Hollywood, Calif. — "Annie Hall," Woody Allen's witty comedy of his frustrations in love, won top honors at the 50th Academy Awards last night. The star, Diane Keaton and Allen's writing and direction. Richard Dreyfuss, the frustrated actor of "Goodbye Girl," was named best actor of 1977. Vanessa Redgrave, the martyred anti-Nazi "Julia," was selected best supporting actress and created a stir with a speech referring to criticism of her portrayal in "Zanzibar hoodlums."

For the second year in a row, Jason Robards collected the supporting actor award, for his role as mystery writer Dashiell Hammett. "Otto" won the most awards of the evening - a count of 11 - a total economic "Otto" movie. The British actress had ― however, by the fact that the sage of outer space warfare is the biggest monkeyshines in history.

Miss Keaton's award followed two others for her one-time boyfriend and still co-star, Woody Allen, who was selected for his writing and direction of "Annie Hall." The comedian, who has won two top directors' awards, remained in New York, but Miss Keaton could not attend the Music Center stage. For the second year in a row, Jason Robards appeared to collect his actress, was selected best original screenplay for "Annie Hall." Brinkman appeared to collect his Oscar and said, "Half of this little piece of it belongs to Woody." He does a lot of brilliant work," said the man. "He picks up my lunch check for four months then on April 3, he refuses to come out of his apartment." Outside the Music Center, groups of Jewish and Arab protesters gathered hours before the ceremony began to protest and support Redgrave's nomination. Demonstrators shout mixed with the cheers of excited movie fans as the parade of celebrities arrived by limousine.

During a brief period of chaos that prompted police officials to don helmets, five persons among a group led by the Jewish Defense League were arrested and three persons were injured, including one police officer. Most demonstrators left after Redgrave received her award. Backstage, Redgrave defended her position, declaring, "I'm not a Zionist." But of course I'm on the side of all Jews in their struggle against fascism and racism." Robards' Oscar went uncollected because he is in New York appearing in "The Eugene O'Neill, Play," saying "I'm not in Toronto. But of course I'm on the side of all Jews in their struggle against fascism and racism."

"And on another front, the United States and four other western powers are trying to negotiate peaceful South African withdrawal from Namibia, the black nationalist name for South-West Africa, where the black majority is held under white South African rule in open defiance of the United Nations. The president, in his warning to South African Prime Minister John Vorster, did not say what action the United States might take.

Vorster said in Cape Town, South Africa, that he would study the full text of Carter's speech and discuss it with his foreign policy actions by South Africa. Carter said.

"The crowd has gone wild!" shouted an announcer on Liberian radio. "There is absolutely no control! This is impossible!"

Amy stood in her father's limousine with its top removed and waved. The president stood from time to time and waved, too.

Crowley predicts women priests

Molly Wouffe
Senior Staff Reporter

"African Prime Minister John Vorster, if you don't prepare for the future, then you can expect to go out to the future with your feet in the past," continued Crowley. "Certain women are really called, and I think they'd be very good. They, and Christian men, too, should be aware of their potential."

Crowley, a native of Chicago and holder of an honorary degree from Saint Mary's, presented her hour lecture on "The Christian Woman in Today's World" for SCM's first Women's Opportunity Week (WO).

"Women are going to be priests soon; you know that's going to happen," continued Crowley. "Certain women are really called, and I think they'd be very good. They, and Christian men, too, should be aware of their potential."

After discussing the validity of personal interpretations of the Bible with members of the audience, Crowley explained some of the problems Christians face in the business world. "A lot of people don't pay bills and checks bounce," she commented. "It's really hard to do business. Christians should be open to the world," she noted further, "becoming aware of injustices, and what we can do about them."

Crowley also suggested that women "just start a business and become president" if they wish to serve on corporate boards. "You get asked to be on a lot of committees as the token woman," she noted. WO Activities for today include a presentation, "Is Obedience a Virtue?" by Ann Clark, SCM assistant professor of philosophy in Stetson Lounge, LeMans, at 10:30 a.m., and a musical workshop by Wendy and Ellen Britton in Stetson Lounge at 3:30 p.m. The Britton sisters will also conduct a blues and contemporary folk concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Moreau Hall. Admission is free.
**News Briefs**

**Bergland stalls, grain soars**

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland has delayed so long in buying wheat for an international food reserve that costs now are nearly 40 percent higher than when he announced the plan last summer. The plan involves purchasing 220 million bushels of wheat which the Carter administration announced last Aug. 20 would be purchased at the open market and kept as a reserve of food aid for needy countries. Bergland arrived in the afternoon. He was finally scheduled to buy the grain last summer but decided to wait until Congress approved legislation to set up the reserve. Action is still pending.

**Husband to get benefits**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Kenneth Hartt, a physics professor at the University of Rhode Island who followed his wife to California in 1974 because she had a good job offer, will be eligible for unemployment benefits, his attorney said yesterday. Women often are granted unemployment benefits when they leave their jobs to follow their husbands, but this is the first time in Rhode Island that a man has received them under similar circumstances. The director of the American Civil Liberties Union said the decision is a significant step in eliminating sex discrimination in the policies of the Department of Employment Security.

**WEATHER**

Partly cloudy and warm today with a high in the low 70's. Turning cooler tonight with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper-70's. Turning cooler tonight with a 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

**On Campus Today**

12:30 pm career workshop, "decision making & values clarification," pat mcormack, 370 lemans hall, sponsored by career development center.


6:00 pm有机 workshop, "women in music" by wendy and ellen brinton, sponsored by women's opportunity week, stapleton lounge, lemans hall.

6:30, 8:45 pm featured film, "clarification," pat mccormack, phone 284-4176.

7:00 pm seminar, "quantitative cytochemical measurements of nuclear proteins and nucleic acids in cells infected by obligate fungal pathogens," dr. p. k. bhattacharya, indus. chem. natl. inst., 278 gavin auditorium, sponsored by biology dept.

8:00 pm lecture, "there and the metaphor of the self," prof. ernest sandeen, library lounge, sponsored by radiation workshop, britton, sponsored by women's opportunity week.

9:30 pm movie, "slap shot," knights of columbus hall, $1.00 admission, members free.

10:00 pm movie, "from montgomery to memphis," in commemoration of the assassination of dr. martin luther king, jr., audio visual theater, sponsored by class of 1976 career workshop program.

10:45 pm film series, "the pirate" and "the detective story," carroll hall [smc], tickets $1.

11:30 pm exhibition & talk, opening of exhibition and slide talk by george bernhard, painter, wabash college, isis gallery [old fieldhouse].

8:00 pm career workshop, "new trends in the futures market," dr. thomas scherher, will give a slide presentation on history of notre dame and saint mary's college.

7:30 pm featured film, "cabuki," basement of lafutome, sponsored by dept. of modern language, no charge.

7:30 pm meeting, ladies of nd business meeting, dr. thomas scherher, will give a slide presentation on history of notre dame and saint mary's college.

8:00 pm concert, blues and contemporary folk concert, little theater, sponsored by wow, phone 284-4176 for tickets.

8:00 pm "social ethics and christian freedom," rev. enda mcdonald, st. patrick's college, maynooth, ireland, haggard hall auditorium, sponsored by theology dept.

8:00 pm lecture, "the role of history in contemporary world affairs," prof. paul morris, earle uni. of pennsylvania, 110 law school building, sponsored by dept of modern and classical languages.

9:15 pm nazz, performance by paul macauley, tim gallagher, paul kluck and dennis murray, lafutome.

**Israelis to gradually withdraw forces from southern Lebanon**

(AP) — Israel announced yester-

day that it had started a gradual with-

drawal from southern Lebanon, oc-

cupied by Israeli forces in an air-

land and sea strike against Palestin-

ian guerrilla positions last month.

The Israeli military command said a "significant thinning out of forces" had begun a week ago and that its soldiers were being re-

placed by United Nations peace-

keeping troops. But the command gave no details of the withdraw-

ing: "The plan will be made

public only after the subject has

been finalized with the UN au-

thorities."

In New York, U.N. Secretary-

General Kurt Waldheim said that a

of a planned 4,000 U.N. troops, a

significant number of whom were

scheduled to arrive this week, had

been held up by the U.N.'s Security

Council, which had not yet taken

up positions replacing Sve-

nazz to present ND Jazz Band

The Notre Dame Jazz Band and

Jazz Combo, directed by dr.

George Wiskerchen, will perform a

Collegiate Jazz Festival concert

preview, tomorrow night from 9

p.m. to midnight in the Nazz.

**ERRATUM**

The Saint Mary's computer cen-
ter is not closed, as reported in yester-

day's Observer. The night center is in operation, and has been throughout the coal shortage. The Observer regrets the error.

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BRADY'S

SIXTH AVENUE-SOUTHTABLET.
March through Memphis honors memory of King

By Bridget Berry
Senior Jim Maniaci and sophomore Jim Jones will represent Notre Dame at the National Debate Tournament April 21 to 24 in Denver, Colorado. The debate team considers this a major accomplishment since Notre Dame has not qualified for the National Tournament in the last 13 years.

The debate will argue both affirmatively and negatively on the resolution: "The United States law enforcement agencies should be given significantly greater freedom in the investigation and/or prosecution of lottery crimes." The quality of information and extent of research and preparation, as well as intelligence and skill are essential for success," according to Maniaci.

Maniaci and Jones will be competing against some of the most respected debate teams in the country. Among those who will be represented are the Universities of Alabama, Harvard, Northwestern, Southern California and Bedfords, California.

The entire team, coached by Bill Wains, a philosophy student, has shown great improvement this year, Maniaci said. He stated that ND has become well known in the regional tournaments since Notre Dame has not been chosen for a debate tournament for the last 13 years.

The debate team consisted of Jim Maniaci, Ken Kristal and Marty Cani, the third place team. The team did not qualify for the elimination round, but Maniaci said the team is looking forward to the National Tournament.

The National Debate Tournament will be held at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio on March 16-18. Maniaci and Jones will be tossed for second, winning six out of eight rounds.

Maniaci and Jones will be competing for scholarships, while ND does not get any scholarships, Maniaci.
Tryouts being held for cheerleaders, leprechaun

The 1978 Notre Dame cheerleading tryouts are also being held in the ACC pit. The first cut was made last night, reducing the number of female candidates to 24.

The second cut, for both male and female hopefuls, will be Wednesday. The final cut to a squad of six male and six female cheerleaders Friday morning.

Any ND-SMC student is eligible to try out. The only requirement is that they must have two semesters of school remaining. Judges invited from outside the university include two former cheerleaders, high school cheerleading coaches, and local dance instructors.

The first clinic, held Sunday, was an introductory meeting. Required closed system. They’ll grow their own food and make their own oxygen. I see that happening within 15 years,” he said.

He said the United States might make a decision in three or four years, after the space shuttle program is operating, to build space outposts, too. But by then, the Russians will have five or six years’ experience, he said.

“You’ll build as many earth-like homes as possible up there,” Oberg said in an interview with The Tribune.

Wayne underwent a three-hour operation. If all goes well, the 70-year-old actor’s ruptured appendix will be removed Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Leprechaun tryouts are also being held along with the cheerleader tryouts. Each candidate is required to present an original 2:30 minute routine, a short speech, and a performance of the Irish Jig.

Final candidates for both cheerleader and leprechaun positions are required to have a personal portfolio as a basis for selection in addition to the performance tryout.

All ND-SMC students were eligible to try out for a position on the cheerleading squad. The only requirement was that they had at least two semesters of school remaining.

Workshop to aid clergy in counseling alcoholics

“Alcoholism: A Family Affair” is the title of a day-long workshop to be held Thursday at the Fatima Retreat Center.

Co-sponsored by the Alcoholism Council of St. Joseph County and the United Religious Community, the workshop will focus on the latest information and treatment techniques of the effects of alcoholism on the family. The workshop will be planned jointly with the Oaklawn Center in Elkhart County where a similar program will be presented tomorrow for clergy in that county.

The steering committee for the two county workshops consists of Rev. Kent Borgard, Teresa Kline, Rev. Bernard Pilk, Thomas, Luba, and Fr. John H. Wilson.

“Alcoholism is a disease which affects the lives of the whole family of the alcoholic. The spouse and children may become casualties of the disease, social isolation and emotional upheaval,” Wilson stated.

The clergy are in a unique position to help. The clergyman is often the first outside person to investigate the allegations in the letter and make arrangements for the father, stepmother and mother of the victim to testify about the letter’s contents.

The court also said the state should have supplied Hank of the letter before going to trial, even if there was no intention of using it as evidence. The prosecutor failed to disclose the letter before trial because the chief investigating officer had thought it was not important enough to turn over the prosecutor.

In space

Russians race to set up colonies

SPACE CENTER, Houston [AP] — The Soviet moon successes, the Soviet Union is concentrating on becoming the first nation to establish permanent space colonies, says an expert on the space program.

“Spacecraft will orbit the earth and the moon, tracking there for long periods of time such that we may establish a colony on the moon, or at least on the earth’s moon,” he said.

They will raise their children there. For the most part it will be a unique society.

Wayne has good chance of surviving heart operation

BOSTON [AP] - Actor John Wayne underwent a three-hour operation Thursday to replace a defective heart valve, and was reported in satisfactory condition.

The operation, described as “unexceptional,” involved replacing the 70-year-old actor’s ruptured mitral valve with a similar valve from a pig.

Dr. Mortimer J. Buckley, who headed the surgical team, said Wayne “looks very excellent, but we have a couple of days of worry before we’re through.”

The ruptured valve, between the left atrium and left ventricle of the heart, was leaking blood leak into Wayne’s lung. Forty-four years ago, Wayne had a similar operation for cancer.

Dr. W. Gerald Austin, chief of surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, said that valve “takes over the normal function of the natural valve.”

"I would guess he will be able to do everything he has been able to do in the past, except better,” Austin said.

Tavis to give lecture at seminar

Dr. Lee A. Tavis, C.R. Smith Professor of Business Administration and chairman of the Multinational Managers and Economics Institute, will discuss “Multinational Managers and Economics” at the Gamma Sigma national seminar at Ashland College.

He is one of six distinguished scholars invited by the national honor society for business administration to speak.

Tavis will focus on a variety of issues facing today’s multinational managers. He will deal with the important role of multinational firms in maintaining world economic stability, as well as their potential contribution toward ending world poverty.

He will also evaluate various corporate strategies in light of these goals and criteria and discuss the extent of the manager’s responsibility to meet both, particularly as they relate to shareholder’s objectives and desires.

INDEPENDENCE [AP]: Evidence of previous convictions should be admitted during a rape trial if it suggests the alleged victim has lied about similar matters before, the Indiana Court of Appeals said yesterday.

Ruling on a case tried in Monroe Circuit Court, the appeals panel said the judge should at least have been given the chance to investigate. He suggested that a woman claiming she was raped had unjustly accused other men of raping her.

The letter was not protected by Indiana’s 1971 Rape Shield Law, the appeals court said, because it "went directly to the victim’s credibility, not her history of sexual conduct." Prosecutors had argued that the allegations in the letter could not be used in the trial because the rape shield law prohibits any references before a jury to a victim’s past sexual conduct or reputation.

The case reversed the 1977 rape conviction of Merle Lee Hall and granted him a new trial.

Court records showed that on the last day of his trial, hall asked Judge James R. Coner for a continuance so he could investigate the letter allegedly written by the father and stepmother of the rape victim.

The letter to the girl’s natural mother, said the victim had undergone psychiatric treatment for a compulsion to lie and for sexual perversions. It also said the victim had falsely threatened to "tell everyone" that her father, one of her brothers-in-law and her brother all had raped her.

The appeals court, in a majority decision by Chief Judge Jonathan Robertson, agreed with the state that the letter itself was hearsay and could not have been admitted into evidence.

But the court said Hall should have been given time to investigate the allegations in the letter and make arrangements for the father, stepmother and mother of the victim to testify about the letter’s contents.

The court also said the state should have supplied Hall of the letter before going to trial, even if there was no intention of using it as evidence. The prosecutor failed to disclose the letter before trial because the chief investigating officer had thought it was not important enough to turn over the prosecutor.

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Korean businessman admits contributions to U.S. campaigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park, saying his career was an "American success story," publicly testified yesterday that he gave more than $850,000 to selected members of Congress.

"I want to tell you: What I have done in Washington constitutes an American success story on a small scale," he said.

Park gave his first public testimony in an appearance before the House ethics committee. The hearing was 1:3 in the same room where the House Judiciary Committee voted impeachment resolutions against former President Richard M. Nixon in 1974.

Park, who said he made more than $9 million in rice sales to South Korea, testified he gave as much as $20,000 to former Rep. John Breaux, D-LA, who has been indicted for alleged campaign violations.

Park testified to contributions to 30 politicians and he confirmed past reports that he funneled $30,000 to former President Richard M. Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign through Rep. William E. Minshall, R-OH.

He said he also donated as much as an additional $36,000 to Minshall.

The larger contributions:

Here are some of the larger contributions which were made public in Park's testimony:

- Park testified that former Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher of New Jersey received a total $211,000, including the forgiveness of the remaining $130,000 on a $250,000 loan. In addition, Park said Gallagher got cash payments of $13,000 in 1970, $9,000 in 1971 and $19,000 in 1972.
- Park said former Rep. Edwin Edwards, D-LA, now governor of Louisiana, received a total $20,000, three-quarters of which were made in payments to his wife and brother.
- Former Rep. Nick Galifianakis, D-NC, got a $500 credit to entertain his constituents at Park's Georgetown Club in 1970. Park testified. He said he gave Galifianakis $10,000 when Galifianakis ran for Congress two years later.
- Park said he sent a $5,000 check to Rep. John Breaux, D-LA, through an intermediary in 1972 but doesn't know whether he ever got it. Breaux has denied receiving such a check.
- Park said he made a $2,000 cash payment to former Rep. John J. Rooney.
- He also said he gave a wedding present in 1975 to $1,000 in Korean currency to Rep. David. E. Minshall, D-CA. Park said he has been told that $500 was spent in one of Park's companies to exchange the money for American dollars.
Mudder suspect released; police lacked evidence

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Peter Mark Jones, the Beverly Hills handyman who was booked for investigation of two Hillside Strangler murders, was released yesterday for lack of probable cause to hold him, Deputy District Atty. Jack Gates said.

Gates called Jones' arrest last Thursday a "major break" in the case, which involves 13 killings since last September.

Jones, 37, was silent as he left police headquarters. His lawyer, Albert Johnson of Boston, said only that "my client is relieved to be free."

Jones was booked for investigation of murder in the deaths of the fifth and sixth victims, Jill Barcomb, 19, of New York, and Kathleen Robinson, 17, of Los Angeles.

His arrest came after his childhood friend, George Francis Shamshak, told police about at least two strangler killings. Investigators said Shamshak had implicated Jones.

Bored juror stays home

DETROIT (AP) -- A bored juror delayed a trial yesterday when he "just didn't feel like going in today," said Audrey E. Nolte, who lives in the Detroit suburb of Allen Park. "A search for him didn't turn up, so he's still around."

When told of the miost, Nolte said, "That's too bad."

Her 30-day just stint ends April 14, but Nolte said she didn't plan to go to the courthouse yesterday, either.

Though court officers reported to the judge that they could not find Nolte on Friday, she said he was home all day. He could be cited for contempt of court.

"I'm in the habit of working outside," said Nolte, a production secretary for a firm. "I guess intend to keep being a bored."

Nolte, 47, sat through a week-long trial and deliberated with other jurors for three days before deciding it was too much trouble to spend any more time on the case of Jann Reynolds, 21, of Detroit.

Reynolds was accused of possessing and distributing phenacyclidine, a drug believed to be a hallucinogen in humans.

MURDER SPOKEN OF AT MEETING

"We have been unable to find evidence to support the stunts that Shamshak himself claimed to have made," said a news conference yesterday. "We find that it would be highly unlikely for him to hold him in custody."

The public service commission yesterday that Shamshak "very definitely is still a prime suspect."

Construction miners vote on proposed contract

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- As striking construction miners voted on a new contract today, the last vestige of Indiana controversial curtailments was gone.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) decided yesterday to wipe out the 30-day minimum contracts on outdoor lighting. It has eased the restriction last week from the Public Service Commission.

By a similar request from Indiana utilities now are receiving forced to reduce curtailments imposed on customers of the state's largest utilities during the coal strike. The strike, sixth, Northern Indiana Public Service Co., never was subject to state-ordered curtailments because coal stockpile was at or below the 50-day level.

Indiana utilities are receiving more coal each day than they burned during a 24-hour period, the commission said.

PSC Chairman Larry J. Wallace scheduled more hearings on strike-related problems for May 22 and September.

Although the coins are legal tender, using them to pay the face value for more than the value stamped on their face.

Salomon said the GSA has about 4.200 silver dollars dated 1880, 1881 and dated 1884, 1885. Previous sales of coins of this type brought minimum bids of $10 each.

There are also 190,000 coins dated 1882, 1883, and 1885. Their proposed contract.

The 190,000 coins of various years are still in less than perfect condition. Coins of this type previously sold for $15.

The earlier sales were made by mail. Existing law requires that the procedure be followed in disposing of the remainder, even though interest in buying the coins was expressed by the old method ofagne a year ago, these millions of dollars, have fallen off. Salomon said.

The GSA offers to the request for the remittance of bids, probably at or close to the previous minimum bids, on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be a limit of up to 100 coins per person in the 1880, 1881 and 1885 categories.

The dollars involved in the past and future sales were produced for the 13 years at the Carson City, Nev., mint, according to Louis J. Morgan. They are known to collectors as Morgan dollars.

It was long thought that these, along with the Morgan silver dollars, had been melted down in this century to meet World War I demands for silver.

But when Treasury stocks were checked out in 1964, and three million, most of them uncirculated Carson City silver dollars, were discovered.

Pre-Med club sponsors lecture

A slide presentation and talk on osteopathic medicine will be given tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Room 215 Lockwood by the Student Osteo-

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San Francisco Giants - The more stable of the two Bay Area baseball teams is just beginning to benefit from the problems faced by the Dodgers, a team that had the franchise's greatest year in 1978. Not only have they acquired star pitcher Vida Blue from Finley's depleted roster, but they also have a chance to get fans as Bay Area people give up on the Dodgers. As a result, the Giants will be able to compete for the National League West this year.

Atlanta Braves - The Braves had the worst record in the National League last year and have been the focus of much ridicule. However, Turner has decided that he can lose just as easily with inexpensive players as he was losing 100 games with overpriced players. So, he unloaded Andy Messersmith and Montage over the winter. Can Gary Matthews and Jeff Brotman be far behind?

Simply, the Padres have the solid offense but they lack the defense and pitching to be a winner. The Braves are obviously quite dim. Rookie manager Phil Niekro is the only pick of the note on the Braves. The rest of the staff is not ready for the big leagues.

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**The Players of Spring: Of Mets and Men**

by Mike Henry

This is the second of a three-part series on spring training by Mike Henry. Evidence the players did more talking than playing.

March 21 - Reflections

John Denney, St. Louis Cardinals, Pitcher: "Last year I started 7.0 and Sports Illustrated did a story on me. Since that time, I pulled a hamstring muscle and had to sit out. I recouped in Los Angeles. Nothing like this had ever happened to me before. I had x-rays taken to determine what the problem was, but they were inconclusive. Then I was sent to New York City to work with another trainer, Joe Bowman, who had said something about tapping my legs too often. I did that for a while, and suddenly, I've been fine. My control is getting sharper—more consistent. I'm working on my delivery. I feel I can still pass myself. Messersamm and Falcone can improve, we can take the ball this year. The confidence is there. Also, I felt we picked up in the rehab office. I feel we have a big help in the bullpen. We've got no contract problems, and everybody can't wait for the season to start, even though you have to wait for the ball. We're confident that we can catch the Phillies.

Ed Kranepool, New York Mets, first baseman: "Why should I be thinking about retirement? I enjoy the game and I know I can still play. I'd like to play this year's game, but that's up to management. I've been on spring training for four innings, and I got ready for the regular season. Sure. I like to hit against Seaver, but I feel I can't eat my ice cream when I face him. Koufax was the toughest I ever faced, but for one year (1968 1.12 ERA) I couldn't touch 3.13 kisses. Now I'm the best. Juan Marichal was another great one. I don't want to make any predictions. I've been around long enough for that." Translation—the Mets will be nowhere near as good in 1978.

March 22 - Tom Seaver at Wrigley

Tom Seaver brought a capacity crowd to Wrigley Field this evening, and they weren't disappointed. Seaver pitched his second spring game, which was marred by a score of 7.3. Particularly impressive was a 26-year-old forkballer named Marty Mollica, who held the defending champions to two singles. Mollica showed great confidence and an ability to get out of trouble. Although he may be back in Tidewater for a weekend slate; he's now the face of the new Mets. Seaver also played in the leading scorer for the Mets, bringing home four runs. A new pitcher in the game today. We are past the point of comparing Seaver to Tom Seaver. I think he's a very fair player, compared only with Nicklaus, Abdul-Jabbar, or Larry Bird.

"With out hitting Seaver should win twenty-five," Sparky Anderson intimates to anyone within hearing distance. "There was nothing to teach Seaver when he came to us—I just let him learn by himself." Mets pitching coach Bob Wilber told an old hand to the question. "The one thing that sets Seaver apart from the rest is his challenge when he behind 2-0."

March 23 - The Dodgers

The Dodgers shared a spare gathering of senior citizens and sports fans at the Los Angeles Dodgers Western Division title in 1978 when they crushed the New York Mets 2-1, behind the stingy pitching of Doug Rau and reliever Robert Gomez.

For all practical purposes, the contest was over after the Dodgers' two-run home run from manager Joe Torre, his first hit of the season. The Dodgers then held on for dear life, scoring two runs in the final frame to win the game.

The Dodgers went on to win the National League West title at the end of the season, finishing 97-65.

The Dodgers, with their .588 winning percentage, finished 11/2 games ahead of the Atlanta Braves, who finished 95-66.

The Dodgers' success in both eras remains—owner Patriarch Lasorda is ebullient, optimistic field generals.

The Dodgers are the juggernaut, and I recalled something Anderson said before the game: "Boys are like the Breeders Cup, there's no extra incentive when I face him. Koufax was the best. Juan Marichal was another great one. I don't want to make any predictions. I've been around long enough for that."