Homosexual alumni struggle with acceptance

**Editor's Note:** This is the first installment of a four-part series that looks at the dilemma of bringing gay and Catholic.

By BRAD PRENDERGAST

The message that Chuck Colbert and other homosexual alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have for administration officials and other alumni comes across clearly: Being homosexual and Catholic can be reconciled.

However, in the 20 years since the first gay alumni group was formed by graduates, recognition has been just as hard to come by for homosexual alumni organizations as it has been for Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC).

Many gay alumni feel cut off from Notre Dame, said Colbert, who is co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GALA-ND/SMC). “We feel alienated from and unwelcome at our alma mater — unless, of course, we remain in the closet.”

GALA-ND/SMC is the latest in a line of homosexual alumni groups. Formed in 1993 by four alumni, including Colbert, its membership list has grown to 160 members, with about five new names added each week.

Its mission statement includes promoting solidarity and friendship among lesbian, gay, and bisexual graduates, faculty and staff, sponsoring activities — charitable, educational, spiritual, and athletic — which promote a positive gay and lesbian image; and to improve communication with school officials, according to the organization’s by-laws.

While the first two goals have been easily accomplished — with such activities as a barbeque with Boston College’s gay group, Lambda Association, prior to last fall’s Boston College vs. Notre Dame football game — improving relations with the school has been difficult.

“It is painful and embarrassing. University officials think they need to keep a distance from us because we would get in hot water with some very conservative Catholics who can’t stand the idea that there are gay Catholics,” Colbert said.

“It’s a shock when they find out there are gay people who are good citizens and love football and are faithful Catholics,” he continued.

Colbert first realized he was gay during his undergraduate years and did not go public until his junior year. According to him, the experience was very painful.

“...very awful and scary,” he said. “I never knew who I could trust.”

The underground gay group at the time, Gay Students at Notre Dame (GSSD), was very supportive, Colbert said.

However, the group was comprised mostly of graduate students,” he said. “Being an undergraduate, I didn’t feel as connected with the graduate students.”

Two decades later, gay and lesbian organizations are facing the same problems.

The alumni, fund-raising, and public relations — not the Church — stop the University from pursuing a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation, according to Colbert.

“...the school is selling out to the ideologically right,” he said.

Homosexual alumni cite the administration’s fear of the “gay lifestyle” — whereby gays supposedly commit immoral acts while living together — as the reason the University has continued to bow to perceived outside pressures. However, the so-called gay lifestyle is only a myth, Colbert said.

“There is no such thing as a gay lifestyle,” he said. “By going to Notre Dame, we’ve been instilled with the same values as other members of the Notre Dame community. We’re qualified to be on the public scene because we have those values. "GALA-ND/SMC is not about promoting an immoral lifestyle. It’s a support group,” Colbert continued. “The school does not see homosexuals as people. They need to drop the gay lifestyle perception.”

Colbert and GALA-ND/SMC have called for the administration to enter into a dialogue to confront these differences.

They hope to talk with the Notre Dame Alumni Association during a reunion scheduled for early this summer.

“We have a group that handle the faith issue. Notre Dame can’t stay in the closet,” Colbert said. “Secular schools can’t, but we can’t afford to.”
### World at a Glance

**Afghan government disrespects truce, unleashes attack**

**KABUL, Afghanistan**

The Muslim holy month of Ramadan was barely over when the government abandoned a U.N. cease-fire and launched a major assault against a rival Islamic faction in southwestern Afghanistan.

There was no immediate word on casualties, although many civilians live in the area.

The attack was seen as an attempt by President Burhanuddin Rabbani’s government to gain control of the entire capital and strengthen its position ahead of a U.S.-sponsored peace plan.

Many feared renewed fighting in Kabul after the weekend holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

“It’s not a big surprise. Everyone was expecting there would be more fighting,” said David Lockwood, the U.N. Development Program representative in Pakistan.

Jets bombed neighborhoods controlled by Hizb-e-Wahdat, a Shiite Muslim opposition group, and were followed by rocket, artillery and heavy machine gun fire that echoed throughout Kabul.

“We launched an offensive ... from three directions this morning,” said government spokesman, Dr. Abdul Rashid Dostum, who uses only one name. “We have not met any considerable resistance and our troops are still moving forward. Fighting is continuing.”

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### Telescopes aimed at exploded star

TELESCOPES MONDAY at a newly exploded star that is thousands of times brighter than it was before. nova Aquilae erupted in a thermonuclear explosion a month ago.

Before reaching this boiling point, the white dwarf star had been tugging material from its larger companion, and when this unexpected disruption of the two stars made them collapse toward a single, bright, white-hot super nova.

Scientists believe a new buildup of gas will start soon and that another outburst will occur over the next months.

The new eruption came as shock wave. Nova Aquilae is in the constellation Aquila, or Eagle, and is several thousand light years away. Another nova erupted in late January and yet another exploded a couple of weeks ago. Both of these also will be seen by the telescopes.

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### Lugar begins tuning his campaign

**INDIANAPOLIS**

So, Sen. Richard Lugar is in the race for the Republican presidential nomination next year and already has opened a front in Indiana, seems to be paying much attention.

In a bit of self-deprecating humor, he noted that he had been a Kansas Sen. Bob Dole in Indiana. That might not mean much when you compare the electoral votes, but at least it’s a start.

Besides, Lugar says, it’s early. “Everybody’s candidacy has to be predicated on the people’s desire for a really good candidate,” he said. Indiana is an exciting state, with its big cities and small towns, great opportunities for the right candidate.

The primary election is far away, and the Lugar campaign is getting started, with the senator visiting key communities and providing a home when seemingly there were no others.

Since I have been given such a fortunate fate by the Office of Residence Life or whatever is responsible for the room assignment, I am thankful that the university has taken even at a minimum standard that position of having a roommate.

Yet, since all of this was probably decided by some computer and completely at random, maybe the university should be a little more aware of how even its slightest actions can directly affect the lives of its individual students. Or leave the big decisions to that seemingly omniscient computer.

The views expressed in the **Inside Column** are the opinions of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
FRIDAY, MARCH 3

10:41 a.m. A Dillon Hall resident reported the theft of his computer disk from his vehicle parked in the D parking lot. 10:58 a.m. A wiper was broken on a Security car. 5:30 p.m. Security responded to a two-car accident on I-78. There were no injuries reported.

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12:05 p.m. Security confiscated a shisha being sold by a Pittsburgh, PA resident. They were given a verbal warning in the parking lot of JACC.

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Forum addresses homosexuality

By GWENDOLYN NORGLE Assistant News Editor

Homosexuality at Notre Dame must be talked about, according to members of GAYS and Lesbians of Notre Dame (GLNSMC), who shared their experiences of life on the Notre Dame campus last night in Pangborn Hall.

The forum, called "Let's Talk and Understand," included a discussion by Co-Chairs of GLNSMC John Blandford and Kelly Smith, sophomore Tony Silva, and junior Shelley Stefan.

Smith, a student at Saint Mary's, who was the first to speak, said she "came to terms with her homosexuality at the age of 21. Before this time, I had been struggling" with the idea that she was homosexual, partly because she had been raised as a Catholic and because she had heard stereotypes made about lesbians.

According to Smith, the time period before she came out was one full of "depression, struggle, and anguish." Smith had trouble academically, as well. "I had trouble getting along with a lot of my classes. I had trouble academically, and I had trouble with financial aid," she said. In December of 1991, Smith's grades were so low from "absence" from Saint Mary's. It was then she met with other people like herself that she realized to like herself, according to Smith, was "the only way I could ever be truly happy here." Smith said that when she came out, he had feared the reaction of his roommates, but that they had never been uncomfortable around him. He said that he had grown comfortable with homosexuality.

Several students have also faced discrimination and prejudice because of their sexual orientation. "I'm being discriminated against because I'm gay," said senior Mark Zum. "I feel like I'm being pushed out of the community." Zum said that because of this discrimination, he has had to move to another dormitory in order to have a support system of other students with similar orientations.

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The movies as they were meant to be: Classic films. Big screen. Bargain prices.

Tuesday, March 7, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.
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On the Waterfront
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Friday, March 24, Monday, March 27
8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
A time of quiet and personal reflection, the retreat will include opportunity for shared reflection on the biblical texts for the Sundays of Lent.

Offered by: David Burrell, C.S.C and John Gerber, C.S.C.
Place: Mary's Stube on the St. Mary's College Campus
Cost: $35.00 per person, three Saturday meals included.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED BY MARCH 10, BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 17. Only 14 places are available.

Contact Fr. John Gerber, C.S.C., Holy Cross House, 655-8474 or Sharon Harwell at Faculty Community Center 651-8067.
Russians escalate action against rebels

By CHRIS BIRD
Associated Press

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United Way head on trial for fraud, theft

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The former head of the United Way spent hundreds of thousands of the charity's dollars on his own lavish lifestyle and young girlfriends, federal prosecutors said Monday.

William Aramony and two former United Way of America associates stole more than $1 million to pay for chauffeur-driven gambling sprees and an elegant New York City apartment for Aramony's 17-year-old girlfriend, Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Bellows said at the start of Aramony's fraud trial.

"The simple truth of this case is how these three men at the pinnacle of their professions abused their positions of trust in order to enrich themselves," Bellows said.

Aramony, 67, has pleaded not guilty to a September indictment charging him with 53 felony counts of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. He faces up to six years in prison if convicted.

He served 22 years as president of the organization that oversees about $2.8 billion United Way chapters nationwide.

Lawyer William Moffitt told the jury Aramony was a brilliant money-raiser who dedicated his life to the United Way. In his final year, the charity raised about $3.5 billion, Moffitt said.

SADD & Office of Alcohol & Drug encourage you to play it safe during Spring Break this year. Whatever your plans are, make sure they include these tips.

- Remember you don't have to be "drunk" to be impaired—even one or two drinks affect your driving skills.
- Stay out of dangerous situations involving alcohol, whether in a car, a bar, or a bedroom.
- Drinking, drugs and driving don't mix.
- Take your turn being a designated driver—get everyone where they are going safely.
- Respect other people’s right, and your own—to choose not to drink.
- Respect state laws and campus policies.
- Wear your seat belt!—It’s your best protection against an impaired driver.
- If one of your friends drinks to the point of passing out, alcohol poisoning is a real danger. If you are the least bit concerned, please seek medical attention. Better safe then Sorry!
ACORN demonstrators prevent Gingrich speech

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A balcony full of county officials was awaiting Newt Gingrich's arrival Monday when the kitchen doors burst open to reveal not dessert but about 500 protesters waving empty lunch trays and chanting, "No more cuts."

The demonstrators, many carrying small children, dodged waiters as they took over the head table and jammed the aisles, protesting reductions in the school lunch program. In doing so, they prompted cancellation of the House speaker's speech.

"Don't take the food out of the children's mouths," said Maxine Nelson of Pine Bluff, Ark., who, like the others, belongs to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN.

Faced with the raucous crowd, luncheon organizers from the National Association of Counties abandoned plans for speech by Gingrich and others before the 2,000 county officials. The demonstrators cheered the decision.

District police officials said there were no arrests.

In addition to eliminating proposed cuts in school lunches, the protesters want an increase in the minimum wage, a national voter registration drive and funding for subsidized housing.

Last week, House Republicans advanced a proposal to replace the federally mandated school lunch program with a state-administered system funded by federal block grants. Opponents said it could lead to cuts in free and subsidized school lunches to the poor.

The legislation would increase spending by 6.4 percent per year — up from $6.68 billion next year to $7.85 billion in 2000 — but opponents say that would not keep pace with demand coupled with inflation.

The demonstrators at the Washington Hilton Hotel were "just tragically misinformed," Gingrich later told reporters, questioning their motives and criticizing their behavior. "Why weren't they at work? Who are they? Who paid them?"

"They broke into the meeting and had bullhorns, and their idea of a dialog was to chant with bullhorns," Gingrich said.

"I thought that was an interesting commentary on those who would exert money out of the taxpayer."

Although Gingrich was the protest's target, some demonstrators directed barbs at county officials, shouting through bullhorns that the cost of one of their baked chicken meals probably would finance a week of school lunches.

The county officials, in turn, fumed. One NACO official said their luncheon leftovers were going to the Washington homeless shelters.

"This only makes me less supportive of their cause," said Shirley Greene, county commission chairwoman from Latah County, Idaho.

Community at ND/SMC is just beginning.

A Tolerance/Awareness Committee is forming to serve the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Community. The work of the committee will be the support of underrepresented/marginalized groups on campus, and the hope is that by such a show of support, the attitudes which make for exclusion (ranging from apathy to bitter intolerance) will begin to change. This is an opportunity to get involved, if you aren't already, or to get more involved, if you find you have more to give. If you're interested, there's an organizational meeting in the basement of LaFortune, Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m.

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Washingtoon News

McDade denied immunity

By LAURIE ASSEO
Assistant Prof.

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court today refused to shield Rep. Joseph McDade, R-Pa., from criminal charges of conspiracy, racketeering and taking bribes from defense contractors. The court, without comment, turned down McDade's argument that he is protected against such charges by the Constitution's ban on prosecuting members of Congress for their legislative acts.

McDade, a 17-term congressman from the Scranton area, was indicted in May 1992 on charges of conspiracy, accepting bribes and racketeering. He has not yet stood trial.

In other action today, the Supreme Court:

--Ruled that a standard contract used in the securities industry does not bar defrauded investors from collecting punitive damages. The 8-1 decision, potentially of enormous importance for the securities industry, reinstated a $400,000 punitive-damage award two Illinois investors had won, and then lost, from Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc.

--Made it easier for employers to revise or cancel health insurance and other benefits to employees. Ruling unanimously in a New Jersey case, the justices said standard benefit-plan wording that gives a company the right to amend the plan is valid.

--Allowed the government to stretch out its Medicare payments to cover hospitals' losses from refinancing mortgage bonds. By a 5-4 vote, the court said federal authorities can repay such losses over a period of years instead of in a lump sum.

In the McDade case, prosecutors say he took about $100,000 in campaign contributions, vacations and other gifts from various defense contractors in return for helping them get more than $50 million worth of contracts.

McDade said the indictment should be dismissed under a proviso of the Constitution that says members of Congress "shall not be questioned in any other place" for any "speech or debate in either House."

The clause was intended to block the executive branch from using its powers of investigation and prosecution to interfere with Congress' legislative work. It generally has not been interpreted, however, as barring prosecution of members of Congress for bribery.

A federal judge refused to dismiss the charges, and the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed last June.

Prosecutors can show that McDade was a member of Congress and of House committees that oversee defense appropriations, so long as proof is not offered regarding his legislative acts, court said.

The appeals court said there is a difference between official acts and legislative acts. The immunity from prosecution for legislative acts does not extend to all official acts.

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UN: Nations must assist each other

By MATTH HUHTANEN
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN

An international poverty conference opened Monday with poor nations pressing for more aid and the U.N. chief warning that the meeting could run aground on indifference.

"The problem of the United Nations is to cope with... donor fatigue, conference fatigue," said U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

"Fatigue will provide something more dangerous, which is indifference," he said. "Our past is the show... we are all of the same community. We must help each other."

Western diplomats in pin-striped, African in adire robes and Arab delegates in keffiah headdresses mingled in the central hall at the sprawling conference center.

On bulletin boards hung hundreds of drawings, paintings and poems by children — most from developing countries — expressing their visions of poverty and starvation.

In an emerging standoff between wealthy and poor countries, delegates at the 180-nation meeting argued behind closed doors over setting up a fund to help eradicate poverty.

A proposal for "new and additional" aid to poor nations is among the most contentious — and one U.S. delegates said virtually they would not accept.

But a caucus of more than 130 developing countries indicated that it would fight for the aid.

"We enjoin creditor nations and multinational financial institutions to take more meaningful steps toward debt reduction," said the caucus leader, Celito P. Habito of the Philippines.

The stalemate did not bode well for any agreement on action in the summit's final document, to be signed March 12 by nearly 120 leaders, including German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

The United Nations said success at the poverty summit should be measured in the convergence of ideas, rather than hard commitments, as it tried to justify the assembly's $28 million cost.

Boutros-Ghali said 1.3 billion people — more than one in four — live in poverty and 1.5 billion do not have access to basic health care.

But the summit was tinged with an air of futility, compounded by the absence of key leaders, notably President Clinton.

Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo reversed plans to attend, while the leaders of Brazil and Venezuela pulled out for unannounced reasons and King Hussein of Jordan canceled for health reasons.

Among the debates, the message from the United Nations and wealthy countries was that poorer nations must take care of themselves.

"The world will not have changed much by (next) Monday," admitted Germany's minister for health and social affairs, Norbert Blüm.

By SRECKO LATAL
Associated Press

SARAJEVO

Russian Serbs followed through today on their threat to block aid convoys into Sarajevo, and to a top U.S. official went to Croatia to try to prevent a spring war.

Snipers killed a 60-year-old man in his garden on the southern outskirts of Sarajevo on the fifth straight day of sniping in the Bosnian capital.

The Serbs said they would ban land convoys into Sarajevo for a week to press demands for a larger share of aid. Air supplies, which account for about 50 percent of the city's needs, were not affected.

The Serbs want 38 percent of the supplies, up from the 23 percent they got now, said Krišto Janowski of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

"We think the Serbs already getting their fair share," Janowski said.

In neighboring Croatia, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard C. Holbrooke was trying to persuade President Franjo Tuđman to withdraw his threat to evict 12,000 U.N. peacekeepers when their mandate expires March 31.

Such a departure is likely to touch off fresh fighting between Croats and rebel Serbs as they grab territory vacated by the U.N. peacekeepers who have kept an uneasy three-year truce. The Serbs hold just under one-third of Croatia.

U.S. Defense Secretary William C. Perry met his British, French and German counterparts over the weekend to discuss a general U.N. pullout from Croatia and Bosnia, if necessary.

Both the Serbs and Bosnia's Muslim-led government have said they will fight again if peace talks do not resume by May 1. But diplomacy is getting nowhere more than halfway through a four-month truce.

Morgue officials in Sarajevo said Ramo Husic, 60, was shot dead in his garden by a sniper this morning.

Another man and a 14-year-old boy were wounded near a U.N. personnel carrier manned by Egyptians, said Capi. Myriam Socachy of the U.N. The same vehicle came under fire from Serb positions early today and returned fire. Socachy said.

U.N. anti-sniper teams outside the Holiday Inn hotel fired two rounds from a 20 mm gun atop an armored personnel carrier at snipers peppering the area with bullets.

U.N. officials urged both Serb and government forces to comply with previous anti-sniping agreements.

Elsewhere, trucks brought badly needed supplies to Dutch peacekeepers in the eastern enclave of Srebrenica on Sunday. It was the first resupply convoy since Feb. 12. But Serbs refused permission for a medical convoy.

The Serbs are obstructing convoys to Sarajevo and elsewhere, apparently not more aid for themselves and because they want to face people who are weaker rather than stronger if fighting resumes after May 1.
It is the saddest truth of them all, one which no seminar or lecture, even Dr. Morris’ ones, can overturn: God exists, yet evil is alive and well on Earth.

I received an unpleasant reminder of that recently when I read an article in the New York Times Magazine about people visiting the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Writer Philip Gourevitch talked with the visitors and asked them the question that has been asked countless times in the last fifty years: Where was God during the Holocaust?

The most interesting answers came from a group of schoolchildren. One of them gave this response: “They didn’t pray.” When the fourth and fifth grade students were informed that many of them did pray, right up until their dying breaths, one of them said: “Then they weren’t believing.”

“Now, someone who’s paying attention knows that this is not true. God did not pick out his “chosen race” for punishment; at the hands of a power-mad dictator. In fact, many Catholics and Protestants who voiced objections to Nazi Germany’s policies also met a gruesome end in the concentration camps.

But still, the question remains: how could a just and loving God allow millions of people to die on their knees, imitating Jesus as they ask: ‘Jesus, elm, lama sabachtani?’ (My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?) Wouldn’t God have gotten more glory if he had rode in on a white horse, opened the gates of Auschwitz and turned Adolf Hitler into so much bratwurst?

Unfortunately, the Holocaust is not the only example of innocent people being abandoned to the forces of injustice and hatred. From Sarajevo to Rwanda to the means streets of Chicago and New York, the world is filled with cruelty and pain.

And it’s easy to conclude sometimes that God isn’t doing anything about it. After all, any theology professor worth his/her salt will tell you that God is omnipotent, omniscient being. Surely God can do better than that, right?

The problem may not be finding a way for God to run the universe better, but finding a way for us to do ours better. If they have your ear long enough, those same theology professors will tell you about our most powerful and critical feature—a free will. We are created with the freedom to choose good or evil. God hopes that we’ll choose good, but we have to make the choice ourselves.

Perhaps this is why God allows us to see the evil around us so that we can be motivated to get involved. Once we are aware that others are hurting, it is easier for us to decide that something needs to be done.

I am not saying that everybody out there in the student body should leave chosen careers, become a nun (or monk) and spend the rest of their life on a desert island with lepers. And no, this is not a recruitment pitch for the Holy Cross Associates. It is a worthy program, but our endorsement deal fell through when they refused to give me a signing bonus. Their loss.

But I am saying that every student can do something, especially at this University, which, for all its faults, goes out of its way to help students help others. The Center for Social Concerns is overflowing with service opportunities. Alumni clubs are always looking for volunteers to help in projects like food drives and painting houses for the elderly. Just go to the Alumni Association office in the Main Building (up the main front steps, then to your right, and they can give you lots of ideas, as well as names and phone numbers.

How does God deal with evil in the world?

By giving us the power to do something about it.

Paul Pearson, ND ’90, is a former Observer news writer who currently works for a bilingual newspaper in Tampa, Florida. He can be reached through e-mail at paulp47153@nd.edu.

Alumnus at odds with alma mater

Dear Editor:

I read with great sadness of the University’s action to ban GLND/SMC. I would have expected a more compassionate response to the needs of students who are already the victims of hateful, un-Christian condemnation by self-righteous elements of our Church.

Though I am not gay, I have family and good friends who are gay and lesbian, and it is increas­ingly clear to me that they are so by chance, not by choice. There is so much hate, and so little love, in this world that I have no stomach for the denunciation of two people who wish to love each other in a way which hurts no one. This is particularly true when the people seek to integrate their love with their faith.

“Official” church teaching disapproves of gay relationships. However, “official” teaching is not the same as dogma, and we all know that the church has “officially” taught much wrong over the centuries.

The University does not have to squawk any student activity which may be at odds with the current official teaching. Tolerance of GLND/SMC would not constitute official approval of the views of the organization or its members.

Similarly, I assume the University’s welcome of presidents Reagan and Bush did not constitute official approval of the views of the organization or its members. Surely, the University’s welcome of presidents Reagan and Bush did not constitute official approval of the views of the organization or its members.

I have contributed to the University almost every year since my graduation. I have put a daughter through Notre Dame. It is with regret that I must advise the University that until it reverses its position regarding GLND/SMC, my conscience will not permit me to make further contributions.

I hope the University will find a way to let the gay and lesbian students feel welcome at Notre Dame while they try, like the rest of us sinners, to reconcile all aspects of their humanity with their faith.

Jeremy Lane

ND ’85
Generosity and equality: The American legacy of Lincoln

By Ryan G.

The Young Lincoln Legacy

The following excerpts are from the final papers of Clay Middle School students participating in Gregg Behr's writing program. Thanks to Mr. O'Malley and his students for sharing what they learned about Lincoln's legacy.

Essence Wright

"What I hear is people trying to talk about peace and freedom, and I hear how people say that all people shall be treated equal. I hear the people talking about how it should be in 1995, but I don't see many people taking any action. I have tried to learn about it by reading books and watching movies that come out. Civil Rights leaders have been fighting for what they believe in. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he spoke about freedom, equality and justice to people who were treated the same no matter if they are black, white, red, yellow or whatever color they are. They should be judged by their color, they should be judged by their actions and personality. Dr. King wasn't the only person who thought that. Robert Kennedy was another. He went through a lot of dreams of social equality. The ideal of freedom has traveled a long and hard road through the human history. He shows that this ideal is the strongest motive of human action. It it that fortifies us in the face of adversity and face of terror — and that the passion for equal rights for all is the ultimate weapon in the struggle for independence of the human race."

Abby McKee

"I believe that we should not just celebrate this legacy on a given day (Lincoln's Birthday) or a given month (African-American History Month). We should celebrate it every day, every month, every year."

Karen McClain

"Now we are appointed to take the responsibility for us, and to keep the dream alive. We must not let the many other people die. If we don't do something, what will happen to our kids, our grandchildren, and others years from now? We must continue the dream."

Megan Sulkow

"Today, with the 20th century drawing to a close, the country...conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. . . . is still struggling with equality."
NEW YORK
Petr Nedved scored his first goal in 15 games at 5:29 of the third period as the New York Rangers defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 3-1 in an effort to lift the 14th-place Flyers back into serious contention.

The Senators had lost all nine games they played without winger Phil Esposito. The Rangers, who scored two goals in the second period, surged ahead for good with 9:28 left in the period when defensemen Doug Lidster.

The Senators won the last two games of the 1992-93 season and last defeat New York on Mar. 6, 1993 during their original stay in the nation's capital.

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Rangers rally over Ottawa

By Steve Herman

Associated Press

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INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Colts' last link with Baltimore is about to be snapped.

Rohn Stark, a four-time Pro Bowl punter and the only remaining holdover from the Colts' Baltimore era, is an unrestricted free agent. Neither he nor the Canton native has given the Colts any indication he will return for the 1995 season.

"I've talked with Miami. I was down there last week, looking at the situation," Stark said Monday. "At this point, they're in the process of putting together a contract for free." Stark said New Orleans, Detroit, Chicago and Carolina had shown some interest, but the Dolphins seemed the most promising. They would be homecoming for the former American at Florida State.

The Colts made their intentions clear two weeks ago when they signed Norm Johnson from the Chicago Bears. Stark wasn't surprised.

"Bill Tochtol decided he wanted to make a move, apparently, toward a younger player at my position. That's something he's comfortable with," Stark said. The Colts are trying to cut costs, and the former Bear player personnel director who drafted Gardocki on the third round in 1991.

A second, round-draft pick in 1982, has played his entire career with the Colts, who moved to Indianapolis in 1994.

"In 13 years, this is the first time he's ever been out of town to shop the market," he said. "I had a number of discussions with (general manager) Jim Irsay last year and a half. It was pretty much understood what I was going to be doing.

Maybe they did a good thing? I'm signing to do something of care they needed anyway.

Stark averaged 42.4 yards per punt last year, the second highest average in NFL history. His career average of 43.8 yards, however, is fifth-best in NFL history. In his first year in Baltimore, 1985, when he led the league at 45.9 yards a punt and was named to the Pro Bowl for the first time.

"It's really not going to be that hard," he said of playing for the Dolphins. "Ever since free agency has been around, on the player's side. They can really do whatever free agency would come to opportunity would be there. I'm sure I'd have a strong interest back of my mind the last couple years.

It's very unlikely now under the current system that players will play an extended time in one place ever again.

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Florida for possible talks, but on Sunday decided against the move.
Fehr, speaking from New York, said the union wasn't at fault for the breakdown in negotiations. "We haven't been accused of breaking the law twice," he said. "They have and they're about to be a third time." He was referring to the National Labor Relations Board, which issued a unfair labor practice complaint against owners in December and was about to issue another last month before management rescinded the salary cap.

The NLRB is expected to issue another complaint against owners this week for failing to restore the old work rules, such as salary arbitration.

Negotiations put on hold again

By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

A day after the both sides walked away from negotiations, baseball owners prepared Monday for their quarterly meetings and union officials returned to their office in New York.

No negotiations are scheduled this week, when the strike completes its seventh month. The sides had set a March 5 deadline for an agreement that would allow the season to start as scheduled with major league players, but at least one owner thought next weekend was the real deadline.

"I don't see how we can go beyond Monday and still be ready for the opener," Philadelphia Phillies president Bill Giles said in Clearwater. "I do have a hunch that the union leaders are waiting to see what happens at the owners' meeting.... I guess hoping that some of the owners will say, 'Let's make a deal, whatever it is.' I don't think that's going to happen."

Last Thursday, acting commissioner Bud Selig threatened to turn negotiations over to an arbitrator.

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...tandems of Sprouse and Pun, Pietrowski and Flanigan, and Simms and O'Brien were victorious.


Staysies was happy with the doubles play, and has been particularly pleased with the combination of Flanigan and Pietrowski.

Number 11rven Notre Dame (7-5), will fly to Miami this weekend for the matchup against the Hurricanes next Monday. It will be the first outdoor match of the season for the Irish.

Of the transition to outdoor tennis, Bayliss noted, "It's a huge reward will be given to the one who can supply us with these classic tapes.

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**PROFESSIONAL TENNIS**

**Evert Cup upset**

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. - Eighth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez used a consistent serve and steady ground strokes to defeat No. 4 Natasha Zvereva 6-4, 6-3 Monday in the rain-delayed singles championship match of the $430,000 Evert Cup.

In the doubles final, the second-seeded team of Lindsay Davenport and Lisa Raymond rallied for a 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over top seeds Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and Arantxa Sandoval of Latvia.

The matches were delayed for 4 1/2 hours Sunday before being rescheduled.

The weather was ideal Monday and Fernandez, who lost only one set during the tournament at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, was at the top of her game.

"I thought it was a pretty good match," said Fernandez, who earned $79,000. "I knew she would attack and come in. I didn't want to make any mistakes. I know she's tough." Fernandez, 23, who won this tournament in 1993, kept her mistakes to a minimum in the 1-hour, 24-minute match. She has now bested Zvereva in all five matches the two have played against each other.

"I got some points on my serve at the right time," Fernandez said.

"I think that one day of rest was good for both of us. Today was a beautiful day, I couldn't ask for better conditions."

There were seven service breaks in the match — five by Fernandez, including the final game.

"My control over the balls wasn't that great today," said Zvereva, who earned $39,500. "I just didn't have it today. I started well, but then I got very sluggish. I think waiting around yesterday didn't help.

"She played very well. I was so excited to be in the finals. It takes a whole lot of me to get to the finals, and when you get there, you still have to play a top player."

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Rockies’ coach Don Zimmer recuperating**

By JOHN MOSSMAN

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Colorado Rockies coach Don Zimmer made satisfactory progress Monday in his recovery from a temporary loss of blood flow to the brain two days earlier.

Zimmer, 64, remained in intensive care at St. Mary's Hospital, but doctors were considering moving him out of that unit into a regular room.

"He's doing well," Rockies trainer Dave Cilladi said Monday. "Everything continues to improve. There has been no lasting effect from what happened Saturday night."

Zimmer suffered a transient ischemic attack at about 6 p.m. Saturday as the team bus was entering the Tucson area after an exhibition game in Scottsdale earlier in the day. Cilladi ordered the bus diverted to the hospital.

"The doctors are not 100 percent sure what caused it," Cilladi said. "Zim has had high blood pressure, and that is a factor.

"We have not been able to do all the tests we'd like because of Zim's medical history and the head injuries."

Zimmer still has metal buttons in his skull, the result of a bearing in his playing days.

"We're dealing with two sides of this, the medical side and the personal side," he said.

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Charles W. Willie is Professor of Education and Urban Studies at the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University. Author of more than 25 peer reviewed publications, Dr. Willie is also an active speaker and commentator on the social science literature. One his most significant contributions is the development of the "controlled choice" theory. He is also a Fellow of the American Sociological Association, a former Board member of the Social Science Research Council, and served on President Clinton's Commission on Asian American Affairs.

His areas of research interest include desegregation, urbanism, race relations, education, and health policy. Dr. Willie received a Ph.D. in sociology from Temple University.

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**NEW YORK**
Evander Holyfield knows there will be a certain circus atmosphere at his next fight, a fight it appeared he'd never have.

The former two-time heavyweight champion was asked if he thought a lot of people would watch his May 20 match against Ray Mercer just to see if something might happen to him.

Following his WBA-IBF title loss on points to Michael Moorer last April, Holyfield was diagnosed as having a heart condition.

"I want to make myself perform to show people I'm healed," Holyfield said Monday at a news conference to formally announce the fight at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

"There are people out there who can be healed."

Promoter Dan Duva said Holyfield was coming back because he wanted to join Muhammad Ali as the only man to become a heavyweight champion three times.

The 32-year-old Holyfield, however, puts things in perspective by saying, "One reason I want to come back is I know I don't have a health problem and I was cleared by the doctors. I'm not very anxious to get back into the ring, but it is to let my light shine, to show what the Lord has done for me.

"I am healed, what better story can I tell?"

"Evander Holyfield is invited to apply for a license in the state of New York," said Larry Hazzard, New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner. "We see no reason he can't get a license."

Hazzard said Holyfield would be required to pass a standard physical examination when he applies for a New Jersey license and also would be required to pass a standard pre-fight physical.

"The Lord is moving and working in my life."
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Sports Writer

The fact that fencing squad, fines the Teams have impressive showing at regionals
By JOE NOTRE DAME

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By B.J. HOOD

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Teams have impressive showing at regionals

By JOE VILLINSKI

If there is anything that defines the Notre Dame fencing squad, it is the fact that they are a team. As the Irish traveled to Appleton, Wis., last weekend, however, they were forced to leave behind a part of that team. The Midwest Regional Qualifiers only allowed three fencers to compete in each weapon due to the budgetary restrictions of the NCAA.

Despite this, the nucleus of the team put nine out of a possible ten fencers on a list to be recommended to the NCAA as the qualifiers from the midwest region along with a possible at-large bid.

The individual format of the tournament was not drawing much praise from the participants.

"I definitely don't feel that the change the NCAA made is a change for the better," foil captain Stan Brunner said.

At Appleton, foil captain Maria Panyi won the gold medal as she rose to the top among the cream of the crop of midwestern women fencers. Monica Wagner finished seventh and Mindi Kalogera was tenth, but still hopes to claim an at-large berth.

"Mindi has a good shot at making it because she was there last year and only lost 17 bouts this season," Betz added.

In women's epee, Claudette de Brain placed second, while sophomore Colleen Smerek was fifth in her first ever individual competition. Another sophomore, Anne Hoos only finished second behind in seventh. Jeremy Seik and Conor Power will represent the men's foil squad at the championships as the two met in the gold medal match with Sik prevailing. Brunner will also be recommended to the NCAA as an alternate after he finished seventh at the regional.

Sophomore Bill Lester will be on the list of midwest qualifiers after posting a second place finish on the weekend in Sabre. Joining him will be captain Chris Hafjijk who finished seventh at Appleton, but will be the fifth fencer out of six to be recommended to the committee. Senior Chris McQuade was also 17th.

The men's epee team enjoyed the most success Saturday as freshmen Carl Jackson and Brian Stone finished second and sixth, while Patel wound up in between them with a third place showing. Jackson and Patel will be representing the Park in both the championships, while Stone will look to be an alternate.

As spring break nears, the Irish now have three weeks to prepare for the NCAA Championships which will be hosted at Notre Dame. If this weekend was a true sign of events to come, the Irish will be a serious threat to repeat as champions.

Softball goes 2-1

The Irish got drenched in Texas, but came away with two Terry Kobata victories.

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