a team like the Brewers, Marlins, or Devil Rays to lose miserably, and act as a good will measure?

The choice of the Orioles brings to mind other questions as well. This is the team with Albert Belle in left field.

Wasn't anyone just a little bit scared that Albert would respond to one of Castro's characteristic steely-eyed glares with one of his characteristic fastballs in the chest from left field? We could have had another massacre similar to the Bay of Pigs on our hands.

Boy, was I happy when the Orioles traded Roberto Alomar to the Indians. At least Albert's ball might leave him

unconscious. I don't think he would have been fazed by Alomar's saliva.

Speaking of the danger involved in playing in Cuba, did Major League Umpires really think that they were hurting the teams by choosing not to participate?

Did they happen to forget the near-riot they incited in Game One of the World Series by apparently taking a nap during the 2-2 pitch to Tino Martinez? Or how about robbing McGwire of a home run that would have made 71 the magic number?

Or on a more personal note, when Jeffrey Maier stole an out and the series from the Orioles in 1996?

Did they honestly think that the Orioles were going to be upset that they couldn't come? They were probably thrilled that Cuban umpires would be working the game despite the potential for bias.

On a different note, didn't those Cuban umpires look like they were in a lot better shape than our American prototype?

So we made a good decision in leaving the umpires at home. Why then couldn't we leave Joe Morgan with them?

I think he had a hard time rumbling on about his "Big Red Machine" when he was surrounded by so many Reds ... literally. Did we really want him to be the voice of such a historic occasion? Maybe we were hoping he'd be caught up in customs or something.

Why couldn't the U.S., in a gesture of good will, give the Cuban players real hats? Surely one of those multi-mil-

lionaires could have splurged and bought non-mesh hats for their Cuban opponents.

I understand that Cuba's riddled with poverty, but come on Fidel, at least allow your players the self-respect of wearing wool hats.

Forgive me if I'm wrong, but hasn't the U.S. been trying to assassinate Castro for like 50 years now?

I remember hearing someone quoted as saying, "Castro won't last a week." And Ron Powlus will win three Heismans. Where's Beano when you need him?

But really, whether you agree or disagree with the CIA's actions, the fact remains that there is not a man in the Western Hemisphere they'd rather get rid of. Wasn't Bud Selig sitting next to him?

While he may not be on the CIA's list, I'd argue that he's nearly as much of a threat to America as Castro. We could have killed two birds with one stone. They must not make snipers like they used to.

Or perhaps, Selig's belting out of the national anthem in Castro's ear was a punishment worse than death?

I'm a little confused as to why Castro filled the stadium with his supporters. Did he think that because 40,000 Cubans chanted his name, the U.S. would suddenly realize that he's not so bad of a guy? Plenty of people chanted the name of David Koresch, but that doesn't make him a lovable creature.

I don't understand how anyone that watched the game could ever claim that a base-

ball game is inherently not fun.

Remember that those screaming, chanting, singing fans weren't even the "real baseball fans." It looked to me like they were having a decent time. Maybe, it's the audiences fault rather than the game itself.

I don't understand how anyone couldn't have had his/her heartstrings pulled on a little bit. Seeing all of the people, overcome by poverty, but still able to enjoy "America's game" made me realize how lucky we really are.

Can you imagine playing on asphalt with a lead pipe as a bat and a wadded up rag as a ball? I know, I can't.

These people know something that we Americans often forget. (Warning: I'm getting up on my soapbox and beginning to preach.)

Happiness is not a function of the titanium alloy in your bat or the logo on your cleats. Happiness is in the game itself ... the game of baseball ... the game of life. Happiness is a function of sharing something special, a common bond, with your fellow man.

Finally, with all of the good that came out of this trip to Cuba and the joy that we brought to a people that often experience countless tragedy and hardships, I don't understand how anyone can regret this trip or be against this game.

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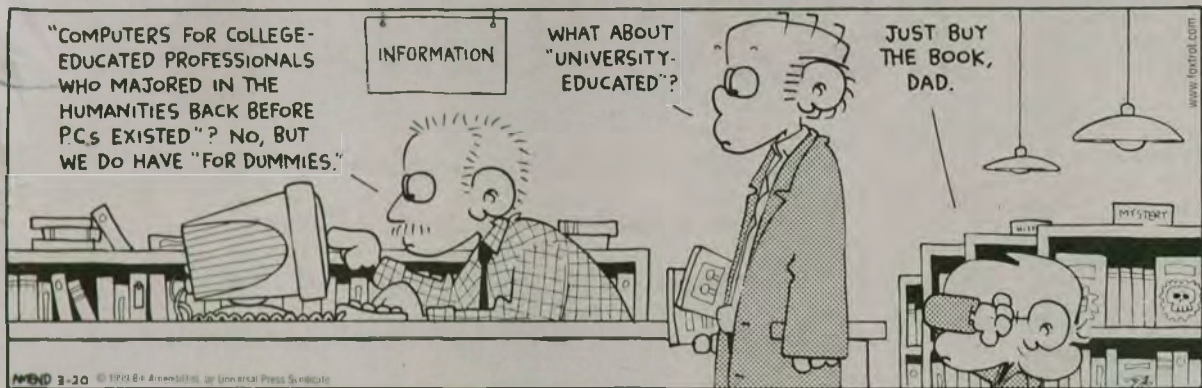
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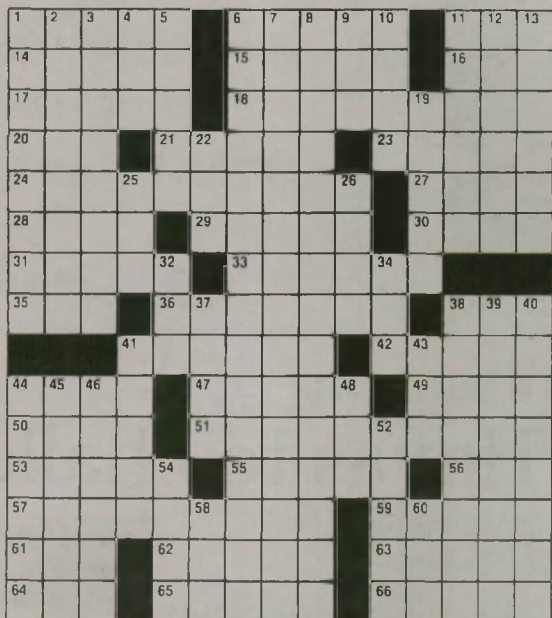
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- 26 Part of it is draped over the shoulder
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- 37 Lowdown
- 38 What a portion of all wages goes for
- 39 Sweated
- 40 Conferences
- 41 House of two Henrys
- 43 Successor to Salyut 7
- 44 Violinist Georges
- 45 Bombshell, so to speak
- 46 Game keeper?
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ND Junior Shay McLean, piano, will present a solo recital this evening at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Faculty Lounge. The program includes selections by JS Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Debussy and Liszt. The recital is free and open to the public; please call 631-6201 for more information.

ND Grad student Gail Freudenberg, mezzo-soprano, presents a solo recital this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Alumna Sheree Wesenberg will accompany on the piano; also assisting are Greta Mikelonis, clarinet; A.J. Wrape, flute; and Simone Uranovsky, cello. The program includes songs by Scarlatti, Durante, Conti, Schumann, Ravel and Mozart. The recital is free and open to the public; please call 631-6201 for more information.

ND Grad student Magnus Hillbo, tenor, presents a solo recital on April 10 at noon in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Graduate student Larry Taylor will accompany on the piano; ND senior Jeff Cloninger, tenor, will also assist. The program includes songs by Wolf, Faure, Brahms, Debussy, Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Frank Loesser. The recital is free and open to the public; please call 631-6201 for more information.

Philip Myers, principal horn of the New York Philharmonic, presents a concert on April 11 at 2 p.m. in Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. He will be accompanied by guest pianist Virginia Perry Lamb and ND faculty violinist Carolyn Plummer. The program includes TRIO for Violin, Horn and Piano by Maurice Ravel, ALPHA by Jean-Michel Defaye and TRIO Op. 40 for Violin, Horn and Piano by Johannes Brahms. Tickets (\$3-\$10) are available at the LaFortune Box Office. Please call 631-6201 for more information.

ND Grad student Joshua Foster, piano, presents a solo recital April 10 at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Megan Murphy, violin, and Annie Chang, cello, will assist. The program includes selections by JS Bach, Schubert, Albeniz, Liszt and Joaquin Turina. The recital is free and open to the public. Call 631-6201 for more information.

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■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Preliminary-round action underway in tournament

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Despite rain late in the afternoon, the 1999 Bookstore Basketball XXVIII tournament got underway without a hitch Thursday at the Stepan and McGlinn basketball courts.

Teams matched up in the first of two days of preliminary-round action looking to advance to the round of 512.

Donning fluorescent pink uniforms, the members of WPO IV: The Final Thrust easily defeated She Was How Old? in a 21-5 victory. The team is

happy with the win, but plans to play better in coming rounds.

"We didn't perform well as a team today," said WPO IV captain Stephen Bastasch. "We need to perfect our chemistry."

Bastasch gave credit for the win to team member Jeff Hojnacki.

"We had a late pick-up: Hojnacki. He was our ringer," said Bastasch. "We had a lot of fast breaks and gave the ball to him."

The bad weather hit just as the final

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The Observer/Job Turner

Five Awesome Brothers, formally Licensed to Thrill, scored one of its 21 points against Jamaican Poptart in the opening round of the tournament Thursday.

■ BASEBALL

Pittsburgh looks to change Irish luck

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

While gutsy comeback performances have been the name of the game for Notre Dame's baseball team, visiting conference rivals typically demand consistent momentum.

The Irish will try to combine guts and an energetic drive when they return to Big East action this weekend, hosting Pittsburgh to a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (22-8) currently stand in first place in the Big East with a 9-1 conference record. The team has won 18 of its last 20 games, including sweeping two doubleheaders against Providence and Connecticut.

"We've just been able to go out there and do our job," junior shortstop Brant Ust said. "We've been able to move guys into scoring position and make the key plays that win games."

Despite the team's strong momentum heading into the weekend, Pittsburgh has been the Big East's surprise team this season. Heading into the weekend's series, the Panthers have clawed their way to a 7-2 conference record, good enough to tie them with Rutgers for second place.

After the Scarlet Knights' three-game series against Connecticut last weekend, all three teams have a shot to capture Notre Dame's top spot.

However, the Irish have historically had a huge advantage over the Panthers. Overall, Notre Dame has a 10-1 record against Pittsburgh, including a 2-0 sweep at Three Rivers Stadium last season.

"Last year, we experienced some success with them," Ust said. "This year, though, they're second in the league, and we don't know what to expect from

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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Hoyas to challenge Irish streak

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

The eighth-ranked Georgetown Hoyas bring their explosive offense to Moose Krause Stadium this Saturday to face the 16th-ranked men's lacrosse team.

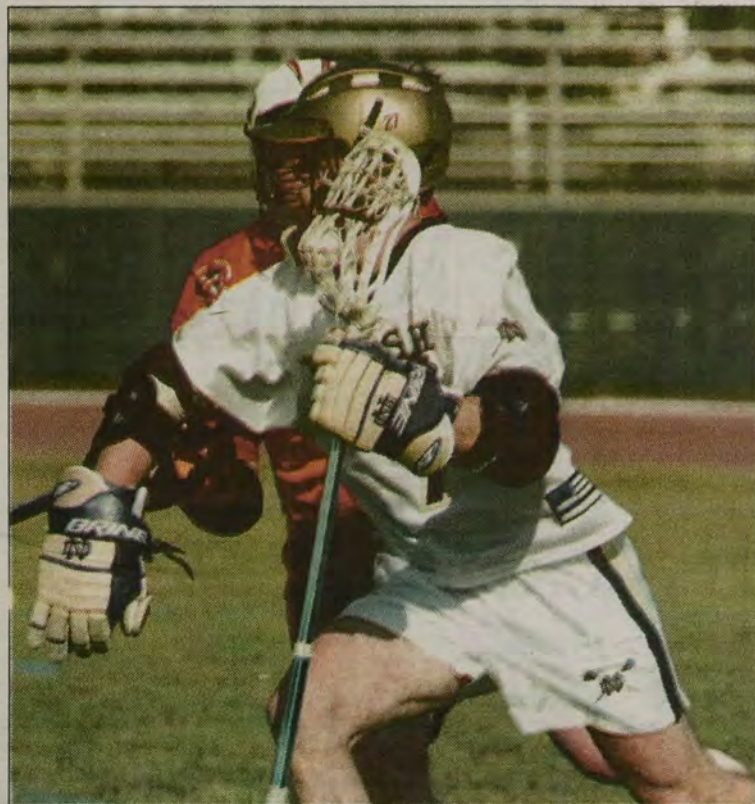
Notre Dame will put its undefeated home record on the line against the best team it will face at home all year.

The Hoyas, 5-2 on the year, are led by preseason first-team all-American and player of the year candidate Greg McCavera, who leads the team with 38 points.

Joining McCavera to form one of the best attacks in college lacrosse are senior Scott Urick, who leads the team with 25 goals, and junior Andy Flick who has found the back of the net 15 times this season.

"They have a lot of experience," assistant coach Kevin Anderson said. "McCavera is excellent — one of the best in the country. They generate a lot of things through him. Urick is a

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Dave Ulrich and the Irish hope to shutdown Georgetown's attack by keeping the ball in their end of the field Saturday.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



vs. Georgetown
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



vs. Davidson
Today, 7 p.m.



Baseball vs. Pittsburgh
Saturday, noon



Softball at Rutgers
Saturday, noon



Softball at Alma College
Saturday, 1 p.m.