Clinton agenda meets civil response

"The state of our union is strong"

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President Clinton, standing before a Congress torn over his fate, proposed Tuesday to protect Social Security with the huge budget surpluses that Republicans are eying for tax cuts. He also announced the government will sue the tobacco industry for smokers' health costs.

But with the economy booming, Clinton declared: "I stand before you tonight to report that the state of our union is strong."

Several Republicans boycotted the speeches. Chief Justice William Rehnquist also stayed away, apparently deciding it would be inappropriate to attend while presiding over Clinton's trial.

Clinton opened his address by recalling the admonition of new House Speaker Dennis Hastert for Republicans and Democrats to work in a spirit of bipartisanship and civility. "Mr. Speaker, it's do exactly that," the president said.

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No Room at ND's Inn

There is a wonderful song in Rent, the winner of the 1996 Tony for Best Musical, that goes something like this: "Christmas bells are ringing...Christmas bells are ringing." Christmas bells are ringing in my ears: not here... Not here... No room/no room at the Holiday Inn.

Well, Notre Dame wasn’t the somewhere else that I was going to certainly have a room at the Holiday Inn... or any room at the inn. Almost everyone has experienced the frustration and administrative difficulties that come with leaving for the holidays. The return trip from a major break, and the way we are treated like children in need of babysitters is downright unfair and insulting. We were supposed to be out of the dorms by 5:30. I was just finishing packing when a member of my hall staff approached me and literally told me to get out. Now. When I asked if I could at least grab my toothbrush, the reply was an emphatic "No." (What is WITH people denying me the basic necessities of life around here?) My flight was delayed a whole day thanks to those travel wizards at TWA, but I couldn’t even spend the night in my own room.

The dorms didn’t re-open until 9:00 the following morning. Our semester began, and all the doors on both of our halls were padlocked tight when a friend and I drove into town after driving across the country from California. We had to wait in the freezing cold for hours before we could enter our own rooms. Another friend of mine arrived at 8:30. The security guard on duty refused to let her in and then stared at her through the window while my friend froze in the cold for over two hours. One student who arrived a day early had to spend the night at the Knights of Columbus building because his dorm was locked, and another kid had to spend the night in his car for the same reason. When I questioned our stories, or have heard the stories of such ridiculous incidents, and it all boils down to one factor: God forbid we should be treated as adults and entrusted with making our own decisions.

These rules are for social regulation, not safety. So many other universities allow their students access to their rooms during breaks regardless if the hall staff is present or not. I don’t understand why ND can’t enforce the rules, that is its job, but I did find it rather ludicrous when I was accused of being unfair to other residents for staying longer than allowed. Yes, I am now the target of all their wrath. They found me out.

But what about those who really do need to stay here? Has the office of residence life ever considered those who can’t afford to go home for the winter break? Has the office of residence life ever considered those who are flying home for the winter break? We were supposed to be out of the dorms by 5:30 before they were graded. Professor Maurice East, who taught the introductory level course, said the ungraded materials could be "got in touch with" before their grades were given. Professor East met with Jeffrey Henig, the political science department chair, to devise a solution. Students were notified of the incident by e-mail two days after the exam and were assigned a "work in progress" grade, also called an IPG. While Yale and the Aryan Nation spent about two weeks exchanging baseless charges, Yale prepared to begin more serious action against the legally responsible party in case the site’s operators refused to remove "The Old Books." The university's webmaster said Yale was prepared to pursue the site’s Internet service provider if the University was not able to determine who was responsible for the copyright violation. A case filed against the ISP can sometimes bear responsibility for flagrant copyright violations on its pages. It is our belief that the laws clearly hold the Internet service provider (ISP) for liability since once the ISP has been made aware of it. 

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Outside the Dome

Yale forces Aryan Nation to discontinue use of its website

NEW HAVEN, Conn.
The Aryan Nation no longer uses the "racist" image from Yale's website to sell to copy's of "The Hitler We Loved Best." A former student informed the Yale webmaster team in December that the Aryan Nation's online "Liberation Archives" contained the "Old Books" image, from Yale's electronic front door, Yale took action.

The University informed the Aryan webmaster that using the University-owned image violated copyright laws. After a brief exchange of correspondence, the Aryan's removed the image from their pages.

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

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VIrginia Tech

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Eight story fall leads to students death

IOWA CITY, Iowa

A UI student died after falling from an eighth-floor Mayflower Residence Hall room late Monday afternoon in what UI officials are calling an apparent suicide. The student’s name was being withheld until official notification of the family, said Steve Parrott, assistant director of University Relations. He would only say the person was a student. The UI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call summoning officers to the scene, Parrott said. He was unsure if the student had jumped, or if time had passed between the fall and the 911 call. The suicide was the first Parrott said he could remember at Mayflower and one of two students who committed suicide within two months of each other, in December 1994 and January 1995. UI Freshman Sam Johnson died of carbon monoxide poisoning and UI junior Thomas Belman died of a gunshot to the head.

South Bend Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Board requests student feedback

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Santa Mary's News Editor

Meetings with the Performa Consulting group regarding the proposed student center continued this week as the consultants continue to gather student feedback. Student body vice president Nancy Midden reported to the Board of Governance, "It was really a brainstorming session," said Midden. "They wanted to get an idea of what ideally we would want the new student center to have. They are planning subsequent visits to gather information."

According to Midden, some of the ideas suggested to the representatives from Performa by Midden and other students were increased study space and computer availability. Midden also reported that interviews of candidates for the position of vice president and dean of faculty will continue through this weekend. "The process has been going very well and there has been a lot of student participation in the process," she said.

In other BOG news:
• The board tabled approval of the Odyssey of the Mind club until a representative of the group can come to a BOG meeting. Odyssey of the Mind is a group focusing on creative problem solving. The group has recently opened a chapter at Notre Dame and wants to expand to include Saint Mary's students. There is currently one student from Saint Mary's participating in the group.
• Nancy Midden reported that the picture taken of students, faculty and staff for Saint Mary's Pride Day in October will be available for sale to students for $4. The pictures will be sold in the dining hall.
• A winter Activities Night will be held in the LeMans lobby on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. More than 25 groups will be represented.

Music prof up for Grammy

By ANNIE SPILLNER
News Writer

A Notre Dame professor may celebrate his achievements alongside the music industry's biggest stars when Grammy awards are announced Feb. 24.

Alexander Blachly, chorale leader and associate professor of music, was nominated for a Grammy award for his CD, "Creator of the Stars," which he recorded with his New York ensemble, Pomerium, for Deutsche Grammophon/Archiv Produktion.

Blachly joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1993 as director of choral music. He and the Notre Dame Chorale, assisted by the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra, have earned a supportive local following thanks in part to their performances of Handel's Messiah each December in Washington Hall.

Blachly founded Pomerium, a 15-voice a cappella ensemble, in 1972 to perform music composed for the virtuoso chapel choirs of the Renaissance.

"When I first founded Pomerium, there were no top-tier choirs devoted to the music Pomerium specializes in, that is, the great sacred a cappella masses, Magnificats, and motets of the Renaissance," Blachly said. "These works are the musical analogs of the paintings of Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci, the sculptures of Donatello and Michelangelo, or the architectural monuments of Brunelleschi."

His group has acquired international fame for its interpretations of composers Du Fay, Ockeghem, Josquin and Lassus.

Pomerium has performed at various international festivals as well as six times here at Notre Dame. They first performed on campus in 1991 to present a program of 14th century Italian works, later to commemorate the University's sesquicentennial year and in 1992 with music by 15th century composer Antoine Busnoys.

Pomerium performed most recently in March, 1998, at a concert featuring sacred music from manuscripts copied for the Sistine Chapel choir during the time Michelangelo painted the chapel's ceiling.

"We only know how wonderful music is based on performances of it," explained Blachly. "My goal was to create a group to do music the way it was meant to be done. Of course we have not accomplished such an impossible goal, but the group has certainly improved considerably over the course of 27 years."

"In no small measure, this is currently due to the existence of a sizable corps of talented singers who specialize in Renaissance polyphony. In 1972, one would have had to scour the face of the earth to find 15 singers of this type," he continued.

"As a non-music major, it's a great opportunity to be able to work with someone of Professor Blachly's experience and reputation," said Chorale treasurer Ryan Harding.

Chorale vice president Rachel Hansen also claims to have learned much from Blachly's instruction.

"He knows so much. I've never learned more about music history and theory than by being in Chorale," Hansen said. "He never ceases to amaze us with his off-the-wall music facts which keep Chorale interesting and fun."

Blachly earned his master's and doctoral degrees in musicology from Columbia University, and in 1992 won the Noah Greenberg Award, given by the American Musicological Society in recognition for his achievement in the field of historical performance practice.

Professor Blachly recently returned from a tour of New Orleans and Florida with the Notre Dame Chorale and will wait to learn the outcome of his nomination until Grammy night.
In response to Clinton's speech, Republicans said the nation's business would not be hurt regardless of the outcome of Clinton's impeachment trial.

"Our country is not in crisis," said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., said in prepared remarks. "No matter what the outcome of the president's situation, life in America will go on."

Two special guests sat in the House chamber with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as the president spoke: civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and baseball slugger Sammy Sosa. Clinton singled out his wife, saying "I honor her" for her work with children and on behalf of the nation.

Clinton's speech came eight hours after a man, White House lawyers began defending the president in a Senate trial, arguing he was innocent of perjury and obstruction of justice charges and must not be removed from office.

On education, the president said he would send Congress a plan that for the first time holds states and school districts accountable for their progress and rewards them for it. "Schools that fail to comply could lose some of the $15 billion the federal government spends on education," the president said. "We believe we must change the way we invest that money, to support what works and to stop supporting what doesn't."

Clinton also is seeking increased revenue, he said. Schools that fail to meet the president's standards will lose aid. "If you thought a government takeover of health care was bad, just wait until the government becomes an owner of America's private sector companies."

Moving from last year's call to "save Social Security first," Clinton proposed transferring about 60 percent of expected budget surpluses over the next 15 years — $2.7 trillion — to the Social Security account to keep the program solvent until 2055.

Late Night Olympics

The Weekend

Campus Cluster Computer Consultants Needed

Consultants are still needed to fill certain time periods at the following campus clusters.

Lafayette Cluster

Monday 10 AM - Noon
Tuesday 11 AM - Noon
Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM
Thursday 11 AM - 2 PM
Friday 10 AM - Noon
DeBartolo Cluster

Monday 5 AM - 9 AM
Tuesday 10 AM - 11 AM
Wednesday 8 AM - 9 AM
Thursday 5 AM - 8 AM
Friday 11 AM - 1 AM
Saturday 6 AM - 11 AM

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majority leader Trent Lott called for a 10 percent across-the-board tax cut. Republicans also attacked the idea of having the government invest Social Security cash on Wall Street.

"No, no, a thousand times no," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, House Ways and Means chairman. "If you thought a government takeover of health care was bad, just wait until the government becomes an owner of America's private sector companies."

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"The president's proposal was a monumental fight over how to protect the giant retirement program and with GOP tax-cutting ambitions against a background of $4 trillion in projected surpluses over 15 years."

"The president's proposal would create new 401(k)-style retirement accounts for workers and invest some of Social Security's cash reserves in the stock market for the future."

In sharp contrast, Senate

Late Night Olympics

Team Events

Co-Rec Volleyball

Half Court 3 on 3 Basketball (M&W)

Squash

Nerf Football

Target Golf

Basketball (M&W)

Wiffle Ball

Broomball (M&W)

Indoor Soccer (M&W)

Kickball

Aquathlon (M&W)

Kayaking

Team Dodgeball

Badminton (M&W)

Table Tennis

The Deadline for Entering a Team is Monday, January 25.

The Notre Dame Council on International Business Development

NDCIDB

The Council

All Council Recruitment Meeting

Thursday January 21st

7:30PM

Jordan Auditorium,
College of Business Administration

The World is Waiting... Get Involved.

http://www.nd.edu/~ndcidb/
Michigan brothel owner receives probation sentence

PONTIAC, Mich. — The Huntington Woods Madam, accused of running a million-dollar-a-year call-girl ring in Detroit’s west-to-id suburbs, was placed on two years’ probation Tuesday. Marci Beveryan, 33, pleaded guilty to racketeering in exchange for the dismissal of five other counts related to the prostitution ring she allegedly ran out of her home. She could have gotten 20 years in prison. Last week, police released 7,000 names from her computerized little black book, possibly costing a million dollars. Predictably, some of her suspicious spouses. After seizing the records, police were besieged with calls from curious wives and having offering excuses for why their names might be in there. Beveryan ran an operation on a scale far beyond that of a “20th-century brothel with incidental acts of legitimate massage.”

Penn-tying customers worry Post Office

WASHINGTON — Confronted with the one-cent increase in postage rates a few Americans have resort to buying pennies on consignment to cover the increased cost. The post office would like them to stop. Pennies can damage some automated canceling machines, and if they fall off the envelopes they can damage other machinery, postal officials said. There have been some short shortages of one-cent stamps, but post offices should have plenty of them for the next year and a half.

Solar system may shrink to eight planets

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Pluto’s days as one of our solar system’s nine major planets may be numbered. Two groups within the International Astronomical Union are thinking about reclassifying the relatively puny planet—either calling it a “minor planet” or lumping it in with existing “dwarf planets.” For at least 20 years, it’s been obvious that Pluto doesn’t fit. “It is in fact the way we used to use the word, ‘major planet,’” said University of Maryland astronomer Mike A’Hearn, who heads the Planetary System Sciences Division of the International Astronomical Union. With a diameter of only 1,440 miles, Pluto, the planet furthest from the sun, is smaller than the moon. And while other “major planets” have roughly circular orbits, Pluto carves out a sweeping ellipse that frequently takes it closer than Neptune, planet No. 9, to the sun. A’Hearn wants to create a new class of objects, for ice bums that orbit beyond Neptune and call them Trans-Neptunian Objects. Pluto would be a Trans-Neptunian Object No. 1.

**JORDAN**

Jordanian rejoin as king returns

More than 100,000 well-wishers stood in the freezing rain to catch a glimpse of the monarch as he rode with his wife, Queen Noor, in a royal motorcade through the clogged streets of the Jordanian capital. The festive welcome reflected the strong affection many Jordanians feel toward Hussein and the deep sense of relief at the return of a ruler who has been a pillar of stability during his 46 years in power. It was Hussein’s longest absence from the kingdom since he took power at age 17. “We’ve been afraid during the absence of Hussein that the ships would break in the surrounding storms,” wrote the al-Arab newspaper, a frequent government critic, in a front-page editorial. “Now our souls can have back to us.”

Government officials say Hussein has recovered fully following six months of chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant for non-Hodgkin lymphoma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He had spent the past two weeks recuperating in Britain. It was the king’s second bout with cancer in six years.

Woods Madam, in the back of his cream-colored Mercedes, waved and clasped the hands of well-wishers who jammed the 25-mile route to Rawalot, al-Salam Palace on the outskirts of the city. Redolent in long robes draped and chanted “Long Live King Hussein!” as shopkeepers offered sweets and spilled black coffee to passers-by. The welcome had all the marks of a traditional Arab celebration. Some tribesmen slaughtered camels and sheep, and the sound of celebratory gunfire echoed throughout the capital. “King Hussein is like a father to me and I love to pay respect for him,” said 5-year-old Mohammed Salahim, his lips trembling from the cold. “People tend to think of him as a king.”

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Michigan brothel owner receives probation sentence

PONTIAC, Mich. — The Huntington Woods Madam, accused of running a million-dollar-a-year call-girl ring in Detroit’s west-to-id suburbs, was placed on two years’ probation Tuesday. Marci Beveryan, 33, pleaded guilty to racketeering in exchange for the dismissal of five other counts related to the prostitution ring she allegedly ran out of her home. She could have gotten 20 years in prison. Last week, police released 7,000 names from her computerized little black book, possibly costing a million dollars. Predictably, some of her suspicious spouses. After seizing the records, police were besieged with calls from curious wives and having offering excuses for why their names might be in there. Beveryan ran an operation on a scale far beyond that of a “20th-century brothel with incidental acts of legitimate massage.”

Penn-tying customers worry Post Office

WASHINGTON — Confronted with the one-cent increase in postage rates a few Americans have resort to buying pennies on consignment to cover the increased cost. The post office would like them to stop. Pennies can damage some automated canceling machines, and if they fall off the envelopes they can damage other machinery, postal officials said. There have been some short shortages of one-cent stamps, but post offices should have plenty of them for the next year and a half.

Solar system may shrink to eight planets

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Pluto’s days as one of our solar system’s nine major planets may be numbered. Two groups within the International Astronomical Union are thinking about reclassifying the relatively puny planet—either calling it a “minor planet” or lumping it in with existing “dwarf planets.” For at least 20 years, it’s been obvious that Pluto doesn’t fit. “It is in fact the way we used to use the word, ‘major planet,’” said University of Maryland astronomer Mike A’Hearn, who heads the Planetary System Sciences Division of the International Astronomical Union. With a diameter of only 1,440 miles, Pluto, the planet furthest from the sun, is smaller than the moon. And while other “major planets” have roughly circular orbits, Pluto carves out a sweeping ellipse that frequently takes it closer than Neptune, planet No. 9, to the sun. A’Hearn wants to create a new class of objects, for ice bums that orbit beyond Neptune and call them Trans-Neptunian Objects. Pluto would be a Trans-Neptunian Object No. 1.

**JORDAN**

Jordanian rejoin as king returns

More than 100,000 well-wishers stood in the freezing rain to catch a glimpse of the monarch as he rode with his wife, Queen Noor, in a royal motorcade through the clogged streets of the Jordanian capital. The festive welcome reflected the strong affection many Jordanians feel toward Hussein and the deep sense of relief at the return of a ruler who has been a pillar of stability during his 46 years in power. It was Hussein’s longest absence from the kingdom since he took power at age 17. “We’ve been afraid during the absence of Hussein that the ships would break in the surrounding storms,” wrote the al-Arab newspaper, a frequent government critic, in a front-page editorial. “Now our souls can have back to us.”

Government officials say Hussein has recovered fully following six months of chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant for non-Hodgkin lymphoma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He had spent the past two weeks recuperating in Britain. It was the king’s second bout with cancer in six years.

Woods Madam, in the back of his cream-colored Mercedes, waved and clasped the hands of well-wishers who jammed the 25-mile route to Rawalot, al-Salam Palace on the outskirts of the city. Redolent in long robes draped and chanted “Long Live King Hussein!” as shopkeepers offered sweets and spilled black coffee to passers-by. The welcome had all the marks of a traditional Arab celebration. Some tribesmen slaughtered camels and sheep, and the sound of celebratory gunfire echoed throughout the capital. “King Hussein is like a father to me and I love to pay respect for him,” said 5-year-old Mohammed Salahim, his lips trembling from the cold. “People tend to think of him as a king.”

**Associated Press**

Senate leaders unveil new agendas

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders of both parties introduced dueling agendas today dealing with taxes, schools and crime as the new 106th Congress returned in force to the Capitol and began burrowing into its legislative tasks.

Neither party, however, offered proposals for what is expected to be one of the year’s top issues: How to shore up the politically sensitive Social Security program for the baby boomers’ lingering retirement.

Democrats simply said federal surgeshould be untouched until a Social Security fix is implemented. Senate Republicans, like their House counterparts, set aside their first bill — S.1 — for a Social Security plan from President Clinton.

“He’s got to show us the specifics,” said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Even as Republicans announced their strategy, White House officials caught them by surprise by revealing that Clinton would propose keeping much of the projected federal surpluses in Social Security’s trust fund, but investing some of it in the stock market.

Senate Republicans’ other top four bills would give communities more power over schools and limit federal controls; cut income taxes by 10 percent across the board; boost military salaries and pensions; and increase anti-drug efforts.

The announcement by each party of its first five bills of the new Congress is a biennial ritual that such use to publicize its top priorities.

Democrats’ top bills would expand the rights of patients of health maintenance organizations; beef up resources for hiring and training teachers; boost the minimum wage and cut taxes for many couples; move against crime and illegal drugs; and expand access to Medicare for many older Americans.

As they unveiled their measures, Democratic leaders blamed Republicans for killing similar initiatives last year.

“The American people are waiting for us to act,” Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D.S.D., said on the Senate floor. “They’ve been wait­ing, frankly, too long.”
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in their seats and did not clap. "We have an opportunity, the Congress and the White House, working together, to have an agenda that we can advance so that the American people will really know, really know," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., sounding the theme that the trial need not impede cooperation in passing legislation. "The political paradigm," said House Banking Committee Chairman Jim Leach, R-Iowa, "is that the president's personal problems with Congress are likely to cause a reduction of effort at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue to develop a constructive legislative relationship.

But he said the president fell short in not proposing a comprehensive tax cut. Not doing enough attention to national security and not shifting more education programs to local control. Once U.S. immigration

In this, he introduced a far-reaching plan to protect Social Security and urged spending in numerous other programs in child care, education his "grand agenda," which he called "the most vigorous since his first address to Congress six years ago. "He has put forward an historic and aggressive set of initiatives, taking a giant leap towards addressing America's concerns as we approach a new century," Gehardt said.

Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, said the president, with his "broad agenda," "did the country and the Congress a service tonight by moving our focus away from partisan politics and personal attacks and toward commonsense proposals." But the liberal wing of the party also expressed concerns about some aspects of the agenda. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., questioned Clinton's plan to spend more on defense, saying: "We are locked into a perpetual arms race with our selves" deprives social programs of needed funding. Rep. Earl Hilliard, D-Ala., stressed that amid all the talk of prosperity, "the people living on the streets of America and huddling in the shelters of our cities are our neighbors and our fellow citizens, and we must end their poverty." Several lawmakers stayed away from the speech to protest Clinton's appearance before Congress at the same time the Senate is weighing his future in office. "It's incredibly inappropriate for the House to actually offer the invitation for the president to speak. Didn't we just impeach the guy?" asked Republican freshman Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado. Others said the Lewinsky scandal would inevitably affect Clinton's ability to carry through on his goals. Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., predicted bipartisan efforts in such areas as Social Security, health care, education and law enforcement, but said "progress this year may depend largely on working around corrosive effects of the White House predicament." Rep. Steve Largent, R-Oklah., who joined Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., in delivering the official Republican response to the speech, spoke of the need for reconciliation in national divisions that affect racial and family relationships.

Pinochet trial draws interest

By JOSH BOURGEOIS

The background and significance surrounding the trial of Chile's former dictator, Augusto Pinochet, comprised a lecture by Dean Shiflet, professor of international law at the Notre Dame Law School. But Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., speaking the theme that Pinochet was the leader of Chile for 17 years during a reign that resulted in many human rights violations.

"The UN, the OAS, and many NGOs investigated and documented widespread human rights abuses during his period. (Those included) torture, summary executions, involuntary exile, and arbitrary detention," Shiflet said.

Spanish prosecutor Baltasar Garzon conducted a two-year investigation, producing discovery series which led to Pinochet's arrest during a trip the United Kingdom.

On Sept. 22, 1998, Pinochet arrived in London for elective back surgery and to buy arms. He shopped and had tea with Margaret Thatcher," Shiflet said, actions that puzzled the motives of his trip.

Shiflet spoke about the two international arrest warrants that Garzon signed for Pinochet and the nature of the accusations that the warrants listed. The five accusations dealt with the "intentional infliction of pain and suffering during performance of official duties, conspiracy to commit the first, taking hostages and threatening to kill them, conspiracy to commit murder in a 'Convention' country," she said. "After the second warrant was executed and Chile protested," Shiflet said, "Margaret Thatcher called for Pinochet's release."

This action raised the coinci- dence that Thatcher's husband owns some of Britain's weapon companies, Shiflet noted.

Pinochet's lawyers claimed that the arrest warrants were illegal because Pinochet had sovereign immunity and the United Kingdom could not arrest a non-United Kingdom citizen. Pinochet's lawyers argued that Garzon had no power to issue a second war rant, and that the fifth accusation could not be an extradition crime. However, the House of Lords decided that the case could go on to trial.

"Presently, the House of Lords are having hearings on whether or not Pinochet has immunity because he was a..."
WASHINGTON
In a move that could speed new treatments for devastating diseases but that also raises ethical questions, the Clinton administration is about to finance research using "master cells" — the building blocks of tissue that scientists have called from human embryos.

Studying how to harness these embryonic stem cells and turn them into therapies for Alzheimer's disease or diabetes, as well as ways to prevent birth defects and rebuild damaged organs, is considered one of the most promising new frontiers of science.

It's also controversial because these "master cells" are present only in early-stage human embryos. Some anti-abortion groups in particular call stem cell research morally unacceptable, because to get the cells, embryos would have to be destroyed.

Until now the research has largely been taboo, because federal law prohibits using taxpayers' money for research using human embryos.

But scientists working last year with scarce private funding succeeded in isolating some embryonic stem cells — both from aborted fetuses and from unused embryos from infertility treatments — and succeeded in multiplying the stem cells in laboratories to grow a supply for research.

Now the National Institutes of Health, the main provider of money for U.S. medical research, says that because these lab-grown stem cells do not constitute an embryo, it is legal for NIH to fund experiments using them — and it will do so within months.

"We know this is ethically sensitive territory," NIH Director Harold Varmus said Tuesday after announcing the decision before President Clinton's National Bioethics Advisory Commission. But "the prospects of benefit to human beings...are dramatic."

Stem cells are the basic or primordial cells from which all of a human's tissues and organs develop. But if scientists could control how the cells switch on to form different bodily tissues, they might produce lifesaving therapies: Growing heart cells to rebuild diseased hearts, or insulin-producing cells for diabetics, or new brain cells for victims of Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease.

The NIH's decision "is terrible" because it will speed that research "absolutely by years," said Dr. John Gearhart of Johns Hopkins University, who grew one of the stem cell supplies from aborted fetuses.

In addition, NIH involvement will ensure the science is done with the public scrutiny not possible when private companies control the purse strings, Gearhart added.

Abortion opponents immediately decried the decision.

"Today's announcement...is the latest step by the Clinton administration to treat human beings as property to be manipulated and destroyed," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J.

NIH money will allow researchers to experiment with cells obtained from human beings ruthlessly killed in the first weeks of life," said Smith.

The congressman didn't say whether he would challenge NIH's plans.

Because of Congress' ban, NIH "will not fund the act of destruction itself, but will reward those who destroy embryos by paying them to develop the cells and tissues they have obtained by destructive means," said Richard Doeringer of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.
Milosevic upholds Yugoslavia's right to defend itself

Associated Press

BELGRADE

Rejecting outside pressure, a defiant Slobodan Milosevic on Tuesday defended Yugoslavia's crackdown in Kosovo, telling NATO's two top generals that he has "a right to fight against terrorism." He said the government has a "legitimate right, to fight against terrorism." Milosevic's government has long maintained that the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army is a terrorist organization. The KLA is fighting for independence from Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia. Milosevic's yearlong crackdown against the KLA has claimed as many as 2,000 lives. Milosevic said Yugoslavia remains committed to a political solution. The statement showed little sign Milosevic was prepared to back down on key positions, chief among them the government's right to crush the ethnic Albanian rebellion. Milosevic claimed the rebels had committed more than 500 "terrorist attacks" since the October cease-fire, including the killing of six teenagers at a bar in Fos. The Yugoslav president also appeared to stand firm on his refusal to allow chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor Louise Arbour to investigate last week's massacre of 45 ethnic Albanians near Racak. Serb forensic experts Tuesday began performing autopsies on 40 of the victims. Arbour was refused entry Tuesday for a second day. Milosevic's statement made no mention of the Arbour case. It did refer, however, to the government decision to expel the American head of the international peace verification force, who accused Serb police of carrying out the Racak massacre. Milosevic said the expulsion order was directed at William Walker personally and not the verification mission. Nevertheless, the government allowed Walker 24 more hours to remain in the country. State Department spokesman Rubin described Yugoslavia's decision to expel Walker as unacceptable. "It's hard to see how an independent verification mission can operate when the chief of mission is expelled for reporting the truth," he said.
WASHINGTON

The Justice Department will follow the states' lead and sue cigarette makers in an effort to recoup hundreds of billions of dollars the federal government has spent caring for sick smokers, President Clinton said Tuesday.

"You know, the states have been right about this. Taxpayers shouldn't pay for the cost of lung cancer, emphysema and other smoking-related illnesses — the tobacco companies should," Clinton told Congress in his State of the Union address.

Without elaborating, Clinton said Justice lawyers were "preparing a litigation plan to take the tobacco companies to court and, with the funds we recover, to strengthen Medicare."

He said smoking has cost American taxpayers "hundreds of billions of dollars under Medicare and other programs."

Through Medicare, the federal government pays for health care for 35 million elderly and disabled Americans. Defense Department and Veterans Affairs programs along with the Federal Employee Health Benefits program also use federal funds to pay individuals' health treatment. The states and the federal government jointly pay for Medicaid insurance for the poor.

The Medical Care Recovery Act gives the government the right to recover the costs of treating people if a third party's negligence is to blame for their illnesses.

Scott Williams, a tobacco industry spokesman, called Clinton's announcement "a blatantly political act," saying the Justice Department had looked at the issue in the past and decided not to act on it.

"The White House continues to choose confrontation over solutions," Williams said.

He said the federal government will have a more difficult time arguing its case than the states did because the Office of the Surgeon General has been filing reports for decades on the dangers of smoking.

"The federal government cannot claim ignorance to the health risks associated with tobacco use," Williams said. "This is political. This is about money."

Clinton did not say when the Justice Department would file the lawsuit. An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a task force from the department's civil division would decide the timing and best legal arguments.

"We feel it's more important this be done right than be done quickly," this official said.

The suit would seek to recover all federal costs except Medicaid costs, which were recovered by the states, and is not meant as an alternative to the potential fight with the 50 states over the financial spoils of their tobacco litigation, the official added.

"We still believe we are entitled to a portion of the state settlement under the law. That is separate and apart from this suit."

Four states reached independent deals last year with the tobacco industry worth a total of $40 billion, and the 46 others signed a separate $206 billion deal to recover the cost of treating Medicaid-eligible smokers.

Late last year, as leaders in New Hampshire and Maryland moved to allocate the settlement money to schools — and the cry went up for tax cuts in New York, Minnesota and Massachusetts — the Clinton administration demanded the money be spent on anti-smoking and other public health programs.

For Clinton, who was stung by the failure of his much-hyped anti-youth-smoking campaign last year, the wounding of a federal lawsuit also held out the political benefit of pressuring the tobacco industry back to the negotiating table.

Any effort to resurrect and enact comprehensive legislation for federal regulation of tobacco and advertising restrictions would likely require some acquiescence from the tobacco industry and its lobbyists. The president had said earlier that, as part of the new budget he will submit to Congress next month, he will seek an increase of 55 cents pack in the federal tax on cigarettes. A similar proposal last year failed with the tobacco bill. Clinton would use the increase to pay for some of his domestic spending plans.
THAILAND

BANGKOK

Thailand has made progress in safeguarding human rights since mass pro-democracy street protests in 1992, Amnesty International said.

In a report issued Wednesday, the London-based human rights group found that the country's new constitution, issued in October 1997, has helped Thailand meet international standards, "but does not protect all fundamental rights completely."

Amnesty said its major concerns in Thailand include the retention of the death penalty, the impunity of police and other security forces, torture and conditions of detention amounting to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, the lack of fair trials and the arbitrary detention of refugees and asylum-seekers.

Amnesty's report was issued in review of Thailand's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, a comprehensive international treaty to which Thailand acceded in October 1996.

Government spokesman Akaol Sorasrutch said Tuesday night he could not comment in detail because he had not seen the complete report.

As far as Thailand is concerned, we have been trying very hard," he said. "If you look at the new constitution and the various organic laws, I would say we are giving a lot more emphasis to human rights than in the past."

The report noted that the military has played a much less active role in Thai politics since 1992 and has become more accountable to the civil administration.

It also praised the current government for making an effort to highlight human rights as part of its foreign policy.

The report pointed out, however, that the death penalty, which Amnesty unconditionally opposes as cruel and inhuman punishment, is allowed under the new constitution, and that executions resumed in 1996 after a respite of almost nine years.

It also claimed criminal suspects are often detained by police in unclear circumstances tantamount to extra-judicial execution. And there is little practical chance for victims of human rights violations to seek legal remedy, it said.

The report said that although it is difficult to document in detail, torture and ill-treatment take place both immediately after arrest and during imprisonment.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP

This weekly confidential group is designed to provide a supportive environment where students can discuss topics such as: Academic skills, college adjustment, relationship concerns, loneliness, adjustment, stress, race, race issues, and sexual orientation.

Members may benefit from awareness, realizing that others are supportive of their concerns, and learning from group members.

WEDNESDAYS, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

GRADUATE THERAPY GROUP

This weekly confidential group is designed for graduate students who would like to explore the role of their personal history and who desire more accountability to their concerns.

Time to be decided based on student interest and their schedules.

GROWING UP IN CHAOS GROUP

This confidential therapy group is for individuals who grew up in homes where chronic illness, mental illness, alcohol, extreme poverty, additions or unusual family circumstances had a negative impact. Members will have an opportunity to explore how these dynamics have affected their self-esteem, relationships with others and current life situation.

Time to be decided based on student interest and their schedules.

PERSONAL GROWTH GROUP(5)

This weekly confidential group is for students who want to look at their interpersonal relationships with fellow students, friends and relatives; and would like the opportunity to discover new ways of coping with difficult issues with the support of other students. Group members will also learn how to communicate their needs more effectively.

MONDAYS, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

PRISM: SUPPORT GROUP FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUESTIONING STUDENTS

This weekly support group will provide a confidential, caring place for you to discuss your concerns on issues such as relationships, families, and peer relations, social support, discussions about coming out and being out, future lifestyles, academic and career decision making, and overall personal growth. For more information call Wendy Selles, Ph.D.

MONDAYS, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

RACE RELATIONS: WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

Healing, harmony, and unity between racial groups is about where we interact more and become more aware of, and become more sensitive about, and become more sensitive about our history, the influence of different racial groups on each other. This 5 session confidential group is designed for individuals who would like to gain more sensitivity, awareness and appreciation of the history, values, experiences, and lifestyles of different racial groups.

Time to be decided based on student interest and their schedule.

#9 WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 23rd

ST. JOHN’S

7:00p.m

Join the Excitement !!!
Aunthood Vs. Motherhood

I'm planning to be an aunt when I grow up. This, from what I understand, requires the enlightened cooperation of my sister, who is at the moment unmarried and unengaged. But after her wedding day, I will give her an approximately 72-hour in which to enjoy non-hug-in-the-toaster-status. Then I want her to get cracking and present me with several nieces forthwith.

Mary Beth Ellis

I prefer aunthood to motherhood in that it provides extended contact with ruffle-intensive, fuzzy-headed babies without requiring you to actually produce one yourself. Thanks to the fertility of your brother at sister, some of your grown are already roamin' the earth for another generation. There you go, no-bake genealogy.

With nieces and nephews, the parents take care of the hard parts such as havin' labor, wasshingoldem, anddesigning permission to play in incumbo traffic. Hell ya. In the meantime, you're the person presenting the child with money and gifts on a regular basis. How do YOU think the child's going to be hup­ per to see coming up the sidewalk? Thaasat's right! Fun Uncle Brud! So in addition to winning the admiration of a small, looks-somewhat-like-you child who's already covering your lineage responsibilities, you get the added bonus of pinning your sisters and in-laws to an extraordinary degree.

Indeed, as we can see in the following side-by-side comparison, virtual mother­ hood is far superior to actual motherhood:

MOTHER DUTY: Grow entirely new person

- AVITY: Purchase napkins for baby shower

MOTHER DUTY: Push eight-pound object out of tiny, extremely personal birth canal

- AVITY: Show up afterward at maternity ward with mylar balloon

MOTHER DUTY: Deal on frequent basis with output of bodily fluids

- AVITY: Pose with child for baptism photographs

MOTHER DUTY: Must explain to child that, contrary to child's entire experience thus far, one is expected to pee after one pulls one's pants down

- AVITY: Take child to zoo

MOTHER DUTY: Finance approximately 22 years of expensive education

- AVITY: Place five-dollar bill in annual birthday card

Aunt Beth will be excellent at aunting. Aunt Beth will take her nieces and nephews on educational field trips to the mall and the cocktel lounge at the local airport. But Aunt Beth will not escort the children to the circus, because Aunt Beth is afraid of clowns.

Aunt Beth may also be counted upon to present the children with gifts that their parents would never, ever buy, thereby designating her as the Cool Aunt. For those of you who have already achieved aunt or unclave­ hood and wish to achieve a state of Coolness, these gifts may include one or more of the following:

- Anything requiring ignition by open flame
- The words "Assembly Required" or "Not Included"
- Anything breathing on its own
- Melt-intensive food items
- "I love you. Without you, I'd have a very different life."

This will not do. If I ever produce an offspring that is just like me, one of us will wind up dead. You want to know what I was like as a child? Here's me: I have a normal body temperature of 99 degrees. And when I was little, I hated school with a vengeance that people usually reserve for the likes of the IRS and Katie Lee Girfford. So when I got bored with the worthless homework that formed the cornerstone of my elementary education — an hourly occurence — I would trot down to the nurse's office, where they had my home phone number on the speed dial, and announce the sudden onset of a stomach ache. Sometimes, just for variety, I'd get a headache. And they'd take my temperature, and — ohmigod, Mary Beth has a low-grade fever! This was on well-behaved days. Don't get me started on the afternoons my mother took me to the department store.

There was one brief period, however, during which I didn't pay my daily respects to the nurse's office at all. And that was because one of my family members took me aside and begged me to please, please give my mother a break and attempt to remain relatively healthy for at least two weeks.

Why did The Large, Angry Trut stay in school? Because the person doing the asking was Uncle Jerry, who for Christmas had given me something called Pottery Craft, which needed assembly, created a satisfyingly loud roar and included not only a sticky clump of clay but eight bottles of fluorescent paint.

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[QUOTE OF THE DAY] "I am sure that someone is getting something wrong, and it is not me." — Martin Luther King
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Of the Coming of the King

Martin Luther King was probably one of the most loved and admired, yet maligned, figures in the garner grace America soil. If you see the color of this icon definitively marked a unique place in human history. Long before his birth on January 15, 1929, the social structure of "the land of the free and the home of the brave" was one of division, strife and perpetual hypocrisy. According to some, America was never a land of freedom but a social power of those who had the power. By 1968, the year of King's death, the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders pronounced that the nation was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white, separate and unequal."

Since then, America has evolved to a more segregated state than its predecessors decades. Although the language of Americans, in general, continues to be one of love, harmony, and "we are all in this together", the racial and economic texture of this great land continues to be lush with hypocrisy and violence, a mirror of the divisions which are self-indulgently preached peace and "civil disobedience" began to notice the hypocritical activity of the country he so loved. Whether it was the war on drugs, the war in the Middle East, the war in the Philippines, or the posh surroundings of a "little" Negro suburb, King was constantly faced with the reality of separation, hostility and segregation.

Just 90 miles west of South Bend, one of the most virulent episodes of white supremacy came from the grand north - Chicago. In January of 1966 Chicago was hot and ready to explode. Dr. King, with plan in hand, moved into the area in the middle of the North Lawndale section of Chicago (residents referred to it as Jamaica). Their third floor apartment located out on a community filled with pool halls, liquor stores, store front churches and secondhand thrift shops. After the landlord learned of the movement, the apartment was cleaned and painted. King quickly realized that the activities of the Jim Crow South was amateur compared to the treatment of Northern inhabitants. The scene in the white Northern suburb was a scene that many saw by Mary Jane, south of the Mason Dixon. Waving Confederate flags the suberbuns chanted "Nigger, Nigger, Nigger", while others pronounced, "Wallace for God."

If we observed present day King celebrations and ceremonies as a template for the past, many would think that Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement was embraced, at least partially, by all Americans. The truth of the matter is that many Americans continue to be mildly interested about the plight of the disenfranchised, particularly those of racial minority groups, e.g. black and Hispanic. The limitations that should be raised need to be one of sound analysis and intellectual intensity. The movement for the rights of minorities, in the United States, needs to take center stage and be written about in history books, as we are told near the end of "in order to dream, you must be asepted."

As long as it be before Americans come to the table of good consciousness and discuss seriously the "divide" which exist between the races. Although some (black) scholars such as William Julius Wilson and Shelby Steele emphasize the declining significance of race, there continues to be substantial evidence that points in the pertinent role of the anthropomorphic distinction of race. Be it affirmative action, Rodney King or O.J. Simpson, America continues to be divided along racial lines and ideologies.

Martin discovered at an early age that regardless of class, education or religious affiliation, being black meant being marked. Although Michael Luther King Jr. birth name was Michael King, the name of his father was born black elite parentage, his burden was shared. Shared with the many blacks of African descent, he in Ph.D. or ignorant. The cultural container of black Atlanta taught King early that even in the North being black meant, "I'm sorry but you can't do that because it isn't black."

The popular cliché of people every January 15 is, "what would King do?" What would he think in the fact that over 50% of the drug users in America are white, over 75% percent of the inmates convicted for drugs are non-white? What would he think of the obvious racial divide of the O.J. case? What would he think of the gap between rich and poor? What would he think of prop 209, and the attack on Affirmative Action? Would he think of the continued conflict of Palestine and Israel? What would he think of the fact that, although certain legislation has changed, the hearts of many haven't, cold and greedy? What would he think of our nation 30 years after Civil Rights - A Non-Discrimination? The popular cliché of people every January 15 is, "what would King do?" What would he think?

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What Holiday?

What do the city, state and federal government offices, the New York Stock Exchange, banks, school corporations and other business establishments have in common? They all recognize the birth of St. Martin Luther King, Jr. (yes, he has been granted sainthood by the Church) as a national holiday. As I read over the letters in the past two issues of the Observer from Father Malloy and fellow students, I shook my head in disbelief because the student body has yet to realize that we do not need the University's permission to acknowledge what a great man St. Martin Luther King was and how his teachings and efforts have impacted so many lives.

Ironically, there was also a letter in Tuesday's issue regarding the fact that students who will be participating in this week's Rights To Life March are not excused from the classes they will miss. Since St. Martin Luther King's teachings were 'in line with those of the church, wouldn't it make sense to excuse students who decide to skip mass to participate in some of the activities scheduled in South Bend? The University acknowledges the contributions King made to this country during his Civil Rights Movement, but at the same time conveys the message that those contributions, as well as his life, are not important enough to justify canceling classes. Silly me, I thought that since two of Notre Dame's presidents were heavily involved with the movement the University would at least make an effort as organizing some type of celebration so we could join the millions (yes, millions) of other people who recognize King's efforts as a blessing to us all.

There is one thing that I have noticed about Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students: they are not afraid to speak up when they want to invoke change. Unfortunately, students have been complaining for years about the University's reluctance to acknowledge King's birthday but to no avail. I have a suggestion for all students who feel that it is time for a change.

Next year when King's birthday arrives, do not go to class. How can a professor lecture if there are no students to lecture to? Besides, how many of us would even have the opportunity to attend Notre Dame if the Civil Rights Movement had not taken place?
Taking the Time to Reflect on Cultural Differences

This past Monday, Martin Luther King Day, I hopped in my car around 11:00 AM to swing by the South Bend Housing Authority. I work with them on a service project and I wanted to drop off some materials for them to review.

When I arrived, the door was locked. I knocked and tried to peer inside the front window. As I began to walk away, the door swung open. Standing there in casual dress was Barbara Lawson, the Resident Initiatives Director, who happens to be African-American.

"Come in," she said. "Where is everybody," I asked her. "You know we're off today," she replied. "Off? Why?" "It's Martin Luther King Day." "Oh, oh my goodness, I'm so sorry." "You know, we all should take some time to reflect," she said to me, obviously aware that I had let the bubble that is Notre Dame envelop me.

The volunteer project that I volunteer for, Teamwork for Tomorrow, is an after-school program with over thirty children who live in public housing. The kids got an hour of reading instruction, an hour of after-school instruction, and a snack consisting of juice and fruit. The kids are almost all African-American.

The volunteers (not Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, on the other hand, are virtually all white. I've often wondered what the ramifications of this is for the kids - perhaps it's not the best of environments, but it is certainly better than the alternative: no after-school program at all.

We were aware of this from the program's get-go, and tried to plan accordingly. Our goal was, and still is, to turn this potentially awkward situation into a positive one - for the kids and the volunteers.

Though the issue of race relations has been handled poorly, we certainly underlines the program, and impacts our relationship with the kids.

On the program's first day, for which all of the tutors and kids were particularly fired up, we made our first mistake. We asked to kids to make a collage, a collage of magazine pictures all about themselves. This way we could get to know them a little better.

After explaining what they were supposed to do, we distributed a set of magazines that had collected from recycling bins in dorms on campus. Not two minutes had passed when an 8-year-old girl tapped on my volunteer's leg and informed her that "there are no black people in these magazines."

As the holiday season approached, we were lucky enough to receive a donation of gifts for each child in the program. After distributing them, we asked the kids to design a poster for the generous individual who made the donation. Referring back to my training in public secondary school, I wanted to make sure that I was "inclusive" of all religious backgrounds and faiths in my explanation of what to do. I told the kids that they should offer any type of season's greetings they want. "Christmas, Hanukkah, or whatever - you can draw Christmas trees, Santa Claus, a Menorah, whatever you want." Again, a young girl informed me that she didn't think "anybody around here celebrates Hanukkah, but we do observe Kwanzaa."

Monday's visit to the SBHA on Martin Luther King Day was just another subtle display of my ignorance when it comes to matters of race and cultural awareness. I like to think of myself as an informed and sensitive person - after all, I have friends of different races and backgrounds; my world is full with kids of different races as I grew up. So that makes me "with it," right? Not necessarily.

Some might dismiss the slip-ups I have described as small. Some might say they are inconsequential. But they represent an unconscious lack of awareness and even ignorance. All of us, whether we are white, black, brown, yellow, or whatever, have at some point in our lives been insensitive towards a person of another culture or race. We've all "slipped-up" - said something we shouldn't have or did something we regret.

The best among us catch it right away, and don't let it happen again. Others are unaware of the slip, or ignore that it happened. In most of these cases, nobody wants to act the way they did, most people want to be inclusive and sensitive. But the only way to improve is to reflect.

Would any of us forget about the Fourth of July or Memorial Day? Of course not. These are clear opportunities to reflect on America, its founding, and our values.

On these days we contemplate the words "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and pay homage to those who pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor." How can’t you reflect on these matters when countless displays of fireworks stream through the sky, and the networks repeat the Star Spangled Banner as though it was a pop favorite?

This is the whole point. As with many issues which involve race, we often forget that to act in a way that others consider civil is a form of anti-terrorism.

This is a popular excuse for ignoring the issue of trust is that it "is no big deal, I won't get caught." Every parent knows, as a matter of course, that lies or sneaky behavior is always discovered in the end. An individual who does not end up being kicked out of college, or with a police record, or unemployed, but the bonds of trust have been broken, all the same.

What has trust to do with faith? We are told to "trust in God." It may give us pause to consider if God behaved as we do, would we be able to trust Him? If the claims of divine love proved to be so much "bull," we would not turn away? Is this saying that atheists in the crowd may be thinking, "That's exactly why I don't have a faith."

It is part of our nature to trust, and when our trust is "misplaced" it causes a great deal of emotional pain. A parent will mourn over not being able to trust a child. A child will mourn if a parent abandons the family. Dorm roommates will mourn - in their own way - when they are seemingly betrayed by the very person sharing their room.

Trust means being a little more careful in the choices we make. If we can ask ourselves, prior to making certain decisions, "Will I do what受伤 those I care about most?" then that is a step in the right direction. The bond of trust will grow and strengthen if we do which, little by little, will help make the world a better place.

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Dave Matthews &
Tim Reynolds
Live at Luther College
RCA Records

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sometime the best way to make some-
thing sound fresh is to strip it down to its
basic form. It’s not hard for someone to
get lost in the twisted instrumental muse
found in the music of the Dave Matthews
Band.

With all the many layers of different instru-
ments gracing the tunes of DMB, it might be hard to pay
attention to the actual song. On a few tracks of
DMB’s studio albums, it is almost impossible to
hear Matthews’ acoustic guitar because there is so
much emphasis placed on violin and saxophone.

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The album contains a mix of several DMB
favorites, three previously unreleased DMB songs
and one Tim Reynolds solo piece. Although the
majority of the tracks have already been released,
these acoustic versions will make listeners feel as
though they are hearing the songs for the first
time. Could you imagine “Ants Marching” without the
huge violin solo section? Well, you don’t have to
imagine with this recording. Tim Reynolds does a
fine job of substituting speedy guitar licks for the
absent violin lines. On “Two-Step,” Matthews and
Reynolds show how the guitar can also be used as
a percussion instrument with their wonderful
interpretation of the classic garage rock anthem.

Listening to the album I gained appreciation for
three things — the genius of Tim Reynolds, the
personality of Mr. Matthews and the sheer beauty
of the songs. Reynolds is an outstanding guitar
player who basically puts Matthews to shame.

Before Reynolds plays his “Stream,” Matthews
comments, “I can’t go without having at least one
song where I can sit back and watch Timmy just
blow me away.” Reynolds’ incredible guitar work
is so driving and fills out Matthews’ rhythm part
quite nicely throughout the entire record.

Matthews shines through on this recording as a
great showman whose act never gets old. His
introductions of songs are often quite appealing
and comical. Before playing “#41,” Matthews says,
“We will now play for you the creatively titled #41.
It’s almost as creative as the name the Dave
Matthews Band.”

The songs presented acoustically are so beautiful
that it makes a grown man fall to his knees.
“Gracery,” is the best song Matthews has ever writ-
ten and and “#41” sweeps the listener into Matthews’
world of innocence lost.

I was somewhat upset by the editing of some of
Matthews’ conversations with the crowd in
between songs. Although there is a memorable
story with the song “Little Thing,” this CD did not
include some of the other funny moments that took
place during the show. Also, some songs just work
better with the entire band. “Dancing Nancies”
lacks the dynamic of the full-band arrangement,
and a few other songs cannot match the intensity
found with the entire band.

This recording is very relaxing, perfect for study-
ning or just kicking back in the dorm room. Even
though you won’t find any drums, horns, bass or
sax, you will find a couple of guys who enjoy the
quieter side of music.

One of his trademarks is his ability for improvi-
sation and five of the 11 tracks on the CD are
just that.

The performance also covers a large genre of
music types including funk, jazz and some tracks
that could be ranked as some of the best classi-
cal guitar work. There are tracks, such as “Big
Blow of Hot Air,” which are difficult to believe
that only one man with only two hands is play-
ing.

The highlight of the CD has to be the very funk
faced sound of “Loose Interpretation.” This
effective instrumental performance has no need
for vocals owing to its complex sound. Reynolds
does sing as well as play a number of other
instruments besides guitar including bass, piano,
 sitar, mandolin, violin and a plethora of ethnic
percussion instruments — all self-taught.

Right now, the best way to get hold of this CD
is through his website, www.timreynolds.com.

Soon Reynolds will also release a live perfor-
mance with his new band. Puke Mac Dowell
Reynolds is also featured on a number of other smaller
releases on several different labels such as his
work with Greg Howard in the band Sticks and
Stones. These CDs are somewhat hard to find but
well worth the effort.

James Schuyler

Tim Reynolds
Gossip of the Neurons

TR Music

*****(out of five)
With its third effort, Wide Swing Tremolo, Son Volt has made a point of emphasizing the rock in their signature country-rock style. Listen to "Straightface," the album's opener, and you will hear a loud, urgent R.E.M.-influenced rocker. The song seems to be a reaction to those who have criticized Son Volt in the past for releasing two very similar albums. With its two predecessors — what would Son Volt be without country harmonies, country rhythms and a feeling of pedal steel guitar here and there? Indeed, on Wide Swing Tremolo, the members of Son Volt manage to stay true to their roots-rock tradition while expanding their sound just enough by upping production and increasing the volume. With their release, the band remains one of the best in their genre.

One would expect nothing less than the best, of course, from Jay Farrar, the band's lead singer and songwriter and former partner in the seminal roots-rock band of the early nineties, Uncle Tupelo. In Uncle Tupelo, Farrar and Jeff Tweedy of Belleville, Ill., combined the influence of such country rockers as Neil Young and Gram Parsons with the honest sound of Midwest garage punk rock. The result was the creation of a new and critically acclaimed style of alternative music. When Uncle Tupelo broke up, Tweedy formed Wilco, while Farrar went on to create Son Volt. Both bands have been remarkably successful within the Americana music culture. Son Volt's line-up includes guitarist Dave Boquist, bassist Jim Boquist and drummer Mike Heidorn, but Farrar is as the heart of the group's sound. Besides writing the musical and lyrical gems that are Son Volt's songs, he delivers his work with a charismatic singing style that would charm any listener. His voice, which might remind some of Michael Stipe, is rough and honest and he colors it with a unique drawl. The drone of Farrar's voice is appropriate for Son Volt's work. It... lange sounds perform, lonely or sad but somehow it never fails to make the listener feel good. Farrar's stream-of-conscious lyrics more often take the form of phrases than complete sentences, but his images are always intelligent and thought provoking.

With Wide Swing Tremolo, Son Volt has expanded on its electric tendencies, which were present to a lesser degree on its previous two albums. In fact, the electric guitar is employed on almost every track, often in a jangly or arpeggio-driven way. Besides "Straightface," its effect is most noticeable on the upbeat, bluesy and resilient "Flow," the steady-rocking and confrontational "Question" and the album's catchy little closer, "Blind Hope." All of these songs have such an alternative pop-rock feel that one might even picture Matthew Sweet singing them. Besides the extra amplification, the most noticeable difference between Wide Swing Tremolo and Son Volt's other albums is the amount of production that went into it. The album was recorded in Son Volt's own practice space in Illinois, an old lingerie warehouse. The band teamed up with engineer David Barbe, and worked at their own pace, which gave them time to polish songs and follow through with some of their experiments.

This work is evidenced by the album's inclusion of two short instrumentals — "Jojo" is an eerie harmonica solo, while "Chanty" is an acoustic guitar solo with an Appalachian feel, haunted in the background by strings and a drumming backwards guitar.

Son Volt provides the proper context for these ventures with the rest of the album by wholeheartedly embracing the folk and country traditions that were such a large influence on their past repertoire. The delightful "Diving the Wire," prophetic "Medicine Hat" and classic country and western-styled "Hanging Blue Side" reclaim the lazier country rhythms that made Son Volt so sublime. "Strands" is an acoustic country ballad complemented by a moaning electric guitar, while "Dead Man's Clothes" is the most somber song on the album.

With Wide Swing Tremolo, Son Volt offers its fans the best of both worlds. Their sound has progressed, but they have not completely abandoned a good thing simply for the sake of change. All of the things that made Son Volt a good band in the past — Farrar's songwriting ability, his ability to ingeniously blend traditional American music with rock and roll and the band's charming delivery — are present on this album, along with a deliberate attempt to form and polish a more intense sound. The result is magnificent.
Clubs pass players around the league as lockdowns end

NEW YORK

All sorts of deals are being made, from Scotland's move heading to Houston Rockets to Latrell Sprewell going to the New Jersey Nets. Those transactions will be finalized as soon as the NBA lockout settlement is put into effect, but that process continues to be delayed. Teams received a tentative Tuesday deal from the league office saying training camps will not open until Thursday at the earliest. The proposals involved trading teams from moving ahead with plans to release players in anticipation of the season starting Feb. 5.

The Chicago Bulls agreed to a sign-and-trade involving Pippen to the Rockets for forward Roy Rogers and a second-round draft pick, and the Knicks and Rockets for forward Roy Rogers and a center Dean Garrett and guard Bobby Joe an agreement on a three-way trade sending Michael Williams and two No. 1 picks to the Bulls. The Bulls signed and traded guard Steve Kerr and center Luc Longley, with Kevin Johnson going to the Nets.

Piho Haeggman of Finland, one of the first two women appointed to the Olympic Committee, submitted her resignation in protest of IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Haeggman was one of 13 members of the Finnish Olympic Movement to resign from the committee in protest of itschairman.

While the first IOC member to resign since the scandal broke, three other Olympic officials have also quit. They are Salt Lake City 2002 chairperson Frank Joklik and Senior Vice President Dave Jones, of the U.S. Olympic Committee’s senior director of international relations.

Haeggman is the second IOC member to resign in a week. Robert Helmskink stepped down in 1991 as an I.O.C. member for the U.S. Olympic Committee after expressing interest in contracts with sports associations.

In a statement from Helsinki, Haeggman denied any wrongdoing.
Vikings' Billick lands head coaching job with Ravens

Baltimore Art Modell took an offensive Tuesday in his bid to get to the Super Bowl for the first time, signing Brian Billick to a six-year contract as head coach of the Baltimore Ravens.

Billick, the architect of the Minnesota Vikings' record-setting offense this season, was hired less than 24 hours after becoming the fourth person to interview for the job.

"It was worth the wait," said Modell, the Ravens owner, who was to introduce Billick at an evening news conference at the team's stadium at Camden Yards. Modell, who bought the Cleveland Browns in 1961 and moved the franchise to Baltimore in 1995, has never had a team that went to the Super Bowl.

Billick takes over a team that went 6-10 last season and 16-31-1 in three years under Ted Marchibroda, who was fired Dec. 28. Marchibroda was hired shortly after the franchise's departure from Cleveland.

Billick, 44, met with Modell for dinner on Monday night and was signed Tuesday afternoon. The agreement took place Monday after the Cleveland Browns eliminated Billick from their list of prospective head coaches.

Billick has been the Vikings offensive coordinator for the past five years. Minnesota scored an NFL-record 536 points during the regular season and amassed a team-record 6,264 yards, but the Vikings were eliminated from the playoffs Sunday with a 30-27 overtime loss to the Atlanta Falcons.

That freed Billick to interview with the Ravens, who could not talk with him until Minnesota was out of the playoffs. Before speaking to Billick, Modell interviewed Jacksonville Jaguars offensive coordinator Chris Palmer, Pittsburgh Steelers defensive coordinator Jim Haslett, and Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Emmitt Thomas, who ended up taking a job in Green Bay under new coach Ray Rhodes.

The Ravens had originally hoped to get Packers coach Mike Holmgren, who took a job in the Seattle Seahawks before following through with his planned interview in Baltimore. Modell also had considered talking to former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert, who moved up.

"It's a good fundamental coach, he understands what it takes to win a football game," Green said. "He knows you win as a head coach by having the ability to coach the offense, defense and special teams, and you want all three of those factors to play together.

Billick began his coaching career as an assistant at the University of Redlands in 1977. Prior to joining the Vikings, he was an assistant coach at Stanford for three years. Before that, he was the offen-

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Fresh-sabermen bulk up team

Fencing

By MIKE CONNOLLY
SAB News

Returning a sabre squad that led the entire team through most of last season, the addition of two freshmen with accomplished backgrounds will bring the team to new heights. With all-American and 1998 NCAA champion Luke LaValle pointing the way, Andrew Crompton and Gabor Szelle will have an easy transition to collegiate competition.

Szelle is currently the eighth-ranked junior sabreman in the world following his second-place finish at the Junior World Cup Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Szelle is from Hungary and is a member of the Hungarian national team.

Szelle’s international experience will be great attribute to this year’s fencing squad. “International experience helps,” coach Yves Auriol said. “You fence at a different level. You are facing the top fencers in the world.”

Szelle has been so busy with international competition that he has yet to fence with the Irish in competition. “That’s one of the problems with going overseas every week,” Auriol said. “It’s tough.”

Despite the fact that he missed the first competition of the year, Szelle is still expected to play a big role with this Irish team.

Auriol knew that Szelle could be a great fencer when he recruited him. He finished third in the world in the Cadet (16-18-year-old) division. However, success at lower levels does not necessarily guarantee success at higher levels.

“When you go from Cadet to Junior, Junior to Senior, you know sometimes your results are not the same,” Auriol said. “But he looks like he has a good system.”

Crompton hails from Irvington, New Jersey. He lettered in fencing all four years at St. Benedict Prep. “I think [Crompton] will push everybody else,” Auriol said. “He will push Luke and Gabor... he might have a shot at making the world team.”

Crompton finished twelfth at the senior national sabre championships and second in the junior national championships.

Members of the team think that the addition of the two freshman added sparkle to the season.

“The best in the country,” Auriol said. “I don’t say that too often but at Louisville that is what everyone was saying.”

Much of the credit for the success of the sabre squad should go to coach Janusz Rednarski, according to Auriol. “He is working very hard with them. All the sabres that came here, they have improved. He’s done a great job with the sabres.”

The talented, experienced sabre squad could hold the key to the NCAA championship that has eluded the Irish since 1994. And if the sabre squad is going to succeed, the talents of Crompton and Szelle will play a big part.
No one needed a game like this more than the big man in the middle. Averaging eight points a game and being scrutinized for his lack of production, Hickey finally turned in a game we hoped we'd see from the 6-foot-11 center.

He scored 16 points on eight-for-16 shooting and hauled in 10 rebounds and only committed one turnover.

In the second half Hickey was the offense's bread and butter as he connected on five of his seven second half field goal attempts.

"We've been struggling of late and I have also," Hickey said. "I wasn't asserting myself like I should offensively and this time I let it come to me. I was running the floor and working hard and I was able to finish."

The win was the first at the Joyce Center in 15 days and Irish fans got to see something they haven't seen in awhile, a big Phil Hickey smile.

Hickey's biggest smile came after he rebounded a David Graves missed free throw, set a screen for Graves, who then knocked down a three-pointer that gave the Irish a 51-42 lead and got the Joyce Center jumping.

"That was a big play," Hickey said. "I put the rebound and set a screen for Dave and he nailed the jumper and basically I just ran down the court and told him your welcome."

His lips proclaimed "yeah baby" as he gave Graves an enthusiastic high five.

Perhaps more important than pushing his team's record to 10-9 is that last night's performance can provide Hickey something to build on. It can restore confidence in a player who has been searching for precisely that all season long.

"I was happy I was able to contribute in that way," Hickey said. "I wanted to assert myself, and hopefully I'll continue."

Hopefully those high fives and smiles will continue as well.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

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turning it into a three-point play. After Notre Dame pulled out to

Moments later, freshman Harold Graves said, "We needed a spurt like that to get ahead and stay ahead. The crowd got into it, and that was great."

Notre Dame's balanced scoring had four players in double figures, led by the duo of Hickey and Wyche. The two seniors rebounded from their poor outing against Villanova by posting 16 and 15 points, respectively. Hickey's 10 rebounds was second only to Swanagan, who had 11 boards and 10 points on the night. Freshman David Graves, who suffered a strained shoulder before the Villanova game, had 15 and 11 points on the night, respectively. With the loss, Seton Hall falls to 11-5 on the season and 5-2 in conference play.

"It was a tough loss," Pirate guard Shaheen Holloway remarked. "This set us back a lot. We just didn't make shots. We got looks, but we didn't make them. It's hard to win when you don't hit shots."

With their record now at 4-4 in the Big East and 30-0 overall, the Irish will get ready for their next conference rival, the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers, to come into town. Perhaps, if a few more wins are strung together, some of the magic that was prevalent 25 years ago could resurface again.

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Rodman denies reports that he will retire from the NBA

Associated Press

CHICAGO

The Worm took an unexpected turn in another curious lifestyle choice, Dennis Rodman has retired -- or has he?

Hours after his agent announced Tuesday that Rodman was "retiring," the NBA's most outlandish player denied it.

"I'm not going to play this year," Rodman told Fox Sports News. "I am in limbo, but I'm not going to say I'm retired."

And once again -- just like his bizarre wedding to Carmen Electra -- it showed that nothing with Rodman is ever quite certain.

In a strange twist earlier in the day, his former coach, Chuck Daly of the Orlando Magic, said he had heard Rodman had been traded to the New York Knicks for Buck Williams -- a rumor that was quickly shot down.

Rodman, whose multicolored hair, body piercings and tattoos made a fashion statement across the NBA and beyond, has become the latest star to leave Chicago as the Bulls rebuild after the retirement of Michael Jordan.

But is he done for good?

The seven-time rebounding leader who once donned a wedding gown, kicked a cameraman, head-butted a referee and dated Madonna is leaving the game, Rodman's agent said.

"Dennis is retiring," Dwight Manley said, although Rodman has considered retiring in each of the last five years. "He doesn't want to play."

"He wants to go into the sports and entertainment field. Some people have convinced him that he wants to become a movie star."

Manley got the news from Rodman in a phone conversation Tuesday and said there are several teams still interested in signing the wacky 37-year-old Rodman, known for his boisterous workouts and frequent forays to Las Vegas.

Manley, who said he is severing his relationship with Rodman, declined to identify the teams that are interested in him.

One team not interested is Chicago, which is home-sweet-home this week following the retirement of Jordan. Scottie Pippen, Luc Longley and Steve Kerr are all headed to new teams.


He drew a six-game suspension for head-butting referee Ted Bernhardt in 1996 and drew another for 11 games in 1997 for kicking a courtside cameraman in Minneapolis.

He was always in trouble, first with the Pistons; then during his brief stay in San Antonio, where his behavior damaged Spurs' chances at the NBA title; and finally during his three championships years with the Bulls, where he became a Chicago favorite.

The man who once courted Madonna recently married Flera, his longtime girlfriend, although days later there were reports of an annulment filing.

In another bizarre chapter, however, the former "Baywatch" actress later denied the marriage was off.

Rodman didn't need the ball to be effective. His career scoring average was just 7.5 points; but at 6-foot-8 he was one of the great rebounders in league history with a 13.2 average and seven straight titles.

He did have an uncanny sense of where the ball would come off the rim, in addition to the ability to tip rebounds to himself with his long arms.

And he was also one of the game's most bothersome defenders -- grabbing, shoving and holding under the basket -- to the frustration of his opponents.

Then-Seattle coach George Karl accused Rodman of flopping to draw fouls during the 1996 finals, but he also was quick to say Rodman was the difference in a grueling six-game series with the Bulls.

Rodman set various school records for shooting and rebounding during his career at Southeastern Oklahoma State from 1983 to 1985. He led the Savages to a third-place finish in the NAIA his senior year.

Rodman was selected by the Pistons in the second round of 1986 and spent seven years there before being traded to the Spurs in 1993.

He came to the Bulls in 1995 and blended with Jordan and Pippen to help Chicago capture three straight titles.

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Notre Dame continuing students — undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 1999 who are eligible to return in the fall — must use DART (Direct Access Registration by telephone) 1) to register for summer courses, and 2) to add or drop courses through Friday, June 25. The DART PIN (Personal Identification Number) for summer will be sent to all continuing students in early March. Course call numbers, along with all other course information, will be published in the Bulletin and at the web site.

DART will be available for summer registration from March 17 to June 25. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer session courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who decide to register after DART closes (Friday, June 25) must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

Tuition for the summer session of 1999 will be $220 per credit hour plus a $40 general fee.

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The state and future of the NBA after the lockout

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

With the retirements of Michael Jordan last week and Dennis Rodman yesterday, as well as the trade of Scottie Pippen to the Houston Rockets, the Chicago Bulls dynasty has officially come to an end. The question is, What now? Who will assume Jordan’s leadership? What team will win the NBA Finals? And, most importantly, can the NBA survive without Jordan and the Bulls in the wake of their first-ever labor stoppage?

The answer to those questions are: More basketball; Shaquille O’Neal, Tim Duncan, Grant Hill, Kobe Bryant; and Jayson Williams; the Indiana Pacers, Los Angeles Lakers, or Rockets; and Yes. Jordan is retired. Arguably the greatest player to play the game, his void will be felt for years to come, but the game will march on — just as it did when Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, Dr. J, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird retired. Basketball has always been like this: before Jordan, Magic and Bird built the game; before them, Dr. J was the top attraction; and so on. Jordan will be missed — he has been recognized as America’s favorite athlete since I was in junior high school — and will never be fully replaced.

Though there can never be another Jordan, there are a number of players who will step up and assume Jordan’s leadership, both on and off the court. With Jordan’s retirement, O’Neal becomes the most dominant player in the league — despite the fact that his free throw shooting remains horrendous. Anyone who watched the Western Conference Finals saw that Shaq was a man among boys, averaging about 30 points and 15 rebounds per game. Yet it wasn’t enough to propel the Lakers past the Utah Jazz. Every other Lakers choker and the team has been revamped beginning with the expulsion of Nick Van Exel to the Denver Nuggets. If Shaq turns in a similar performance, the rest of the Lakers will just need to show up to dominate most games.

While Shaq may be the most dominant player, the most fundamentally sound is Tim Duncan. Only in his second season, Duncan comes off a season in which he earned First Team All-NBA honors as a rookie. He can only get better. Duncan got better as the season went on and could soon surpass Shaq as the most dominant player in the league. The scary thought isn’t that he is also on the same team with David Robinson, but that the San Antonio Spurs have failed to advance in the playoffs with these two on the same team.

A couple of years ago, Grant Hill was universally recognized as Jordan’s heir apparent and the Pistons were on the rise in the Eastern Conference. What happened? His best teammate, Allan Houston, signed with the New York Knicks. This, followed by a rash of nonsensical moves — including trading for Jerry Stackhouse and signing Grant Hill to a multi-year contract — made the Piston’s much worse than 1994-95. However, Detroit is on the rise. The imminent signing of Loy Vaught and signing Dwayne Vanilla is a mini contract — made the Piston’s much worse than 1994-95. However, Detroit is on the rise. The imminent signing of Loy Vaught and signing Dwayne Williams, appropriately, is their center. Talented, outspoken, hungry, and controversial — he openly criticized Patrick Ewing, repeatedly for his handling of the lockout — he is more a combination of Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman than an embodiment of Jordan. However, he plays with the most emotion of any active player and it is this dedication to win — this compulsion — that links him to Jordan. His team will soon replace the Bulls as the dominant team in the Eastern Conference.

As good as the Nets are, they will not make the NBA Finals this year. The Indiana Pacers pushed Jordan to seven games last year — something no Western Conference team had done since his return from retirement — and should represent the conference this year. They have experience, talent, a strong bench, and a great coach in Bird. In the West, the Lakers and the Houston Rockets will fight it out to get to the Finals. How’s this for a frontcourt: Scottie Pippen, Hakeem Olajuwon, and Charles Barkley. Houston, the rest of the league has a problem. If that talent can gel — and it will be tough given the egos of Pippen and Barkley — then the Rockets should take the underachieving Lakers before losing to the Pacers in the Finals.

If my predictions for the NBA lie somewhere between the Yankees-Padres World Series I correctly predicted and the Vikings-Chiefs Super Bowl I not-so-correctly predicted, it should not make the point. Yes, NBA owners are greedy. Yes, NBA players are greedy. No, Charles Barkley is not a non-factor in that series. Regardless, he is now the most exciting player in the game, and that is not a good thing for the Lakers: Bryant can often be his worst enemy, trying for the spectacular and skak- ing off the prudent move. If he could grow up and learn teamwork, like Jordan eventually did with the Bulls, he would be the clearest heir to the throne.

Jayson Williams? Yes, Jayson Williams. Watch out for the New Jersey Nets. If not this year or the next, the Nets will be in the NBA Finals soon. With Williams, Karl Malone, Van Horn, Kerry Kittles, Sam Cassell, Kevin Ollie, and Kenadil Gill, the Nets have talent, young nucleus. Williams, appropriately, is their center. Talented, outspoken, hungry, and controversial — he openly criticized Patrick Ewing, repeatedly for his handling of the lockout — he is more a combination of Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman than an embodiment of Jordan.

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Zumbach paces Irish in fast lane with hard work

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

Double event winner, University record holder, High point scorer, these phrases are often associated with senior Scott Zumbach, a two-time MVP on the men’s swim team who is well on his way to his third such title. The impressive statistics go on for the Katonah, N.Y., native: two current team records, 39 wins to date in dual meet events and eight of the University’s top 10 times in the 400 individual medley, including two instances in which he tied one of his own times. He also swam butterfly on Notre Dame’s fastest 400 medley relay.

“Tie probably one of the most respected swimmers we have. He’s on that much of a pedestal,” teammate Mike Doyle said.

Zumbach’s four-year collegiate success is motivated by a conviction that he can always swim faster.

“I don’t feel like I’ve reached my potential,” he said. “My attitude is that I can definitely go faster, so I always keep working hard.”

The most recent addition to the Scott Zumbach file was his performance Friday against Michigan State. Zumbach placed first in both the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly.

In December, Zumbach helped his team upset eighth-ranked Florida State to win the Notre Dame Invitational. He was victorious in both individual medleys and placed second in the 200 butterfly. His 92 points was the team’s highest individual tally.

Zumbach attributes his success in part to this season’s new weight program that emphasizes machines over free weights.

“I wanted to see where I was in the season,” Zumbach said about his Invitational performance. “This was a chance to see how we’re training at this point, and to see what to do from here to get ready for Big East Championships.”

Placed and team records were not Zumbach’s primary concern at the Invitational. Instead, he tends to follow coach Tim Welsh’s advice that racing well against the clock will produce wins and records.

“I wasn’t paying attention to that (team) records at all. I was focusing on what I need to do, which is swim fast. I go into a race trying to better my time. If I break a record, I break a record,” Zumbach said.

Despite holding individual school records in the 200-yard butterfly and the 400 individual medley, Scott Zumbach still feels he has a great deal to accomplish as a swimmer.

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Irish rebound early to earn 59-56 win over Seton Hall

Hickey provides team with the spark to start homestand on right track

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into the Joyce Center last night, few Notre Dame fans would need to be reminded that today marked a critical date in sports history. Twenty-five years ago, the Irish shocked the basketball world by defeating UCLA 71-70 and ending a 88-game Bruin winning streak, still the longest in NCAA history.

But perhaps no one needed to be reminded more than the Notre Dame men’s basketball team, at the start of a critical homestand without one of their offensive stars. Following two Big East losses, the Irish needed some sort of spark to turn the season around.

So perhaps it doesn’t come as a surprise that Notre Dame was able to shake off their cobwebs and defeat an up-and-coming Seton Hall team 59-56, using a combination of zone defense and a balanced scoring effort.

“We needed this,” senior center Phil Hickey said about the win. “Obviously since we’ve been struggling a little bit. I know that I had to show some senior leadership and step up and encourage other guys to step up too, and that’s what they did.”

At the start of the game, however, some fans may have had visions of Villanova in their head. The Pirates rode out to an 8-0 lead early on in the game, in an offensive style similar to that used by the Wildcats in their early 18-0 mini-riot of the Irish. But in this case, the team kept their calm.

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