Gender Relations Committee co-chair Sophie Fortin argues in favor of a letter condemning the Board of Trustees February decision not to add sexual discrimination to the non-discrimination clause.

Gender Relations Committee co-chair Sophi Fortin explained her rationale for approving the letter.

"We've found that the process was lacking in some sense. We just wanted to reaffirm that you (the Board of Trustees) have done this, but we're not going away," she said.

Enough members agreed with Fortin, and approved the resolution by a vote of 15 to 8.

The senate also debated a problem relating to next month's budget approval meeting, which is scheduled for April 13, nearly two weeks after the current term of office for government positions expires.

While a special motion has been passed to allow the current senators to vote on the budget, the question remains as to who will preside over the meeting outgoing vice president Andrea Selak or vice president-elect Michael Palumbo.

Palumbo himself raised the question before the senate.

"On April 1, there is a new vice president, and I do think that the new vice president should chair the meeting," he said. "It's not me versus Andrea ... I'm just doing this..."

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate approved a letter condemning the Board of Trustees for its decision to vote against the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause at Wednesday night's meeting.

"We revised the letter, softened the language," said graduate senator Tom O'Gorman, whose Gender Relations Committee authored the letter. "The language isn't as violent anymore, I guess you could say.

However, other members of the senate were not convinced that the language of the letter was appropriate.

"It's an act of love, caring for other people that you may not even know, or maybe that you do know. That committee worked out of love, and this letter conveys anger," said roughy senator Brian O'Donoghue.

Pangborn representative Susan Roberts suspected that O'Donoghue's claim may have been influenced by the previous version of the letter, which had been labeled too belligerent by members of the senate.

"I really don't see anything in this letter, as it stands now, as being flat-out angry," Roberts said. "I see it as being assertive, and I think you need to let people know when you're upset with them. We need to articulate to the Board of Fellows exactly why we're angry.

Howard senator Christine Jacob added her support for the letter.

"I find what the Board of Trustees did hurtful. We are a community of love, but we can be angry," she said.

Debate also focused on whether or not the letter itself was an appropriate way to express the senate's discontent with the decision.

"I think what the majority of the students want to know is why the Board of Trustees and the Board of Fellows voted against the nondiscrimination clause," said St. Edward's Hall senator Judson Ponio. "It would be better to invite them to an open forum, like the Campus Life Council did.

Karen Hall senator Matt Mamak agreed with Ponio's proposal.

"I really don't think this letter serves a purpose," he said. "They know we're not happy about this. I think we should stand behind what the CIC has done.

ND business ethics wins No. 1 ranking

By BRAD UNITED

Business Week magazine ranked Notre Dame the No. 1 school for business ethics in its recently published "Business Week Guide to the Best Business Schools."

"This is a very flattering statement about our program," said Father Oliver Williams, associate professor of management and the academic director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business.

The guide bases its rankings on nationwide surveys to determine student satisfaction. According to the statistics, Notre Dame ranked first in the ethics curriculum for the program's "efforts to include ethics in the MBA program."

"This is the only guide that ranks MBA programs that gets national recognition, so this is a great achievement," Williams said.

Caroline Wos, dean of the College of Business Administration, echoed Williams' sentiments.

"We are very pleased about the ranking," said Wos. "This reflects the efforts of the business administration faculty and the overall tradition of the University."

Wos said that being ranked highly is an honor and a responsibility.

"This doesn't mean that we have all the answers. We still have a lot of work to do, but we are very proud," Wos said.

"This ranking provides an opportunity to share the importance of business ethics and carry the message of the importance of ethics," she added. "It also places a responsibility to continually improve ethical development."

Other schools that made the list include the University of Virginia, Georgetown University, Brigham Young University, Yale University, Cornell University and Dartmouth University.

The guide also ranked Notre Dame's College of Business...
Ladies and Gentleman

Ladies and gentlemen, I have attentively listened to you all speak. I have attended rallies and meetings, I have read in sidewise dribble which clogs the pages of Viewpoint every weekday. And now I beg, entreat and I implore you all. Please listen to me.

You know what the problem with Notre Dame is, not the hypocrisy of the administration, the over-priced tuition or the lack of diversity. The problem is the students. I am so tired of listening to all your bleeding hearts pleading for acceptance. Maybe some of you would have been more sympathetic if I had listened to you all speak. I have attended rallies and talks. I have read the endless columns that came with high misdeemnor charges. Traditionally, they are much more sympathetic to them on public nudity cases.

The couple, who are members of the X-plitit people node performance group argued that the tickets they received during the Nov. 12 protest had the "misdeemnor" box checked off, and therefore they deserved to be tried before a jury.

But Judge Ron Greenberg, of the Berkelely, Calif. municipal court, rejected the argument, saying that a jury was unnecessary because the district attorney did not file criminal misdeemnor charges.

All hopes of a waiver, however, said the attorney for the couple, David Beaumont. He said the judge could fairly allow a trial by jury.

But Greenberg said the judge still needs to settle more pressing free speech issues, which include a possible violation of the couple's free speech rights.

Beaumont said the public, not a judge, should decide whether Kent and Moore are guilty, especially when there are free speech issues involved.
Former poet laureate, wife to read poetry selections

By KATE STEER

The Observer

Robert Hass, a former poet laureate of the United States, and Brenda Hillman, an award-winning poet, will share selections of their writing tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hodakgh Library Auditorium.

The Creative Writing Program and the English Department invited this husband-and-wife team from California as part of the Paul and Barbara Henken Visiting Scholar Series.

Hass attended St. Mary's College of California for his undergraduate education and continued his formal education at Stanford University. Hass served as a poet laureate of the United States from 1995-1997. The responsibilities of this office include giving lectures and readings at the Library of Congress and setting up a literary program for the Library of Congress and the Washington, D.C., community.

"In becoming the poet laureate, you become the person through whom public presence of poetry is manifest," said Hass.

During his term as poet laureate, Hass developed a program to battle illiteracy focusing on the interconnections of nature and poetry.


Hass also published "Twentieth Century Pleasures: Poise on Poetry," a gathering of critical essays which received the 1984 National Book Critics Circle award.

Other publications include the authoritative "The Essential Haiku" in 1995. Other honors that Hass earned include the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship.


Currently, Hass is a professor of English at the University of California-Berkeley. Hillman teaches at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

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DiMartino, Cramer highlight recital

Guest trumpeter Vincent DiMartino and faculty pianist Craig Cramer will headline tonight's music department trumpet and organ recital at 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The duo will perform works from Schmidt, Haindl, Torelli, Ravel and Nehlybet.

DiMartino is a Matton Professor of Music and coordinator of the instrumental program at Centre College in Kentucky. He is a noted jazz and classical trumpet player. DiMartino has performed throughout the country and has been prominently featured in a number of recordings.

Two of his most famous recordings are a lead trumpet performance on Mel Torme's "Christmas Album" and recent efforts with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. Furthermore, DiMartino is a Yamaha Performing Artist and former president of the International Trumpet Guild.

Cramer, associate professor of music at Notre Dame, has performed throughout the United States as well as in Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland and Scotland. He has appeared as a soloist with the Toledo Symphony, the South Bend Chamber Orchestra, the South Bend Symphony, the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra and the Eastman Philharmonic.

Cramer has also recorded five CDs.
WASHINGTON

Republicans proposed a $1.9 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 through a House vote Wednesday and were a hair's breadth from prevailing in a Senate panel after GOP lawmakers crushed Democratic attempts to block tax cuts.

By a 28-17 party-line vote, the House Budget Committee approved a spending plan by panel Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, that promises to leave Social Security surpluses alone while reducing taxes and increasing defense, education and several other programs.

"I don't see how we can do much better than this," Kasich said.

Simultaneously, the Senate Budget Committee moved toward a similar plan. That panel planned to complete its work on Thursday.

On both sides of the Capital, Democrats proposed requiring that Social Security and Medicare be overhauled before Republicans could get the tax cuts they want -- $15 billion next year and $778 billion over the next decade. The GOP majority prevailed by party-line votes, 52-48 in the Senate Budget Committee and 217-215 in the House Budget Committee.

Democrats designed their amendments to the 2000 budget in order to cast Republicans as more eager to cut taxes than to fortify Social Security and Medicare for the looming retirement of baby boomers.

"There is a desperation to claim tax cuts as a primary thing they have to focus on," Senate Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, the Senate budget panel's ranking Democrat, said. Republicans countered that projected federal surpluses -- which they say will total $2.9 trillion over the next 10 years -- make it possible to do many things.

"Let's get it straight," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

"There are many priorities.

"We're going to save Medicare" and Social Security. "And in addition we are going to give the American people a welfare- come, needed tax cut.

Even as the GOP flexed its muscle in committee, they ran into a Clinton administration veto threat over a GOP plan to ensure that Social Security's vast surpluses over the next decade -- before baby boomers start retiring -- be set aside for debt reduction.

The Republican proposal -- which will move as separate legislation from the budget resolution -- would require Social Security surpluses to be used to buy down the debt.

Doing otherwise would require votes of 60 of the 100 senators, a tough hurdle.

In a letter to Democratic leaders, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the plan could hinder the government from issuing new debt if needed, threatening to strain ratings and perhaps requiring it to stop paying Social Security benefits.

"I will recommend that the president veto the bill if it contains the debt limits provi- sions," he said.

Besides the tax cuts, the similar budget plans, the House and Senate, set aside $1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses through 2009 for debt reduction.

Congress' budget sets over all spending and tax limits, leaving decisions about specifics for later bills.

Even so, the GOP budget would boost defense spending to $298 billion, $9 billion more than this year and $8 billion more than Clinton has proposed.

"It is an over-the-counter drug, it would have to do, 'Warning: Could be harmful to minds, children and working families," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said of the GOP plan.

"It is really a disappointment. They've given us an offer that we must refuse.

Special to The Observer

Three chef's apprentices from Notre Dame earned gold medals in a culinary competition March 13, at the Sanza Foodservice Trade Show at South Bend's Century Center.

Laura Strunk, Giuseppe Macerata and Andy Thistlewait were part of a five-member team that represented the South Bend chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

The team, captained by Thistlewait and managed by executive chef Donald Miller of Notre Dame's Morris Inn, traveled to Wichita, Kan., on March 17, to represent Indiana in the ACF central regional culinary competition.

The four regional winners in the competition competed in July at the national culinary competition in Chicago.

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Amish teen vandals arrested

HAZLETON, Iowa
Four Amish teen-agers were arrested for smashing 44 windows and overturning hogs during a rampage at a home of an Amish farmer, authorities said. At least three people were inside the home of Homer Rager as the teens were causing the damage, sheriff's deputy Glen Fulls said.

The youths apparently suspected Rager had earlier been drinking on the property earlier that evening, deputy Jeff Culeman said. Deputies had issued numerous alcohol-related citations in the earlier incident. "They ...")

I'll bring Deputy Hamilton, dPuppy damage sheriff's Deputy Linton Fulton.

He had been drinking on the property earlier that evening, deputy Jeff Culeman said. Deputies had issued numerous alcohol-related citations in the earlier incident. "They trashed the farm," Fulton said. "As many as 42 youths were on the property late Sunday and early Monday, having triggered three following prayer services for the adults. Only a handful participated in the vandalism in this quiet Amish community about 50 miles southeast of Cedar Rapids. Rager doesn't have a phone and denied summoning authorities.

Drag queens upset Church

SAN FRANCISCO
Catholic leaders want the city to revoke a permit for a street party on Easter thrown by a theater troupe of halftie-wearing drag queens known as the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The Sisters have a permit to close a section of a road in the largely Latino Castro District to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Allowing a group that "mocks the church," the city's planning commission is expected to vote Thursday on whether to allow the group to march in the parade.

The parade is part of a weekend of events in preparation for the day when Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, "a mundane order of nuns," will line up on a street in San Francisco's Castro district to celebrate their 20th anniversary. The group has been a fixture of local gay and Lesbian community events since its founding in 1979.

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TAVINER, Fla.
A man hit off part of a teen-ager's ear in a fight that started with a traffic stop, local police and county jail authorities say. Lazaro Enrique Vento, a 33-year-old house painter, was charged Tuesday with aggravated battery and causing an accident. Sheriff's deputy Phil Graham said Vento and 15-year-old Derek Crawford were found at about 11:30 p.m. Monday on Meridian Street near the Taviner School, where Crawford, 15, was found with a severed ear in his pocket.

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New York celebrates St. Patrick's Day

NEW YORK
Smiling eyes, blue skies and a touch of glamour lent by grand marshal Maureen O'Hara added to the parade of today's St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue. O'Hara, the Irish-born star of such classic movies as "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Quiet Man," waved and smiled broadly to the crowds, which were pressed 10 deep against police barricades and saw as many as 100,000 marchers along the two-mile parade route.

"Being a New Yorker, I think this is the greatest parade in the world," said Mickey McGuire, 55, a Brooklyn-born drug counselor who now lives in Greenboro, N.C., but drives up every year just for the parade.

"It's incredible," said mourner Michael Malin, whose Monaeague, Farrell Marching Band was an all boys parochial school from Staten Island was the first marching group to line up on the avenue.

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State Dept. cautions
U.S. travelers abroad

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The State Department renewed its calls Wednesday for Americans living and traveling abroad to remain vigilant of their personal safety.

The department said in a formal advisory that it continues to receive reports that provide cause for concern for the safety of U.S. government officials and private citizens abroad.

"We take these threats seriously, and the U.S. has increased security at United States Government facilities worldwide," the advisory said.

A similar worldwide caution was issued in December. "It was a continuing situation," State Department spokeswoman Julie Reside said Wednesday as the reason for extending it.

The department cited the following situations as possible threats to the safety of Americans abroad:

- Osama bin Laden, who has been indicted for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa and for threatening to kill U.S. citizens, and other terrorists continue to make threats against the United States and do not distinguish between military and civilian targets.

- The potential for retaliatory action against Americans and American interests following U.S. air strikes against Sudan and Afghanistan and the apprehension of suspects in the bombing of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

- The potential for retaliatory action against Americans "because of Iraq's continuing defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions and persistent challenges to U.S. and coalition enforcement of the no-fly zones over Iraq."

The department recommended that Americans maintain a low profile, vary routes and times for all required travel and treat mail from unfamiliar sources with suspicion.

Americans traveling abroad can obtain the latest information on security conditions from the nearest embassy.

The public announcement expires on June 17.

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Pristina

Fearing a possible NATO attack, the Yugoslav army bolstered its combat readiness, moving thousands of troops closer to Kosovo amid reports Wednesday that peace talks in Paris were on the brink of failure.

The war preparations also came as European Union foreign ministers voiced alarm that a quarter of Kosovo Albanians in January appeared to be civilians, not combatants.

Yugoslav army troops were setting up anti-aircraft missiles in the mountains northwest of Kosovo's capital, Pristina, rebel leader Natimir Selimi said Wednesday in his first interview since being appointed supreme commander of the Kosovo Liberation Army last month.

Speaking to The Associated Press and another reporter at his home, Selimi said KLA fighters dug in at the Gacka Mountains saw the missiles being unloaded from several covered trucks.

Senior officials with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said the missiles could be the Yugoslav version of a heat-seeking, Soviet-built short-range missile that monitors have seen on regional roads.

Fighting has claimed more than 2,000 lives in the past year in Kosovo, a province of Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic. About 90 percent of Kosovo's 2.2 million people are ethnic Albanians, and most favor independence.

The U.S. Department of Defense spokesman warned Tuesday that the government forces "certainly are preparing for war."

Kenneth Baron, the Pentagon's spokesman, said 16,000 to 21,000 Yugoslav army units are now on the perimeter of the Serbian province, up from about 10,000 reported two weeks ago and 4,500 in late February. Another 14,000 to 18,000 Yugoslav army forces were said to be deployed inside Kosovo — not causing the thousands of heavily armed Serb police forces.

The ethnic-Albanian run Kosovo Information Center reported large movements of Yugoslav army and police forces throughout the province. In the northern Prilep-Jakov region, 30 army vehicles arrived Wednesday as reinforcements, it said.

In Pristina, the release of the final report on the shelling in the southern Kosovo village of Harack three months ago did little to end the controversy about whether the victims were massacred by Serbs or killed in battle.

While the head of the forensic team, Helena Ranta, called the Harack killings "a crime against humanity," the report did not directly accuse Serb forces of a massacre, nor did it support Yugoslav claims the victims were either rebel fighters or civilians caught in crossfire.

"There were no indications of the people being other than unarmed civilians," said the report.

William Walker, the American head of the OSCE mission in Kosovo, said the report — which concluded the victims were likely unarmed civilians — reinforced "my original conclusion."

Walker initially described the killings as a massacre by Serb forces. On Wednesday, he told the AP that the report "deletes what I said" back in January.

A commentary on Serbian state-run television said Ranta "simply did not have the strength to specifically deny the earlier claims of massacre by William Walker."

The Yugoslav forensic team that also examined the Harack victims said an important test to determine whether they had been carrying arms was not performed — something Ranta acknowledged to reporters.

**Kosovo**

**Balkan talks near collapse**

Associated Press

**PARIS**

The Kosovo peace talks appeared on the verge of collapse Wednesday, with the Serbs still demanding major changes to a political agreement and refusing to even discuss allowing foreign troops to police a deal.

Barring a sudden turnaround by the Serbs, it appeared likely the talks would end this week with a unilateral signing by the ethnic Albanians, who already have agreed to an international peace plan.

"Based on the last few days, we would not anticipate any further progress," said chief U.S. negotiator Christopher Hill.

Speaking at a news conference with his two fellow mediators, Hill said the ethnic Albanians would sign the deal "very shortly," presumably in the next day or two.

Hill insisted negotiations are continuing, and mediators said the co-chairs of the conference, the French and British foreign ministers, would evaluate the situation Thursday when they visit the Paris conference center where this second round of talks is taking place.

Hill said the mediators were pleased with the Kosovo Albanians' decision to sign, but his Romanian counterpart, Boris Mayorskyy, was more blunt.

"It takes two to tango," he said.

Fighting in Kosovo, a province of the newly independent Serbian republic of Serbia, has killed more than 2,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands over the past year.

In Washington, NATO's commander, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, told a congressional committee that Serb forces are prepared to resume fighting in Kosovo on a "very large scale" if they do not reach a peace accord with ethnic Albanians.

A British diplomat at the Paris talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Western officials already were making contingency plans for failure of the talks.

The plans would involve a European mission to Belgrade, probably by French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, to try to sway hard-line Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

If that fails, top NATO officials might make the trip, the diplomat said on condition of anonymity. They would deliver a ultimatum to Milosevic to agree or face airstrikes.

State Department spokesman James Rubin traveled unannounced to Paris on Wednesday to meet with Flamshim Thaer, head of the Kosovo Albanian delegation.

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The peace talks appear to be stuck on the issue of how many Serb troops would be required to police a Kosovo settlement. Albanians have called for 25,000 troops with no more than 10 percent as Serbs, while the Serbs want a joint force of 25,000 with 40 percent as Serbs.

The Associated Press

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Government prices Y2K crisis solutions at $6.8 billion

WASHINGTON

The government raised its estimate Wednesday by $400 million to $6.8 billion for fixing the Year 2000 computer problem among federal agencies, and said costs are expected to rise again.

And with only weeks before its self-imposed deadline of March 31 to have all its most important computers won't be fixed by the March 31 deadline, the report said federal agencies are making inadequate progress.

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To the extent that agencies encounter additional difficulties through testing costs are likely to rise, the report said.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000, when machines will assume it is 1900.

Some computers can be reprogrammed, but many devices have embedded microchips that must be physically replaced. The latest report said agencies are facing few problems because of these embedded chips, which aren't typically used for systems operating federal programs.

"This area does not appear to be of great concern," it said.

The government also said it doesn't expect to experience problems in its federal buildings, some of which feature computer-controlled elevators and heating and security systems.

"No catastrophic Y2K building system potential failures have been identified," the report said, adding that "nearly all such systems allow for manual override."
Experts say marijuana can ease pain of cancer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Marijuana has medical bene-
fits for people suffering from
cancer and AIDS and should
undergo scientific trials to see
how it works best, a panel of
medical experts concluded
Wednesday in a report to the
federal government.

The drug remains illegal
under federal law, despite ballot
measures approving its use in
Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon
and Washington. The new report is
sharpening debate over its
use.

The Institute of Medicine, an
affiliate of the National Academy
of Sciences, said marijuana’s
active ingredients can ease pain,
nausea and vomiting. It urged
the development of a standard
way to use the drug, such as an
inhaled.

The conclusion was greeted
warmly by most marijuana
advocates, but opponents said they
worry the report will
encourage marijuana use.

"Let us waste no more time in
providing this medication
through legal, medical channels
to all the patients whose
lives may be saved," said Daniel
Zingale of AIDS Action.

But Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla.,
who led the fight to get the
House to condemn med-
ical marijuana last fall,
said he is "deeply con-
cerned" the report might
encourage people to
smoke marijuana.

It is known that some of
the chemicals in mari-
juna can be useful, he
acknowledged, but their
place is in inhalers or pill
form. "We should not
sanction smoked mari-
juna because there is
no way to control that,"
McCollum said.

"Providing good medicine
— not marijuana — is the
compassion-
ate response to patients’
pain and illnesses," said Robert
Maginnis of the conservative
Family Research Council. He
insisted doctors have other
medicines to treat any ailment
that marijuana can help.

White House drug adviser
Barry McCaffrey said the find-
ings are unlikely to send phar-
macuetical companies scram-
bling to do research on marijua-
na. "Our experience is there
is little market interest," McCaffrey
said.

Ironically, the new analysis
was requested and paid for by
McCaffrey’s White House Office
of National Drug Control Policy,
after an expert panel formed by
the National Institutes of Health
concluded in 1997 that some
patients could be helped by mari-
juna, mainly cancer and AIDS
victims.

At the White House,
speaker
Joe Lockhart said: "What we
found out is that there may be some
chemical compounds in marijuana
that are useful in pain relief or
anxiety. But that smoking marijuana
is a crude delivery system.
So I think this calls for this is fur-
ther research."

That is already under
way at the NIH, which is running three
studies of smoked marijuana and expects
to approve a fourth this year.

One study looks at marijuana’s
safety in people with AIDS, a
second is checking the extent of
medical marijuana use by
patients of health maintenance
organizations and the third is
studying marijuana’s ability to
reduce nausea. Nearing
approval is a study of marijua-
na’s effect on pain.

The National Cancer Institute
is looking into the comparative
value of a pill form of marijuana
vs. a heroin in reducing nau-
sea.

"Clearly, the time has come for
this administration to amend
federal law to allow seriously ill
patients immediate legal
access," said Barry S. Pierre,
executive director of the NORML
Foundation.

The arguments over using
marijuana as a medication have
grown particularly intense in
the last few years in western states
where supporters got initiatives
on the ballot to legalize the
practice.

Voters in Alaska, Arizona,
California, Nevada, Oregon and
Washington have approved
measures in support of medical
marijuana.

Last-chance drug may alleviate arthritis pain

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government has approved a
medicine to relieve the
pain of millions of
Americans with severe rheuma-
toid arthritis, in hopes it can
alleviate debilitating disease.

The Procora column, made
by Cypress Bioscience, works
much like dialysis. Once a week
for 12 weeks, a patient’s blood is
drawn and separated, and the
material is retransfused into
the body.

The machine offers a 30 per-
cent chance of improving the
swelling and pain that plagues
patients joints, Food and Drug
Administration officials said
in approving Procora late
Tuesday.

The Fda stressed that
Procora is only for a small pro-
portion of patients — those with
moderate to severe symptoms
who have failed all other treat-
ments.

This is not a front-line thera-
py... It’s clearly not for lots of
people. It’s for patients who
have basically failed everything,”

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Last Day for Course Discontinuance.
- 3/19. Friday.

ND Glee Club Spring Concert.
- 3/19. Friday. Washington Hall. 0800PM.

Image Awards.

Dept of Music: John Daverio.
- 3/22. Monday. 124 Crowley. 0430PM.

Dept of Music: ND Concert Band.
- 3/23. Tuesday. JACC. 0700PM.

Irish Love Connection results will be sold:
- 3/23. Tuesday. SDH during lunch & dinner. $2.
Clinton sends holiday message urging Irish peace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In his St. Patrick's Day message to Northern Ireland's uncertain peacekeepers, President Clinton appealed for them all to cross "the last divide of the peace process" by finally forming their Protestant-Catholic government.

Clinton, seeking to bridge differences that are threatening to unravel the Good Friday accord reached in Belfast last year, was meeting separately with the two pivotal figures of the peace process — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble — who have argued publicly for months over when, if ever, the Irish Republican Army will disarm.

Clinton's aides emphasized he was presenting no particular compromise formula to Trimble, the Protestant leader who is expected to head the government, who faces increasing pressure with his own party not to yield more ground to Adams' IRA-allied party.

Trimble has insisted that Sinn Fein can't take its two seats in the envisioned 12-member government until the IRA starts handing its weapons in an international commission, which the accord established under the direction of Canadian Gen. John de Chastaigne. The general attended Wednesday's festivities but made no comment. The IRA has repeatedly rejected the agreement's plans for gradual disarmament as amounting to surrender.

The government, originally scheduled to be formed last October, now faces a symbolic new deadline of April 2, this year's Good Friday — but with no public sign that either Trimble or the IRA is planning to budge from their opposite positions.

Meet their separate sessions with Clinton, both Trimble and Adams welcomed the president's interest in confirmed they now intended to hold their ability to form the new government "tantalizingly close."

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When asked whether he thought Clinton supported him or Adams, Trimble let out a lengthy laugh. "I'll leave that for the history books," he said.

Adams, speaking to reporters a half hour later, said Clinton hadn't put him under any particular pressure, but had offered "an insightful approach into how this whole process can move ahead." He declined to say what this was.

Speaking beside Irish Prime Minister Bertie Aherne, Clinton said he's "fully prepared to take sides, but emphasized that at last year's St. Patrick's Day festivities at the White House, Northern Irish politicians were 'precarious about even striking a peace accord. He said they must have the vision to see beyond their current troubles.

"In a few short weeks, the time will come to bring the new institutions to life. I think that the people of Northern Ireland finally can begin to take their destinies into their own hands to solve their problems."

To fulfill the Good Friday accord, the parties must resolve their differences. And to do it, they have to have the same spirit of cooperation and trust that led to the first agreement.

"They must set their sights above the short-term difficulties. They must see that distant horizon when children will grow up in an Ireland free of violence. We can remember how it used to be."

Back home in Belfast, however, unidentified gunmen killed a Protestant extremist only recently paroled from prison — one of more than 200 paramilitary convicts to be freed under terms of the accord.

Police said the slaying was probably un connected to the recent return to life of an outspoken Catholic lawyer who had once urged the IRA to pull out of the war.

Rebels down Zimbabwe jet

Associated Press

LUBAO, Congo

Rwandan-backed Congolese rebels, boasting to advance on a southern diamond center, said Wednesday they had shot down a Zimbabwean jet fighter.

The MiG aircraft was downed near the government-held town of Kabinda, 60 miles east of the diamond city of Mijagi-Mayi, after it attempted to attack an insurgent command center, rebel commanders said.

The plane crashed in rebel-controlled territory and the fate of the plane's pilot was unknown, the rebels said.

The report could not be independently confirmed.

On Sunday, the rebels, who are backed by Rwandan troops and weapons, said they had killed at least 210 Zimbabwean and Rwandan troops loyal to President Laurent Kabila, including a Zimbabwean battalion commander. Zimbabwe denied the report.

Rebel commanders said they expected to capture Kabinda within days, and planned the way advance on Mijagi-Mayi, whose diamonds are a main source of revenue for the government and whose capture will help finance the seven-month rebellion.

In Lubao, 120 miles east of Mijagi-Mayi, rebel soldiers unloaded boxes of ammunition and carried the uncrated crates into a small, Russian-built Antonov-28 cargo airplane that would take them to the eastern rebel stronghold of Goma.

They were watched by the few remaining residents of Lubao, a small, dusty town of scattered huts and palm trees that has become a base for the current rebel force.

The rebel coalition of ethnic Tutsis, disaffected Congolese soldiers and opposition politicians took control of Lubao in August, accusing the government of human rights violations, corruption and ethnic repression.

Since then, they have swept through the eastern half of Congo.

Kabila is receiving military support from Angola, Zambia and the Sudan as well as Zimbabwe.

Several of the allies, plagued by conflicts and economic problems at home, have indicated a readiness to pull out of the war.

Rwanda and Uganda say they are backing the rebellion because Kabila refused to pump down on rebels in eastern Congo who were attacking both countries.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni left the Rwandan capital, Kigali, on Wednesday after a one-day visit in which he sought to smooth out differences that have emerged between the two allies over the conduct of joint operations.
I am a card-carrying, state-certified, form-filler. So are the rest of you. This is because we have all attended college, and in order to apply for college, scholarships, or financial aid, we have to fill out trays of forms, cramming our entire lives into little 8-by-10-inch spaces and hoping to organize them in some way to prove that we have, after all, led a meaningful and important life in the twenty years we’ve been here (as we can barely put together whole sentences until we are ten, this may put us at a slight disadvantage). We have been so programmed to fill them out and reveal our most personal dreams and aspirations that we don’t think twice about giving intensely personal information to total strangers. We’ve been programmed to fill them out and sell, not create, our personal information. People who have used Social Security numbers and driver’s license numbers aren’t going to work or buy anything electronically because they are presumed dead.

**Nakasha Ahmad**

Yikes. This is pretty powerful information. And what is even more amazing is that we Americans willingly fill out credit card applications and financial aid forms and give out the all-important code that defines us. We’ve basically handed out the code with our life on it and said, “Here, this is my life. Feel free to steal it from me if you like.”

Thus, the growing bases of “switched” or mistaken identity. People who have had their Social Security numbers usurped can’t go to work or buy anything electronically because they are presumed dead.

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Conversely, there are those who receive bills for things they’ve never bought and wind up in debt because someone else has taken their Social Security number and pretended to be them. Actually, this is the real reason why we can’t reform Social Security. Contrary to popular belief, it’s not because the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) is the largest, most powerful and most active interest group in the United States with a lot at stake in the reservation of the safety net. No. It’s because if we came up with another Social Security plan, we would lose the numbers. It would just complicate the system. If we don’t assign everyone here a number, what would we do?

We wouldn’t just lose a safety net for the elderly. Oh, no. We’d lose ourselves. Our identity. We’d lose our ability to keep track of every trait of every person in the U.S. How would colleges keep track of who they’re admitting and who they’re not?

Every college brochure states that “Here, you’re treated like a person, not like a number.” If we eliminate numbers, we’d eliminate one of the biggest “selling points” that every college uses to lure unsuspecting high schoolers into their institution. So maybe we should just make it easier on the poor government. Maybe we should just forget about naming our kids Taylor, Amanda? Nah. Useless names. How about 555-678-4377? Or 222-45-6952? I like the sound of that. Why use names? We’re already filled under the numbers. Huh. I’m 310-10-2200. Who are you?

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Let me tell you a story. Earlier in the week, I was studying in the Law Library. Occasionally, I'll study there because it is such a quieter place than Hesburgh Library at times. After having studied quietly for an hour, I had to use the restroom. Well, if you've ever been in the Library, you know it is the architecture and design of the building itself that makes one feel such that if our lives get too busy, lonely, or alone, there is a restroom. Somewhere, I was supposed to meet my friend on the second floor in that very room.

I was toiled away, reading my research periodicals and the like. I was in the midst of asking someone for a restroom when I couldn't seem to find the restroom because I didn't want to disturb anyone. It's true that a few people who seemed so engrossed by their presence, but naturally I thought nothing of it. I took me about 10 minutes to find the restroom. To say the least, it was quite a journey back to my study area.

More than three minutes later, I was approached by campus security and questioned as to why I was in the library. (Keep in mind that this is before I was a student and a member of school identification. I then asked what was the reason for such scrutiny and the security officer replied by saying that there had been "multiple reports of an individual, that fits my profile, sanguine of stealing." When I asked what this profile was, the officer simply pointed at me and my bag, which lay beside me. That’s all.

Well, then he asked for school identification. Once I produced it, he immediately and genuinely stated that there was some sort of a harsh and ignorant approach towards me, and my only possible stop was his in mid-sentence and assured him that what he was asking for had happened my way times before in my last four years at school.

You see, the very issue of my "profile" distresses me. Before I go on, let me introduce myself and give you a "profile" of who I am. My name is Justin Johnson and I am a five-year senior graduating with degrees in sociology, anthropology and a minor in music. I am an African-American from San Francisco, California. I am approximately 5’10” and 170 pounds. As the author of this intriguing, I would have called security if you had been doing that walking in the halls of the Law Library, or any building for that matter. You probably would have had this. What does this disturb me. I am not in any building to seek commit any crime, but for someone to assume that as my identity, there is frustrating and disappointing, especially here at Notre Dame. Just because I am a dreadlocks and because I am not in the "majority," I should create a "minor" effect of anything. My bookbag and ID are my saving graces, and I was fortunate enough to have them on me. Let’s not even imagine what would have happened if I didn’t have either.

The point of this story is that the "Notre Dame Experience" is not the same for everyone. For people of color it can be a very difficult one. This one experience that I speak about is by no means a singular event that just happened on campus. The truth, as it may be, is that there have been other events, situations where I was forced to do things that my "real" self would not want to do.

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Springtime at Notre Dame brings The Class of 2001 presents Sophomore Siblings Weekend

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
Subway Writer

This weekend, campus will be inundated with hundreds of would-be Dumers for Sophomore Sibs Weekend.

Sophomores are invited to bring their siblings for a weekend full of activities, in an attempt to let the younger set find out what life is like at Notre Dame. Over 600 sophomores and their siblings will be in attendance for the festivities. The majority of siblings will be ages 10 to 18, although some are as young as 6 and others as old as 25. They will join their brothers and sisters for a weekend of fun and relaxation.

The weekend is not limited to siblings of sophomores, as in the case of only children. They are encouraged to “adopt” a sibling from one of their relatives or from friends who are overseas.

The weekend’s activities will be kicked off on Friday with a barbecue, followed by a movie and free passes to the Gorch Gamaroom.

Saturday features a brunch with the Leprechaun and members of the football team. Tours of the stadium will follow, where everyone will get to see the playing field without all the crowds. A dorm-versus-dorm Olympic competition will take place in the afternoon at Stepan field, followed by a formal dinner with Father Hesburgh and football coach Bob Davie.

The sophomores and their siblings will have a chance to dance the night away at Senior Bar and may enjoy sundaes shortly after midnight. The weekend will wrap up with a Mass at the Keenan-Stanford chapel, and a closing brunch afterwards.

This weekend is dedicated to giving the sophomores a chance to have a family activity as a class. Sophomore Class President Hunt Hanover points out that sophomores do not have a university-sponsored activity to allow them to spend time with their families.

“The seniors have Senior Week, the juniors have Junior Parents’ Weekend and the freshmen have Freshman Orientation. This activity gives the sophomores a chance to have some family time,” Hanover explains.

Although this weekend is not sponsored by the University, it is something that the class officers work hard on to show their support for their classmates.

The class of 2001 has been planning the activities for this weekend for quite some time. Sophomores Mari Chris Trejo and Maria Aleras head a committee with six other sophomores who have been planning this weekend since the school year began.

The class officers also hope that this weekend will give siblings a chance to see their Dumer brothers and sisters, whom they might not be able to see often. “Some of these kids don’t get to see how their brothers and sisters live at school. The only opportunity they may have had to see their life was at Freshman Orientation, and things may have changed since then,” said Hanover.

The Class of 2001’s officers have high hopes for the success of this weekend. “We hope that it is a great time and that the kids get to spend some time with their siblings,” explained Hanover.

Highlights of Sophomore Siblings Weekend

SATURDAY:
• Brunch with the leprechaun and members of the football team
• Football stadium tours
• Interhall Olympic competitions at Stepan Center
• Formal Dinner with Father Hesburgh and Coach Bob Davie
• Dance at Senior Bar

SUNDAY:
• Mass at Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Hypnotist Tom Deluca returns to Notre Dame after a successful performance last year

Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in Stepan Center

Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m. at the door for $2

Second City comes to Notre Dame!

Chicago’s famous Second City theatre group, consisting of improv comedy actors, will perform at Washington Hall at 8 p.m. on March 22

Tickets are on sale at LaFortune Info Desk: $4 students and $7 non-students

Second City is the home of many actors, such as Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Chris Farley
It is springtime at Notre Dame. Spring break is over, and though it is usually the highlight for lowlifes for most students at any university, those at Notre Dame have something else to look forward to, perhaps something better.

The time of spring break is also marked by Lent, a crucial time of the year on the Roman Catholic calendar. But with spring break still in Notre Dame’s collective memory, Lent seems to be forgotten—something not thought about except during that one hour on Saturday evening or Sunday, if even then.

To erase the midsemester blues with which spring break influenced the student body, Campus Ministry has developed “No Greater Love,” a campus-wide event meant to reinvigorate students’ faith-life during this waiting period. Advertised as “a Notre Dame day of prayer, music, and renewal,” “No Greater Love” will take place this Saturday at Smith Buing Hall.

“No Greater Love” offers a unique combination of students, professors, staff, energy (and attitude),” said Frank Santoni, Campus Ministry intern coordinator of the event. “We’re trying to roll all that into ‘No Greater Love’ to make it a Notre Dame day for Notre Dame students.”

“No Greater Love” will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a large group meeting led by Father Michael Baxter. Baxter will act as emcee throughout the day, providing participants with the opportunity for Lenten prayer. The event will continue with Father Cyprian Consiglio leading the group in musical prayer. Baxter believes Consiglio’s presence will make the day especially significant.

“He’s very prayerful. He’s a monk.”

Following this large group gathering, “No Greater Love” will break up into three rounds of discussion groups. Among the several groups available, Campus Ministry will provide opportunities to speak about such topics as Jesus, Christian sexual ethics, faith in action and scripture.

As Santoni noted, “No Greater Love” is a unique event of faith-living. "There have been other places that do this sort of thing, but really, it can only be compared in structure, but not in its spirit...we have a unique thing going on,” he said.

While many students have attended various religious gatherings throughout their lives—Mass, youth rallies, retreats or Bible studies—“No Greater Love” mixes all of these up into a new faith experience. Though this is a first time thing at Notre Dame, Santoni hopes that it will become a new campus tradition.

To do this, Campus Ministry has implemented an aggressive campaign to get students to participate. Sending 10,000 postcards and flyers out to all Notre Dame students, both on- and off-campus, undergraduates and graduates, it hopes to attract as many students as possible.

This widespread, massive campaign sends the message that “No Greater Love” is for everyone. Though it doesn’t seem to be an intentionally Catholic event, Santoni feels that its unique quality makes the event that much more unique.

“It’s something new, and that means unfamiliar. But it’s gonna give people a fun time, a way to let loose and learn some stuff and also a chance to reenergize,” he remarked. “Especially after spring break, a lot of people probably weren’t focusing on their spiritual lives...This is a good way to get recharged and get ready for Easter, which is the Church’s biggest celebration.”

So, what is “No Greater Love”? Santoni stated that though they will not turn anyone down for the event, it would be helpful to sign up as soon as possible, in order to pick and choose among the various discussion groups.

But from the looks of things, whatever happens this Saturday will be a healthy and helpful experience for all students.

“The point is to, in a very clear and concrete way, to provide the space in people’s lives to have an encounter with Christ,” Baxter added.

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1994 Notre Dame graduate returns to South Bend to perform a concert at Lula’s Cafe this Friday at 8:30 p.m. Performing with Frank Maretta Jr., Heaton will be playing songs from her most recent album, “Anne O’Meara Heaton Live.”

Heaton is stopping at Notre Dame in the midst of her Midwest tour of various college venues. Show your support for a fellow Homer tomorrow night at Lula’s Cafe.
Chicago Fire looks to burn competition

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Major League Soccer kicks off its fourth season Saturday, facing two straight years of declining attendance but with far fewer concerns than any time since it began 18 years ago.

"The question doesn’t seem to be anymore if we’re going to survive," Commissioner Don Garber said Friday. "He’s going to make the next step to bring on MLS 2.0." Garber was referring to Columbus Crew forward Brian McBride.

The 12-team league opens against a far less daunting collection of Nat'l-name players, a shake-up at MLS headquarters, the absence of Bruce Arena and a pending lawsuit attacking the structure of the league.

"I’ve said every year, each season is the most important," Garber said. "This season is no different. No, it’s better."

"The MLS season is a marathon, not a sprint," Garber said. "It’s a marathon where each team should be a winner.

Washington went through the most dramatic changes. While Chicago and Los Angeles return virtually intact, United had to send defender Tony Sanneh to Germany and midfielder John Wolyniec to New England to get under the approximate $1.7 million salary cap.

Washington also lost Arena to the U.S. National team. One won’t be the same, but with a shift in the schedule to have 26 percent of the league’s regular season on Saturday is expected to boost the gate.

The season begins with a big change at league headquarters. Sunil Gulati, who led the league’s expansion franchise negotiations, stepped down as commissioner last month, supposedly over renewing the contract of还在 under the microscope Tab Ramos without consulting the MetroStars.

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The suit was filed before the start of the 1997 season and is not expected to go to trial until after the season.

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I've already torn my Achilles. Turned it to the side. They're still beating me up today."

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League owners vote to reinstate replay

Associated Press

Upon further and further review and further review and further review, instant replay is back in the NFL for the 1999 season.

The league’s owners, who had initially voted against it last season, overwhelmingly approved a new system Wednesday that will give coaches two challenges per game, with "a replay assistant" to determine if something is to be reviewed in the final two minutes of each half.

The referee on the field will make the final decision.

But unlike the system in effect from 1989-91, it’s not intended to cure routine mistakes.

"We are implementing this system to correct the major, preceded votes," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee, which came up with the plan.

The action comes after a season marked by several high-profile mistakes. It even led commissioner Paul Tagliabue to propose bringing the plan in for the 1998 season.

"This is the most overwhelming vote I’ve ever seen," said the other cochairman, Wade Phillips of Buffalo, one of the 28 "yes" votes.

That was primarily the reason why replay wasn’t put in for longer than one year.

"There were several teams that were traditionally against it, and then there was another team that was often against replay," said Mike Ditka, Chicago coach and cochairman of the competition committee.

Wednesday’s vote was 28-3, the 1999 season being voted for replay since it first came up in 1997.

The "no" votes came from Cincinnati, the Giants, Green Bay, Cleveland, Arizona, while the New York Giants, who had voted against it earlier, joined the "yes" votes.

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It's Not Too Late!
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Listen, gang, it's not too late. It's not too late for all of us to make something of Lent. It's not too late for you First Year students out there to meet new people. It's not too late for you Sophomores and Juniors out there to find new and creative ways to party. It's not too late for you Seniors out there to make something of your remaining days, and to maximize that which you take away from this place. It's not too late for all of us to make more of our efforts in faith and in prayer. Listen, it's not too late; but it will be if we don't choose to do something about it now.

I will say it simply: if you leave the University of Notre Dame without addressing some of the basic questions of faith, then we, as a university and as mentors and guides, will have failed; but, as importantly, you will have too. Whether you came here because Notre Dame is a Catholic university, is not the point. The fact is, it is, and if you do not learn something more about the Catholic faith while you are here, whether you are Catholic or not, then there's something wrong. The thought that there are those who make no effort to move from the faith of your parents to an adult and personal relationship with God, is perhaps the saddest reality that we face. But it's not too late.

I find myself wanting to say that if you're only going to Mass on Sunday because you know your parents expect you to, then think about that. And if you're not going to Mass on Sunday because your parents aren't here to tell you that you have to, then think about that, too. The fact is, the time in life has come for you to make your own choices and to make sense of your own faith. But these choices cannot be made only in response to your parents, whether in the affirmative or the negative. Ultimately, they must be made in response to God, and to the stirrings of the Spirit in your life and in your relationships. And if it's the case that you have no idea what that means, or what God might be saying to you, then maybe it's because you haven't stopped to listen, or even learned to listen. But it's not too late.

There are any number of ways to be about the business of learning more about our faith and deepening in our relationship with God. One of them is coming our way this Saturday on our campus. You've seen the posters and you've heard the spin, but in the end, you can only measure the merits of it by being there. "No Greater Love" is, at rock bottom, about our Lord Jesus Christ; and about the opportunity that each of us has to be in relationship to him. "No Greater Love" is an opportunity to gather to pray with others who long also to deepen in faith, but also to learn about different aspects of the faith which we profess.

The events of the day take place in the South Dining Hall. They begin at 10:30 a.m. with registration (but you have the option of signing up early via e-mail at ND.ministry.l@nd.edu). Things get kicked off at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, O.S.B. Cam, leading us in song and prayer; and Fr. Michael Baxter, C.S.C. preaching the Good News. Break-out sessions follow at Noon where you can choose from several local presenters on a variety of topics related to our faith. It's the perfect opportunity to learn and ask questions about many of the things that you've always wondered about. Lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. where you can dine and socialize to the acoustic music of our own Justin Dunn and others. The afternoon offers more break-out sessions and concludes with a rousing celebration of the Eucharist at 4:30 p.m. During the day, for those of you who wish to partake, there is the option of participating in the Stations of the Cross, the sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, and praying the rosary. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the events of the day.

I know what you're thinking: "I don't have time for all of that!" Let me assure you that you don't have enough time not to! Life is slipping by. Notre Dame, even for the youngest among you, is slipping away (Just ask the Seniors!). Let's get at the questions that really matter. You know full well that you will waste all kinds of time this weekend. Waste it with us! I marvel at how much time we spend in idle, even tripe, conversation, or in front of a video game, or perched in front of a television, or drinking, simply drinking. Rarely in those settings do we get at the stuff that matters, the stuff of life, the stuff of faith, the heart of God. It's not too late. Come join us and meet others who share your questions and who share your faith. It's not too late to make something of Lent. It's not too late to take ownership of our faith. It's not too late to know that there is no greater love than that of our God for us. But in the end, it's up to you. Take the time; make the time! It's not too late!
Six IOC members expelled as Olympic scandal widens

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland

One by one, the six accused International Olympic Committee members filed into a conference hall Wednesday and pleaded their case before their peers.

Some 90 minutes later, in what delegates described as a "painful and harrowing" exercise, all six were expelled.

The IOC completed an unprecedented purge of its own ranks, but backed president Juan Antonio Samaranch with an overwhelming vote of confidence and two rousing ovations during a special session wrought by the worst scandal in its 105-year history.

Despite the support, Samaranch hinted that he might leave office before the end of his term in 2001.

A total of 10 members have been banished or have resigned after being linked to $1.2 million in cash payments and other vote-buying inducements from Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games. Ten others have been censured or warned about their actions.

Olympic leaders said the expulsions marked a major turn in restoring the agency's credibility and the latter of the five rings.

But a leading U.S. congressional critic wasn't completely satisfied.

"Expelling members does nothing to address the utter lack of transparency and accountability in IOC processes," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "What we must see are concrete reforms."

With corporate sponsors also demanding reforms, Samaranch and his deputies said the house-cleaning was just the beginning and that the IOC would carry out long-term changes.

"We're nearing the end of the beginning," said IOC vice president Dick Pound, echoing William DeFrantz. "We must see some fair amount of work ahead of us. This was a good start. Without having done it, it would have been hard to move forward."

On Thursday, the IOC is expected to appoint an independent ethics commission, change the selection process for the 2006 Winter Games and set up a special reform panel — including outside experts — to study structural changes.

"From the outset we have been telling the public and those involved in our investigations and it appears they are now doing that," said John Labella, a spokesman for Kodak, one of the Olympic sponsors.

The six expelled members were Agustin Arroyo of Ecuador, Zenin El Adlin Gaidir of Sudan, Jean-Claude Gange of the Republic of Congo, Lamine Keita of Mali, Sergio Santander of Chile and Paul Wallwork of Samoa.

Several claimed they were scapegoats.

"I am the proverbial sacrificial lamb," Wallwork said. "Perhaps I was led to the slaughterhouse."

"I do believe the public and world of the sport has wanted to hear heads knocked down," Arroyo said. "Mine happens to be in the way."

Santander said, "It happened as a purely political act. It probably occurred because Chile was such a small country."

Jean-Claude Gango, the African Olympic official who had threatened to walk out, described the conflict as a purely political act. It probably occurred because Chile was such a small country.

"We accepted this decision with sporting good will — good winners, good losers," he said.

The six were ousted in secret ballots from 90 eligible voting members. None came close to the minimum 30 votes needed to avoid expulsion.

The vote counts were 72-16 against Arroyo, 86-4 against Gaidir, 88-2 against Gango, 72-16 against Keita, 76-12 against Santander and 67-19 against Wallwork.

The 10 who received warnings in the three-month inquiry included South Korean executive board member Kim Un-yong, the highest-ranking official implicated in the scandal.

Kim's case remains open. Investigators say he could still face expulsion if evidence is found to prove he knew that Salt Lake bidders subsidized his son's salary at a telecommunication company.

The session began with Samaranch declaring that the IOC needed to be swift and decisive in dealing with a crisis that "has nearly destroyed the reputation and credibility of all its members and the organization itself."

"It is our IOC which is now on trial," he said. "The first step we must take is to clean our house. All that we have achieved is in great danger — and you must all be aware of this fact."

While Samaranch said he wanted to lead the IOC through reforms, the 78-year-old Spaniard gave perhaps his clearest signal yet that he might not finish his term, scheduled to conclude late in 2001.

"My last service to Olympicism would be to restructure our organization in order to enter the new millennium stronger than ever," he said.

Earlier, speaking to reporters, Samaranch said, "My idea is to remain until 2001, but we will see."

After receiving two ovations from the delegates, Samaranch — who has faced numerous calls for his resignation from outside the IOC — put his leadership to a vote of confidence.

In a surprise move, instead of a yes by acclamation, Samaranch asked for a secret ballot. The result was 86-2, with one blank ballot and one not returned.

Samaranch, who had left the room for the vote, returned to the hall to a standing ovation.

Then the members turned to the traumatic task of throwing out their own colleagues.

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The Notre Dame baseball team has produced two Big East conference weekly award winners, following a successful spring break trip during which Notre Dame won its final five games and claimed the championship of the Irish Baseball Classic held at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio, Texas.

Notre Dame sophomore righthander Aaron Heilman of Logansport, Ind., was named the Big East co-pitcher of the week, joining West Virginia senior lefthander Lewis Ross who will face the Irish this weekend in the Big East opening series for both teams. Irish freshman centerfielder Steve Stanley of Upper Arlington, Ohio, and Providence freshman shortstop Jaime Athas shared the Big East Rookie of the Week award.

Heilman was named MVP of the Irish Baseball Classic, after posting his first career complete game in a 5-4 win over Creighton that clinched a spot in the championship game for the Irish. Heilman, making just his fourth career start, racked up a career-best 11 strikeouts versus the Bluejays while allowing six hits, one walk and three earned runs. He faced 36 batters, with 14 groundouts and just two flyouts.

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Stanley ignited the offense in the Irish Baseball Classic from his leadoff spot, pacing the squad with a .444 batting average (8-for-18), seven runs scored and four stolen bases, plus four walks, just one strikeout and no errors while making several tough catches in center field. Stanley hit 6-for-12 with runners on base and reached on 6-of-7 leadoff at-bats during the week. He opened the IBC with one hit, two walks, two runs scored and two stolen bases in a 6-3 win over Penn State before going 2-for-7 with two walks, a sacrifice bunt and a run scored in the pivotal 5-4 come-back victory over Creighton. Stanley wrapped up the week with a hit, run scored and stolen base in the IBC title game win over Creighton (5-3).

Deep in the heart of Texas, junior outfielder Jeff Felker and the Irish baseball team improved their winning streak to five games.

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Always Our Children,
A Statement of the Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family,
National Conference of Catholic Bishops
Notre Dame shines against Miami

By NATHANIEL DENTICOLA
Sports Writer

Like many Notre Dame students, the Notre Dame men's tennis team enjoyed its first recent exposure to sunshine last week.

The 26th-ranked Irish shined in their first outdoor match of the year, defeating 43rd-ranked Miami at the home court. The 3-2 victory over the Hurricanes marked the sixth consecutive win for the Irish, their longest streak of the season.

Continuing their dominance at No. 1 doubles, the tandem of junior All-American Ryan Sachire and senior captain Brian Patterson easily downed Miami's Takir El Bassetou and Ruhali Ilbii 8-2.

Complementing the victory at No. 1 doubles, the freshman partner of Javier Taborga and Auron Talarico sealed the doubles point by achieving a 8-6 win over Hurricanes Lieberman and Johan Lindquist at No. 3 doubles.

Taborga added to an impressive outing by emerging victorious in his dual match singles debut as well, beating Joel Berman 7-5, 6-4.

The Irish continued on to capture four of the singles points, with Matt Daly clinching the win with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Mark Arrowsmith at No. 3 singles.

Accounting for the other singles wins were No. 2-ranked Sachire (6-3, 6-3) over Jamin Patterson at No. 11 and Patterson, who overcame a first-set slide to win 6-7 (8), 6-1, 6-1 over Lindquist.

The Notre Dame men's tennis squad knocked off the Hurricanes in its first outdoor match of the season, having faced Miami in the Big East championship title match for the last three years, the victory is hopefully prophetic for the Irish as they begin the homestretch towards the playoffs. Miami won the Big East championship in Miami in 1997 and 1998, while the Irish won in 1996.

Today, the Irish travel to Montgomery, Ala., where they will attempt to avenge their second place finish in the last two years at the Blue-Gray National Classic.

In 1998, the Irish lost a heartbreaker to Boise State, 4-3, and in the 1997 South Alabama quenched Notre Dame's title hopes with a 6-2 victory.

On March 27, the Irish return home to face No. 2-ranked Illinois, clearly the most challenging match of the r heavily laden schedule.

Irish slay Knights to stay unbeaten

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Wednesday must have seemed like deja-vu for the Golden Knights of Gannon.

The No. 2-ranked women's lacrosse team in Division II could not avenge their 1998 20-10 loss to the Fighting Irish (3-0) last Wednesday. Instead, Gannon (1-1) lost by the exact same score.

While an 1-0 Golden Knights lead just 1:40 minutes into the game made the Irish goal of establishing an early lead seem impossible, senior captain Kerry Callahan tied the score less than two minutes later and sparked a 4-0 Irish run.

Gannon pulled within two goals at the 12:43-minute mark with a score of 3-3, but Notre Dame responded with five straight goals, three by sophomore Courtney Calabrese. The teams then traded goals until halftime with the Irish posting a 12-6 advantage.

Like in their previous two games, the team applied defensive to secure the victory. While they had three goals and six assists, the Irish scored on 20 of their 28 shots, picked up 23 groundballs to Gannon's one, and controlled 19 of the 22 draws.

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The Golden Knights tried to mount a comeback with three more goals in the remaining time, but Calabrese stopped them with her sixth goal of the game at the 13-second mark.

While Calabrese led the team with 6 goals, Laet O'Shaughnessy scored 5 goals in one game for the third time this year. Also chipping in was Callahan who had three goals and six assists.

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Notre Dame will take on Syracuse next Tuesday and try to get back at a team that beat them by 11 at home last year.

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automatically qualified 400 medley team. Through the relay, Kelly Flecking also earned a spot in both backstroke events.

In the freestyle events, Kristen Van Sann will make her first NCAA championship appearance in the 500- and 200-yard events.

Diver Matetingly qualified for both the one- and three-meter springboard events at last weekend’s Zone C diving meet. Her score of 484.95 on the three-meter was good for second place, beating Indiana’s Erin Quinn but falling to Cincinnati’s Angie Trostel who tallied 510.95 points.

Saturday’s one-meter competition saw Matetingly earn third place with 398 points, placing behind Quinn (413.30) and Trostel (598.05).

Irish teammates Ketellohn and Johnstone placed 15th and 28th, respectively, on the one-meter board and 11th and 32nd on the three-meter.

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The Notre Dame hockey team had its share of upsets during the regular season, including a win over top-ranked North Dakota.

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mon opponents, head-to-head competition, record versus other teams at .500 or better and record in the last 16 games played.

For each of the last two seasons, the 12 teams atop the Pairwise Rankings have qualified for the NCAA tournament, although that will probably not be the case this year, since Quinnipiac (a MAAC school) is currently 10th in the rankings. In actuality, the Pairwise Rankings do not necessarily determine who qualifies; national polls and power rankings such as the RPI can also be used to decide who receives the at-large bids.

This season, the CCHA has been arguably the strongest conference in the nation, rivaled closely by Hockey East. With New Hampshire, Maine and Boston College as its top three, Hockey East is probably stronger at the top, however, with teams like Ferris State and Bowling Green in sixth and seventh places, respectively, the CCHA is stronger overall.

So, of the 12 bids, the three Hockey East teams previously mentioned should be locks for the tournament. As should the top three CCHA teams — Michigan State, Michigan and Ohio State.

The WCHA, while boasting of the nation’s best team in North Dakota, is simply not as strong as Hockey East or the CCHA from top to bottom. Wisconsin, who came in fourth place in the regular season, is actually below. 500 for the season; hence, the WCHA should receive just three bids (North Dakota, Colorado College and Denver).

Likewise, the ECAC only has one or two bona fide tournament teams. Clarkson, who won the conference’s regular season title, has been ranked in the top 10 all season and will get an automatic bid. St. Lawrence finished second in the conference and 10th in the polls and is of/— the only other team in the AIC worthy of the NCAA tournament, despite losses to Niagara, Massachusetts and Boston University out-of-conference.

So the question remains as to which conference should get the extra bid. Fighting for the last-at-large bid will be Notre Dame, Northern Michigan, Rensselaer and perhaps Providence.

Of those four teams, Notre Dame has the highest RPI, which is essentially a measure of strength of schedule. Remember has not been ranked in the top 10 all season and has no major out-of-conference wins to speak of. Providence has not been ranked either, and its only decent win out-of-conference came against Princeton, a team that was ranked for part of the season and has faded down the stretch.

The stiffest competition for the final at-large bid will come from the WCHA, ECAC and CCHA. The season series between the two schools is even at 2-2-2, although five of the six games took place at the Joyce Center.

As the RPI numbers dictate, Notre Dame has more quality wins than Northern Michigan, including a win Jan. 3, at top-ranked North Dakota. Other out-of-conference games of note for Notre Dame include a season opener win at Wisconsin and a tie at then No. 1 Boston College.

However, to the Wildcats’ credit, they do have two big out-of-conference wins to speak of, both of which came on the road against Clarkson. Of course, the fact that Northern beat Notre Dame in the playoffs should weigh heavily. But Notre Dame did finish ahead of NMU in the regular season standings. Also, Notre Dame was ranked in the nation’s top 10 for 17 consecutive weeks and has won 10 weeks in a row, and Northern has not been ranked since early in the year.

For Notre Dame to make its first NCAA appearance in school history, Doug Poillin and his team have to hope for a couple of things to happen.

One: Michigan State has to beat Northern Michigan at St. Louis Arena on Friday night. If that happens, NMU should fall behind the Irish in the Pairwise Rankings as well as further behind in the RPI.

Two: The Irish cannot afford any major upsets in the conference tournaments, which would result in the last-at-large bid becoming an automatic bid for a team that otherwise would not qualify for the tournament.

If these two things happen, Notre Dame should end up getting that last-at-large tournament bid, and it will almost certainly lie in the East region as the sixth-seeded team.
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ter than we are. In women's epee we have only one of the women's foil we are better. It all comes down to how we fence in these days.

The women's foil team has the past NCAA experience of all the Irish squads. Walsh is a three-time first team All-American who finished second her freshman and sophomore years and third last year. Brown has been a second team All-American her first three years at Notre Dame.

Both fencers trained over spring break in New York with Columbia fencers Susan Jennings and Erin Smart. Jennings and Smart finished fourth and second, respectively at last year's championships. They, along with Montique de Brun of Stanford and Yelena Kalkina of Ohio State, will pose the stiffest challenge to Brown and Walsh when she won the foil individual title this year.

Kalkina, the 1997 foil champion, is a familiar opponent for Brown and Walsh. Kalkina dealt Walsh her only loss on the year. Walsh, however, won the season series 2-1 with a 5-4 victory over Kalkina at the Midwest Intercollegiate Fencing Championships. Brown also had success against Kalkina at the MCC. Brown defeated Kalkina in the team competitions and then downed her in the individual tournament.

Last year's women's foil champion, Felicia Zimmerman of Stanford, will be fencing in the open tournament this year. "I think Stanford made a good move by having Zimmerman fence epee," said Mustilli. "Their foil team is deeper than their epee so the move makes them stronger overall. However, it also helps us. She is not as strong at epee so she will win less epee bouts than she would win fencing foil."

Mustilli and Krol return for the Irish epee team. Mustilli, competing in her first championship last year, finished fourth and earned first team All-American honors. Krol, the 1997 epee individual champion, finished sixth at her second NCAA Championship last year. Last year's epee champion, Walker of Waltham following a disappointing season, finished second at the national championships.

"There are 15 guys who are really good," Stephane Auriol said. "They have made junior teams or been in Olympic teams. So it is really tough. I think it is the toughest competition out of all the weapons."

The men's sabre team has dominated opponents all year. LaValle and Szelle hope to prove that they are just as strong individually as LaValle is the defending sabre champion. Lately, however, Szelle has been the dominant member of the team, winning the MCC sabre title and the Midwest Regional title. All in all, it is a tough contest. The Irish could place 1-2 in the sabre.

The Irish have been training for months for four days of competition. For the seniors, this is the last chance to translate their individual successes into the team title that has eluded them for so long. "I just hope that we can come back with a victory," Stephane Auriol said. "I am confident. The team is confident. We just have to go out there and do our job and hopefully bring back a national championship."
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Irish fencers prepare for NCAA Championships

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Twenty-seven different schools have qualified fencers for the 1999 NCAA Fencing Championships in Waltham, Mass., but only two schools really matter: Notre Dame and Penn State.

In order to have a legitimate shot at winning the championship, a team must qualify 10 fencers. Only the Fighting Irish and the Nittany Lions have accomplished this feat. Other strong schools such as Stanford and Princeton will be represented, but without 10 fencers, they have little chance of winning the title.

"I think when it comes down to it on the day," foil captain Stephane Auriol said, "it will be just us and Penn State again.

The Irish and the Nittany Lions are accustomed to close battles in the NCAA tournament. For the past four years, Penn State has won the team title while Notre Dame has finished second in the past three years and third in 1995. With a national title in 1994, the Irish are the last team to defeat the Nittany Lions to win the championship.

Last year's championships featured the closest battle between the two schools. Penn State edged Notre Dame 149-147, a difference of a mere two bouts.

Both teams come to Waltham with a blend of experienced fencers and first-time qualifiers. The Irish feature five All-Americans: Myrha Brown, Magda Krol, Luke LaValle, Nicole Mustilli and Sara Walsh. The Irish also bring back Auriol, the senior foil captain who has qualified twice previously. Freshmen Brian Casas and Gabor Szellte and juniors Jaime Galicher and Chas Hayes are first-time qualifiers who round out the Irish field.

Penn State brings seven All-Americans to Waltham. Carla Esteva, David Lidow, Gang Lou, Thomas Penn, Aaron Stowe, Michael Takagi and Charlotte Walker make the Nittany Lions the most experienced team in the field. Penn State also features three newcomers in Stephanie Eim, Christina Klemp and David Landgren.

In the regular season, Penn State beat the men's team 14-13 and the women's team 23-9. These early season setbacks do not mean that Penn State will defeat the Irish at the NCAAs. The NCAs have a completely different format than the regular season meets. The Irish have vastly improved since January, especially with the addition of Galicher, who did not fence against Penn State earlier in the season.

"Penn State is the best team this year," head coach Yves Auriol said. "But that doesn't mean that they will win this year. I think that weapon by weapon they are not the best sabre team. We are better in sabre. In men's epee, they are not better than we are. They have a good men's foil team, but..." see FENCING/ page 26

Irish vie for first tournament bid

By TED RASSAN
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It's NCAA tournament time, and I'm already psyched.

No, it's probably not what you think. I'm talking about the NCAA hockey tournament. In case you haven't been following, Notre Dame may only be one weekend away from the first NCAA hockey tournament bid in school history.

However, the purpose of this editorial is not to celebrate the season. I'm talking about the structure of college hockey and how the tournament selection process works. Currently in Division I hockey, there are four major conferences eligible for the tournament. The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) is in its first year in Division I, and thus will most likely not be represented in the tournament.

Automatic tournament bids are given to the regular season champions of the four conferences (CCHA, WCHA, ECAC and Hockey East) as well as the winners of each conference's post-season tournament, just like in basketball. So as many as eight or as few as four automatic bids can be handed out, depending on who wins the conference tournaments.

Twelve teams in all qualify for the NCAA tournament; six are seeded in the west region and six in the east region.

As for the selection criterion, hockey is a bit more exact about which teams get into the tournament than other sports are. (i.e. basketball.)

Every team at or above .500 in Division I is compared against every other team with a similar record in the Pairwise Rankings. Each team is measured in the following categories: Ratings, Percentage Index, (RPI), record versus conference opponents, etc.

Sophomore right wing Ryan Dolder and the Irish hockey squad seek the first NCAA tournament bid in Notre Dame history.

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An unprecedented eight women will represent Notre Dame at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in Athens, Ga.

After a complex selection process, the No. 23 Irish qualified for 15 swimmers, a University record, and freshman Heather Mattingly qualified as the first diver ever to represent Notre Dame at the meet.

Only 13 schools will send more swimmers than Notre Dame, which hopes to move into the top 15. The Irish sent only eight swimmers to last year's championships and finished 23rd.

Three of four 1998 Championship-team swimmers will return to the NCAs.

Three-time All-American Shannon Suddarth and senior Brittany Kline with Nixon is ranked sixth out of 51 swimmers in the 50 breaststroke.

Nixon also edged into the top 16 with a 49.89 in the 100 freestyle and is the only Irish swimmer to automatically qualify for the meet.

Nixon will also compete in the 100 butterfly where she will be joined by co-captain Liz Berger, who qualified for both butterfly events based on her membership in the Big East.