Russia resistant to NATO expansion

By MIKE ROMANCHEK

NATO's acceptance of the former Eastern Bloc nations of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland has spurred hopes for development in these countries but has also brought about sharp criticism from Russia.

While Russia works to overcome economic woes, it must now also deal with the encroachment of NATO on three of its former Iron Curtain allies. The three nations joined NATO's ranks on Friday, just prior to NATO's 50th birthday next month.

Russia has openly opposed NATO expansion because it views the expansion as a sign of Russia's weakness following the Cold War.

"Russia's resistance to further NATO expansion is largely a rhetorical tactic designed to make the process more difficult for the West," according to adjunct professor Mark Jubulis. "Propponents of NATO expansion focus on the issue of expanding the zone of stable democracies, while Russia feels excluded and is trying to maintain its former role as an equal with the U.S., even though Russia is no longer a superpower."

Most of the negative sentiments are coming from Russian political figures rather than average Russian citizens.

The Russians are attempting to "undermine NATO effectiveness" because Russia is not part of NATO, according to a March 13 New York Times article. "Russia would rather have disputes settled by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the U.N. than NATO because it has a vote within these organizations," said Jubulis.

Russia has also complained that the NATO expansion is an attempt to include all people under its very spirit, some professors and students on campus and around the country disagree as to the true spirit of the declaration. Contrary to the declaration, all students and faculty do not feel welcome at Notre Dame.

"Inclusion does not adequately state that it is an adequate statement of a top job candidate in the College of Business Administration because he revealed his sexual preference to the search chair. The Carnegie Mellon assistant professor thinks that "such widely known incidents mar the reputation of a distinguished university and can only harm Notre Dame's efforts to recruit new faculty." In his letter, Sandage said that universities should be leading the way into the future rather than the past. Furthermore, he expected Notre Dame to have an atmosphere of equality. For this reason, he believes the University should adopt the non-discrimination clause. Members of the University faculty are divided on the effectiveness of the Spirit of Inclusion, which is Notre Dame's official statement on sexual orientation. Some feel that it is an adequate statement in accordance with Catholic teaching and others seem that it is not enough. "The Spirit of Inclusion is a statement that is open and welcoming to the gay community, but it seems like a picnic."
Promoting Animal Rights

It often surprises me how much some animal rights activists prioritize the rights of our little friends in the wilderness. I can't but notice that some even venture to place all creatures on earth on equal footing with humans, and not just U.S. vice presidents. I do agree with those so-called rights as defined by many, and I take it upon myself to define the rights of animals as I see fit.

Right to Eat

This right co-exists with the right to bake, right to barbecue, etc. Fairly self-explanatory, this provides animals with the ability to taste wonderful.

Right to Breeding

Knowing that the vigilance of our domesticated friends in the wilderness, but several must be cooking ensures a delicious, humane and con­venient cuisine. For animal lovers, this includes the privilege of adorning my living room wall with the right to appear on television. For German Shepherds primarily, this provides ample conditions for "take me out to dinner". Understand that with rights come responsi­bilities. There

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McCarthy: Finding peace is ultimate goal of living well

By KYLE ANDREWS
News Writer

In order to accomplish peace, we need a sense of prayer, service and to drive out evil and violence, said Colman McCarthy, a journalist for the Washington Post and the founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C., in a lecture Thursday night.

"Peace is the result of love, and if love was easy, we'd all be good at it," McCarthy said.

"True prayer is asking God what he wants from us," said McCarthy. "It is not asking God for favors. Our job is to discover our gifts and use them. This entails risks, but McCarthy said, "If your life has no risk it is probably a dull life."

McCarthy praised the service work done at Notre Dame and stressed the fact that real learning comes from experience and not solely from book learning. Service is about human exchange and making a difference in a person's life, not just collecting sweaters for homeless people in the winter.

"You will be radicalized when you go among people in pain," McCarthy said in reference to personal service. "It tends to wake you up and shake you out of the complacency of your life."

McCarthy said that when former students from his Georgetown Law classes return, the one experience they always remember is not the lectures on the law but when McCarthy took them to prisons and homeless shelters. Those experiences were the ones that stayed with his students through their experiences later in life.

"We're not called on to do big things; we're called on to do small things in a great way," McCarthy said.

The question we should ask ourselves is how we can fulfill our commitments better, and how better to serve the people around us.

"A major cause of the problems in the world today is the lack of peace and conflict resolution courses in the American educational system, especially in the early formative years," McCarthy said. "These skills must be taught at an early age because that is when violent people begin to become lost."

The question asked of young children should not be what they want to do when they grow up, but rather how they want to serve society when they are ready.

"You can make all As and go out and flunk life," McCarthy said on the dangers of education. Many students, he said, leave college "idea rich but experience poor."

At the college level, too much attention is given to grades and not enough to developing life experiences. People are too concerned with their selves and getting ahead that they lose track of what they are called to do.

"Don't ask questions," McCarthy said in reference to combating evil and violence in society. "If "question the answers. We are to question abusive power and take a stand, not cooperate in violence."

Often this means going against our culture, one that is so permeated with hunger and violence.

The very same day we spend $700 million on the Pentagon war machine, 40,000 people die from hunger and hunger related diseases," McCarthy said.

He also pointed out that between the White House and the Capitol, there are eight homeless shelters. Something must be done to change the priorities of our nation.

The United States is the only western nation that still has the death punishment. Currently, the United States has more people on death row than any other year in U.S. history. The U.S. is also a major supplier of weapons around the world.

McCarthy said that issues like these desperately need to be addressed in order for the state of our nation and the world to improve.

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was further delayed.

After arriving in Negril, the students' discovered that their luggage had been lost. It did not arrive until two days later. "I just bought a little outfit to wear, but I had to go barefoot for two days," said Mary Boise, Notre Dame senior. In an attempt to make it up to the students, Student Travel Services (STS) offered them minibar food good for free drinks and other bonuses. The students, however, said they were not satisfied because bars and clubs where the bracelets were valid ran out of alcohol or were overcrowded.

The group used Anthony Travel to book their trip through the STS. Anthony Travel has used STS for the past four years but has never had problems of this caliber.

"Whenever you send that many kids on so many trips you can expect a few minor problems, but nothing like this," said Kayleen Carr, an Anthony Travel consultant.

Upon their return, some of the travelers immediately took action by going to representatives at Anthony Travel and writing up a list of grievances.

There were various reasons for the delays. When using charter companies instead of major airlines, delays can be much more significant because many of the charter companies have only three to five planes, whereas major airlines have hundreds of planes.

When the number of available planes is so limited, getting replacement planes in the event of mechanical difficulties is often a real problem. Also, due to the small number of planes, when a delay occurs in one city it is going to affect the travel plans of other passengers using the same charter.

Both Walsh and Carr argue students who were dissatisfied with their packages and tour operators to write letters to these companies. Questions about steps to take in order to receive compensation for problems encountered as a of the package can be directed to Anthony Travel representatives.
Chinese police arrest donkey soup poachers

BELIING

Police have arrested five people accused of putting acid into a popular restaurant's specialty — donkey meat soup — and poisoning 148 people in central China, state media reported Thursday. According to the Tang Palace Donkey Meat Soup Restaurant began streaming to local hospitals in the city of Luoyang on Monday. The legion of donkeys, which were killed and combined in a donkey meat soup at the restaurant, had been captured from the Tang Palace Hotel in the town of Luoyang, a city in the province of Henan. The restaurant, located in the city's main shopping district, opened in 1996 and is known for its unique donkey meat soup. The police said the five suspects, aged between 40 and 60, were found to have poured acid into the soup, causing 148 people to be hospitalised with symptoms including vomiting, diarrhoea, and skin irritation. The suspects were arrested on Thursday and their whereabouts are still unknown.

Legislators investigate sale of orphan's organs

CAIRO, Egypt

Egyptian prosecutors opened an investigation Thursday into allegations that an orphanage sold the organs of some of its children to hospitals that cater to wealthy Gulf Arabs, resulting in a number of deaths. The allegations were made earlier this week by 10 Parliament members, who demanded that the state launch a probe. The legislators charged that 25 children had died within a three-month period last year in an orphanage in Shebin el-Kom, a town in the province of Menoufiya, 30 miles north of Cairo. According to the Associated Press, the Association for Handicapped Children orphanage, told Egyptian reporters Thursday that the allegations were untrue. No charges have been filed against Abdal Salam, and prosecutors in Menoufiya were demanding a criminal complaint. "We have no knowledge about the charges and have no evidence," said Humam, the new director of the orphanage, told Associated Press Television News.

Museum asks for permission to display carcass

WASHINGTON

The Smithsonian Institution has been waiting to accept $20 million from former NFL team owner Kenneth Behringer and would like to use the money to purchase a more culturally pleasant gift from him — the remains of one of the world's most endangered animals. Smithsonian scientists have asked for a waiver to the Endangered Species Act to import the carcass of a beaver that Behringer shot on a 1974 big game hunting trip in the former Soviet Union. The nation's premier public museum complex is thus doing a favor for its leading donor by lending his trophy hunting the legitimacy of scientific research, the Humane Society of the United States charged Thursday.

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DOW JONES

The body of German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was secretly exhumed in 1970. At that time, Goethe's skull and other bones were cleaned, preserved, and returned to the tomb.

Bishop calls for calm after murder

LURGAN

The bishop presiding over a funeral for an assassinat-ed Catholic lawyer appealed for calm Thursday, saying revenge would only serve those determined to destroy the hopes of the vast majority for peace. Bishop Francis Gerard Seifert, for one, reserved judgment on the scientists. "If this is a response to the murder of Rosemary Nelson, it is certainly not what Rosemary would have wanted," Rodgers said. Nelson had represented Catholic residents in their fight to block Protestant marchers from parading down the thoroughfare in the largely Catholic neighborhood. In Lurgan, Nelson's husband, Paul, and three children — Christopher, 13, Gavin, 11, and Sarah, 8 — had walked hand-in-hand behind her coffin to the great Victorian church, passing the bouquets that no one wanted her wrecked car to rest... Sarah's classmates at the nearby Tannaghmore School solemnly lined the narrow, winding road in their green school uniforms, and residents of a Catholic housing development replaced their Irish tricolors with ragged black flags. A pro-British terrorist group called the Red Hand Defenders has claimed responsibility for killing Nelson in an apparent bid to wreck the peace process. But many Catholics have accused the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's predominantly Protestant police force, of colluding in the lawyer's death. Nelson had represented a number of Irish Republican Army suspects, and had complained of threats and harassment from RUC officers. Police chief Sir Ronnie Flanagan has called in an English police official to supervise the murder investigation and asked the FBI for help as well.
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attempt to gain strategic positioning. They claim that the United States and some Western European nations sought the membership the former communist nations in order to further possible military positioning in the future. Jubulis disagrees with this claim.

"The process of expansion was driven more by the Eastern European nations knocking on the door rather than NATO pushing forward," he said.

NATO was reluctant to expand until the U.S. stepped forward and supported it.

"The new members will mostly support the U.S. position in NATO because they credit the U.S. with getting them in. They have also stated that they will support the interests of other nations that aspire to NATO membership, such as the Baltic states," said Jubulis.

The former Soviet Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are eager to join NATO and Russia's attempts to block the Baltic's membership only increases their desire to join.

"They view Russia's attempts to block expansion as an infringement on their sovereignty," said Jubulis.

If the Baltic nations join NATO, problems will arise because the Russian territory of Kaliningrad will be separated from the rest of Russia by the new NATO nations.

"Russia said they will not accept former Soviet states joining NATO but Russian officials also previously said the same thing about any former Eastern Bloc country," said Jubulis.

While Russia tries to maintain some influence over its former Iron Curtain allies, the new NATO nations are moving further away from their former communist ties.

"The (new NATO) nations are celebrating this as an important date in their history. It is a tangible sign that they've returned to the West and a confirmation of their successful transition to democracy," said Jubulis.

"Perhaps, the greatest advantage for the new NATO members is psychological. Now they feel firmly rooted in the West," he continued. "It is also a recognition of their stability, which should lead to more foreign investments."

"Once you open up markets, you give people a vested interest in democracy," said government department chair James McAdams.

The NATO expansion is also benefiting relations between prospective NATO nations and the new members.

"The prospect of NATO membership has already improved relations between countries such as Hungary and Romania," said Jubulis. "By including Hungary, NATO is now in a better position to deal with problems in the volatile Balkan area."

The end of the Cold War and the inclusion of former Eastern Bloc nations have changed NATO's role significantly.

"NATO has had two roles traditionally, a defensive and an offensive. The defensive role was to prevent Soviet expansion and the offensive role was to spread democratic values," said McAdams. "While the defensive function will remain the other function must involve convincing Russian doubters."

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Schneider: Teens lack direction needed to succeed

By ERIN COSTANTINI

News Writer

Although America's adolescents are more motivated than ever, they lack direction, said Barbara Schneider, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, in a lecture Thursday afternoon.

In 1988, Schneider began studying adolescents and the transitions they make in a longitudinal study between their eighth and 10th grade years. The eighth graders had "skyrocketing ambitions," demonstrating a major societal change for all students to aim for college and graduate school educations, she said.

By the time they reached 10th grade, the students' high aspirations had not changed, as they all sought careers as professionals and the goals were consistently high among both sexes and across all races.

The educational and career ambitions of today's adolescents are unprecedented, according to Schneider. While in 1955 only 30 percent of high school seniors predicted they would graduate with a college degree, the number soared to a high of 70 percent in 1992.

Economist Kevin Murphy of the University of Chicago coined the phrase "college premium," meaning that if one possesses a high school degree, he or she is looking at the future welfare population. In today's competitive society, one must earn an advanced degree to reach the level of subsistence, Schneider continued.

She said the educational and career goals of today's students are unprecedented, compared to each other in determining whether their ambitions have direction.

A student is said to have aligned ambitions if the amount of education he or she craves matches the educational criteria of the career he or she desires. Schneider discovered that 43.7 percent of students have aligned ambitions, where 40.1 percent lack direction by overestimating the amount of education they need for a specific job.

Nineteen percent of students underestimate the amount of education required, demonstrated by someone who desires a career as a doctor, yet only strives for a high school degree, Schneider explained.

Two important factors determining alignment and direction are high school counselors' guidance and parental support.

Schneider also found that all high schools differ in guidance techniques, as some counselors favor advancement to two-year community colleges, while others push their students to apply to all the top four-year schools, even when their chances of acceptance are low.

 Guidance from high school counselors is critical because students do not get accepted. This is harmful because the school is then placing the blame on the child.

Schneider discovering that adolescents who receive strong parental support are more likely to have aligned ambitions.

In another study, she found that it is easy for students to agree that they will always feel loved, but what they crave most is guidance and direction from their parents.

In today's society where most children have two working parents, there is an unusually large amount of time spent alone.

In a typical adolescent's day, 20 percent of his or her time is spent alone. This makes it easy for a child to be bored or depressed or to get into trouble; only the most gifted of these students learn how to spend this alone time wisely, said Schneider.

Another major factor contributing to the teenagers' lack of direction is that more young people are going to community colleges, expecting to go on to receive a bachelor's degree.

Most of these students do not make the step to transfer to four-year institutions and they are left without job opportunities.

Schneider believes these youngsters cannot be sent to two-year colleges unless they are aware that it will essentially be harder and take longer to attain their bachelor's degree. She argues that they need more guidance in choosing courses and exploring career options. The transfer to four-year schools must be made easier and more fluid.

Schneider's book, "The Ambitious Generation," is aimed at the students themselves. It depicts the life of young people today, the challenges they face and the world that lies ahead.

Professor Schneider earned her Ph.D. at Northwestern University, and is currently senior social scientist at the National Opinion Research Center. She is also the co-director of the National Council on Education Standards and Testing, and is considered a leading researcher and professor in her field.

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Leaders reject Iraq's demands

Associated Press

CAIRO

Arab foreign ministers on Thursday again turned down Iraq's demands to condemn U.S.-led airstrikes in the country, declaring instead that it should comply fully with U.N. resolutions.

In a joint statement issued at the end of their two-day meeting, the ministers only demanded "a halt to any action against Iraq outside the mandate of the related [U.N.] Security Council resolutions.

The statement did not refer directly to the airstrikes or name the United States and Britain.

The lukewarm statement is a fresh rebuff to Iraq. In a January meeting, the Arab League also failed to condemn the airstrikes. It did, however, pledge to work for the lifting of U.N. trade sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The emirate was liberated by a U.S.-led multinational force in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Since mid-December, U.S. and British warplanes have bombarded Iraqi sites regularly to punish what the allies say are Iraqi violations.

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**United Nations**

The United States must pay the United Nations at least $250 million by the end of December to avoid losing its vote in the General Assembly, a senior U.S. official said Thursday. “At least — underline it,” said Joseph Connor, the world body’s undersecretary-general for management.

Connor said that nearly $1.7 billion owed by Washington has left the world body without capital — and a perennial borrower. “The level of unpaid assessments has become intractable,” Connor said. “Washington’s veto power is affect Washington’s veto power and the General Assembly would be an embarrassment, but it would not affect Washington’s veto power in the Security Council, the most powerful decision-making body at the United Nations.”

Seven former secretaries of state from the Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations on Thursday expressed concern in a letter to Congress that the United States “is squandering its moral authority” by failing to pay what it owes. “It’s simply unacceptable that the richest nation on Earth is also the biggest debtor to the United Nations,” said the letter, which is also running as an advertisement in several newspapers.

The letter came as the United States has launched an annual effort to get Congress to pay overdue bills to the United Nations. “It’s undermined our leverage in the U.N. on a broad range of political and management issues,” the deputy U.S. ambassador Peter Burleigh told a House panel in Washington. Connor said more of the U.N.’s 185 member nations are paying their dues on time — 117 in 1998 compared with 75 in 1994 — and for the first time in four years, the United Nations is borrowing less from a separate peacekeeping fund to cover operating costs.

But at the end of February, member states still owed the United Nations over $2.9 billion in current and past assessments. By far the largest debtor, the United States owes $1.69 billion, nearly 60 percent of the total. The U.S. debt includes $620 million for the regular budget and slightly more than $1 billion for peacekeeping missions.

Congress — which had conditioned payments on financial and other reforms at the United Nations — authorized legislation last year that would have paid off a chunk of the arrears. But President Clinton vetoed the bill because it contained unrelated abortion restrictions.

Based on a formula used to calculate what nations owe, Connor said Washington must pay $250 million this year.

**Russia**

Russia and China on Thursday criticized the Senate’s approval of a U.S. anti-missile defense system, saying the move would threaten the globe’s strategic balance.

The bill overwhelmingly approved by the Senate on Wednesday commits the Pentagon to building a national defense against limited ballistic missile attack “as soon as technologically possible.” That poses a serious threat to the whole process of nuclear arms control, as well as strategic stability, for which major international agreements have been worked out for decades, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The U.S. bill was based on a new assessment of the threat of attack from countries such as Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Xusi said the measure is counterproductive for arms control and disarmament and will “have an impact on global strategic balance.”

China fears the system could spark a costly arms race, would strengthen U.S. military alliances with Japan and South Korea and may be used to protect Taiwan, thereby obstructing reunification.

Russian officials have long expressed concern over the U.S. plan to develop anti-missile defenses that would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union. They have resisted U.S. proposals about possibly amending the treaty.

**Safety board interviews accident witness**

Bourbonnais, Ill.

A motorist who claims to have been directly behind the truck involved in the deadly Amtrak collision said the driver tried to snake through lowered crossing gates and ran the train, a high-level federal official said Thursday.

The National Transportation Safety Board source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said investigators believe the man is credible and had a clear view of the accident, which killed 11 people and injured more than 100 Monday night.

“We are continuing to interview him, but his statements are not inconsistent with what the engineer originally said,” the source told The Associated Press in Washington.

Amtrak’s chairman, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, had said the train’s engineer claimed to have been trying to zigzag his tractor-trailer through the crossing gates after they had come down.

John Goglia of the NTSB said Thursday there is still no indication the crossing signal malfunctioned. And in a re-enactment of the crash using a truck and locomotive, the truck was able to zigzag around the lowered crossing gates and get hit by the train.

The trucker, 58-year-old John Stokes, said investigators had payments come down after he started across the tracks. Since then, he has hired a lawyer, and the attorney has barred authorities from questioning his client any further.

The developments came as the NTSB prepared to wrap up its work in this community 50 miles south of Chicago. Thirty of the agency’s investigators have been looking for the cause of the wreck.

With its whistle blowing and its engine roaring trying to stop, Amtrak’s City of New Orleans slammed into the truck loaded with steel rods at 79 mph. It was the nation’s deadliest train accident in three years.

Goglia said the witness is a motorist who called Amtrak on Wednesday night and claims to have been directly behind the truck in the crossing. The motorist — whom Goglia would not identify — said in an initial interview that other cars were nearby.

Stokes was driving on a probationary license after receiving three Indiana speeding tickets in one year. He had been ticketed for speeding seven times since 1993 and had to take two separate safety classes last year to keep his driving privileges, according to a company that has had him under hire, Meleo Transfer Inc., declined comment.

Stokes’ phone number is not listed, and NTSB officials would not disclose the name of his attorney.

About 100 people, including at least one family who lost a relative in the crash, attended a memorial service Thursday night in Bourbonnais. People wept and hugged during the nearly hour-long service as 11 white silhouette candles were lit and 11 chimes played.

“This evening we are together. This evening we are one. We are one in grief, for who has not been touched by this tragedy,” said Father Stan Haxton said during his homily.
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Next November, the American bishops will consider a revised draft of a document to implement Ex Corde Ecclesiae (ECE), the 1990 Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities.

The bishops do not seem eager to accept ECE in a compulsory way. Moreover, it is unlikely that the leaders of the major American Catholic universities will ever voluntarily accept any effective implementation of the norms of ECE.

The mandate for theologians. Canon Law requires that "those who teach theological disciplines in any institute of higher studies have a mandate from the competent ecclesiastical authority." (Cann 812).

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The requirements that a majority of the faculty be Catholic. ECE provides that "in order not to endanger the Catholic identity of the university or institute of higher studies, the number of non-Catholic teachers shall not be allowed to constitute a majority within the institution, which is and must remain Catholic."
**The Common Good**

The Maximum Living Wage, Part I

In my last column, I showed how Michael Novak’s use of Catholic teaching on the limits of private property is empty. While he draws on the concepts of the tradition — the idea of a universal, moral destination of created goods and the distinction between the right to private property and any use of that property — he avoids the direct implication of these concepts. That implication is that there are moral — that is, required — limits to what one may do with any good one uses. Novak avoids this implication by appealing to an understanding of charity as supererogation. The moral hero may give generously, but giving up that third or fourth or even twelfth car is not anything that can be demanded based on Catholic social teaching. In this view, there is no amount of accumulation of goods that can call a person’s standing as a practicing Catholic into question. Catholic social teaching itself, however, has drawn on the idea of universal destination of the right to a distinction to develop quite a different understanding, and it has done so as it has become increasingly aware of the deleterious effects of consumer-driven capitalism. (Here, it is again important to keep in mind Catholic teaching’s distinction between capitalism and the free market. In *Laborum Exercens*, for instance, John Paul II defines the free or market economy as a market economy which is situated in a comprehensive society such that there is recognition of the primacy of the whole person over simple material well-being and of the common good over individual interest, Capitalism, by definition, reverses the priorities. “Precisely this reversal of order, whatever the program or name under which it occurs, should rightly be called ‘capitalism’” (paragraph 7). John Paul then continues this usage in *Centesimus Annus* (para. 421).

As I have discussed in earlier columns, while capitalism, so defined, has outperformed formal social differences, such as aristocratic titles, under the ruble of equality, it has in fact increased the gap between rich and poor and ignited a countless quest for consumer goods on the part of the well-off. One of the effects of the dynamic nature of capitalism, then, has been to create any sense of a maximum living wage. The classical liberal economists Smith, F. A. Hayek, Milton Friedman, and William Somin, and the Catholic neo-conservatism of Michael Novak argue that dynamic capitalism means that the gap between poor and consumerism are irrelevant as long as the poor are better off. The wealthy can consume as much as they want. Simon, the chair of the self-titled “Lay Commission on Catholic Social Teaching and the Economy,” has been quoted as saying that “Greed is not a sin.”

Official Catholic teaching has a very different read on dynamic capitalism and its implications. Traditional teaching has held that there are three levels or classes of material goods or possessions. The first consists of the basic necessities of life: food, work, shelter, health care, and so forth. These necessities are what is generally included under the rubric of “economic rights” in Catholic doctrine, which neo-conservatives deny to be rights at all. The second level consists of goods and those things that are common or typical for a person in a particular social class. The third level of goods are those which are not required to maintain one’s social position. The three levels of material goods can be understood as the living wage, or type C (3) substance, and type S superfluity. The first effect of dynamic capitalism has been to erase the distinction between what is required for one’s position in society and what is superfluity.

This is because one’s position in society is never set; therefore one can always gain more and not have it be too much. There is no such thing as accumulating too many goods for oneself and one’s lifestyle. The second effect of dynamic capitalism, as we have seen, is to deny that the basic necessary goods — the first level of material goods — are rights. The poor have no strict claim on the wealthy; they can only hope for the latter’s generosity, which may or may not be forthcoming. Catholic teaching on the limits to private property has developed over the past century in response to the increasingly destructive effects of capitalism. The earlier documents still hold to the three-level understanding of material and what is superfluity, then we must give up our substance. We see here that in response to the erasure of the superfluity/substance distinction, official Catholic teaching has taken the opposite direction of neo-conservatism, away from the neo-conservative view that we must give up our superfluity.

Gaudium et Spes goes on to cite the implication that Aquinas himself draws from the fact of superfluity: “The right to use money as one pleases.” Yet, he concludes that one is to give "that which is left over once one has established "one’s position fairly considered" (paragraph 79).

Greater awareness of the increasing gap between rich and poor and the fact that the well-off have not been giving adequately, begins with the pontificate of John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council. This awareness leads the Council, in *Gaudium et Spes*, to emphasize persons’ obligation to give "not merely out of their superfluity goods." In short, the Council’s view is that if capitalism is going to erase the division between what is required for one’s station in life and what is superfluity, then "the universal purpose for which created goods are meant" implies that we are to give out of our substance. We see here that in response to the erasure of the superfluity/substance distinction, official Catholic teaching has taken the opposite direction of neo-conservatism, away from the neo-conservative view that we must give up our superfluity.

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The nominees in each major category of the Academy Awards, which will air this Sunday on ABC, are consistent from the same films that represent the best that Hollywood had to offer in 1998. “Saving Private Ryan,” “Shakespeare in Love” and “Life is Beautiful.” This year, the Academy Awards will be closely competitive and each nominee is deserving of its nomination. But only a choice few will take home the gold statue this Sunday.

**BEST PICTURE**
Each of the five films nominated for best picture boasts wonderful strengths. However, it is their weaknesses that will set them apart come Sunday night. The film that entertains and intrigues the Academy the most will be rewarded with the most coveted award in the film industry.

“Saving Private Ryan” and “Shakespeare in Love” possess blockbuster casts of previous Oscar winners and nominees and popular Hollywood box-office stars. Tom Hanks makes a clear impact on “Saving Private Ryan,” while Gwyneth Paltrow adds to the charm of “Shakespeare in Love.” Despite the appeal of these stars, they unfortunately cannot always carry their entire films on their performances alone. A film that deserves the Oscar has to have more than good actors playing inspirational roles—it has to be an intricately-woven balance of plot, setting and entertainment value.

The three films that seem to be in the closest contest are “Shakespeare in Love,” “Saving Private Ryan” and the foreign-language film “Life is Beautiful.” “Saving Private Ryan” and “Life is Beautiful” both play on similar circumstances—World War II and the human stories behind it. However, the writers took two completely different angles on the war. “Life is Beautiful” is a refreshing view of World War II, where “Saving Private Ryan” is traditional and strongly vivid. The remaining nominees, “The Thin Red Line” and “Elizabeth,” are definitely worthy of the Academy’s consideration as well. But the three that are more likely to win are in that position because they have proven already that they are more effective at previous award ceremonies, polls, and the box-office.

Shekhar Kapur’s ornate film, “Elizabeth,” transports us to England in the dark 1500s, which were saturated with luxury. The obvious centerpiece of the film is Queen Elizabeth, played by Cate Blanchett. It focuses on her maturation into the responsible role as Queen.

The problem with “Elizabeth” is a very common one for historical pieces—information is deleted and recreated according to the taste of the directors, producers and writers. Their decisions should reflect historical accuracy, which they usually do. However, what one person deems important may not follow for another. The film is rich with the history it actually provides, yet it stumbles enough to lose its chance at an Oscar.

“Saving Private Ryan,” by Terrence Malick, has a confusing storyline—not in such a way as to keep you in suspense, but in such a way that you don’t know what is happening. The imagery in the film focuses on the interplay between humans and nature. This is a nice twist for a war film, but it is underdeveloped in its portrayal of plot and characters. The film makes you think and draw your own conclusions, which leaves some unsatisfied and others intrigued.

“Shakespeare in Love” is John Madden’s masterpiece that is reminiscent of Shakespeare’s classic play, “Romeo and Juliet.” It is a reminder of the passion of the Shakespearean era where ladies and gentlemen whispered in secret love, forbidden passions and human inspiration, rather than monotonously speaking words of prose. Edvard Munch, in his painting of the same name, depicts the tumultuous relationship of the two lovers. The film captures Shakespeare’s love, forbidden passions and human inspiration, but the artist from the 19th century is not as vivid as Murnau’s creation from the 1500s.

The film’s stars, Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes and Ben Affleck, perform superbly in their roles. Paltrow is especially enchanting as Viola, a noblewoman whose love for poetry and theater inspires her to achieve her dreams of being on the stage. She captures the attention of the young William Shakespeare, who in turn becomes obsessed with writing a play devoted to her spirit. This play soon becomes “Romeo and Juliet.”

“Shakespeare in Love” is a tale of unbridled love, forbidden passions and human inspiration, illustrating the Shakespearean era vividly and accurately. Although the film is impressive, it is too connected to stories already told. Therefore, its lack of originality does not warrant the Academy Award for Best Picture.

“Saving Private Ryan” is an epic film by Steven Spielberg, set in the same time period as his Academy Award winning “Schindler’s List.” It has already collected several awards, including Golden Globes for best film, director, and actor. The film is a hauntingly true depiction of World War II.

What sets it apart is its main theme: “The mission is a man.” Rather than monotonously shooting battle scene after battle scene, the film has the triumphant goal of keeping the audienceWrite your message here.
**We will Save the Day**

The Academy Awards offer little of respectability

waiting for Private Ryan to show up. It captures the horror and atrocities of war more believably than many previous war films. It also encompassed more aspects of the war than simply battles — it shows the war affects on families, soldiers’ individualized experiences and a glimpse into the function of war on an everyday basis, as a way of temporary life.

The overwhelming drama, “Life is Beautiful,” — winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival and also several Screen Actors’ Guild awards — is a fresh and honest look at the gruesomeness of the Holocaust. Rather than merely focusing on the atrocities of human loss, it emphasizes the fight between basic good and evil during one of the most testing times in world history. The bond of a family’s love overcomes the effects of the war in true classic. The triumph of the human spirit amazes and is as close to perfection as a film’s plot and lesson can get. Roberto Benigni’s “Life is Beautiful” deserves every one of its accolades, including the Oscar for Best Picture.

**BEST ACTOR**

The nominees for Best Actor are Nick Nolte, Edward Norton, Ian McKellen, Tom Hanks and Geoffrey Rush. Only the last two look to contend for the gold statue come Sunday night.

Tom Hanks satisfied audiences in his role as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely

**BEST DIRECTOR**

John Madden’s “Shakespeare in Love” is entertaining and romantic, providing clear insight into the Shakespearean era. The scenery is lush and impressive, with gorgeous costumes amidst the enchanting renaissance towns of England. “Shakespeare in Love” is a tasty taste with all of the right stuff. But with all fairness, the competition — Steven Spielberg, Roberto Benigni, Terrence Malick and Peter Weir — possess more compelling directing pieces.

Peter Weir’s “The Truman Show” is a decent attempt at a new wave of films that question personal existence and reality. Weir’s idea is original and thought-provoking, deserving the recognition that it received with its nomination. However, up against the other directors, Weir’s film can’t prevail.

“Life is Beautiful” was also directed by its star, Roberto Benigni, who does a fair job with the film. The directing is not outstanding by any means, however, as “Life is Beautiful” is a simple film that did not require many angles. The film was convincing only by remaining direct.

Although “Life is Beautiful” deserves the award for Best Picture, Spielberg still overrides Benigni, for his acute direction of soldiers at war, as well as his recreation of the harsh reality of World War II. Spielberg gets the Oscar.

Last year’s Academy Awards were fought with monosty as a result of the sinking of the “Titanic.” Predictability became the theme of the evening when James Cameron’s tale of passion on the icy seas swept the spectrum of categories. This year, it’s going to be a different story. The five nominees for best picture have unique and individual strengths, but none of them has the potential to overwhelm every category. Enjoy the show on Sunday night, and expect the unexpected.

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**BEST ACTRESS**

The contest for Best Actress includes veteran actress Meryl Streep, Cate Blanchett, Gwyneth Paltrow, Emily Watson and Fernanda Montenegro. Gwyneth Paltrow is quickly building her successful reputation as a demanding actress, most recently exceeding expectations in her charming role as Viola, the young lover of William Shakespeare. She performs exquisitely as a dramatic woman who is restricted from what she considers the true pleasures in life — poetry, acting and theater. Cate Blanchett gives a convincing portrayal of Queen Elizabeth in “Elizabeth,” but Paltrow’s role was more fitting and inspiring. The Academy Award should go to her.

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**BEST ACTOR**

Roberto Benigni, Life is Beautiful
Tom Hanks, Saving Private Ryan
Ian McKellen, Gods and Monsters
Nick Nolte, Affliction
Edward Norton, American History X

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**BEST ACTRESS**

Hilary and Jackie
Oscar's final five take the stage with a recent history of Best Picture

By CHRISTIAN A. PIERCE

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Saving Private Ryan

ACTRESS
Gwyneth Paltrow, Shakespeare in Love

ACTOR
Roberto Benigni, Life is Beautiful

SUPPORTING ACTRESS:
Lyn Redgrave, Gods and Monsters

SUPPORTING ACTOR:
Ed Harris, The Truman Show

DIRECTOR:
Steven Spielberg, Saving Private Ryan

And the Oscar goes to ...

The films of 1998 have made it to the fourth quarter, now we must see who has enough gas to finish the game. The field includes the unorthodox style of "The Thin Red Line," the imported lineup of "Life is Beautiful," the hall-of-fame stars of "Saving Private Ryan," the prolific play-calling of "Elizabeth." Each team has a definite strength, yet they all know only one can win, as Oscar rarely allows ties. 

In preparing for this year's final, we see highlight reels from past events. Commentators like to hint at stats which declare the likelihood of a team taking the win. Well, the Oscars are no exception to such predictions. Comparing this year's nominees to winners of the '90s will point out certain trends which often direct the Academy's selections. Now, this is not to claim that the Academy's past years will determine 1998's winners. We will give a good idea as to which film may in fact be the front-runner.

The first film to win in the '90s was Kevin Costner's project, "Dances with Wolves," by far his greatest work. This marks recent attempts at this type of film, "The Thin Red Line," and "The Postman," give the impression that Costner is box-office poison. Certainly that is true lately, but he did have a brilliant past, as demonstrated by "Dances." The film looks at a Civil War Lieutenant who no longer knows who is fighting. Lt. Dunbar, played by Costner, loses faith in the army and requests a station on the frontier for the jump shots at the buzzer and Dicky Scene stats which declare the likely industry, this time of year means celebrating the Oscars. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has nominated what they feel stand as the best films of 1998. Now we must simply await the announcement. "And the winner is...

As we finaly reached March Madness, a competition to such predictions. Well, we've seen one of the most emotional dramas of the previous year by selecting a thriller - "Shakespeare in Love." Yet, for others, March Madness involves ritzy limousines, lame speeches and little gold men. For the film industry, this time of year means celebrating the Oscars. The Academy has nominated what it feels stand as the best films of 1998. Now we must simply await the announcement. "And the winner is...

Film then points out the wrongs committed by the white man against the Native Americans and their land. This historical epic displays America's conquest of the west, as it rakes nature of the purity it once had. Dunbar's piece was a personal vision and one that deserved the recognition it received. In 1991, the Academy chose "My Left Foot," starring Brendan Fraser to portray the hero, the disabled writer Christy Brown. This film is so innovative, the chemistry between Fletcher and Hopkins is superb and unparalleled in recent years. Denen's vision of horror frightened its audience and scared the Academy into selecting it as its winner. Well, of a similar win in '91, the Academy certainly retracted in 1992 by selecting a western - or rather an anti-western. Clint Eastwood's film "Unforgiven" won in 1992 for its "realist" look at the western genre. When discussing westerns, one often looks to the heroic pieces starring John Wayne. Eastwood uses "Unforgiven" to declare that John Wayne is simply a fair tale. "Unforgiven" follows the character of William Munny (Eastwood), a retired murderer who no longer has the heart to go on killing. Munny has become, barely able to mount his horse. Eastwood uses this character as an opportunity to display how ruthless, gritty and corrupt the west was. In his film, lead characters die, innocent people get hurt and no one truly comes out a winner. This film is so innovative, the Academy must have recognized in choosing it, a western that repudiates the glorified west we've been seeing as "Westerns." With the award for "Unforgiven," Eastwood is far above his greatest work. In his film, "The Bridges of Madison County," he demonstrated a love story which won him his Oscar For Best Actor. The Academy's narrow scope on films of this year, bringing only two films. and honestly, it seems only one to go for the award. The Academy seems to be quite emotional about this film. Eastwood's film "Unforgiven" wins the award for Best Picture, and truly deserves the recognition it received. In 1993, the Academy clearly chose to recognize the Academy Awards. The film "Dances with Wolves" was nominated for Best Picture, but it didn't win. In 1994, the Academy rewarded a film that had been rewarded for its historical accuracy - "Shakespeare in Love." This film was far above the rest of the year's films. The film stars Tom Hanks as Forrest Gump, a simple-minded man whose heart went far beyond the level of maturity with this piece, and it has only grown stronger. Zemeckis follows Gump throughout his life, observing the achievements of such an honest individual. Gump never strays from what he feels is right, a credence that leads him to incredible success in every way around. Forrest Gump was an incredible piece, a clear choice.

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Kukoc’s 20 points lead Bulls over Marbury, Nets

Associated Press

CHICAGO Too bad the Chicago Bulls couldn’t play the New Jersey Nets every night.

Tom Kukoc scored 21 points and the Bulls’ defense held Jason Kidd to 18 points in their third meeting as the Bulls beat the Nets 99-88 on Thursday. All five Chicago (17-6) starters finished in double figures, and the Bulls took an 86-65 lead into the fourth quarter.

But the Nets found themselves in problems that have plagued Chicago teams all season, again as the Bulls went scoreless for almost the first four minutes. The Nets went 0-for-10 in the first quarter, but were 7-for-24 from the floor, including 1-for-7 in the third quarter. The Nets also got 20 from Keith Bogans, who got four points and beginning of the second, taking a 60-51 lead on Harper’s dunk with 8:52 left in the third quarter, capped off an 8-0 run to end the quarter with a jumper for 63-51, and the Bulls took an 86-65 lead into the fourth quarter.

For awhile in Thursday night’s West Regional semifinal, bullhorn strength, Flynn said. "It’s the intensity of what would be the best pitcher for Tom Davis as Iowa was enough for the Huskies to fight UConn to a standoff. Then came the last 10 minutes of the game, and the Huskies pulled away for a 76-65 victory. "They figured they could do it by bullying us," Connecticut’s Kevin Freeman said. "But we knew we weren’t going to let them come back on the end.

The Hawks (31-2), the West’s No. 1 seed, advanced to a regional final for the second year in a row and will face fourth-seeded John Calhoun.

Buoyed by a win, the Hawks have never gotten past the Hawks to the Final Four. Now only a Saturday game against upset-minded Gonzaga stands in the Big East champions’ way. Calhoun and we’re confident they can end the Hawks’ magical tournament run.

"It was the dirtiest situation I’ve ever been involved in," said Calhoun.

"When I wasn’t open, I tried to go to KeV and Kev did an excellent job of spotting us. We’re that type of kids, we go out to compete and make big-time plays." Hamilton scored 24 points and Khalid El-Amin added 21 for UConn despite coming off the bench.

"It was one of the more physical games we’ve played in a long time," Calhoun said. "It was being like in a Big East brawl.

The Huskies outscored Iowa 25-15 in the last 7 minutes of the first half, but Kukoc nailed a jumper and layup cut the lead to 44-40 with 9:15 left. Kukoc grabbed a rebound and was fouled, putting the Bulls ahead 99-88. The crowd went wild when he missed his first free throw, but he sank the second, drawing huge cheers and a standing ovation.

A 16-0 run gave the Bulls a 30-18 lead in 1:15 left in the first quarter, but they were scoreless for the next 5:22, and former Bull Scott Barrett’s layup cut the lead to 42-33.

Kittles scored 10 of his 16 first-half points in leading back-to-back three-pointers — as New Jersey went on a 12-3 run, taking a 46-43 lead with 2:12 left in the first half.

But the Nets didn’t score again before halftime, and the Bulls got a treble basket and Cory Carr to give them a 50-46 lead. It was four years ago Thursday that Michael Jordan announced his retirement from basketball, and before they got involved in the toughest league. We can play physical. Calhoun wouldn’t criticize Iowa’s tactics. Quite the contrary.

"I didn’t see any cheap shots," Calhoun said. "I think they’re playing every physical play on a team that wasn’t as quick as us. They played the rules the way the game was being called. I think Tom Davis would be humanly possible to make a team sneak.

"It’s not coming against Iowa. Davis was told last fall that his contract wouldn’t be renewed after this season.

"I don’t know that I’ve ever played in a game this late in the season that they gave us enough credit to play out, emotionally as well as physically drained, and I’m sure the Hawks were too. They gave you a great, great effort.

"We go out and play 40 minutes of Connecticut basketball. We should come away with a victory against anyone," point guard Khalid El-Amin said.

"Our defensive effort was key Thursday when UConn clamped on the defense, and Richard Hamilton turned on the offense. "When the game got real close, I felt I had to really dig deep and really get my game up," Hamilton said. "When I wasn’t open, I tried to go to KeV, and KeV did an excellent job of spotting us. We’re that type of kids, we go out to compete and make big-time plays."
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Mike Jarvis didn’t realize just how good St. John’s was in the first half.

The Red Storm scored 20 straight points over the final 7:31 of the first half Thursday night and went on to beat Maryland 76-62 to reach the final of the NCAA South Regional.

"The first half was incredible," Jarvis said. "I didn’t know how good a run it was." Jarvis said.

St. John’s (28-8) never trailed after going inside to Bootsy Thornton late in the first half. The Terrapins have made 13 NCAA tournament appearances since advancing to their last region title game, in 1975. "I’m very disappointed," said Williams, who has 299 career victories. "I always am when the season is over, but especially tonight. I think we had a special group that had a chance to advance." The pressure was on Maryland to make it to the Final Four. But Jarvis, who took George Washington to the round of 16 in 1993, has tried to take pressure off his young team by telling them to have fun and enjoy their "fantastic voyage" through the tournament.

Youthful Maryland struggled offensively and defensively. Until Erick Barkley fed Thornton for another basket with 6:33 left that made it 58-49. "We were blessed," said Coach Gary Williams. "We didn’t get a chance to have lost giving it our best. But we could have lost it."

"This is unbelievable," said Calvary, who hit a game-winning shot "in the third or fourth grade. We’ve dreamed about this since we were little and now that we’re there, we have to take advantage of it." The 10th-seeded Bulldogs of the overlooked West Regional pressurized the Mid-Eight West Coast Conference team by three when Jerome Eaton made a layup and Florida’s Brent Wright then traveled with 15.4 seconds left.

"We were lucky tonight," said Calvary’s Matt Santangelo said. "It was not a pretty game, but we showed we had the heart and character of the team. It’s like getting a new life and we’ll savor it and then come ready to play Saturday." That will be against top-seeded Connecticut, which beat Iowa State 80-72. It was a pretty good game, but we knew the heart and character of the team. It’s like getting a new life and we’ll savor it and then come ready to play Saturday.

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The Buckeyes give Tigers an early ticket back to Alabama

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Ohio State, which finished last in the Big Ten a year ago, is now one victory away from an NCAA tournament second-round victory over Oklahoma State.

The No. 7 Buckeyes broke open a tie game with nine straight points down the stretch and beat top-seeded Auburn 72-64 Thursday night in the South Regional semifinals.

"This just keeps hitting me right between the eyes," said Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien, whose Buckeyes struggled to a 5-22 record last season. "How these guys constantly come back to try and accomplish a little more. Just when I ask myself, 'Can they do anymore?' They surprise me and do more."

Ohio State (26-8) advanced to Saturday's regional final against St. John's, which defeated Maryland 76-62 in the other semifinal.

Brian Brown's free throw broke a 61-61 tie with 2:41 left and Ohio State opened a 70-61 lead before Auburn's Doc Robinson banked in a meaningless three-pointer with 6.5 seconds left.

The Buckeyes' success is no surprise to Scoinnie Penn, the guard who followed O'Brien to Ohio State from Boston College. He predicted last fall that the Buckeyes would turn it around and make the NCAA tournament this season.

"Look at us now. I'm sure they will believe me now," said Penn, who scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half despite playing with four fouls the final 10 minutes. Auburn (29-4), which hadn't been to the round of 16 since 1986, became the first No. 1 seed to fall in this year's tournament thanks to some cold shooting down the stretch.

The Southeastern Conference's highest-scoring team missed seven straight shots after scoring 11-2 to open the game at 61.

Neither team could grab the momentum in a game where they swapped the lead 17 times. Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said his Tigers had their chances with three minutes left. "Penn and (Michael) Redd came on and took them over the hump," Ellis said. After Penn hit a 9-foot run with his free throw, Redd made two foul shots, Penn made a basket, Brown stole the ball from Bryant Smith and fed it to Jason Singleton for a dunk, and Singleton added free throws to put Ohio State up 70-61.

"We went into the game knowing Ohio State was a very good team. You see why they have had such success," Ellis said. "Scoinnie Penn hit big shots. They were huge when they came. He and Redd are tremendous basketball players.

The victory put Ohio State in its first regional final since 1992, when the Buckeyes lost to Michigan.

Redd added 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Buckeyes. Chris Porter, the SEC's player of the year, led Auburn with 15 points but fouled out with 1:17 remaining. Doc Robinson finished with 14 and Smith had 10.

Ohio State led for nearly the first eight minutes of the second half until Auburn went on an 11-2 run started by Cooper, who finished with only seven points after scoring a career-high 28 in the Tigers' second-round victory over Oklahoma State.

The spurt put Auburn up 52-46 with 10:17 remaining, but the Buckeyes couldn't hold onto that edge. Auburn wound up with 18 turnovers, and Ohio State converted them into 17 points. The Buckeyes took good care of the ball and lost it only nine times.

Penn, the Big Ten's player of the year, went to the bench with his fourth foul with 13:23 left. He came back and pulled Ohio State within 52-51 with a three-pointer and a baseline drive.

Neither team led by more than three until Ohio State's late run.

Ohio State, which held its first two opponents in the tournament to just 28 percent shooting, continued its stingy defense against Auburn in the first half, when the Tigers were 8-for-29.

Redd set the tone for the night on the Buckeyes' opening possession. He calmly took a pass with the shot clock winding down and hit a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded. But Ohio State couldn't shake the Tigers, who set a school record for victories this season.

The teams swapped the lead and forth before Penn hit a long three-pointer with 18.5 seconds left to give Ohio State a 31-26 halftime lead.

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What does the Church say and not say about homosexuality?

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Peter Liuzzi, O.Carm., was ordained a Carmelite priest in 1965. He holds an M.A. in religious education from Loyola University, Chicago. Along with his work as teacher and campus minister, Father Liuzzi has spent more than 20 years in gay and lesbian ministry. Currently he is director of Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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National Conference of Catholic Bishops
Rodman faces fine on return to L.A.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An end to Dennis Rodman's leave of absence from the Los Angeles Lakers appears to be in sight. And although Rodman is being paid despite missing games and practices, coach Kurt Rambis said in Chino that the wayward forward will be fined.

Team spokesman John Black told The Associated Press several hours before the Lakers faced the Cavaliers at Gund Arena on Thursday night that Rodman spoke with executive vice president Jerry West and general manager Mitch Kupchaker earlier in the day. "Apparently, he's making some progress taking care of the personal business he needs to "take care of," Black said. "We expect him to rejoin us tonight in Cleveland, in the not-to-distant future."

The game against Cleveland was the first of four in five days for the Lakers, who then play at Philadelphia, Orlando and Dallas to complete a six-game road trip.

Asked if he expected Rodman to rejoin the team on the trip, which ends Monday night in Dallas, Black replied, "That we're not sure of, hopefully."

Black said Rodman continues to be paid for the games he's missed — the game at Cleveland was the third since Rodman told the Lakers he needed time off to deal with personal issues.

However, a tribunal told reporters Wednesday that Rodman "definitely will be fined."

Black's only comment on that matter was, "That will be handled internally."

Black added his denial to a TNT cable network report that team members voted unanimously that Rodman be fined. Rambis and several players had said Wednesday that the report was untrue.

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"Next time I'm going to deify everything. After all, I'm just another judge, just another guy who went for the knockout and missed and got hit myself."

In the fifth he wasn't as hurt as I thought. I wasn't satisfied. If I had done it there and feel sad. Lewis said. "He was definitely in the ring again, and he admitted it to TV."

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Automatic bids make March Madness fun

By BRIAN CHURNEY Sports Columnist

Could you imagine how much less interesting the NCAA tournament this year would have been without Weber State beating North Carolina, Detroit beating UCLA, or Creighton beating Louisville? How about without Gonzaga, Ohio or South West Missouri State making their Cinderella runs? Had it not been for automatic bids and the NCAA tournament selection committee's very recent trend of inviting lesser known, minor conference teams we may not have been able to enjoy any of these success stories.

With all of the craziness surrounding this year's NCAA tournament, it's hard to claim that anything is certain. It seems that only uncertainty is absolute. True, however, one clear fact that the results of the NCAA tournament have made evident. This fact is that the NCAA should continue its current trend of inviting small conference regular season champions whether they win their conference tournament or not.

Here are the facts: nine non-major conference teams in particular could have been considered "the bubble" if they hadn't won their conference tournament. These teams were Creighton, Evansville, South West Missouri State (fall from the Mississippi Valley), Gonzaga (West Coast), Detroit (Midwestern Collegiate), Weber State (Big Sky), Miami of Ohio, Kent (Ohio Valley), and Murray State (Ohio Valley).

All of these teams could have had a legitimate claim to at-large bids if their conference tournaments had not gone as planned. Off the nine teams selected, six got into the tournament with automatic bids and three were selected as at-large teams.

Not only have these nine teams proved worthy of tournament consideration but they probably proved more worthy than their large conference, better-known foes. These nine teams have compiled a record this year of 9-6, which is better than a 50 percent success rate (counting Irish basketball fans know little about). This winning percentage is very close to the winning percentage of major conferences. Of the three teams that the tournament selection committee chose to extend to the ever-elusive at-large bids, two (SW Missouri State and Miami of Ohio) are still in the tournament. In fact, six of the nine "bubble teams" won at least their first round games — all being upsets.

As for me, I find it hard to care about the tournament with over 20 wins a favorite. I also find it hard to agree with the "catching their opponents off guard" theme. Every year, a No. 12 team isn't a No. 12. I sincerely don't believe that any No. 5 team in the tournament doesn't take its opponent very seriously. Yet, Dayton managed to knock off UCLA and South West Missouri State managed to beat just about any Wisconsin team. In reality, its time for the public to come to realize what the NCAA selection committee is only now beginning to understand. The time has come to recognize that national powerhouses don't necessarily have to come from one of the major conferences. Some up-and-coming teams have the strength of schedules are deceiving, and these teams not only deserve to be in the tournament but deserve just as much respect as well.

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Unfair politics leaves Irish out of ‘big dance’

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish could easily be in Los Angeles right now awaiting a trip to the Sweet 16, but the Irish’s third-straight trip to the Sweet 16 was halted by LSU last Monday night in a 74-64 Lady Tiger win. The Irish may have been sidelined for the season at that point, but the faithful were just beginning. The entire team, from players to head coach Muffet McGraw, believes that the NCAA selection committee was partially responsible for the loss. McGraw’s No. 8 ranking in the polls and No. 11 spot in the Ratings Percentage Index were not good enough to secure a homecourt advantage.

Failing to earn one of the big three first-round hosting spots, the Irish were doomed to lose from the Sunday nearly two weeks ago when the selections were announced. “We were pretty disappointed when the rankings came out,” said All-American center Ruth Riley. “We were shocked. We expected to go down a little with Notre Dame [team] out, but not that much.”

As if losing starting point guard key in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament was not bad enough for the Irish, the selection committee literally added insult to injury. A No. 5 ranking for Notre Dame placed them just far enough out of the rankings to force them to travel 975 miles to begin play.

And with that, the stage was set to play the first two rounds of the tournament at the No. 4 seed Lady Tigers home court in Baton Rouge, La. A first-round win against St. Mary’s (Calif.) matched the Irish against the bracket’s other winner, LSU. “We were traveling to a place we hadn’t been to,” said Riley. “They clearly had the advantage playing on the home court.”

Beyond the obvious advantage of playing in front of their faithful fans, the Lady Tigers also had history on their side. LSU has not lost a non-conference matchup at Baton Rouge since Jan. 30, 1995 — a streak of 36 games.

Such a perfect setup for the Lady Tigers that it seems to have been scripted. Or set up. “I don’t think there’s any question that the selection committee shows favoritism, and we need to stop that,” said McGraw. Who was on the selection committee that gave the Lady Tigers that it seems to have been scripted. Or set up. (Calif.)

The answer, indicated McGraw, is a system similar to the men’s basketball NCAA tournament.

“The only way they can stop the favoritism is to put this tournament on neutral courts,” she said. “I think the NCAA could have done as well as a neutral court as they did here.”

The men’s tournament follows a system similar to the one proposed by McGraw and currently on the NCAA’s table. If it goes through, the Irish team would not be allowed to play at home, yet no team could host two years in a row or more than twice in four years. Even a more regionalized system would be more beneficial, argues Riley. Drawing Irish fans to a game that Purdue is hosting is more advantageous than attempting to get Irish support in Louisiana — especially when LSU is on the court.

The rest of this year’s tournament is no different. Each of the top 16 teams has advanced further in the NCAA championships. Has the better team won? Not according to McGraw. “If we’re playing at home,” she said. “We’re moving on.”

For now, the Irish must settle on watching a lesser opponent take one step closer to fulfilling a dream Notre Dame believed was theirs throughout their best-ever 26-5 season.
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Here's how the day will break down:

Things get going at 10:30am with registration. Show up early to make sure you get the discussion groups you want or email us at ND.ministry.1@nd.edu before Saturday for an Early Sign Up form. **Pre-registration is NOT required.** Then, at 11:00am things really get moving. Fr. Mike Baxter and Fr. Cyprian Consiglio will lead us in song, prayer, and all sorts of fun. At 12:00 pm, the first discussion groups begin. There will be 6 presenters from which to choose (see side), then lunch @ 1pm with an acoustic coffeehouse featuring Justin Dunn and Mark Lang. FYI, there will also be optional activities throughout the day like sacramental reconciliation, stations of the cross, rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration that you can do instead of a discussion group. At 2pm & 3pm: two more discussion groups. 4pm: Everyone's back together with Fr. Baxter & Fr. Cyprian with some concluding words which will flow right into the closing Mass at 4:30!

If you can't make it to the whole day, try to come for the opening at 11am or join us at any time of the day. We'd love to have you for all or some of the activities.

For info: Email: ND.ministry.1@nd.edu or Call: 631-3250 (Pre-registration is not required, but encouraged!)
Friday, March 19, 1999

**Fencing**

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many observers believed
would be an extremely
close match. Szelle, how­
ever, dominated LaValle
and defeated the senior
All-American 5-0.

LaValle bounced back
from the first loss by
defeating his brother
David, a freshman at
Stanford, 5-0. Further suc­
cess for LaValle was hard
to find as he finished the
day frustrated and in 14th
place.

Through the first three
rounds of competition, the
sabre team earned 17
points.

"On the sabre side, it has
been disappointing," coach
Auriol said. "They should
have done better."

The foil team fared
worse than the sabre
team. Hayes and Auriol
combined to earn only 10
points for the Irish.

In head-to-head competi­
tion, Hayes defeated
Auriol 5-3.

Both Hayes and Auriol
were close in most
bouts, but could not
quite win the final touch.
Between the two of them,
they lost four bouts by
5-4
margins.

Most frustrating for the
Irish was their perform­
ance against the veloci­
podium powerhouse
and the only other school
to quality 10 fencers. Penn
State.

In head-to-head competi­
tion, the Nittany Lions
defeated the Irish six
out of eight matches.
The sabre team managed
to split the Penn State
series as both Szelle and
LaValle each won and lost
one match.

The foil team was swept
by the powerful Penn State
foil team of Gang Lu and
David Lidow. Lidow and
Lu finished in second and
third place overall.

Stanford freshman Felix
Bechtel finished the day
in first place as the only
undefeated fencer.

The Nittany Lions fin­
ished two points behind
first place Columbia after
the first day but Penn
State will most likely sur­
pass Columbia, as
Columbia has only one
men's espada and no
women epees.

The Irish trail Penn
State by 11 points.
The deficit will be very
difficult to overcome,
especially since the sabre
team has been the Irish
strength all season.

"It's going to be diffi­
ticult," coach Auriol said.
"You don't want to get
behind that much. We
wanted to stay close. I
didn't think that Penn
State had the best sabre
quad but they did what
they were supposed to do.
It's going to be tough."

In the finals men's and
sabre will be held
tomorrow morning with
the men's epee competi­
tion beginning in the after­
noon. If the Irish are to
have a shot at the elusiv­
ely national title, they
must fence better

"We have to fence
like contenders," coach
Auriol said. "We did not
fence like a team that has
a chance to win the
representation.

We learned not to
just be happy. We have
to be stronger
mentally. Today we
get a message. We
need to regroup
and each squad has
are performing for
their level."

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Irish look to outserve Iowa

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

In their first meet since 1991, the No. 14 Irish women's tennis team will face the Iowa Hawkeyes Saturday at home.

Notre Dame will look to build on its 3-0 record versus the Hawkeyes. Iowa enters the dual meet as the 23rd-ranked team in the country and is led by freshman Toni Nekova, ranked 107th for singles players.

While Irish players aren't overlooking the Hawkeyes, playing a lower-ranked team does present motivational problems.

"We feel confident going in, but we obviously can't take anyone for granted," said freshman standout Becky Varnum. "We've had a hard week of practice. We need to play every match like it's a Big Ten match. If you give anything up, teams can jump all over you, even teams in the 50s."

Because this will be Notre Dame's fifth home match of the season, the home crowd should give players plenty of motivation.

"We like to play at home," said Varnum. "You're always going to feel better when you play and practice most often."

If Notre Dame can manage to win Saturday's match, they will extend their winning streak against Midwest region opponents to 14. The Irish have won 13 consecutive matches against other Midwest teams, a streak that dates back to a loss in Wisconsin in the 1997 NCAA Midwest Regional.

The Irish have rolled through their regional play, building a 33-4 record against other Midwest teams since the '95 season, including 28 wins against Big Ten teams.

As senior two-time All-American Jennifer Hall enters this match as a senior two-time All-American. She is approaching the Notre Dame record for career singles wins after two wins during spring break to improve to 104-55. She stands just three wins behind the 107 singles matches Mary Colligan won from 1982-90.

Hall became the first Irish player to reach 100 wins under head coach Jay Louderback on Feb. 19, when she beat UCLA's Anjuta Cooper 7-5, 6-3.

Hall will be helped by Michelle Dasso, ranked 108th nationally. She is 10-4 in dual singles matches this year and is the No. 1 spot for the Irish. Varnum, Marisa Velasco and Toni Nekova are also ranked 98th or better.

No. 2 doubles, Hall and Dasso, ranked 6th nationally, will lead the way.
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Leaving Los Vegas?
- Lakers' forward Dennis Rodman will face a fine when he returns from his leave from the team. 

Politics and hoops
- Anthony Bianco's column explores whether unfair politics may have harmed the women's basketball's team.

Laxers to host top-ranked Greyhounds

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looks to extend its three-game winning streak when it travels to Maryland to take on the Loyola Greyhounds this weekend.

The 17th-ranked Irish, with a record of 3-1, will need a strong performance both offensively and defensively in order to upset the top-ranked Greyhounds.

The team feels prepared," said sophomore attack player Tom Glaziel. "It's not too often that you get to play a No. 1 team. We've been going over what Loyola does and preparing our strategy for the game in order to get ready.

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Fencers face heartbreak in Waltham

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

WALTHAM, Mass. - On the day after St. Patrick's Day, the luck of the Irish ran out for the Notre Dame fencing team as they stumbled to sixth place after one day of competition at the NCAA championships in Waltham, Mass.

"We faced with fear today," head coach Yves Auriol said about the first day of competition. "We dropped bouts we shouldn't have."

With foil captain Stephanie Auriol and sabre captain Luke LaValle posting only 4-11 and 6-8 records, respectively, the Irish find themselves trailing defending champion Penn State by 11 points. LaValle's struggles are particularly surprising, as he is the defending national champion in sabre.

Junior Chase Hayes, fencing in his first NCAA championship, finished the first four rounds of competition with a respectable 6-8 record.

The bright spot on the day for the Irish was the performance of freshman Gabor Szelle. Szelle went 11-3 on the day and currently stands in fourth place with three rounds of sabre competition remaining.

Szelle's only losses came against Keeth Smart of St. John's, a 1998 second team All-American, who finished the day in first place, Michael Takagi, a second team All-American, of Penn State and Jakub Krocmalski of Wayne State.

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Irish splash to 23rd at NCAAs

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The No. 21 Notre Dame women's swimming team stands in 23rd place with 12 points after the first day of the NCAA championships in Athens, Ga.

The Irish 400-meter medley relay team of Kelly Hecking, Britany Kline, Liz Hargre, and Nixon qualified 11th in the preliminary session. Three-time All-American Shannon Sudarre replaced Kline for the breaststroke leg in the finals, and the team held onto an 11th-place finish, earning 12 points for the Irish.

Sophomore Carrie Nixon scored the only point earned by the Irish in an individual event. She placed 16th yesterday in the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 23.25 seconds. Her preliminary time of 22.88 qualified her for 13th place, tied with Michigan's Jeneine Eberwein and Nevada's Jia Lin Sun.

Olympic champion Catherine Fox of Stanford won the 50-meter freestyle in a pool record time of 22.13. She and fellow Olympian Misty Hyman joined teammates Shelly Ripple and Ellis Austwell to win the 400 medley relay. Their time of 3:33.75 broke the American, U.S. Open, and pool records, and they narrowly missed their own NCAA and meet records.

The 200-meter freestyle relay team of Kelly Hecking, Nixon, Kristen Van Suun and Britany Kline barely missed making finals and scoring points. Their time of 1:35.28 was good for 17th place.

Freshman Heather Mastersly, the first diver to represent Notre Dame at the NCAA championships, finished the one-meter diving in 16th place, also just missing a chance to score points.

Immediately after competing in the 200 freestyle relay, Van Suun swam a disappointing 4:54.59 in the 500 freestyle, dropping 23 places from her entry time and finishing 37th.

The meet continues today and Saturday, with preliminaries beginning at 11 a.m. and finals at 7 p.m. each day. The top 16 finishers in the preliminaries of each event return to score points in the finals.

The Irish begin today's

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