Maya Angelou lecture scheduled for April

Maya Angelou’s lecture, which was originally scheduled for October but was canceled due to health problems, has been rescheduled for Saturday April 8, at 7:30pm. The location has been changed from O’Laughlin Auditorium to Angela Athletic Facility which is located on the north end of the Saint Mary’s campus.

Saint Mary’s will honor all tickets which were distributed earlier. An additional number of tickets will be available for Saint Mary’s faculty, administrators, and staff (two tickets per person) on Monday 3/24 - 2/3 Saint Mary’s students may also receive one ticket per student with ID at this time.

Tickets for the general public will be available on March 28. Tickets will be limited to two per person.

All tickets, which are free, are available at the Saint Mary’s Box Office, located in O’Laughlin Auditorium from 9am to 5pm. No phone orders will be taken.

The night of the event, doors will open at 6:30pm. There will be a general admission seating (no reserved seats) for ticket holders only. Questions can be directed to the Saint Mary’s College Box Office at 219-4626.

Angelou, a post-educator, acknowledged best-selling author and civil rights activist, has been hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary African-American literature.

Among the highlights of her career as an artist is the poem “On the Pulse of Morning” composed for President Bill Clinton’s inauguration. Angelou has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for “Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ‘fore I Die,” the National Book Award for the autobiographical “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” a Tony award for her acting in “Look, Away” and an Emmy for her role as Kunta Kinte’s grandmother in the miniseries “Roots.”

Angelou currently teaches at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, where she was recently appointed a lifetime position as the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies.

Angelou believes in social change for the betterment of those who have yet to share fully in the American dream. Today, she continues her work by lecturing throughout the country and abroad, sharing the African-American experience and educating her audience on the human condition.

Guest speaker Delores Huerta stresses action

By EDWARD IMBUS

Delores Huerta, the co-founder of United Farm Workers union, has “a message to get out.”

Speaking in the first event of Diversity Week, sponsored by Keenan and Lewis Halls, Huerta stated that minorities of America have continually been subject to massive discrimination, and “society still has a lot of racism.

That racism, she said, can be seen through several facts, such as that Native Americans have the highest mortality rates in society, that people of color are “convicted more often and given harsher sentences for the same,” and the disparity in elected offices, such as those in Congress.

“At the rate we’re going, we’ll have gender and ethnic balance in 350 years,” she said.

Huerta criticized the educational system for “institutionalizing racism in schools, and giving only half an education.” She said that “educational and ethnic studies programs to be required in all schools to allow minorities to learn about their particular contributions to history and end the invisible amount of ignorance which perpetuates itself.” She also denounced proposed cuts in welfare programs, saying that minorities were being blamed for problems that they did not cause.

“Illegal immigrants pay $500 billion in taxes, but get $97 billion in return, most of which has gone to refugee programs,” rather than to the immigrants who paid taxes, she said, also noting that “The savings and loans went broke, and so did Orange Country of Californian Mortgage Brokers.” She predicted that cutting public assistance programs would bring more homelessness and more crime.

Huerta cited several historical examples of prejudice against minorities, such as the Asian Exclusion Act of California, which prohibited Asian immigrants like many Chinese and many whites. Huerta said it was unconscionable to pass the law, especially when coupled with strict immigration controls that allowed only one Asian woman for every 50 Asian men, usually coming to America in their teens.

Native Americans have also been subject to racism, according to Huerta, who stated that several groups of Native Americans, such as the Arapahos in Montana, became extinct due to both active and passive actions by a pervasive white-supremacist attitude.

Lecture series highlights foot washing rituals

By LAURA FERGUSON

The simple act of washing an other’s feet speaks, inspires, and empowers the community to do as Jesus had done, according to Eleanor Bernstein CSJ in a lecture yesterday at Saint Mary’s.

“The mutuality of foot washing is about serving others and being served and bending over in spite of status or position,” said Bernstein.

The tradition of foot washing has been part of the human experience for many years. Its earliest usage was as a sign of hospitality to travelers and guests who traveled on dusty roads.

Later it became an initiation rite as bishops washed the feet of the newest church members. Monarchs have also washed the feet of the poor and offered them alms, according to Bernstein. Often there was one pauper for each year of the monarch’s life.

“It was a way for persons of authority to share their wealth,” she said.

It wasn’t until 1956 that foot washing was formally introduced into the liturgy.

According to Bernstein it was to be an action of a leader washing the feet of 12 men, although there was no previous designation of men only.

“The problem of the exclusion women is a modern problem, not a historical one,” she said.

Bernstein said that foot washing is not just to tell the story of Jesus’ service to others but to do the story. According to Bernstein, it helps to shape our attitudes.

“We do it so we can grow into a way of thinking,” she said.

“Doing it helps to discover a proper way of being with each other and being with God.” Bernstein also commented that foot washing is a menial task yet it is the last intimate action Jesus performed with his disciples before dying.

“Jesus declared that the disciples must imitate him as a servant if they were going to be like him. Like him, they must do as he had done,” Bernstein said.

Bernstein is the current di- rector of the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at Notre Dame. Her lecture yesterday was the second in the endowed lecture series honoring the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The Lenten series is sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

The next lecture will be March 29 at 12:15 p.m. in St. Peter’s Lounge at Saint Mary’s. Paul Phillibert will deliver his lecture titled, “Foot Washing: A Lens for Spiritual Insight.”

USS Bunker Hill docks in China

By RENEE SCHOOF

As a Chinese military band played “The Star Spangled Banner” on shore, the USS Bunker Hill sailed into port Wednesday, the latest in an American warship since China’s 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

Chinese sailors lined up on the docks of nearby destroyers to welcome the ship.

The United States suspended military relations with China after its army attacked demonstrators in Beijing on June 4, 1989, killing hundreds of people. High-level talks resumed in 1993, and Defense Secretary William Perry visited China last fall.

Navy Adm. Bernard J. Smith, commander of the Navy’s Car­

rier Group Five, called the Bunker Hill’s port call a friendly ship visit and insisted there was nothing political about it.

“I would say we regard the Chinese navy as a friendly navy,” Smith said. U.S. Navy officials know little about how their Chinese counterparts operate, and Smith said they hoped to learn more during the Bunker Hill’s visit.

It was the third visit since Communist China was founded in 1949. Warships visited Qing­dao’s nuclear submarine base in 1986, and in 1989 the navy made a port call at Shanghai a day before Premier Li Peng declared martial law in Beijing as a precursor to the military crackdown.

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I'm not particularly proud of it or anything; that's the way I am. And when I explain to people that procrastination is permanently embedded in my biological make-up, they think I am making excuses for my flabby-eyed youngsters. My second grade teacher, Mrs. Safchik, would give us our daily assignments, and the class would eagerly dive into them with anxiety, for I didn't have anything written on my desk, convincing myself that I would finish it by stuffing the page into my desk, thereby exposing my predicament to the whole class.

I can remember when I was just a pint-sized girl of seven in a twenty-bright-eyed youngster. My second grade teacher, Mrs. Safchik, would give us our daily assignments, and the class would eagerly dive into them with anxiety, for I didn't have anything written on my desk, convincing myself that I would finish it by stuffing the page into my desk, thereby exposing my predicament to the whole class.

Well, this continued for a few months until my parents began to bellow that if I ever began to peek out through tiny cracks in my desk, and became so accustomed that Mrs. Safchik warned me I'd have to clean out my desk after school some day. Of course I thought, "She can't see all this unfinished work. I'll have to straighten it out before she does, but I'll wait till tomorrow.

Well tomorrow passed and then two weeks passed, and I kept hoping Mrs. Safchik would suffer memory loss and forget about my desk. But it didn't happen, and finally my day of doom arrived.

It was a dark day in February, one of the most humiliating of my life. Mrs. Safchik kept her promise to me, with one exception. Instead of cleaning after school, she thought it would be better if I performed the task during class. Mrs. Safchik would read each paper from my desk, unclothe it, and read out the date of the day on which the work was done. The date was the only part of the class, the rolling with laughter.

Tears streamed down my face as my year of procrastination was exposed to the whole class.

You would think that such an experience would have taught me a lesson. But did it? No. I am as prone to countless attempts to change this proclivity towards a procrastinating lifestyle. Today you will also see me trying frantically five minutes before a paper is due, vowing that it will never happen again, that I will not do it my way. Somewhere I don't think it will happen, but that's something to worry about for another day...

For those of you who are struggling against your core tendency to procrastinate, I say to you, "I'll do it tomorrow."

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**World at a Glance**

**Turkish troops on offensive in northern Iraq**

"We have urged (Turkey) to keep the operation limited in duration and scope, and to give full respect for human rights and international law," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said in a statement.

In its first comment on the offensive, Baghdad's Foreign Ministry spokesman Fehat Majeed denounced the attack as "a violation of sovereignty" and demanded Turkey withdraw its troops, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

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**Kurds attack Turkish targets in Germany**

The Red Cross appealed Wednesday to Turkey to spare the lives of thousands of Kurdish civilians who fled from Turkey last year and are living in refugee camps in the border region.

The United States also called on Turkey to exercise restraint and to respect the rights of civilians.

**Law wipes out Brady Bill provision**

Gov. Zell Miller signed a law Wednesday freeing Georgia from the Brady Law's waiting period for handgun purchases, a law that had led to a spate of lawsuits in the state.

The measure, which also wipes out longer waiting periods imposed in 10 Georgia counties in a case where the Brady law's constitutionality was challenged, was a major victory for the National Rifle Association, which has lobbied for Miller during the signing.

The law is designed to take advantage of a provision in the federal Brady Law that exempts states from the waiting period if they implement an instantaneous background check. Georgia is awaiting a reply from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on whether the new state law meets Brady requirements. Only 26 states and Puerto Rico are subject to the Brady Law, according to the NRA; the states have exempted themselves from the law through a variety of alternatives, including instant background checks.

**McDonald's liable in accident**

McDonald's is liable for damages in an auto accident caused by an employee who worked unusually long hours, the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday.

The employer "was much more liable to the employee who served alcoholic beverages to a visibly intoxicated person who then got into an automobile that harmed an innocent person," the court said in a 5-4 ruling. The 5-4 ruling upheld a jury's decision that McDonald's must pay $373,000 to Fred B. Heffelfinger, who was injured when a car driven by Matt Theurer crashed into a McDonald's parking lot.

McDonald's plans to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

**Man jailed in death of wife**

He's had four wives. Two are dead, one's missing, and he's jailed as a murder suspect. Jack Reeves, 54, was arrested on a murder charge Tuesday in the 1978 death of his second wife, Sharon, as she searched for his current wife, Emilia, who hasn't been seen since Oct. 12. His third wife, Myong Reeves, was killed in the shooting.

The death was ruled accidental, no autopsy was performed and Hill County authorities declined to say Wednesday how the case was being handled. Reeves was last seen in June with Sharon Reeves. He began investigating Reeves after learning he'd never reported the disappearance of his current wife. Reeves died in 1978, when Sharon Reeves' death was ruled a suicide. Authorities said she shot herself in the head at their home.

The operation has been criticized by humanitarian groups, legal experts and the United Nations. But the raid was successful, said the army.

If the US military is successful, it may set a dangerous precedent, said the army.

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**Indianapolis weather**

Saturday, March 23

**Daytime high temperature:** 72°F

**Nighttime low temperature:** 50°F

**Synopsis:** A mix of sun and clouds is expected today with temperatures in the mid-70s.

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**National Weather**

**The Acu-Weather® Forecast for high temperatures**

- **Atlanta, GA:** 78°F
- **Baltimore, MD:** 73°F
- **Boston, MA:** 70°F
- **Chicago, IL:** 70°F
- **Columbus, OH:** 71°F
- **Dallas, TX:** 75°F
- **Denver, CO:** 69°F
- **Minneapolis, MN:** 69°F
- **Miami, FL:** 79°F
- **New Orleans, LA:** 81°F
- **Phoenix, AZ:** 77°F

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**The Acu-Weather® Forecast for low temperatures**

- **Atlanta, GA:** 51°F
- **Baltimore, MD:** 49°F
- **Boston, MA:** 48°F
- **Chicago, IL:** 51°F
- **Columbus, OH:** 51°F
- **Dallas, TX:** 54°F
- **Denver, CO:** 61°F
- **Minneapolis, MN:** 56°F
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- **New Orleans, LA:** 69°F
- **Phoenix, AZ:** 75°F

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**The Acu-Weather® Forecast for precipitation**

- **Atlanta, GA:** 20%
- **Baltimore, MD:** 15%
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Republicans plan to rewrite clean water act

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House Republicans introduced legislation Wednesday to overhaul a law protecting lakes and streams, aiming to reduce costs to industry, agriculture and local communities.

Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the committee considering the bill, said it would reduce the Environmental Protection Agency's "heavy-handed intervention" and provide flexibility to those who are regulated under the law.

But critics, including many Democrats on Shuster's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, charged the legislation was crafted by industry lobbyists and would gut major provisions of the Clean Water Act, one of the nation's landmark environmental protection laws.

"It's a polluter's bill of rights," said Rep. Norman Mineta, D-Cal., ranking Democrat on the committee. He criti­cized how the bill was drafted with the close involvement of industry and a lack of "proven" measures that would require regulation.

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Rep. Robert Borksi, D-Mich., the ranking minority member on the subcommittee consider­ ing the legislation, also criti­cized industry's role in writing the bill. The bill was crafted per­haps with the help of a num­ber of "task forces" whose members were made up of representa­tives from various groups regu­lated by the law.

While Shuster called the bill a bipartisan enterprise because it includes some Democrats as sponsors, Mineta said

UN alarmed by more fighting in Yugoslavia

By SRECKO LATAL
Associated Press

Serbs in western Bosnia and in Serb-held parts of Croatia would be severely weakened. Diplomats have so far failed to avert a major spring offen­sive both sides would not toler­ate another offensive like the one by government forces for strategic Serb positions in the northeast.

The fighting in the Majevica area of the Majevica hills and other important heights in central Bosnia has alarmed U.N. officials who ap­pealed to both sides to stop be­fore a four-month truce collap­sed completely.

"This will be the final battle, the last attack" on Serb forces, declared Bosnian Serb leader Miroslav Jovicic. Serb fight­ers are "prepared to respond with all available means," he told the Serb weekly Javnost.

Serbs fear the Majevica of­fences are part of a push by govern­ment forces to seize a vital Serb supply corridor in the extreme northeast. If it were cut,

Attention Hospitality Program Members.

Tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Cushing Auditorium, we will have our final meeting to prepare for April Visitations. If you did not attend last night's meeting, please come tonight. Please bring your personal calendar and a pen.

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Gunmen attack train in Egypt

By JENNIFER WELLS
Associated Press

CAIRO

Gunmen suspected of being Muslim militants killed five people and wounded three others Wednesday after climbing aboard a passenger train to attack police guards. The police killed one of the attack­ers.

The gunmen opened fire as the train traveled from the vil­lage of Mahras to Tildin in Minya province, a militant­dominated area about 135 miles south of Cairo. Police did not say how many attackers boarded the train.

They killed two detectives, two civilians and one person who wasn't identified, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. Two other detect­ives and a passenger were wounded.

Detectives returned fire, killing one of the militants. The other two militants apparently jumped off the train unharmed. Police detectives offered the trains to guard against militant attacks.

Passenger trains and Nile River cruise boats have been targeted in the radicals' cam­paign to overthrow the govern­ment and create an Islamic state.
Stressed postal worker shoots men in hold-up

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ
Associated Press

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — A former postal worker burdened with a "mountain of debt" was charged Wednesday with shooting four men in a hold-up at a small post office, including two employees he knew.

Christopher Green, 29, was arrested at his apartment in Upper Orange, about five miles from the New York City suburb, less than 24 hours after the robbery.

Investigators had gotten a tip from someone who knew Green, U.S. Attorney Faith Hochberg said. She would not give details.

In Green's apartment, investigators found blood-stained clothes worn during the hold-up, a .38 caliber pistol believed to have been used in the crime and $2,000 cash, some of it unidentified, Hochberg said. More than $5,000 apparent losses were taken in the robbery, she said.

Green told investigators that he had robbed the post office Tuesday afternoon, ordered the two employees inside to go to the back room and lie on the floor, then shot them before he took off, Hochberg said. One customer survived and was questioned by a critical condition Wednesday.

Before dying, one of the workers called out Green's name, said Police Chief Thomas Russo. Green probably would have explained how he knew.

Green said he committed the robbery "because he had a mountain of debt," and used part of the money for rent, Postal Inspector Kevin Manley said.

Green, who works in the Montclair Public Works Department, has been a regular postal employee in 1992-93 in Montclair, according to court papers.

It was not immediately clear which employee he worked for, but the station where the slayings took place or the main office in town. He was one of both postal employees slain, authorities said.

Green was to appear in federal court in Newark on Wednesday on charges of robbing a post office, killing two postal workers, carrying a firearm and using a firearm to kill four people inside a post office.

The neighborhood post office is a block away from the Montclair station. Earlier this month, the main office was built based on proof that it protected, but its tellers were either glass or surveillance cameras.

Russo, who has been the President of the New Jersey Mid-State Area Local of the American Postal Workers Union, said the station "averages a couple of thousand dollars a day" in business.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said that the small office was considered low-risk. "We will study this facility and the rest of the facilities in this area in regard to security measures," he said.

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Spruill was shot twice in the face and was in critical condition, Russo said.

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The FACULTY Series

A promise package worked out last weekend to reconcile different versions, makes concessions to Democrats by giving the president some authority to veto tax breaks.

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Police raids yield bio gas, cash and gold

By LAURA KING
Associated Press

TOKYO
Police seized nerve-gas solvent, 57.9 million in cash and 22 pounds of gold Wednesday at two dozen sites linked to a sect known as the Sublime Truth. And a 23-year-old woman sect member was reportedly rescued from a container where she had been confined.

Police said they could not confirm that report, by Kyodo News Service. The nerve gas attack has left Japanese shocked by both the assault on rush hour. Their safe, efficient train system is very easy to destroy it, commented the national newspaper Asahi.

Wednesday was the first normal rush-hour on the subways since the attack, which shut down three busy lines in the heart of Tokyo. Chemical-warfare experts in masks and protective clothing had sprayed the cars and platforms to neutralize the gas.

Throughout the system, signs warned passengers to be vigilant in reporting suspicious persons or unattended parcels. Many passengers noticed jitters at being back on the train, but said they had no other way to get to work.

Newspapers put out special editions reporting the raids, and television showed non-stop live footage of hundreds of police massing outside sect buildings and hauling away dozens of blue drums of chemicals. Police refused to discuss the seized chemicals, but Kyodo said they included a solvent used to make sarin, the nerve gas used in the subway attack.

The gas, developed by Nazi scientists, caused passengers to retch, faint and have convulsions. Several hundred people remained hospitalized in the wake of the attack. 22 of them in serious or critical condition.

Despite the resolve the raids showed, authorities were clearly treating the sect with considerable caution. Police employed notable restraint, using no weapons to subdue sect followers who resisted.

Officials even refused to specify the raids were in connection with the subway attack, instead citing their investigation of a public notary's kidnapping unrelated.

Officials were widely assumed that the impetus was the subway attack, and police took every precaution against a possible chemical-weapon attack. Officers wore gas masks on protective suits and carried computerized gas sniffers.

Police raid cult sites throughout Japan

Police raided 25 sites of Aum Shinri Kyo, a religious group believed to manufacture the gas that poisoned Tokyo's subways.

> Eleven sites in Kanagawa: continuous warehouses and other facilities
> > Two locations in Shizuoka: prefectures, including the group's headquarters in Fujinomiya.
> > Twelve locations in Tokyo and surrounding towns, including the group's main building.

Aum Shinri Kyo
Tokyo-area facilities

Tokyo headquarters
New Tokyo headquarters (residence and meditation center)
Aum Shinri Kyo Hospital
Hogato - Meditation and Yoga Club
Suginami - Meditation center
Suginami - Asahara fun club

Chronology of the raid
Tuesday, March 21 - in preparation 1:30 a.m. Aum Shinri Kyo says it calls a new conference in very early in the morning
Wednesday, March 22
7 a.m. - Police raids begin at sect's headquarter in Shizuoka
11 a.m. - Investigators reportedly find nerve gas solvent at sect headquarters. About 500 police are being dispatched to city and suffering from malnutrition. Six are hospitalized.
8 p.m. - Raids at all locations are finished. Searches of largest facility scheduled to continue Thursday.

Notre Dame Black Law Students Association
22nd Annual Alumni Weekend

Panel Discussion: Race, Media & the Law
Saturday, March 25th, 1995 - 1:30 p.m.
Notre Dame Law School Courthouse

Panelist include:
Debra Daniel - WSBT-TV South Bend
Prof. G. Robert Blakey - Notre Dame Law Professor
Cleo Washington - South Bend Law Attorney

Guest Speaker: Raphaeal M Prevot, Jr.
National Football Leage Attorney
Saturday, March 25th, 1995 - 8:00 p.m.
Hesburgh Center for Int'l Peace Studies Auditorium

Attention Juniors
Interested in the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships

Professor Walter F. Pratt, Jr. will have a meeting to inform you of deadline dates and the Fall application process on
Tuesday, March 28, 1995
6:30 p.m.
101 Law School

If you are unable to attend this meeting, a sheet of information may be obtained in 102-B O'Shaughnessy Hall after the meeting date.
Cosmonaut comes home after 439 days in space

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press

STARCITY, Russia—After a record 439 straight days in space, Russia's star cosmonaut came home Wednesday looking remarkably fit, passing out handshakes and slapping high fives.

Valery Polyakov, a 52-year-old physician, returned to Earth with two other cosmonauts and was flown to the cosmonaut training base outside Moscow. There they were whisked away for a week or two of medical tests and reconditioning—not before being feted by about three dozen well-wishers and doctors.

"He looks wonderful," said Polyakov's tearful wife, Nelli, who had a cold and could only approach her husband wearing a surgical mask. Doctors said the cosmonaut is especially vulnerable to germs after his space station, Polyakov circled the Earth more than 7,000 times.

He, cosmonaut Yelena Kon-dakova, and commander Alexander Viktorenko left behind a new three-person crew on the Mir, including U.S. astronaut Norman Thagard. Thagard aims to break the Ameri­cans' comparatively modest record of 84 straight days in space.

Kondakova also set a record, for a woman in space: 170 days.

The three cosmonauts touched down just after 7 a.m. Wednesday (11 p.m. EST Tued­day) on the steppes of Kazakhstan in a Soyuz descent mod­ule. "It's Mother Earth," Polyakov said as he was helped out of the capsule, seated in a chair on the snow-covered steppe and wrapped in a fur coat, according to footage from the NTV network.

The cosmonauts brought back more than 23 pounds of film and data from experiments on the Mir, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. After a brief exam­i­nation in Arkalyk, a Kazakh town 22 miles from where they landed, the cosmonauts were reported feeling fine.

Polyakov needed no assistance climbing down from the plane near Star City, officials said. He was quiet but beaming as he arrived outside the clinic.

His stint in space broke the 366-day record set by cosmo­naut Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov in December 1988.

Polyakov has spent an unsur­passed total of 607 days in space.

Polyakov spoke with his fam­i­ly once a week by phone from aboard the Mir. He and his wife have a daughter and two grandchildren.

"When I saw Dr. Polyakov, I was amazed at how good he looks," said Andrei Markian, an immunologist. "This can sometimes be a tense time, but I don't anticipate any problems."

Aldimir Styopin, a family friend in Star City, said Polyakov was probably longing for a good fish dinner.
British troops withdraw from Northern Ireland

The Associated Press

BELFAST

Britain sent 400 soldiers home on Wednesday and raised the level of talks with Northern Ireland's Protestant loyalists by sending a government minister to discuss getting rid of weapons.

In the first significant troop withdrawal since an IRA cease-fire last September, members of the 5th Regiment Royal Artillery returned to their base in northern England.

Last week, British officials said the troops had nothing to do while the cease-fire holds. Protestant paramilitary groups called their own cease-fire on Oct. 13, six weeks after the IRA halted its armed campaign to get the British out of Northern Ireland.

The government said the Protestants agreed to "con­structive discussion" about weapons, and urged Sinn Fein to do the same. But a loyalist party leader indicated no new assurances were offered.

Michael Ancram, Britain's second-ranking province official, was the first to meet with allies of the armed groups in the current peace process. Sinn Fein, the party allied with the Irish Republican Army, welcomed the British upgrade, although it has so far been barred from meeting British ministers.

GENEVA

Secretary of State Warren Christopher criticized Russia's military offensive in Chechnya in unusually strong terms Wednesday, calling it a "foul-hardy" action that has jeopardized Moscow's acceptance into international organizations.

"They were on a strong climb upwards in acceptance in various international organizations," Christopher told reporters shortly before meeting with his Russian counterpart. "You can see examples of that sliding down."

Christopher warned that "the evolvement of their participation in G-7 will be affected by their conduct." He referred to the economic grouping of the world's seven richest democracies.

But even while declaring that Russia was "paying a very high price internationally," Christopher said it was important to maintain a good working relationship with the former Cold War enemy.

"Some people would say we need to punish Russia whenever it does something we don't like but, for example, conditioning our assistance," he said, arguing that cutting aid for nuclear weapons destruction and privatizing industry "doesn't make sense."

"It's important to maintain the relationship, manage the places where we differ," he said.

The leaders of the world's seven largest industrial powers will meet in June in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin will attend. For several years, Russia has pressed for inclusion in the exclusive group.

A senior administration official said after Christopher's remarks that there's no planing any immediate moves to downgrade Russia at Halifax.

The impact would be more long term, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Christopher said he and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev would discuss the agenda for the meeting May 9 in Moscow between President Clinton and Yeltsin. He said the issues would include Russia's role in Europe and its relationship to NATO, as well as fighting in Bosnia, nuclear arms reductions and how to move ahead with destruction of stocks of chemical and biological weapons.

In addition to Chechnya, relations between Moscow and Washington are strained over Russia's plan to sell nuclear technology to Iran, which borders Russia.

"We come with any clever nugget," Christopher said it was time to reinvigorate the coalition of Western nations and Russia that has been trying to broker a peace agreement.
Haitian officers wounded

By MICHAEL NORTON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

A lieutenant in Haiti’s dis­
armed army became the latest
victim of the Haitian capital’s spir­
aling crime wave Wednes­
day when gunmen killed him
around the corner from U.N.
military headquarters.

On Tuesday, two off-duty po­
tice officers were wounded in
separate shootings.

Crime has been on the rise
since a U.S.-led multinational
force disarmed and dismantled
the Haitian army and police to
prevent the way for President
Jean-Bertrand Aristide’s return
from exile Oct. 15.

An ill-trained, mostly un­
armed interim police force of
3,000 officers has stepped in
until a new police force can be
trained and has been over­
whelmed trying to maintain or­
der.

Twenty-five people were
killed last week, including 10
suspected thieves who were
beaten to death by irate mobs. In
February, an average of five
killings occurred each week.

A pair of gunmen shot the
former lieutenant twice in the
head as he left a cement depot
that he owns, then escaped in a
waiting car, the official Haitian
force news agency reported.

The multinational force,
based around the corner from
the site of the attack, took 25
minutes to arrive on the scene,
the private Radio Metropole re­
ported.

On Tuesday, two unarmed
and off-duty interim police offi­
cers were shot and wounded in
separate attacks.

Maj. Max Hilaire, 37, was in
serious condition after being
shot in the back and abdomen
in a Port-au-Prince suburb by
two men on motorcycles who
demanded his wallet, Radio
Signal FM said.

Cpl. Beaville Ocean was shot
twice near the downtown police
station, a police spokesman
said Wednesday.

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a special Observer ad.

CAMPUS MINISTRY...

...CONSIDERATIONS

WHAT’S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?

Frequently couples come into the Campus Ministry Office hoping
for a compatibility test to see if they are truly meant for each other
or an article on relationships that they might read or advice on
what they should do now that they are interviewing for jobs that
might separate them.

They feel that their relationship is special, but they just aren’t sure
of the next step. Should they look for jobs in the same city or
should they test the relationship with some distance? Should they
get engaged now or should they work for a year or two first and
establish some career goals?

Campus Ministry has offered programs for engaged couples for
many years, but a program for the engaged is not appropriate for a
couple still exploring their relationship - the decision is not yet
made; and the decision might eventually be to not continue the
relationship.

There are many issues and questions facing couples in significant
relationships:

- how can we determine if we’re really ready for marriage?
- should we try to find jobs, or pick graduate schools, that
  are in the same city?
- how will a long distance relationship affect us?
- how can we express your true feelings without pressuring
  for commitment?
- how will the demands of career/graduate school affect our
  relationship?
- how might differences in our families of origin affect our
  relationship?
- how can we communicate better?

What’s the Future of this Relationship? - a program which
campus Ministry offers, includes a presentation on the stages
of relationships and one on decision-making. There is also a
marriage expectations quiz, but no compatibility test! There will
be time for responding to questions individually and time for
discussing answers with one’s partner. A discussion period and a
folder of articles for additional information and reflection are also
offered.

If you are in a significant relationship and are asking questions
similar to those mentioned above, perhaps you would like to
attend this semester’s program.

“What’s the Future of This Relationship?” will take place on
Sunday, April 2, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Although there is no
charge for this program, pre-registration is required.

Registration forms can be obtained in both Campus Ministry
Offices (Library Concourse and Badin Hall). Registration
deadline is March 30. If you have any questions, please call Chris
Etzel or Sylvia or John Dillon,

462-5242.

Extremists issue more
threats of terror, suicide

By DONNA ABU-NAIS
Associated Press

GAZA CITY

A Muslim extremist leader
threatened Wednesday to carry
out more suicide attacks inside
Israel, a day after two militants
confessed plans to blow up an
explosive-laden truck.

Israeli police discovered
the truck rigged with more than
200 pounds of explosives late
Monday after becoming suspi­
cious of its Gaza Strip license
plates.

Two members of the militant
Hamas movement told inter­
rogators Tuesday they were
planning a suicide attack in
Beersheba in southern Israel.

Yasser Arafa was quoted by
Israel radio Wednesday as
warning there would be a
“result of the stepped” if re­
strictions barring Palestinians
from their jobs in Israel are not
lifted.

Another warning came from
Hamas spokesman Emaid
Fallouji, who said more suicide
attacks were in the works.

“Palestinian prisoners are
still in jail, the (Israelites) settlers
are still in Gaza, the (Israelis)
are not pulled out of the West
Bank,” Falouji said. “So why
should Hamas stop its military
activities?”

Palestinian police rounded up
20 Hamas activists Wednesday
but officials would not say
whether the detentions were
linked to the planned attack.

Israel responded to the abort­
ed attack by baring all Gaza
vehicles from Israel.

Several dozen angry Gaza
farmers hurled tomatoes, cu­
cumbers and other produce
Wednesday near the Erez mili­
tary checkpoint to protest the
restrictions, which prevent
them from exporting their pro­
ducts to Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak
Rabin said Wednesday that Is­
raeli settlers are “ideal targets
for terror” because they live in
settlements that are scattered
throughout the West Bank.

Jewish settler leaders on
Wednesday called for an insur­
rection to topple the Rabin gov­
ernment.

“We cannot prevent herami­
cally or technologically,” Rabin re­
sponded.
Welfare bill causes battle in House

Thursday, March 23, 1995

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Shouting erupted in the House on Wednesday as Democrats bitterly accused Republicans of trying to ram through a mean-spirited welfare overhaul bill, in the harshest floor fight yet over the GOP’s “Contract With America.”

Democrats accused the GOP of being cruel to children and pillaging welfare programs to pay for a tax cut for the privileged. They derided GOP tactics in pushing the far-reaching bill toward enactment. The bill shrinks welfare spending by $66 billion.

Anti-abortion Republicans and Democrats tried to derail the bill earlier in the day, but lost by a handful of votes, 217-211.

Soon after, tempers boiled over as Republicans grouped together 11 amendments, including one involving abortion, and strictly scaled back the debate. "Will you get these highly paid members to sit down and shut up? You all sit down and shut up. Sit down and shut up," Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., roared at the presiding officer.

"I am deeply concerned that in the otherwise laudable drive to reduce illegitimacy and dependency, we are poised to enact legislation that is likely to increase the number of abortions performed, while also making children more impoverished," warned Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J.

The GOP’s bill bars states from increasing the cash benefits of women on welfare who have additional children. It also denies cash welfare to unmarried teen-age mothers and their children and collapses dozens of anti-poverty programs, including school lunches and Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and denies cash benefits to welfare recipients.

"I am embarrassed today to stand here and admit that our party that talks about family values is saying we don’t value keeping the family together because in fact there is no incentive to stay in the home, stay in your family," said Rep. Jim Bunn of Oregon, another anti-abortion Republican.

"If we go on rushing to apply for citizenship as Congress debates the Republican welfare reform package..." the legislation, expected to pass the House this week, would eliminate Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Aid to Families with Dependent Children and food stamps to millions of residents.

Ms. Dominguez is one of thousands of green-card holders in Miami rushing to apply for citizenship as Congress debates the Republican welfare reform package.

"If the government cuts the SSI and food stamps, I’ll be homeless," Ms. Dominguez said tearfully in Spanish, minutes after a class in preparation for the citizenship test.

An estimated 2 million legal aliens nationwide would be affected by the reforms, according to the Health and Human Services Department. The only green-card holders not to be affected are those over 75 who have lived in the United States for at least five years, political refugees and U.S. veterans.

Supporters of the measure, such as Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., question whether U.S. taxpayers should be supporting immigrants who are not allowed to vote and can’t run for most elected positions.

"If you want to come to this country and you want to enjoy all its freedoms, it’s not unfair to ask you to become citizens," said Scott Brenner, Shaw’s spokesman. "You didn’t come in this country to go on welfare.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, based in Washington, is lobbying hard for the measure.

"Immigrants today are bringing their elderly parents, brothers and sisters, whatever, and are assimilating into welfare," said Dan Stein, the federation’s executive director. "The longer they’re here, the more likely they are to go on welfare. Why should immigration become an free lunch?"
Could O.J. possibly be any guiltier?

Believe it or not: the events of the last few weeks — I’m sure I don’t need to bother you with such a popular mixture of pathos and pathology. Still, no need to worry — next week I plan to publish a piece on some of his trademark egoism, the swaggering pompous, preening lawyer. Could He Be Any Guiltier?

Many Moods of Josh Ozerzky

1. Could He Be Any Guiltier? You know what I mean. Ugh, he’s so guilty. To listen to his lawyers and their squaill, shameless antics! Could you despise lawyers any more? Dershowitz, with his vulgar Johnnie Cochran eyebrows and orotund speeches; smarmy, blustering F. Lee Bailey, and his idiotic little speedo tinkle suit; his empty beer cans hitting the bulkhead. The dying turtles glinting in the sun. You ought to just call me Dirk Sunbeam. A veritable bronze god. I return to the beach: my abs begin to ripple, my hair turns short and blonde, I get an urge to throw frisbees at dogs, the whole business. I wear a little speedo tinkle suit; then it’s out to the glamorous "Trash Mahal" casino, where I invite retirees to drink in the sun. The pressures gay and lesbian college students deal with on a daily basis added to adolescent and academic issues can be overwhelming indeed! One is hard pressed to understand why the university would add to these pressures and tensions with such mean spirited decisions.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about the decision of the administration of the University of Notre Dame to forbid the use of university property for meetings of the Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s group. While I don’t disagree with the university’s decision to only allow recognized groups to use the university facilities, I believe that the group should be recognized. The University is short sighted at best and, at worst, instrumental in creating and sustaining an atmosphere of hate and tension between students when they insist on those decisions.

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I am not a communist! My political ideology is very dear to me, because it is the only one left in this world. In 1959, Professor Alberto Prieto Roso, a visiting faculty fellow from the University of Havana, attempted to deceive a roomful of people at the Louisville Cardinal on March 9 of this year in his lecture Transitions in Cuba. Fidel back then was hiding behind a shield of lies. and on the day of his presentation, speaking only of his totalitarian repression and systematic violation of basic human rights.

Being a first generation Cuban-American and feeling a deep sense of patriotism for both this country and the one my parents left behind. I was repulsed by Professor Prieto's statement calling the exiles' desire to "return to Cuba" and take away the homes, property, and statues" from the Cubans presently enduring Fidel's oppression. Speaking for myself, my family, and my friends, there is nothing that we would like to see more than a peaceful transition to democracy in the island nation as it breaks away from Fidel's shackles.

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Ain’t Life Grand?

By ROB ADAMS
Accent Music Critic

"If Widespread Panic isn’t ‘Notre Dame’, I don’t know what band is," said Jim Jadowsiak, an off-campus junior. Although a fitting statement to describe how hot the current grassroots revival currently is here in the Midwest, that statement rings truer than it might first appear.

Widespread Panic, the Athens, Georgia band which has played over 200 live shows each year of the band’s eight-year career, will be playing Notre Dame tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center for their first time. The band has never played here before and their agent called Notre Dame a month before the semester began," said Rob Lax, Program Coordinator for Student Activities. “He didn’t beat around the bush at all. He told me, ‘Widespread Panic will be in your area in the spring and I can set up a date with you on March 23.’ Luckily for him, a different concert for about the same price was on heeds in Indiana is a great part of the country for us so we honed in on Notre Dame.”

But the six members of Widespread Panic are no strangers alone. Their fusion of southern boogie and psychedelic will be joined by the sweet acoustic sounds and melodic vocal harmonies of opening act, Jackopierce. "Jackopierce is really one of these up and comers who are on the map," said Mattzie, a Grace Hall sophomore. "I think this band is going to be one of the must underrated and up-and-coming bands in today’s music world. The music presented by Jack and Cary (the band members) complements their insightful lyrics." Jack O’Neill and Cary Pierce form the acoustic duo that is Jackopierce. They met about four years ago at SMU in the theater department. The two jammed together in Cary’s room one night and were so happy with the results that they decided to try their hand in the music business. Cary was always determined," O’Neill recalled. "When we first started playing he said, ‘Look, this is what I want to do with my life. Are you in? And I said ‘yep’.’" Three years later, the band has produced Jackopierce’s major label debut, Bringing on the Weather, for a major label.

"Many people are going to see the show for Jackopierce more than for Widespread Panic. They’re one of the most underappreciated and upcoming bands in today’s music world," said Brian Hill.

But the six members of Widespread Panic are not the only people who are excited that they are coming to Notre Dame. "They’re the next Allman Brothers," said Tom Mattie, a Grace Hall sophomore. "I hope Notre Dame students realize how lucky they are to have Widespread Panic coming here. It’s just great music." Widespread Panic delivers one of the best live shows I’ve ever seen, commented Megan Awe, Holy Cross Hall junior. "Just when you think they can’t take their music any higher, they do. They reach a new peak with each song they play."

Bring a mixture of southern boogie and psychedelic, Widespread Panic plays at Notre Dame for the first time tonight. Panic consider Ain’t Life Grand to be their best album to date. "I think we’ve really accomplished something with this album," said David Schools. "It’s probably going to be hard to top this one."

"Fishwater," a jangling New Orleans stomp of a song in which singer and guitarist Bell sounds like an energized Joe Cocker, fresh after a year of aerobics training, provides another highlight on the album. "Ain’t Life Grand?" was born on the stage," said Bell, "we were playing this jam and I came up with some words."

This is not one of those shows where everyone is going to see the main act and no one has heard of the opening act. I think people who go only for Widespread Panic will come out Jackopierce fans as well." Brian Hill

Widespread Panic is compiled from Tracks sales reports, week ending March 19th.

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1. Collective Soul - Collective Soul
2. Annie Lennox - Medusa
3. Dave Matthews Band - Under the Table and Dreaming
4. 2Pac - Me Against the World
5. Shaw blades - Hallucination
6. Hootie and the Blowfish - Cracked Rear View
7. Bruce Springsteen - Greatest Hits
8. Tom Petty - Wildflowers
9. Eagles - Hell Freezes Over
10. Cranberries - No Need to Argue
11. Matthew Sweet - 100% Fun
12. Eric Clapton - Cream of Clapton
13. Rusted Root - When I Woke
14. Sheryl Crow - Tuesday Night Music Club
15. Oasis - Definitely Maybe
16. Van Halen - Balance
17. Black Crowes - Amorica
18. Nine Inch Nails - The Downward Spiral
19. Pulp Fiction Soundtrack
20. John Lee Hooker - Chill Out

TOP 20 CUTS

1. Quicksand - "Delusional"
2. PJ Harvey - "Down By The Water"
3. Stone Roses - "Love Spreads"
4. Throwing Muses - "Bright Yellow Gun"
5. Belly - "Now They’ll Sleep"
6. Bush - "Everything Zen"
7. Bettie Serveert - "Ray, Ray, Rain"
8. Matthew Sweet - "Sick of Myself"
9. Live - "Lightning Crashes"
10. Wax - "California"
11. Oasis - "Live Forever"
12. Jayhawks - "Blue"
13. Ass Ponys - "Little Bastard"
14. Fossil - "Moon"
15. Simple Minds - "She’s a River"
16. Elastica - "Connection"
17. Dink - "Green Mind"
18. Portishead - "Sour Times"
19. Siouxsie and the Banshees - "O Baby"
20. Rage Against the Machine - "Year of the Boomerang"

Source/ College Music Journal, College Cuts
Clippers rally in the game's final two minutes for a victory over Los Angeles.

Kevin Willis had 24 points and 18 rebounds Wednesday night, leading the Miami Heat past the Hawks 98-84 for their first regular-season victory in Atlanta.

Miami, which had won the last 2 1/2 quarters after Matt Geiger's layup at the 1:25 mark of the third, got half the Heat ahead to stay 35-27.

Kevin Willis led 43-39 at the half, stretched it to 61-49 on Owens' 17-footer with 3:45 left in the third. The Hawks never got closer than 7 points the rest of the way.

Cavaliers 101, Kings 89

Mark Price scored 23 points and made four of Cleveland's 13 3-pointers Wednesday night as the Cavaliers beat the Sacramento Kings 101-89. The 11-3 pointers tied a franchise record set last November against Golden State.

Price, still coming off the bench and wearing a brace on his right wrist after he broke it in the second quarter against the Pacers, scored 16 and 13 of his 23 points in the first 13 of which nine were 3-point attempts.

Blaylock did pick up the one steal he needed to reach 1,000 for his career in his 421st game, fourth fastest in the NBA. Miami had led 12-10, but Ray Lang had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Heat 98, Hawks 84

Rik Smits added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, while Byron Scott had 13 off the bench and Olden Polynice had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Heat guard Caron Butler scored 17 for the Heat. Miami was limited to 20 points in the first half of the game, passing the Hawks for a hill a dunk. Danny Ferry followed with the first of the Cavs' 3-pointers, followed by the second of the quarter they trailed by only four.

A 13-2 flurry, started by Chris Mills' 3-pointer, put Cleveland ahead 94-82 with 8 1/2 minutes left and the Heat went on to win. They led 52-43 at halftime, 79-70 after 73 minutes, and 94-65 after 105 minutes. They had 94-82 victory over the New York Knicks.

The Spurs, playing their second career since Dennis Rodman separated his right shoulder in the hunt for the last playoff spot in the West.

Mitch Richmond scored 19, Brian Grant had 18 and Olden Polynice 17 for the Kings. Bobby Phillips scored 16 and Michael Jordan had 14 rebounds for Cleveland.

The Spurs ran off 10 straight points from 12.2 lead with three minutes left in the first quarter. But, in a game that took them all over the track with a run after the Spurs took a 10-8 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks in the Eastern Conference playoff spot.

San Antonio inched closer to the Hawks in the first half of the game, passing the Hawks for a hill, while five each by each for the Hawks for a hill, while scoring. The Hawks never scored.

J.R. Reid finished with 16 points, Johnson added 14, Sean Elliott had 13 and Person added 11 for San Antonio, which shot 53 percent from the field.

The Hawks, who shot just 32 percent, got 21 from Armon Gilliam, but Derrick Coleman was limited to 10 points before fouling out of the game after injuring his right shoulder.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 35 for Milwaukee in the first eight points.

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Rush is on to produce new Jordan jerseys

By SKIP WOLLENBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK
Sports clothes maker Champion added a third shift to make No. 45 jerseys. Nike rushed to have No. 45 hats printed. Sports marketing executives scrambled to slip No. 45 into their NBA players series.

The number that has long conjured up visions of pistols, hit-record singles and a point-malt liquor has a new ambassador.

Michael Jordan took 45 for his return to the Chicago Bulls last Sunday. In doing so, the athletic superstar has created another potentially lucrative niche in the multibillion-dollar world of sports marketing.

"It gives you a chance to do everything you've done over again," said Brian Murphy, publisher of Sports Marketing Letter.

In ending nearly 1 1/2 years in retirement from the NBA, Jordan, with his old No. 23 hanging from the rafters at the Bulls' home arena. That was the number he wore for his first nine years with the Bulls, leading them to three consecutive NBA championships.

Jordan said he left 23 in retirement because it was the last one his father saw him wear. His father was killed in 1993, rising number was almost an afterthought for our business," said Merchin, who declined to disclose precise financial details.

Merchin said Jordan's jersey was the NBA's best-seller before he retired, and he expects Jordan quickly will surpass the player who replaced him in that spot, Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando. They go for $40 to $45 in stores.

The Sports Authority, which owns 107 sports apparel and equipment stores nationwide, said demand for new Jordan items is keeping them busy.

The Bulls won for the fourth time in five games and the first since Jordan returned to the lineup. His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, read the capacity crowd several tears.

In that game, he missed 21 of his 24 shots. On Wednesday night, he made 9 of 17 and left for good with Chicago leading 115-97 with three minutes left. By then, about one-third of the crowd had left the building.

Scottie Pippen added 18 points and Toni Kukoc 16 for Chicago, which led by at least 10 points throughout the last three quarters.

Bostom was led by Sherman Douglas with 23 points, Dominique Wilkins with 20 points and Derek Strong with 16 rebounds.

Jordan scored Chicago's first seven points on a 15-footer from the right, a 3-pointer from the left and a 15-footer on his first three shots.

But he also picked up three quick fouls and went to the bench with just 4:38 gone in the game with Chicago ahead 15-14. He hit a 12-footer from the baseline 27 seconds later, then followed with a basket from the top of the key that made the score 49-37 and a 20-foot jumper that made it 53-39 with 4:29 left in the half.

Jordan finally missed 3:07 before intermission when his shot from the right side of the lane bounced off the rim.
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Virginia Tech headed to NIT's Final Four

**Associated Press**

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Center Travis Jackson hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 1.9 seconds left to lift Virginia Tech to a 64-61 victory over New Mexico State in the NIT quarterfinals Wednesday night.

Virginia Tech (23-10) squandered a 20-point lead in the second half against the Aggies (25-10), who used an aggressive press and driving baskets to get within range in the final six minutes.

Shawn Good had 16 points for the Hokies, Shawn Smith had 15 and Ace Smith 13. Troy Brewer scored 11 and Thomas Wyatt and Rodney Walker each had 13 points.

Virginia Tech, 7-0 in NIT games at home and 14-1 in Cassell Coliseum this season, now goes to New York for the semifinals against the winner of Thursday afternoon's Washington State-Gastonia game.

The Aggies trailed 39-20 at halftime after making just 26 percent of their shots in the first half. That left the Aggies facing their largest halftime deficit this year.

But the Aggies went on a 22-6 run in the middle of the second half, with Johnny Selvie's driving layup with 8.40 remaining cutting Virginia Tech's lead to 51-47. Damien Willington's free throws and 3-pointer with 3:36 remaining put the Hokies up 61-54.

Brewer's jumper with 13 seconds to play tied the game 61-61.

**SPORTS**

Drug use still not confirmed

By JON MARCUS

Associated Press

BOSTON

More friends of Reggie Lewis have stepped forward to denounce reports that he took drugs.

A former teammate who now lives in California told The Associated Press that members of the Northeastern University basketball squad used marijuana and cocaine, but Lewis never joined in.

The story jibed with comments from other members of the team, who have admitted doing drugs themselves, but not with Lewis.

"The team was an extremely hard-partying team," said Ken Glavara, who played point guard at Northeastern in 1986-87 and now runs a dry cleaning business.

"But Reggie, like most of us, did not use these drugs," Glavara said. "I've never seen him do drugs."

Giavara, who played point guard at Northeastern in 1986-87 and now runs a dry cleaning business.

"We were tested before the NCAA tournament and tested positive. Nothing happened. Doctor said, 'Don't worry about it. Just clean it up in time for the tournament.'"

Like at least two other members of the team, he admitted he smoked marijuana and said he tested positive for drugs.

Lewis, who went on to play for the Boston Celtics, collapsed during a playoff game with the Charlotte Hornets on April 29, 1993. He later collapsed and died on July 27, 1993, while shooting baskets with friends at Brandeis University.

The Boston Herald on Wednesday quoted an unnamed medical source as saying Lewis admitted to a doctor that he used cocaine before every home game as a "performance enhancer." The source said Lewis would not or could not stop, even after he was warned that the continued use of cocaine might kill him.

Jan Volk, Celtics executive vice president and general manager, said the Herald account was "an incredibly bold statement by someone who is the worst kind of person and the biggest coward."

"I've never seen a more malicious person. They all come to my也能亲等的

"Amid the controversy, Lewis' accomplishments on the basketball court were highlighted Wednesday night at Boston Garden, where his number was retired at halftime of the Celtics game against Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

"His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, read her own poem titled "Believe What Your Own Eyes See."" Though rumors now surround the fact of his death, he cared too much for basketball to risk his health. Character is one thing that never dies. Let's not believe these harmful lies," she read.

Only one of his college or pro teammates has said publicly that he witnessed Lewis using drugs. Derrick Lewis, a former Northeastern player and no relation, told The Boston Globe and The Wall Street Journal that he used cocaine with Lewis just days before Lewis collapsed during the Hornets game. Derrick Lewis recanted his story Tuesday night, though the Globe said a taped interview backed up its reporting.

Other friends defended Lewis.

"There might have been different players on the squad that indulged in different things, but Reggie wasn't one of them," Wes Fuller, who roomed with Lewis at Northeastern, told The Associated Press. "It just wasn't in his makeup."

Glavara said drug use at Northeastern was "out of control" that he transferred to the University of Hartford, where he graduated.

Northeastern President John Curley last week ordered an investigation into alleged drug use by members of the university's basketball team.

"As he made clear over the weekend, the university's concern here is very broad and goes beyond a single incident of a single test, and that is, are we and have we in the past done all that we could to maintain the well-being of our student athletes."

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Kentucky looks to avoid upset

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Arizona State looked the part of outcast Wednesday at the NCAA Southeast Regional.

The players took the court for a brief practice with their jerseys all askew, some turned inside out, others flipped around backwards. Coach Bill Frieder, a notable flake, showed up at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center wearing a sweat suit, loafers — and no socks.

It was a fitting image for a team that has many people asking: "Who's that fourth team in Birmingham?"

"We're probably the craziest team in the country," said star center Mario Bennett.

Craziness aside, the fourth-seeded Sun Devils (24-8) are also the most unknown commodity at the Southeast Regional, an otherwise glamorous pairing that includes the two winningest schools in college basketball history, top-seeded Kentucky and No. 2 seed North Carolina.

Maybe that's why Bennett, asked his thoughts on playing Kentucky Thursday night in the regional semifinal, said matter-of-factly: "It feels good to be alive. That's about it."

But don't get the impression the Sun Devils are just happy to be making their first appearance in the round of 16 since 1975. They are livid over oddsmakers who established Kentucky as a 14-point favorite.

"How big an underdog are we?" asked a skeptical Bennett, the Sun Devils' force in the middle who leads the team in three different categories with 18.2 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.5 blocks a game.

"Those people don't see our practices. They don't see how hard we work. We worked too hard to get this far to get blown out. I'll tell you this much: you won't see a blowout game. It'll be a good game."

But Arizona State — or anyone else, for that matter — faces serious match-up problems against Kentucky, which certainly has the look of a team capable of running the field.

The Wildcats (27-4) haven't lost in more than five weeks, winning 10 straight games by an average margin of 20.7 points. The only team to stay within double figures was defending national champ Arkansas, which built a 19-point lead in the finals of the Southwestern Conference tournament only to fall 95-93 in overtime.

Even Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, after reeling off the virtues of Arizona State ("the quickest team I've seen"), conceded that his squad has all the elements to go all the way.

"I've had so much fun this year," he said. "Our practices are so exciting. When we scrimmage, it's so competitive that time just flies."

"In the past, we had to press to camouflage our man-to-man defense. We had to zone to camouflage our rebounding woes. We no longer have to do that. It's taken a while to reach this point, but we now have size, we have quickness. We haven't had to rely on 3-point shot to win. We had to do that last year."

Of course, the Wildcats still love to shoot from outside the 3-point arc, led by Mr. Outside Tony Delk, who leads the team with 16.3 points a game, Forward Roderick Rhodes (13.0 points) and Walter McCarty (10.4 points, 5.7 rebounds) handle the inside load.

But as good as the starters are, the Kentucky bench may be even better.

Freshman Antoine Walker is a budding star, scoring a career-high 23 points against Arkansas in the conference tournament, while Mark Pope is the team's leading rebounder and Anthony Epps the top playmaker even coming off the bench most of the year.

"To be honest with you right now, if the second unit played against the first unit, the second unit would win," Pitino said. "That's how close the two units are."

That is the crux of Arizona State's problem. The Sun Devils go only two-deep on the bench, while Kentucky has the depth (nine players are averaging at least 12 minutes a game) to play at the frenetic pace Pitino loves.

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Pressure on UCLA to keep winning

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

In Mississippi State's second-round victory over Utah, Erick Dampier blocked shots with such force the ball often wound up in the first few rows. The 6-foot-11 intimidator gets his way by crashing a 255-pound body against smaller, lighter opponents.

Dampier's presence in the middle, along with 3-point shooters T.J. Honore and Marcus Grant, often is enough to get him in foul trouble more easily.

"We're going to move George around a little bit and see what Dampier does. Is he going to come out and play him? George is good at the top of the key, and the foul line," UCLA coach Jim Harrick said. "I think (Dampier) will block some shots and that he'll alter some shots, but I don't know that he'll intimidate us."

Dampier joined some elite company with 21 points, 10 rebounds and a career-high eight blocks against Utah. Only Shaquille O'Neal (111), Shawn Bradley (110) and David Robinson (9) had more blocks in an NCAA tournament game.

He surprised coach Richard Williams by showing up early for breakfast the day of the Utah game. Dampier has a reputation for being unreliable as far as getting up and getting to places on time.

"Erick sometimes feels more challenged by some teams and some players than others," Williams said. "When he really feels a challenge, he tends to play better. He had great games this year against Georgia, Kentucky and Arkansas."

The fifth-seeded Bulldogs (22-7) never had won a game in the tournament until beating Santa Clara and Utah in the first two rounds. Those victories were even bigger news in Starkville, Miss., than an 83-62 win over defending national champion Arkansas earlier this season.

Mississippi State's enrollment of 13,371 accounts for much of the town's 15,000 residents. "It's a big deal for our fans and university," Williams said.

When we came in from Idaho, there were probably 1,000 people at the airport. That might not sound like a lot to some of you, but it overflowed our airport."

Williams took his players home Sunday night rather than arrive two days early in Oakland, saying they weren't accustomed to big-city life.

UCLA also arrived Wednesday, but for different reasons. The players have final exams this week, which required some of them to take tests Monday and Tuesday. Williams admitted that as much as the Bulldogs want to beat UCLA, they don't have to.

"Our fans will be happy with us if we don't win. They'll be excited about the season we've been able to put together," he said.

In Westwood, everybody has high expectations of us," Zidek said. "We really need to keep this going and win some more games."

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Maryland, UConn to battle in Oakland

By STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

If college teams could stay together, keep coaches and create their own franchises in the NBA, Connecticut and Maryland might be competing for a league title in a few years.

For the moment, these two teams with NBA-style size, speed and talent are shooting for a spot in the Final Four, and one will knock off the other Thursday in the semifinals of the NCAA West Regionals and go on to a probable matchup against No. 1 UCLA.

Connecticut may have the finest, best-balanced starting five in the country, led by workhorse Donny Marshall at power forward, silky Ray Allen at small forward, savvy Kevin Ollie at point guard, former Israeli national team star Doron Sheffer at shooting guard, and 7-Footer Travis Knight at center.

It is a unit that plays with maturity, even if Allen and Sheffer are sophomores and Knight a junior. And coming off the bench are two solid players who could just as well be starting, center Eric Hayward and guard Brian Fair.

Maryland is perhaps slightly less balanced in its starters, but it has the added dimension of the best player on either team — All-America center Joe Smith. No ordinary Joe, the skinny 6-10 Smith scored 31 points, grabbed 21 rebounds and blocked seven shots in Maryland's last victory over Texas and said the numbers didn't surprise him. "Every player has an ego," Smith said Wednesday. "Every player has frame of mind that, 'If I play my game I can't be stopped.'"

Maryland is used to big games by Smith, but it is hardly a one-man team and he plays with uncommon selflessness. "I'm not going to go out at crunch time," he said, "and try to take over the game."

He doesn't have to. Forwards Keith Booth and Exree Hipp are potent rebounders and scorers, and guards Johnny Rhodes and Duane Simpkins know how to get the ball into the big men.

"Joe has gotten the attention," Maryland coach Gary Williams said, "but other guys have stepped up all year."

"Connecticut is very quick," Williams said. "Four of their starters can handle the ball and get it up court very fast."

The exception would be Knight, but if he stays out of foul trouble he starts fast breaks with his rebounding, outlet passes and blocked shots.

"We're all about," Williams said. "That's what we're all about. When the players want to work, to come in to the gym, to want to walk on the court and have a feel for the game, that's what we're all about."
Smith, Thompson to meet again in classic championship rematch

By JIM O'CONNELL  
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.  
There are few lists regarding college basketball coaching success without the names Dean Smith and John Thompson.

The two are close friends and presidents of each other's admiration society and ready to go in Thursday night's Southeast Regional semifinals. Smith's second-seeded North Carolina Tar Heels (26-5) are finally back in the round of 16 after losing to Boston College in the second round last season to end a 13-year run of getting to at least the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

Thompson's sixth-seeded Georgetown Hoyas (21-9) haven't been this far since 1989, losing in the second round four of the last five years. "It's ironic you feel so good being here and so bad when you're not," Thompson said Wednesday.

The coaching matchup makes it even more so. Smith holds the record with 25 tournament appearances, including his current consecutive streak of 21 years. Thompson is making his 18th appearance and his 14-year streak that ended in 1993 is second to Smith's.

"We will be playing against a very dear friend and someone I have a lot of respect for," Thompson said. "When I was the coach at St. Anthony's High School, Dean recruited one of my players, and it was an opportunity for us to talk a little and I found how close our philosophies were and that's how the relationship started."

"We are still very special friends and I have tremendous respect for John as a man and a coach," Smith said. "Still the finest speech I have ever heard was given by John to our Olympic team in 1976 before we played Yugoslavia."

They have been on opposite benches only three times and the biggest of Smith's two wins was the 1982 NCAA championship game. That was the one where a North Carolina freshman named Michael Jordan hit a big jumper with 17 seconds to play and the game ended when Georgetown's Fred Brown handed the ball to James Worthy for one of the most famous turnovers in tournament history.

Dean Smith is coaching in his 25th NCAA tournament with North Carolina and is seeking his third national title.
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Irish open home schedule with Ohio State

BY NEIL ZENDER
Spun Writer

So much for the home field advantage. When Notre Dame (12-6) takes on Ohio State this afternoon, it will only be the second time they've played on their own field all season. The first, incidentally, was yesterday's practice. The 3 p.m. matchup will be against a tough Buckeye team. Last year, a young Buckeye team. Last year, a young Ohio State club was a powerful force in the Big Ten. This year, they're a year older, a year wiser, and a year better. "We have to show up to play ball," Coach Liz Miller said. "Starting the regular season at home, you need to set the tone. We start conference play in just another week." A good performance against the Buckeyes is essential. They are one of the top dogs in the Big Ten, so a win will do wonders for Notre Dame's regional ranking. To win, Notre Dame will need some aggressive hitting. Throughout the season, timid batters have been the Irish's Achilles' heel. In the Honeycutt's Softball Invitational at the University of Hawaii, Notre Dame scored a total of four runs on 12 hits in their three losses. In their four wins, the Irish hammered out 19 runs on 34 hits. Tentative hitting has cost Notre Dame games. But it's not for want of talent. Murderer's Row they aren't, but the Irish batting order is capable of producing runs. "This is the strongest natural lineup we've ever had in our softball program. They just have to focus," Miller said. Much of the timid hitting can be attributed to a young lineup that is still adjusting. Look for a starting center fielder Jennifer Giampaolo to pick up as she gains more confidence at the plate, and gathers more experience as the season progresses. Sophomore Elizabeth Perkins, who bats third in the lineup, has been streaky. "They start taking too many pitches and getting set up (by opposing pitchers)," Miller said. "That comes from a lack of experience." Catcher Sara Hayes has been streaky as well. Potentially the club's best hitter, she's sandwiched several great games around a six game hitless stretch. Today will be the first time that Notre Dame has ever played Ohio State on a softball field. Last year would have been the inaugural game, but the contest was rained out. Ironically, one of the biggest opponents might just be Notre Dame's home field advantage. The Irish's first practice on their own infield was yesterday. The infielders aren't used to the unique bounces that make a ballpark a ballpark. That will only be compounded by the fact that Notre Dame's last seven games were played on a hard, coarse infield of crushed volcanic rock in Hawaii. But the uncertainty about the field conditions won't hurt Notre Dame's hitting. And that's what needs to drop.

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**SPORTS**

**Sports Writer**

**Saint Mary's Smith earns All-American honors as freshman**

Swimming and Diving • SAiNT season last month at Championships, Liberal Arts man Allison Smith III National Championships, held March Smith is, in fact, the first ever meeting between the Irish and Tigers. "We would like to end the season on a good note," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw explained. "We were disappointed with the (MCC) tournament. We would like to go into the summer with a good feeling."

If the Irish are going to advance in the tournament the key will be their defense. In the three losses after Christmas break their opponents have scored in the 80's and 90's. "The defense let us down against Northern Illinois," McGraw commented. "We've had the same problem in the last three losses. We have lacked defensive intensity and our rebounding was down."

For Pacific, defense is the name of the game. Pacific boasts the second best scoring defense and field goal defense in the Big West Conference. While limiting their opponents scoring they boast the 14th best field goal percentage in the nation at 46.9 percent. This efficiency on offense carries a balanced attack in which no player averages more than 10 points a game. Forward Connie Blaisure leads the team with 9.9 points per game and 4.8 rebounds a game. "They do not have one great player," McGraw said of the Tigers. "They have very balanced scoring and play great defense. They only allow around 60 to 67 points a game."

The Irish are the mirror opposite on offense. Three Irish starters, center Katryna Gaither, forward Leilisa Bowen and forward Carey Poor, all average over ten points a game and forward Beth Morgan comes of the bench to add another 18 ppg. Gaither leads the Irish with 18.8 ppg and Bowen paces the Irish with 8.5 rebounds per game. "We will keep Beth coming off the bench, at least for the first game," McGraw explained. "It is a great offensive weapon having someone like her coming off the bench."

Should the Irish defeat the Tigers, they would face the winner of Clemson versus Northwestern State, La on Friday.

**Male Swimmer**

Smith earns All-American honors as freshman

By TARA KRULL Sports Writer

When the rest of the Saint Mary's Swimming and Living team concluded their season last month at the DePauw University Liberal Arts Championships, freshman Allison Smith knew her season was not quite finished. Instead of enjoying the freedom of a "swimming-free lifestyle," Smith returned to the pool to continue training for the NCAA Division III Championships, which were held March 9-11 at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. The sole member of the 1994-95 Saint Mary's National Team, Smith is, in fact, the first Saint Mary's swimmer to ever qualify for the NCAA championships. According to Belles' coach Greg Janson, Smith made some great waves for herself and the team at the meet. "Allison swam very well at NCAA's," Janson said. "She gained some valuable experience for both herself and the team. We all have a better idea now of what to expect for next year."

Smith had two performances in December at the National Catholic Championships and at a dual meet against Allison College that gave her NCAA consideration times in both the 500 and 1650 freestyle. At the meet, Smith swam both the 500 and 1650, as well as the 400 individual medley. Out of a field of approximately 2000 NCAA Division III swimmers nationwide, she placed 33rd in the 500 and 23rd in the 1650. The highlight of the meet for Smith and Saint Mary's was her 9th place finish in the 1650, with a time of 1:74.00, giving her All-American status for that event. Her 1650 time also made her the fastest freshman in Division III swimming across the country. "I was really nervous going into my first event at NCAA's (the 500 free). I was really nervous going into my first event at NCAA's (the 500 free), and things just didn't click," Smith said, "but I came back and really got my season best in both the 400 IM and the 1650, which was a great way to end the meet as well as the season for me."

Janson can't complain either. He believes that Smith's background and experience has made an impact on the Belles' program. In her freshman year alone, Smith broke 6 school records in individual events and also holds a relay record with three of her teammates. She also scored more points for the Belles this season than any other swimmer has ever scored in a year. "Allison is a very competitive individual with an excellent work ethic," Janson said. "Her commitment to the Saint Mary's program and the coaching staff has enabled her to achieve the success she did this year."

As far as next year goes, Smith has already begun her planning. She is looking for further improvements with her events and more NCAA cuts. She will continue to train distance freestyle as well as IM and butterfly. Janson feels that Smith will only better her performances as she proceeds through her collegiate career as well. "I think her NCAA experience lit a fire in her," Janson said. "She now knows that she can go faster, which will both motivate and prepare her for next year. She has the ability to compete with the best—she also succeeds among the best."