History professor to receive 1999 Laetare Medal

By MAUREEN SMITHE

Gleason has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1959. Gleason’s work focused on the study of the human rights of the world’s poor and the importance of Catholic social teaching in informing public policy on economic development.

The Laetare Medal has been awarded to more than 200 recipients, including Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Bill Clinton, as well as Nobel laureates Henry Kissinger, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Elie Wiesel.

Embracing death can endanger individuality

By ERIN PIROUTEK

It is important to acknowledge the existence of death and to recognize it as a natural part of the human experience. The medicalization of death can lead to a loss of individuality and autonomy.

The Notre Dame Law School hosted a conference this weekend focused on how the medicalization of death has affected the ability of individuals to make decisions about their own care. The conference was attended by scholars, practitioners, and advocates from across the United States.

The conference featured a panel discussion on the legal and ethical implications of medicalized death, with panelists including a former U.S. District Court judge, a leading expert on end-of-life care, and a philosopher specializing in bioethics.

The discussions highlighted the importance of patient autonomy and informed decision-making in end-of-life care. The panelists emphasized the need for a more comprehensive approach to end-of-life care, one that respects individual preferences and values and ensures that decisions are made with the best interests of the patient in mind.

The conference was a testament to the importance of continuing education and dialogue on this crucial issue. The attendees left with a renewed commitment to advocating for compassionate, patient-centered end-of-life care.
Sweatshop protest in President's office continues

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Discussions continued Thursday between University administrators and student activists who have occupied President Lee Bollinger's office in the Fleming Administration Building since Wednesday morning.

Members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality said they will not vacate the office until administrators meet their demands to have a strong set of labor standards for the collegiate apparel industry.

The students, encamped on the second floor, spent much of yesterday blocking doorsways, keeping University administrators and other workers out of Building.

SOLE's bargaining team met with Bollinger. University General Counsel Marvin Krislev and Provost Nancy Cantor yesterday but did not come to an agreement, LSA senior Trevor Gardner said.

SOLE members said they are upset with parts of the University's policy of conduct for licensed manufacturers that Bollinger presented at Thursday University Board of Regents meeting.

"The policy statement the University released at its meetings does not represent an agreement between the students and President Bollinger," said SOLE member Peter Ramer-Friedman, an LSA sophomore.

"We're upset, however, we know that this code is the strongest in the nation and its existence is due solely to the efforts of U of M students," Gardner said.

Members participating in the sit-in said they will remain in the president's office overnight.

SOLE has called on the University for full public disclosure of factory locations and ownership and the living wage — a salary factoring in local living conditions.

The University agreed to full public disclosure of factory locations of last week. The living wage remains the major point of contention in the University's discussions with SOLE.

"I have already said I will not agree to a timetable or an abstract living wage," Bollinger said, adding that the administration will not take further action on the issue for the time being.

Bollinger said it is not wise for the University to sign on to the living wage when the concept hasn't been tested.

University of Florida Police arrest employee for sex offense

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Police on Thursday arrested a University of Florida employee on charges of failing to disclose his HIV status to a sex partner, something he may have done in as many as 13 consensual sexual encounters, Dwayne William Cole, 26, tested HIV positive in August, 1996, but continued to have sexual encounters, many of which were unprotected, a police investigation found.

His adult man, discovered Cole's HIV status after he had both anal and oral sex with Cole, reports show. That is when the victim called police. According to UF's telephone directory, Cole works in the College of Health Professions; but on a police report recorded earlier, he is listed as a student. Florida law states it is illegal for HIV-posi­tive people to not inform sexual partners of their condition. Multiple violations of the law amount to a first-degree felony.

South Bend Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, March 22.

Lows remain in the high teens, temperatures could reach the mid 30s.

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National Weather

The National Weather Service forecast for March 22.

The weather will be sunny with a high of 60.

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Monday, March 22, 1999
Economy upsets political balance

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
New-Winter

An economic crisis in Venezuela beginning in the early 1980s caused by the lack of resources in the country in turn caused a political crisis in the central government, according to Maria Pilar Garcia Guadilla from Simon Bolivar University in Venezuela, who gave a lecture Wednesday.

An increased call for the decentralization of governments, to reduce the amount of control held by one party and the increased involvement of the people in their government emerged from the political crisis, she said. The upper and middle classes, which had pushed for this shift, are now the least involved in the government.

"Our main concern is the success of democracy," said Guadilla. "We are trying to understand why they [Venezuelan citizens] would want to change from a centralized government to a decentralized government. We also want to know why, after they received the change they asked for, they aren't participating."

Guadilla has been studying the involvement of the citizens in the local governments for three years. She has spent time interviewing citizens from a mixed group of classes in Caracas, the capital, to understand why more people do not participate in the government and to analyze whether the decentralized government is better for the country.

She said her research seeks to find ways to involve more people in the local government, to promote democracy and to decide if the current problems in Venezuela are due to the shift from a centralized to a decentralized government.

Guadilla believes there is a risk in allowing local governments to gain power. However, because of the "acute political crisis" and the privatizing of the economy, a decentralized government may be the best answer for the country, if more citizens become involved.

Although there have been attempts in Venezuela to create dynasties of local government positions, Guadilla feels that this problem may be solved if more people are involved in the democratic process.

Circle K recognized for service projects

The Notre Dame chapter of the Circle K was awarded fourteen out of a possible twenty awards at the recent Indiana District convention. Among the awards was the Circle K Single Service Project Award, which recognized Notre Dame's La Casa de Amistad project. Having opened only a year ago, this newly introduced service project has served as a great success and example for our other projects.

"La Casa de Amistad" means "the house of friendship" and is dedicated to serving the impoverished Hispanic community in South Bend. While Hispanics constitute only 15 percent of the population of South Bend, around 40 percent are unemployed and still struggling to learn English and find jobs. The Notre Dame Circle K is trying to give the center's 40 to 50 children a better opportunity to learn and excel, so that they will be successful in the future. Some of the volunteers also help the older visitors fill out work applications and work on learning English, as well as work at the food center distributing food to needy families.

La Casa de Amistad has also undergone renovations, enabling it to offer computer job training programs, AA meetings, legal help, ESL classes, and legal assistance. Along with painting and cleaning supplies, Notre Dame Circle K donated around 150 hours during the renovation.

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Kevorkian faces murder charges

Associated Press


"I did, but it's gonna be manslaughter, not murder," Kevorkian replied. "It's not necessarily murder. But it doesn't bother me what you call it. I know what it is."

Now jurors will be asked to decide what it was. In a trial scheduled to start Monday, an Oakland County jury will debate whether the events on the videotape that Kevorkian made and gave to CBS' "60 Minutes" equal a murder.

It will be the first murder trial for the 70-year-old retired pathologist and assisted suicide advocate, who says he has been part of more than 130 deaths since 1990. He has been tried on assisted suicide charges four times and escaped conviction each time, with three acquittals and one mistrial.

But this time, the video and Kevorkian's interview with "60 Minutes," along with several other twists, present new challenges and perhaps Kevorkian's most demanding trial so far.

All the previous felony trials were on assisted suicide charges, and Kevorkian's defense relied on evidence of pain and suffering by people who died with his help. This time, the judge ruled such testimony was not relevant to a murder charge and could be presented only to defend against an assisted suicide charge.

Prosecutors, who had initially charged Kevorkian with both assisted suicide and murder, then dropped the assisted suicide charge to keep out evidence that they said could "discredit" jurors.

Kevorkian is also charged with illegally delivering a controlled substance — the first time that charge has gone to trial. And for the first time, he faces a jury without lawyer Geoffrey Fieger, who made his name in his bonerous but successful defense of the suicide advocate. This time, Fieger called the case part of Kevorkian's "self-destructive streak" and refused to get involved.

That leaves Kevorkian's defense to DavidCorsell, a 30-year-old former public defender and one-time Fieger employee, and perhaps to Kevorkian himself.

To some legal experts, it all adds up to the most challenging trial that Kevorkian has faced.

"I think his days as a free man are numbered," said Elizabeth Price Foley, a professor at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. "If the jurors don't want to go so far as to say he's a murderer, there's a strong possibility they're going to find him guilty of the controlled substance delivery charge."

First-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison, while the drug charge is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Kevorkian is charged in the death of 52-year-old Thomas Youk, who was diagnosed two years ago with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease — a progressively fatal illness that eventually leaves victims unable to speak, swallow or move.

By last year, family members said, Youk was having trouble breathing and was afraid of choking on his own saliva. In September, Kevorkian went to Youk's home and videotaped a meeting. The grainy video shows Youk sitting in his wheelchair, mumbling responses to Kevorkian's questions.

Kevorkian came back the next evening. The videotape shows a man with a needle dropping something in Youk's head, then injecting him three times. Youk's head rolls back.

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FATHER EDWARD SORIN, University president at the time, who recognized the need for such an award.

Since that time, the recipient of the Laetare Medal has been chosen by a committee headed by the University's president. Thus far, 92 men and 29 women have been recipients of the Medal, which is inscribed with "Magna est veritas et brevis vita!" — "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

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Woman fatally stab her boyfriend over steak

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - A woman fatally stabbed her boyfriend after he tried to strangle her because their children ate his steak, police said. The 44-year-old man died from a shot wound he received in an area hospital Saturday. His name was not released, Neighbors said the couple had been arguing most of the day inside the Southwest Motel, where the woman and her 4- and 5-year-old daughters were staying with a friend. The man left for a time and returned to find the girl eating a steak he had left there, Police say he became enraged, slapping the child until their mother intervened. The man then showed her against a kitchen sink and began choking her, but she grabbed a nearby kitchen knife and stabbbed him, police said.

Detroit police crack teen prostitution ring

DETROIT Authorities say they have crushed a prostitution ring whose leader allegedly lured young, troubled girls to the city with promises of sympathy, money and dancing jobs. Coleman, 39, was arrested Friday on charges of transporting minors across state lines for prostitution and sex. Some girls were as young as 12, the FBI said. Four others were not named in federal court papers, but it was unclear Saturday if any had been arrested or arraigned. The FBI did not immediately return a call for comment. A federal affidavit says Coleman used numerous aliases as he befriended girls while traveling through West Virginia, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Gilfry and a female cousin had traveled homes after Coleman promised them money and jobs in Detroit.

Salinger books remain unpublished

CONCORD, N.H. Jerome salinger, who won international acclaim for "The Catcher in the Rye" but hasn't published anything since 1965, has written at least 15 unpublished books kept locked up in a safe at his home, a neighbor said. The reclusive recluse, who never gives interviews, came out with the landmark novel of teenage alienation in 1951. He published other novels, "Franny and Zooey" in 1961, and some short stories. He lives in seclusion on his estate in Cornish, a town of fewer than 2,000 people near the Vermont border. Jerry Short, of Plainfield, who was friends with Salinger in the 1960s and lives nearby, told The Associated Press on Saturday that Salinger said in 1976 he was working on 15 or 16 other books.

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Santander's fight to save turtles

VENEZUELA

Ecologists fight to save turtles

When famed German scientist Alexander von Humboldt arrived at the mighty Orinoco River two centuries ago, he marvelled at 300,000 Orinoco turtles crammed onto a few tiny islands to lay their eggs. Today barely 1,000 adult females are left in Venezuela, but environment- alists are making a last-ditch effort to save South America's largest freshwater turtle and the South American country's most endangered species. On Saturday, 4,300 baby Orinoco turtles raised in captivity were released into the river as wide-eyed schoolchildren and National Guardsmen looked on in this remote village 250 miles south of Caracas. "If we weren't doing this, the species would be extinct," said Luis Carneiro, head of FUDECI, a nonprofit environmental organization. Together with Venezuela's Environmental Ministry, FUDECI gathers newborn turtles on the beach or from nests and then raises them in controlled conditions through their first year of life. Stranger and better prepared to ward off predators, they are returned to the hot, dusty islands in the Orinoco. Scientists say 95 percent of the turtles born and bred in the wild never make it to adulthood. Many are killed by vultures, falcons, alligators, caimans and other predators. The biggest enemy is man, however. The eggs are seized for food and the hatched animals are considered a delicacy.

An Orinoco turtle can fetch up to $207, nearly the monthly wage of many workers.

Besides the "Head Start" program, environmental officials and armed National Guardsmen also sleep overnight on the islands to protect the eggs from poachers and hunters. Each nest holds up to 120 eggs the size of ping-pong balls. Adults run to grow to 66 pounds.

Scientists also run a "Head Start" program for marine turtles at the Los Iguazú archipelago in the Caribbean Sea off Venezuela's coast.

The program is not without controversy. Some experts say the programs for sea and fresh-water turtles may do more harm than good by disrupting an "imprinting" process that enables the reptiles to return to their birthplace to lay eggs years later, even after traveling thousands of miles.

Before Gaeta, a turtle expert in Venezuela, said the programs may not be as disruptive to fresh-water river turtles, whose range is smaller.

Venezuela kicked off the Orinoco "Head Start" program in 1992 and has released about 55,000 turtles. Officials say they believe the population has reached its nadir and they expect to see the numbers start rising as the Head Starters turn six years old, the hatching age.
Former American hostage sues Iran for $100 million

ATHENS, Ohio Terry Anderson is set to sue Iran for $100 million over the more than six years the former Associated Press correspondent was held hostage, shackled and blindfolded, in Lebanon. The lawsuit accuses Iran of having sponsored his captors.

The lawsuit to be filed Monday is also likely to become a challenge to the U.S. government.

The Clinton administration has thwarted plaintiffs in similar lawsuits from collecting millions of dollars awarded by U.S. courts, even though the damage claims are against countries the State Department labels as sponsors of terrorism.

In October, the president issued a blanket waiver of a requirement that federal agencies help obtain that money.

"Much of our argument is likely to be with the U.S. government, rather than the Iranian government," Anderson said in an interview at his home about six miles outside Athens, where he teaches journalism at Ohio University.

"The law says that the U.S. government is supposed to help us in pressing our claim," said Anderson, 51. Confident of winning a judgment against Iran, he said "the biggest obstacle to us receiving any money is the White House."

The lawsuit, to be filed in U.S. District Court, also names as defendants Anderson's wife, Madeleine Russell, 49, and their daughter, Sulome, who seek redress for emotional distress and their long separation from Anderson.

Sulome, 13, was born three months after her father, then AP chief Middle East correspondent, was taken captive in Beirut on March 16, 1983, as he returned from a morning tennis game.

Held longer than any other American in Lebanon, he was freed 2,454 days later, on Dec. 8, 1991. The family is seeking $100 million in compensatory damages and unspecified punitive damages.

Named as defendants are the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Ministry of Information and Security.

The lawsuit says Anderson's captors were members of Hezbollah, or Party of God, "a politico-paramilitary terrorist organization operating in Lebanon." It says Iran is the party's sponsor, "providing it with funding, direction and training for its terrorist activities in Lebanon."

It says that as a hostage Anderson was fed a poor diet of bread, cheese and rice; was beaten, taunted and humiliated; was regularly threatened with death and falsely promised release; heard his fellow captives beaten and one die; grew so depressed he beat his head against a wall until he bled.

Iran's U.N. ambassador, Seyed Mohammad Hadi Nejad Hoseinian, denied Friday that Iran had supported the hostage-takers and said U.S. courts have no jurisdiction over foreign countries.

In a faxed reply to questions, Nejad Hoseinian said through a spokesman Iran condemns international terrorism and that there is "no shred of credible evidence" that it finances Hezbollah, Iran as well as Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria are listed by the State Department as state sponsors of terrorism.

Foreign countries used to be largely immune from lawsuits in U.S. courts. The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 allows legal action against countries alleged to sponsor terrorism that kill or injure U.S. citizens.

Such lawsuits seemed to get a boost last October when Congress required the Treasury and State departments to help recover damages. But an escape clause empowered the president to bar such help "in the interest of national security."

One way of collecting is to go after assets frozen in the United States. But the administration is trying to block this avenue.

U.S. government lawyers are fighting the family of Alisa Flitow, a college student from New Jersey killed in a 1995 bus bombing in Israel, who won a $247.5 million judgment against Iran. The same goes for three of Anderson's fellow hostages, who last August won a $65 million judgment against Iran.

The families of three Cuban-Americans killed in 1996 when Cuba shot down their private planes won a $187 million judgment. The U.S. government gave each $100,000 in seized Cuban assets but has halted their attempts to get more.

Plaintiff lawyers in these cases said the U.S. government has raised a variety of objections, including possible complications in dealing with these countries, with which it has no formal relations. Iran, for example, holds U.S. property in its country, just as the U.S. government has custody of Iranian property in the United States.

Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, did not respond to repeated requests for comment on the policy. The State Department had no public comment.

Anderson has little expectation of getting any money either, but explains: "If we don't file a suit, whenever Iran and the United States settle accounts, we won't be sitting at the table."

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Inspectors: ‘Potential catastrophe’ awaits Capitol

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Now committed to following the rules it imposes on the rest of America, Congress is finding its own workplace so fraught with danger and carelessness that inspectors have worried about a "potential catastrophe," records show.

Diving into the bowels of the Capitol and other congressional buildings, new inspectors manned by lawmakers to protect employees safety discovered that Congress' maintenance workers had the highest accident rate in the entire government.

A year's worth of inspections of the Capitol grounds found plenty of hazards. Inspectors reported how:

- Congressional workers risked blood-transmitted diseases by digging through contaminated trash without protective clothing.
- One building contained high concentrations of the bacteria that cause Legionnaires' disease.
- Erectors officials had to be issued federal citations before they cleaned flammable liquids that were stored and exposed electrical wires and in other dangerous places.

The Office of Compliance inspectors issued a scathing report November on the work of the 2,000-employee Capitol Architect's Office, responsible for upkeep of the Capitol, eight congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court and the power plant that supplies cooling and heating to congressional buildings.

"Overall ... protections for employee health and safety fell far below those that prevail to private companies and government agencies that have good safety programs," that report concluded.

The Architect's Office says it is just beginning to change a culture of neglect on Capitol Hill.

"We were behind" in bringing Congress into compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Architect's executive officer, Theiss, the Architect's executive officer, said. "We are making great strides to get ahead of the curve. We had a general change in our approach to business."

Just last week, however, inspectors found 14 new health and safety violations at the power plant. That included excessive exposure to coal dust, lack of a comprehensive respiratory program, failure to clean and disassemble electrical equipment and a lack of working fire extinguishers.

Patricia Dollar, the Architect's former recycling coordinator, had a firsthand look at the hazards inside a closet in one House office building. "Six drums were there," she said. "One of the drums was very rusty and had popped and expanded. We unscrewed a little rock. We looked down and it was bubbling. It was a combination of leftover chemical from the furniture repair shop. And it was extremely flammable."

Fire also is a serious fear for workers. Hazel Dews, a nighttime custodian in the Senate office buildings, complained. "They're in three buildings with one exit from 3 p.m. to 7 a.m."

The House inspector general reported in December that the Capitol and five other congressional properties were firetraps that left visitors, lawmakers and employees at "unacceptable risk of loss of life and property."

Fresh worries keep emerging.

In January, Architect's employees removed asbestos from a Capitol Police locker room — but never notified the officers what they were doing. Asbestos can cause cancer if its dust is breathed. The Architect's Office should have notified them, calling it "a failure to communicate."

Congress has historically exempted itself from the federal safety and labor laws it imposes on corporate America by agencies such as the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. But when Republicans took over the House in 1995, they engineered passage of legislation that committed Congress to follow all federal rules and regulations.

The Office of Compliance paints a portrait of a workplace that is, in its words, "poorly maintained and unsafe for employees.

"In 1997 we reported that two years ago inspectors had found "improper storages of excessive quantities of flammable liquids at several locations" that were characterized as a "probable explosion hazard."

When inspectors returned recently, they found the same materials had not been moved.

To get these hazardous materials removed from the general counsel had to issue citations, which finally resulted in the elimination of this serious hazard," the report said.

The Architect's Office also found that the Architect's Office had the "highest accident rate in the federal government." The rate of lost time injuries on Capitol Hill was about five times higher than for U.S. Forest Service workers, whose duties include fighting wildfires.

Theis said there had been "some minimal improvement" by instituting training programs on problems such as how to "safely use a ladder, how to safely store a ladder."

She said some trash operations also were shut down last summer to re-evaluate safety, and workers were given protective clothing like aprons, gloves, longs and proper shoes.

This occurred after some Architect's employees were exposed to asbestos during repairs of a power plant that supplies cooling and heating to congressional buildings.

The Architect's Office concluded that about half of workers exposed to asbestos should have been notified of the "possible exposure to asbestos . . . especially those who were involved during the operation of HVAC systems." But the Architect's Office did not notify them.

The Architect's Office, which is charged with keeping the Capitol buildings safe and efficient, said it "isn't responsible for the safety of workers who clean trash."

"The Architect's Office is not responsible for the safety of workers who clean trash," the Architect's Office said in a written statement. "The Architect's Office is responsible for the safety of occupants of the building and the ongoing maintenance of the building."

"We do not have any knowledge of any potential exposure to asbestos from the Architect's Office's activities."

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**Balloonists complete trip around the world**

**Associated Press**

MUT, Egypt  Bertrand Piccard, the Swiss psychiatrist-dreamer, and his British co-pilot, Jim Wilkinson, set their globecircling balloon down on remote Egypt Sunday, linking the dawn of a new millennium with a civilizations 3,000 years old.  "Up there it was grandioso, absolutely grandioso," Piccard said with a smile suggesting that his flight had been worth the half of it. Several times he stopped trying to find words and fought back tears.  "We are so grateful for that invincible band that guided us all the way, making the right things happen when they were supposed to," Piccard said.

Together they conquered the last great challenge of the air, flying more than 26,000 miles around the earth in their Breitling Balloon 3. They crossed the "flashing line" over Mauritania at 4:54 a.m. EST Saturday.  At the end, strong winds over Libya boosted them to 39,600 feet and carried them on to a landing in Egypt.

"It was Verne turned fantasy," said Wilkinson. "Piccard and Jones did it in less than three, combining space-age technology with the old-fashioned hunting guns and a quest for glory.

They carried amid their scant baggage a copy of "A Life," written by French novelist Guy de Maupassant and dedicated to Verne, it had been in Verne's personal library.

"To think that that book had been handled and read by Jules Verne, and we had it with us, too, to read it was wonderful," Piccard said.

"We left the spirit of Jules Verne heroes, he would succeed this time thanks to that," Piccard's wife, Michelle, waited in Cairo, biting her nails and calming her three young daughters. She had sat up until early Sunday with Swiss television crews, poring over pages while sifting through fragments of contradictory information on the balloon's progress.

She was Piccard's first thought after he escaped from the Egyptian army helicopter that brought the pilots from the landing site, a flat patch among dunes and rocky hills about 50 miles north of this oasis settlement in western Egypt.  "My next exploit will be something I've been wanting to do for a long time, which is sit with my wife and daughters and father in front of a warm fireplace and tell them about this trip," the 41-year-old doctor said.

"It was the cold," Piccard said of the west part was the cold.  "All of our water froze at night, so we waited till day to fill the ketilie," he said. "It was very, very cold up there."  Strong ground winds to the north forced them to abandon plans to land 20 miles away. They had to touch down at dawn, before winds blew too fast. When they landed, they settled on empty desert near here.

By the time they reached Egypt, the two men who had flown 29,056 miles in 19 days, 21 hours and 55 minutes.

They landed at 8:02 a.m. local time Sunday (1:02 a.m. EST), but because of logistical foul-ups the helicopters brought them to the small airport here at 3:40 a.m. (8:40 a.m. EST).

Piccard said that after spending nearly 20 days in a balloon, being marooned for more than seven hours in the desert wasn't so bad.

"It was beautiful," he said of the barren terrain.

Winds tipped over the gondola after it finally set down.

"We had to run around the balloon with our knives to make holes to keep it from being dragged across the desert," Jones said. Added: "The balloons is a bit of a nuisance."

Jones, a 51-year pilot and balloonist, said he felt as deflated as the balloon itself. But he was clearly in high spirits.

"If you ask me now whether I'd do it again, I'd say no," he said. "But ask me later."  

**ALBANIA**

**Associated Press**

THOUSANDS of Kosovar Albanians, some clutching nothing but a blanket, fled a Yugoslav army offensive Sunday that has spurred a last-ditch U.S. mission to convince President Milosevic that NATO attack threats are serious.

On the second straight day of army attacks on Kosovo rebel strongholds, Washington dispatched senior envoy Richard Holbrooke to meet with Yugoslav leader.

With NATO moving closer to long-threatened airstrikes, U.S. national security advisor Sandy Berger said the Holbrooke mission would be "a final effort for peace."

Holbrooke will be accompanied to the Yugoslav capital by U.S. and European military observers who participated in last week's failed Paris peace talks. Before arriving in Belgrade, Holbrooke was to stop in Brussels, Belgium, to confer with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana.

"We are ready to do it and President Milosevic should not misunderstand that," said Foreign Secretary Robin Cook told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Sunday.

A top Yugoslav army general said Sunday the country's troops are fully prepared for any attack, the state news agency Tanjug reported.

General Nebojsa Pavkovic, in charge of an army corps responsible for Kosovo, visited a garrison in southern Serbia and said the units have been prepared to "repel any aggression against our country."

Holbrooke's trip to Belgrade comes with Kosovo's violence spreading.
Los Angeles

In a night of surprises and upsets, the romantic comedy "Shakespeare in Love" won seven Academy Awards on Sunday, including best picture and best actress for Gwyneth Paltrow. Steven Spielberg's bloody World War II film "Saving Private Ryan" won the prize for directing and four other Oscars.

Roberto Benigni, an Italian film director, captured the first time in 1999 the prize had gone to different movies, that year the Palme d'Or winner "The Tiger Hunter" was nominated by the first director of a foreign film to win as best actor. The tragi-comic film which Benigni also wrote and directed; won additional Academy Awards for foreign film and dramatic score.

"This is a terrible mistake because I used up all my English," he said, as he leapt to the stage for the second time.

The split between best picture and director marked the first time since 1989 the prices had gone to different movies. That year, "Driving Miss Daisy" won as best picture, while Oliver Stone was named best director for "Born on the Fourth of July."

Paltrow, never before nominated, was honored for her role as the object of a young Italian's affections.

"I don't feel very deserving of this in your presence," she said, sobbing, as she named her fellow Roman.

Judith Dench, who played the irascible but fair-minded Queen Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love," and James Coburn, the alcoholic abusive father in "Affliction," were the only best supporting actress and actor nominees.

"Saving Private Ryan" also took prizes for cinematography, editing and sound and sound effects editing.

"Am I allowed to say I really wanted this?" Spielberg joked as he accepted his second directing Oscar. His first was for "Schindler's List" in 1993.

"Shakespeare in Love," which led all contenders with 13 nominations, also picked up the original screenplay, art direction, costume design and musical or comedy score. "Elizabeth," won for makeup. "Gods and Monsters" won for adapted screenplay.

The most controversial moment of the show came and went quickly, as director Elia Kazan -- reviled by some for naming names during the McCarthy era -- stepped up to accept a lifetime achievement award. Many members of the audience applauded heartily, some stood, others, like Nick Nolte and Ed Harris, sat silently.

Besides Benigni, the only performer in a foreign language film to win an Oscar was Sophia Loren for "Two Women" in 1961.

Fittingly, it was Miss Loren who presented him with his first award of the night. The 74-year old distantly related Benigni clambered over the backs of seats and hopped onto the stage after Loren openly rooted for her fellow Italian and awarded his foreign film victory.

"I want to kiss everybody," said Benigni, who also was nominated in directing and screenplay categories, while his film was a best picture contender.

An otherHonduran film, "The Last Days," won the documentary award.

Dench, who made an indestructible impression despite her brief screen time in the romantic comedy, held up members of the audience and said with a smile: "I feel for eight minutes on the screen. I should only get a little bit of him."

It was the first Oscar for the 64-year-old British stage actress, who had been nominated last year for playing a different queen, Victoria, in "Mrs. Brown."

Coburn, 70, had never been nominated. "I've been doing this work for like over half my life, and I finally got one right, I guess," said the veteran actor, whose dozens of films include "Man From Atlantis" and "The Magnificent Seven."

"Some of them you do for money, some of them you do for love. This is a love child," Coburn said.

Host Whoopi Goldberg, who changed costumes repeatedly to mimic film characters, got the show off to a rousing start when she came out in full regalia as Elizabeth -- who figured in two of this year's contenders -- getting a rousing ovation, then a laugh when she announced with an accent that was more Bette Davis than British, "I am the African Queen."

She joked about being the last master of ceremonies of the century and millennium, saying: "I am the last 20th century fox."

And referring to this year's furor over the special Oscar for Kazan, Goldberg joked: "I thought the blacklist was Hattie McDaniel and me."

The lack of a runaway favorite helped make the 71st Academy Awards among the most anticipated in recent history.

With two well received films as the leaders, the campaign for votes was conducted largely in Hollywood trade paper and newspaper ads.


DreamWorks was forced to counter with an estimated $4 million to promote its "Saving Private Ryan."

The battle of the dueling Oscar campaigns promised calls for restrictions on campaign expenses.

Kazan had long been criticized because he named members of his former Communist Party comrades before the House Un-American Activities committee in 1952.

After the academy announced the honor, he was attacked as a traitor by those whose defection of the committee placed them on the industry's blacklist.

The furor over the Kazan award overshadowed another honorary Oscar this year -- the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award to longtime producer-director Norman Jewison, whose credits include "The Cincinnati Kid," "In the Heat of the Night," "The Stunt Man," and "Moonstruck."

Los Angeles

In love with "Shakespeare"

Best Picture "Shakespeare in Love"

Best Director Steven Spielberg "Saving Private Ryan"

Best Actress Gwyneth Paltrow "Shakespeare in Love"

Best Supporting Actress Judi Dench "Shakespeare in Love"

Best Supporting Actor James Coburn "Affliction"

Most Academy Awards 7. "Shakespeare in Love"

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On Emerging and Submerging Markets

Claudio Lins de Vasconcelos

Mexico, East Asia, Russia and, most recently, Brazil. The second half of the 90s has witnessed the financial collapse of some of the most prominent economies among the so-called "emerging markets." In this context, major international financial institutions, led by the IMF, have approved huge rescue packages in order to stop the draining of these countries' foreign reserves and avoid the worst.

The IMF's opportunistic intervention, along with fiscal and monetary discipline, has helped to stabilize economies once mired by the plague of hyperinflation. True, but not at a low price. In fact, it must be said, the social costs of the IMF's "orthodox" policies have increased to alarming levels. Take the example of Brazil, where interest rates are as high as 40 percent a year, while inflation was less than three percent in 1995. At such a punitive price, capital is a virtually inaccessible good for local companies, usually too small to borrow abroad. This fact, plus an insane corporate tax load, makes competing against transnational giants, usually a hard task, a Herculean job.

One does not need to be an economist to predict some immediate outcomes: bankruptcy and massive unemployment leading to a falling demand and a rising private debt. Recession, to put it simply, as Brazil's GDP is forecasted to fall by three percent in 1999.

To make things worse, most developing countries do not have a social security system strong enough to cover a household's basic needs for more than a couple of weeks, while, as statistics show, unemployed workers would have to wait many months to get a new job. Needless to say, any attempt from the government to use public resources to meet public needs tends to be interpreted as a risk upgrade and immediately punished with a massive withdrawing. Unless, of course, the local central bank raises the premium rate.

That is the famous "speculative attack," a curious phenomenon in which an investor can leave a country at the touch of a keyboard after earning 40 percent a year in an overnight transaction. Amazingly, this is not illegal. Maybe counterproductive, to the extent that it discourages productive investments, or even immoral, due to its social consequences. But it is perfectly legal.

In any event, few people in rich countries seem to care about the social costs of IMF-led packages in developing countries, provided that their private pension funds keep making money with generous interest rates. So, who wants interest rates to fall in emerging markets? Investors do not, I guess. Neither do their advisors, the same investment banks that evaluate the "risk rate" in emerging markets. Forget the IMF, whose main shareholders are precisely the countries where investors and advisors come from.

The "suites" of Wall Street will pander that interest rates in developing countries must be high enough to pay the risk they are taking. Risk of what, if at the slightest signal of problems the IMF will run to ensure they will get their money back, 40 percent faster, anyway? OK, OK. Now I understand why these IMF operations are called "rescue packages." The problem is that, after all, they are rescuing the wrong victims.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Cartoonist Should Stick to Cartoons**

This is in response to Dan Sullivan’s request for those interested in the creation of hatred to “get a life.” Although Sullivan is impelled by this point, a University experience, those “four luny years” as Mr. Sullivan so inaccurately put it, is mostly to prepare a person to interact with the “real world.”

We all speak of the Notre Dame “bubble” with a certain amount of disgust, so why would one condone an attitude that did nothing to dispel this bubble? I would imagine that four years is a long time to feel like you are subhuman.

To say that the oppressed should just suck it up until they graduate is not fair, so why should anyone else be so argumentative when the advice-giver has nothing to suck up.

Another point made was that those who feel they are oppressed should act instead of talking. Confronting the administration is no easy task. A group must discuss its goals, ideologies, and strategies before it acts in the most effective and reasonable way. All of the talking has not been in vain, for if no other reason than it has raised awareness.

Mr. Sullivan uses the term “bloody hearts” as though it were a condition to be swiftly rectified. At least some are opening their hearts to something beyond themselves. Mr. Sullivan seems determined to keep the oppressed oppressed, and I seriously doubt, based on his comments, if he has any experience with racial hatred or abuse based on sexual orientation.

Only one who has been on the receiving end of this negativity would ever have grounds to speak as Mr. Sullivan did, and even then he could certainly not speak for the entire community of which he was a part. When he finds himself in the “real world” one day, he will see that “putting up” with such oppression, as he is advising everyone to do, only encourages further abuse.

Sullivan’s article is a topic of horror with each paragraph. “The only reason people are oppressed is because they want to be.” Really? I’m sorry, but fairly few people are being oppressed, but certainly there are many who feel they are oppressed and I seriously doubt, based on his comments, if he has any experience with racial hatred or abuse based on sexual orientation.

Oppression runs in many forms, and we can’t forget that.

Mr. Sullivan used Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example towards his defense, comparing with the situation Dan Sullivan expressed are precisely what that great man saw as the most dangerous impediments to his cause of justice — “the white moderate who is more interested in preserving order than justice, who prefers a negative definition of justice, who prefers a negative judgment of anyone who challenges him long enough to see something that actually matters.”

Laure Wolfe
Sophomore
Pasquale East
March 18, 1999

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**DONT TOLERATE OPPRESSION with...**

**SILENCE...**

**BLINDNESS...**

**DEARNESS...**

**Animal Rights Article Unnecessarily Insensitive**

I am writing to let Dustin Ferrell know that I appreciate his superficial attempt at humor (though unsuccessful), but also to clarify his stated misconceptions.

Although I agree with him that few people feel animals and humans deserve equal rights, I am compelled to believe that no being created by God desires to be mistreated, exploited, or manipulated for the mere pleasure or entertainment of another of God’s creatures.

The manner in which he stated the right to “maritime, to swift cooking, to a clean shot, to decorate, to jump through hoops at Sea World, to entertain (him) on Jay Leno and Wildlife Shows, and to test cosmetics,” simply illustrates the insensitive way you chose to approach an issue that means a great deal to many, especially those that can’t speak for or defend themselves.

The other rights “to sniff airport luggage land to start in Disney movies” raises a slightly different issue. Luckily, those animals that participate in activities such as “Air flud,” have a constant companion in an animal rights representative while making a film.

Mr. Ferrell and I share the same sentiments, on movies that hold wild animals captive for filming (thankfully, Willie) has been freed, but obviously for different reasons.

Concerning the last right “to bite owners who make pets wear sweaters and bandanas,” I agree that although we are responsible for caring for animals that we have domesticated, that does not include dressing animals up to make them “cute” by human standards.

I do not expect Mr. Ferrell, or anyone else, to become vegans, refuse to hunt or fish, boycott circuses and the like, solely purchase products not made from or tested on animals, or any of the other lifestyle changes I make based on my belief that we do not have the right to harm or abuse animals. I am not asking him to agree with me, but just to recognize that in his column he expressed his views in an unnecessarily insensitive manner.

Nicole Wallis
Sewer
Wells Fargo
March 19, 1999

**Liberation Theology Not ‘Just a Sociology’**

I am writing in response to Gabriel Martinez’s criticism of liberation theology in The Observer on March 17.

Liberation theology is a way of doing theology (i.e., thinking about the mystery of our Christian faith) which sees the salvation Jesus Christ offers as intrinsically related to (though not synonymous with) people’s struggle to overcome their poverty and change the sinful arrangements that help keep people poor and “unimportant.” That struggle is made from within but in the context of our Christian faith, and verifies the truth of our Christian convictions and commitments.

On this definition, liberation theology is not “marxist” or “just a sociology.” Liberation theology is not even mentioned in Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the focus of Mr. Martinez’s article and the basis for his critique of liberation theology. The socio-political dimensions of the gospel are well-documented by many theologians, many of whom are not liberation theologians.

Liberation theology certainly does see Jesus as the truth — that sets people free for genuine, concrete love of God and neighbor — which demands, among other things, an honest and disciplined look (using social sciences as a tool, when helpful) at the reality of suffering, injustice, and prejudice, not simply in the name of Christ for doing so.

The idea that salvation begins and rests with what happens to my own soul is a very difficult claim to sustain on biblical and theological grounds.

Like any other theology, liberation theology is not perfect, but it deserves a fair hearing. One can legitimately disagree with some or all of it. The idea of seeing it as an instrument of sin and the dupe of the devil, and this is what I respectfully invite Mr. Martinez to do.

I applaud his view that theology classes should “preserve Justice, and Truth and Human Dignity,” and suggest that this is what liberation theology tries quite successfully to do.

James Ball
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March 31, 1999

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**VIEWPOINT**

Monday, March 22, 1999
**The intended cruelty of dangerous sex**

By JULIE HAMILTON

*American Society Editor*

Here's the recipe for making a dark tale of manipulating love: Take two spoiled socialites from Manhattan and add one wager laced with seduction and the robbery of innocence. This will result in the wicked story of deception, "Cruel Intentions." The film stars Sarah Michelle Gellar ("The Grudge") as the emotionally troubled Cecile, and Ryan Phillippe ("Street Smart," "Pleasantville") as the self-centered Sebastian. As for seducing Cecile, you can count me out.

"Cruel Intentions" is a modern twist on the novel, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" ("Dangerous Liaisons"). Its main character is a ruthless social adaptation was the Oscar winning "The Talented Mr. Ripley," followed by "Analyze This." The intended cruelty of dangerous sex was supposed to be more than a laugh, and it finally happens.

**"Analyze This"**

Director: Harold Ramis

Starring: Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal and Lisa Kudrow

(Out of five shamrocks)

By CHRISTIAN A. PIERCE

Savvi Mona Vista

Does a joke become funnier the more times you hear it? Probably not. If anything, you get annoyed.

Well, in the film industry, this frequently happens with previews. When promoting a comedy, advertisers will typically cut and paste a few humorous scenes for the film. If you find these scenes funny, then the advertisers have done their job by enticing you to go see the film. Yet, the sad fact is, once we hope that there are other humorous scenes aside from those in the commercials. If you don't, you're probably pretending to consider that the commercial was fake and you just wanted $7 on the film.

Herein lies the problem with Harold Ramis' new film, "Analyze This." The previews showed the beauty chemistry that actors Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal seem to have. We watch as mob boss Paul Vitti (De Niro) turns to mob psychiatrist Dr. Ben Sobel (Crystal). Now, this sounds like an incredible idea for a movie—a New York mob boss is suffering panic attacks due to his related stress. So why does he seek treatment from a psychiatrist? Because Dr. Sobel is such an ingenious concept, with the potential for so much material. Yet, it is one thing to come up with an idea; it is another to actually see it through. And "Analyze This" unfortunately never involving a great deal of laughter in the audience. Almost every single scene is used and I found them enjoyable, I had already seen them numerous times. The remainder of the movie is composed of stupid little scenes where De Niro acts poorly and Crystal's catch phrases fall to the ground. This appears rather unusual as both actors are of high quality, each having so much stellar work in the past.

I don't know if I can express how truly bad De Niro is in this film. Comedy has never been his forte, but acting with the likes of Billy Crystal, one would think he might rise to the occasion. The character of Paul Vitti is one rather suited for De Niro, similar to his role of Al Capone in "The Untouchables." So why is it De Niro can never master the role of Capone, but falls flat on his face and Vitti? To be quite honest, I'm not sure you're wondering what's so bad about De Niro and Crystal? Well, the list goes on and on, though a few problems really stand out. First, the film is not as funny as it should be. De Niro is called on to cry in this film numerous times, something this mob boss is clearly not accustomed to. As he cries, one never can tell if he is really posed to be crying or if he is merely faking it. Director Harold Ramis probably wanted the audience to find De Niro's crying humorous, but it just comes out as more morose. Clearly, De Niro can not act out a scene which requires crying, and Ramis should have excluded such scenes from the film. Crystal on the other hand is undeveloped as the therapist Dr. Ben Sobel. We see a few scenes in which Sobel interacts with the problems of his patients: the middle-aged couple, complaining about their sex life. Dr. Sobel manages how he reacts to these couples, usually screaming, "Get a life." Yet, professionally he gives these people advice and continues his mild mannered practice.

Apparently, Dr. Sobel is supposed to see bored, so one would think having mob boss Paul Vitti as a client would be exciting. Wrong! Dr. Sobel is getting married soon to a television news reporter Laura MacNamara, played by Lisa Kudrow. This angry version of Phoebe Buffay seems to have no association with him which is obviously dangerous. She continually moans off to Mr. Vitti, who finds her irritating, upsetting his condition ever further.

Dr. Sobel must then break off his relationship with Vitti if his marriage is to survive. Vitti will hear nothing of it, and like any other mob boss, he gets his way by force. Anyway, they meet, she talks, Vitti thinks he's cured. Dr. Sobel knows he's not and the film drags on and on and on.

From the start, this film is utter garbage—something not apparent in the previews. The film is filled with credible actors and actresses performing at their worst. No one in this film can seem to act, which is a shame since they are all extremely talented. The writers never even know what to do with their time. They keep the general idea of "Analyze This!" to the point there is nothing new. The guess is not going to help a comedy get a good review.

"Analyze This!" What are you kidding me? There's nothing in this film to analyze. The humor is too sparse and the staff in between is so tediously boring, that this film just never gets going. My recommendation to you would be to catch the previews and enjoy the humor, because that's all this film's got. Save yourself the seven bucks. Skip "Analyze This."

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**"Cruel Intentions"**

Director: Richard Kimble

Starring: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, Reese Witherspoon, Selma Blair and Joshua Jackson

(Out of five shamrocks)

By JEREMY SAGNAM

Savvi Mona Vista

The tale seems trivial and easy for this experienced lover, he accepts. Sobel has also become preoccupied with another more challenging conquest. There's a new girl in town, and she is the new headmaster's daughter at Sebastian and Kathryn's exclusive high school. Antoine is intrigue to Kathryn because of her beauty as well as her chutzpah, which she shows in an article she had recently written in Seventeen. Sebastian always gets the women he wants, and he is determined to win Antoine as well.

Sebastian has Kathryn that he can take away Antoine's purity by the time the fall semester begins. Kathryn agrees to the bet, but on one condition; the losses, he gets, she gets.

Does any of this seem familiar to you? If it does, don't worry too much. "Cruel Intentions" is a modern twist on the novel, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" ("Dangerous Liaisons"). Its main character is a ruthless socialite. The intelligent, multi-taking Miss Vitti, who finds her irritating, upsetting the general trend of "Dangerous Liaisons."

Both Antoine and Sebastian are being constantly reminded by their teacher about the moral implications of their behavior. Antoine agonizes over her feelings for Sebastian and Kathryn's cruel plotting.

Sebastian bets Kathryn that he can seduce her in a weekend. Kathryn accepts on the chance to seduce Antoine. She will have the opportunity that she has desired for months. With her new prize possession—a hot 1956 Jaguar—she hits the streets at 100 mph. The fun is on.

While Antoine is having a bad day, Kathryn is suggesting her to give up her boyfriend, Trevor. Antoine is married. Sebastian knows that it is silly and tells Antoine that she is missing out. Antoine is upset that her marriage is to survive. Vitti will hear nothing of it, and like any other mob boss, he gets his way by force. Anyway, they meet, she talks, Vitti thinks he's cured. Dr. Sobel knows he's not and the film drags on and on and on.

When promotions for a film are commonly taking it, the film's got. Save yourself the seven bucks. Skip "Analyze This."
"Ghostbusters," the precursor to such recent films as "Men in Black," is an '80s classic about four rejects from the scientific community who go on to fight the multitude of phantoms running amuck in New York City, eventually saving the entire world. Being "children of the '80s" ourselves, I'm sure a majority of us can remember the popular cartoon, "Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters," but I was surprised to find a few people who had never even seen the film from beginning to end. Written by Ivan Reitman and Harold Ramis, the film comedy is strong, combining elements of slapstick and sight gags — at times reminiscent of The Three Stooges — with the quick wit of Peter Venkman (Bill Murray).

The plot is easy to follow with a setup leaves no loose ends by the conclusion. Character development, however, could have used some strengthening. For instance, Winston Zeddmore (Ernie Hudson), the late addition to the group, holds little purpose in the scheme of the plot, besides the fact that he is an unbeliever made believer. And the fact remains that Peter also fills this role as well.

The cast of the film is filled with familiar actors, including Bill Murray, Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Rick Moranis and Harold Ramis, who more than aptly pull off the comedy in many scenes, while still leaving an eerie suspense to other scenes.

The only problem with this film is that the film is somewhat dated by its special effects. Ghosts for the most part seem to come out more hokey than spooky, and the claymation dogs, inserted with bluescreen, are embarrassing when compared to today's computer-generated characters. Whereas these primitive effects do not detract from the humor of the film, they give the film a campy feel, which I don't believe the film makes desired.

Though the film's special effects may be lacking, one of the things that has made this film so successful for the past 15 years is that the script does not completely depend on the support of the special effects. Instead, it is more character-driven than anything else. The ghosts are fun to look at but at the most interesting aspects of the film are how the Ghostbusters, especially Peter Venkman, react to each other.

Finally, one of the simplest reasons why this film seems to stay in the pop culture mind even after 15 years is because it is loaded with memorable lines. Who can ever forget "I've been slimed," "Don't cross the streams" or Winston Zeddmore's sage advice, "Ray! If someone asks you if you're a god, you say yes!"

Without spoutable little jewels such as these I honestly doubt this film would have ever been so popular. "Ghostbusters" is a hilarious '80s classic, which can still hold its own today. Because of its character driven plot, more primitive special effects are easily overlooked, while the comedy and one-liners are sure to be noticed and appreciated for years to come.
Women's Basketball

Three top-seeded teams remain
Battle for Final Four slots begins with women's top seeds still alive in tourney

Associated Press

And now, the toughest, most pressure-packed round of all in the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Three No. 1 seeds remain standing among the eight teams that are ready for Monday night's regional championship games, which determine who goes to the Final Four in San Jose, Calif., next weekend.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt has said that because a trip to the Final Four is at stake, the regional finals are the most difficult games in the tournament. And she knows from experience.

Last year, Tennessee had to rally from 12 points down to beat North Carolina 76-70 in the Midwest regional final. Vols then routed Arkansas and Louisiana Tech to win their third consecutive straight national championship and finish 39-0.

This year, another Atlantic Coast Conference team stands between Tennessee and trip to the Final Four. The top-seed in the Midwest brackets (31-3) play No. 3 seed Duke (27-6) in the East Regional at Greensboro N.C., and No. 1 seed Louisiana Tech is in the West Regional.

Survival depends more on mental toughness than talent.

"The game is won in the commitment to going out and being the best team in March with less talent, than it is bad. We've got to look at your team and look at your opponents and think about how you have to influence them. At this time of year it's a lot about being mentally strong and disciplined," said Tech coach1s Winslow, who has survived more than enough.

The top No. 1 seed still playing is Tennessee in the Midwest and West. Top-ranked Purdue (31-1) takes a 29-game winning streak against third-seeded Connecticut (28-4) in the Midwest at Normal, Ill. In the West at Los Angeles, top-seeded Louisiana Tech (31-3) seek a 10th Final Four trip, play No. 3 seed UCLA (26-7).

The surprise team at this point in No. 4 seed Iowa State (26-8), which knocked out Tennessee. The Cyclones, who have won only one NCAA tournament game before this year, play third-seeded Georgia (26-6) in Cincinnati.

Tennessee and Duke met earlier this year, with Tennessee's 94-66 win in December. Duke coach Gail Goestenkors welcomed the challenge.

"We just need to go out and attack with the offensive style we have," said Goestenkors. "We don't really think we're intimidated by it. We just want to go out and play our game."

Louisiana Tech faces a UCLA team concerned about the performance of its guard All-American Mateen Cleaves, who sprained her right ankle 25 seconds into the Bruins' semifinal victory over Colorado State.

She watched the rest of the game from the bench wearing a knee-high walking boot.

"We don't really consider her a freshman anymore. She loves the pressure," UCLA coach Kathy Olivier said. "The bigger the game, the better she plays."

Iowa State is looking for its second top-seeded Connecticut 64-58 on Saturday with a flurry of 3-point baskets at the end. In Georgia, the Cyclones face an opponent with a crafty coach, Texas coach Rick Barnes, who has won 31 NCAA tournament games and already has traveled to the Final Four.

Landers built the kind of program that Iowa State is trying to become. The victory over Connecticut was a big step in that direction, coach Bill Freedy said.

"We have the proof now that we're a decent team," Freedy said. "We've won 23 games, made it this far and beaten a good team. We have a lot more credibility now. We would love to go on and continue to play."
What does the Church say and not say about homosexuality?

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7:30 p.m.
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Hesburgh Center for International Studies
Public Reception to follow in the Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center

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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Always Our Children,
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Men's Basketball

Duke topples Temple, 85-64

Blue Devils secure 12th Final Four appearance

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Duke is where everybody expected it to be this season, and where the Blue Devils haven't been since 1994—the Final Four.

"It's great to be at the level Duke has been and where we're back there again," sophomore center Elton Brand said Sunday after the 85-64 victory over sixth-seeded Temple in the East Regional final.

The nation's top-ranked team is closing the decade where it was almost every year of the start of the '90s.

The Blue Devils (36-1) extended their school-record winning streak to 31 games and will be making their 12th Final Four appearance, ninth under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

On Saturday, in St. Petersburg, Fla., Duke plays Michigan State, which beat Kentucky 73-66 to win the Midwest Regional. The Blue Devils beat the Spartans 73-67 in December in the Great Eight.


"It's been a long time coming and it's something I haven't experienced," fifth-year senior Trajan Langdon said. "Coming into this game I knew it was my last chance to go to the Final Four."

Langdon, a second-team All-America, did something about it with an impressive shooting display against Temple's famed zone defense, going 5-for-6 from 3-point range and finishing with 23 points.

"He is as pure a shooter as I've seen in college basketball," Temple coach John Chaney said.

The deprived Chaney of his first trip to the Final Four. It was the fourth time he had a team in the regional final and it was third time he lost that game in Continental Airlines Arena.

The first of those was to Duke in 1988, and Temple, which has been to two Final Fours, the last in 1958, lost to North Carolina there in 1991.

This tournament run was the least likely for Chaney.

"Just being here a fourth time is a tremendous honor as far as I'm concerned," Chaney said. "This ranks up there as one of the best and these kids are going to win and win and win."

The matchup zone employed by the 67-year-old coach kept the game close for a while. But Duke, the heaviest tournament favorite since UNLV in 1991, had too many answers.

There was the outside shooting of Langdon, the inside power of Elton Brand and the athleticism of one of the nation's deepest teams.

It was all too much for Temple (24-11).

"Our teams are similar but his has better athletes," Chaney said, referring to Krzyzewski. "I just hope whoever plans to beat them believes in the Lord."

The Owls were hit with their worst loss of the season, allowed more than 55 points for the first time in this tournament and gave up the most points by a Chaney-coached team in 15 NCAA tournament appearances.

Brand, the only unanimous first-team All-America, had 21 points and eight rebounds. The Blue Devils, second in the nation in field goal percentage at 51.6, shot 60 percent (27-45).

Mark Karcher and Lamont Barnes each had 19 points for Temple, which shot 38 percent (22-58).

Temple got within 64-54 with 10:26 to play on a 3-pointer by Karcher. That may not seem close, but the Blue Devils had won their tournament games by an average of 33 points and their 26.1 average margin of victory is tops in the country.

Duke, which leads the nation averaging 93.2 points per game, came right back with an 11-2 run, the last four points coming on a power dunk and nice low post move by Brand and the lead was 73-56 with 5:51 to play.

"I thought we were playing to keep a margin," Krzyzewski said. "We held them a couple of times and I felt coming in that how we defended them would be the most important aspect of the game. If we play well on the defensive end it helps us offensively."

Temple's last lead was 11-10 with 13 1/2 minutes left in the half. Langdon then hit the second and third of his three straight 3s to start a 12-0 run and suddenly the zone had to extend.

The Owls did get within 30-25 with 3 1/2 minutes left on a 3-pointer by Mark Karcher, but a 6-0 run over the next minute had the lead back to 11.

The Blue Devils put the exclamation point on the first half when freshman Corey Maggette flew into sight and dunked the rebound of a missed 3-pointer by Avery to make it 43-31.

"You don't get a chance to play for the national championship until you get to the Final Four," Krzyzewski said. "Now we can talk about winning the national championship."
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faced against Smart was fairly equip-
ment. Neve had wired his sword wrong
so that when he parried Smart’s attacks
with his weapon, the sword system still
registered a touch. It was only late in
the bout that he discovered this error.
Equipment problems aside, Neve still
favored his worst match of the day against
Smart.
“I was very flat,” he said. “I didn’t brake
well. He had a strange tempo until I wasn’t
adjusting to it well.”
Despite the disappointing loss in the
finals, Neve’s performance was still
remarkable for a freshman fencer. His
second place-finish was the best by an
Irish freshman since Walsh finished sec-
ond her freshman year. In his first NCAA
appearance, Neve was the only Notre
Dame fencer to win first-team All-
American honors.
The sabre team’s 32 points — five more
than any other team — confirmed that
their undefeated dual-match record was no
fluke and that the Irish had the top sabre
team in the country.
Men’s Foil
The foil team scored the most dramatic
turn-around on Friday. After Thursday’s
competition, Auriol and Hayes found
themselves in 17th and 14th place with only
one match to play.
A completely different foil squad stepped onto the strips for rounds five
through seven. Hayes won five of his five
of the nine bouts and Auriol won six of
nine as the sub-squad rallied to finish
seventh and scored 21 points for the
team. At the 1998 championships, the full
team managed to score only 15 points.
“It felt good to end the tournament on
an up-note,” St. John said. “It could have been easier for us to give up.”
Men’s Epee
Junior James Gaither and freshman
Brian Casas made their NCAA debuts for
the Irish on Friday afternoon as the men’s
epee competition began.
The competition was marked by inconstancy. He defeated many of
the top fencers while also falling to weaker
fencers. In one of the highlights of the
tournament, Gaither broke through St.
John’s furious Levit’s arrogant style to
score a thrilling victory. While Levit
duced and seemed to taunt Gaither with his
relaxed attitude, Gaither dominated the
bout and embarrassed Levit by scor-
ing a touch.
“For some reason I was able to beat all
the top guys and bordered against guys I
should have beat,” he said. “Some guys
just had my number today and some
didn’t. But I also think I fell into the Notre
Dame-stigma of playing down to an oppo-
ment’s level.”
Gaither posted an 11-12 record and fin-
ished in 14th place overall. Casas — fo-
cing in the championship in his first year
of collegiate competition — had an excel-
ent tournament. He flirted with the top
four spots through six rounds before
dropping two bouts in round seven to fall
out of contention for a spot in the semifin-
als. He won 14 bouts and placed eighth overall in the epee tournament. He joined
fellow freshman Stetche on the All-
American list for his performance.
The epee team earned 25 points for the
Irish and finished fifth overall.
Women’s Foil
The women’s competition began on
Saturday with the Irish still trailing Penn
State by a huge margin. Only a perfect
performance by the women and a col-
lapse by Penn State could save the title for
the Irish. The Irish fencers were strongly
in line to win. However, Penn State did
stumble a bit. Notre Dame managed to close the gap to a mere
seven-point lead Saturday afternoon before Penn State pulled away on Sunday.
The disappearance of the Irish fencer at
chance at a title hurt the women’s drive a
lot on Sunday.
“It’s hard when you realize that you are
going to take nothing as a title,” said fellow
Myriah Brown who earned All-American
honors for the fourth consecutive year.
“It was difficult to lose your reason that you
were fencing. It is tough to group and start
fencing for individual honors and to main-
tain second place rather than fight-
ing for first.”
Brown and fellow foilis Walsh teamed to
earn 32 points for the Irish, good for
fourth place overall.
Walsh finished fifth in the tournament.
She lost to fourth-place Behra Kalkina
with 19 wins but lost the tie-breaker on
indicators 59-44. She just barely missed
becoming the third Irish fencer to qualify
for the semifinals in all four years of com-
petition.
Brown finished 11th overall with 13
wins. She earned also earned All-
American honors for the fourth time in her
career.
Junior James Gaither finished his NCAA competition with an overall record of 11-12, plac-
ing 14th in men’s epee and leading the Irish to a second place finish.
Brown and Walsh closed their careers
as the most prolific women’s foil combi-
nation in Irish history. The two combined for 522 victories and eight All-American
awards. Brown is the Irish career leader
in foil wins while Walsh stands in third.
They hold four of the 10 best single-sea-
son foil records and single-season winning
percentage. They are only two of only
three women’s fencers to earn All-
American honors for the Irish four times.
Women’s Epee
The women’s epee team also performed
well at the tournament.
“We fenced very well today,” three-time
All-American Maglin Krol said. “We
were strong, had good style and
fought hard.”
Following a red card that cost her
the match against Heidi Triggs of Air
Force, Krol evolved nine straight
wins. Krol, however, claims that the
red card did not inspire her to fence
stronger.
“ ...the red card behind me.,” Krol said. “I always try to focus on
one bout at a time and not worry
about other bouts.”
Krol, a junior, finished eighth in the
tournament win 14 wins. She
came out of the Irish women’s
dual-matches.
Fencing valiantly against the strong Penn State epee team. She
still dropped her first two bouts.
Mustilli, however rallied in her final
bout against Meghan Gaseour of
Northwestern. Fedding off the energy
of the crowd and an inner strength that
guided her to 304 career wins, she
defeated Gaseour to close her career with
a win.
Mustilli is the second winning-most
woman fencer in Irish history. She
also owns the distinct honor of owning records in both epee and foil.
Fencing fell her freshman year, she won 69 bouts and still stands
10th in both single-season wins and
seventh in career winning percentage.
She made the transition to epee her
freshman year and distinguished herself as one of the top Irish epeeists of all-time.
Her 235 career epee wins are good for
second all-time and she has the third-best winning percentage in Irish history.
Despite all the individual accomplish-
ments of the Class of 1999, the fourth-
straight second place finish was still a bit
fterrier to swallow.
“We could have improved better,” Brown
said. “It’s not the end I hoped for.”
“We could have won NECAs with the
talent we have,” Krol said. “We have
some mental problem with our mental
psyche. We are lacking something very
to win the tournament.
Coach Auriol, who has always called
this senior class a “special class,” felt
that the title was just not meant to be this
year.
“Last year we missed the opportunity to
win nationals,” he said. “Penn State was
just not strong this year. I know that it is
difficult for the seniors to finish second
again. But this just wasn’t our year.”

Fencing Championship Results
Penn State - 171 Points
Notre Dame - 139 Points
Stanford - 136 Points
Princeton - 118 Points
PITCHING LEADS TEAM TO DOUBLEHEADER VICTORY

By BRIAN KESSLER

Behind strong pitching performances from Aaron Heilman and Tim Kalita, the Notre Dame baseball team swept Saturday's doubleheader with West Virginia (6-9) and improved to 11-6 on the season.

The Irish took the first game 4-1 and followed it up with a 6-4 victory in the nightcap.

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West Virginia's Lewis Ross drove in Bushey and pushed the Irish lead to 1-0. Bushey drove in the final run of the afternoon on a ninth-inning double down the left-field line. Designated hitter Matt Nussbaum's sacrifice fly deep to center scored Todd Brock then robbed him of a two-run double.

Notre Dame's Jeff Cummings hit a two-run blast in the bottom of the inning, but Bushey was gunned down stealing second base.

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Junior righthander John Corbin struck out two in the ninth and notched his third save of the season.

"Weather permitting, we're looking forward to getting the season underway at home," said Ust. "We have a big homestand in April, so it'll be good to play on our field, be in our dugout, and get the Eck season going."

West Virginia tied it up in the top of the fifth inning. But Heilman allowed four runs on seven hits and a walk in his career high with four strikeouts in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

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Belles drop three matches

Saint Mary's falls victim to tough Division I foes

By ANGELA FOX

The Siu-mt's tennis team started off their season against tough competition from some Division I schools. The Belles lost against a tough foe in Arizona for the second time this season. Although the Belles lost against a tough foe in Arizona for the second time this season, they managed to win one match. The doubles team seems to be coming together now that they have played more together and are developing strategies. The doubles winners were No. 1 Valles/Knash (6-0, 6-0), No. 2 Kremer (6-1, 6-0), No. 3 Kremer Geimer (6-1, 6-0), and No. 5 Jarratt (6-0, 6-0) and No. 6 Eichbaum (6-1, 6-0). The doubles teams seem to be coming together now that they have played more together and are developing strategies. The doubles winners were No. 1 Valles/Knash (6-0, 6-0), No. 2 Kremer Geimer (6-1, 6-0), and No. 3 Jarratt Eichbaum (6-1, 6-2). Next Thursday Saint Mary's will play against Adrian College, whom they defeated last year 9-0. Valles said with a stronger team they should expect the same results.

Not surprisingly, at least to those who follow college hoops that hasn't turned out to be the case. On the contrary, the first two weeks of this year's March march to the Final Four have proven once again that no amount of jocktalk concerning what must be the best event in all of sports can ever be premature. How do I know this? Because I spent the first weekend of this year's tournament being just about as frustrated as I could be, as I watched my predicted winners seemingly every game lose. It started with Georgia over Minnesota, a mild upset. of a 10 seed over a seven which was playing without four of its players.

However, in the weeks of the next two days, every other 10 seed Purdue, Creighton, and Miami of Ohio -- all won. Of course, I didn't pick one of them to make it out of the opening round. That made it even more fun when three of these four (all but Creighton) won again on the weekend and made it to the Sweet 16. But it didn't take me that long to figure out that any chance I had to be a professional oddsmaker was evaporating before my very eyes. No, that happened before the week-end even started.

You see, in the process of conducting my rigorous scientific approach to choose the winners of all 65 games, I somehow came up with a Final Four of Duke, Arizona, Maryland, and North Carolina. Despite the fact that this Final Four included three teams from the ACC, it still seemed semi- reasonable. It consisted of a one, two, three, and four seed, which is realistic and still accounts for upsets. Of course, these picks were made before I had two left of watching the games. Herein lies the problem.

North Carolina, the number three seed in my group, lost to Weber State, the fourteen seed, in the first round.

The next Arizona, the number four in the group, lost a 61-46 nail-biter to the number thirteen Sooners of Oklahoma. Whops.

Maryland at least made it to the Sweet 16 before bowing out to St. John's, salvaging a little, albeit hardly any, respect for my bracket -- which by this time had quite a few X's on it.

I hadn't even picked Duke, my only Final Four team still standing, to make it to the title game, basically because I got sick of everyone telling me the trophy was already theirs. That just bugs me, especially as a North Carolina fan.

And yet, this tournament has been a blast so far for me. I don't have to worry about checking my picks anymore. I can just watch the games, enjoy the basketball, and wait for the upsets and the excitement that come with them, which cannot be matched.

This makes for a great tournament.

Most of all, I can sit back now and wait for someone to beat the Buckeyes. It's my last chance at redemption. I still maintain someone's going to do it before this tournament is over, even though everyone you ask would let them cut down the nets today if they could. Maybe by the time this is printed, Temple will have proven me right. And if not them, one of the teams after them.

Watching how all this will play out is providing for another awesome March. And the thought of my redemption makes me happy. Otherwise, that would be no instance of premature jocktalk. But I don't think so.

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Abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment demean the lives of countless individuals in our society. Gather with us in Eucharistic Adoration to pray for an end to the culture of death.

Jesus is here with us in the Eucharist to give us answers—answers that will lead us to truth, happiness and peace. In this culture of death, it is easy for people to become weary and indifferent to God and His gift of life. People often fall short of their obligation to care for and nurture the spiritual and physical lives of themselves and others. Eucharistic Adoration gives a person the opportunity to nurture his own spiritual life, as well as the spiritual lives of others (through prayer for them.) Prayer also protects the physical lives of those endangered by abortion, euthanasia and other forms of violence. It is only through the grace which comes from prayer that others’ hearts can be changed from seeking death to loving life. Christ gives us the strength to press on in our battle for life. In order to be Christ-like in our service to preserve life, we must be filled with His life through prayer.

We ask you to join us in prayer for life at Eucharistic Adoration.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

God is present to us in many ways in our world, but He is especially present to us in the Eucharist. As Roman Catholics, we believe that Jesus Christ, who lived 2000 years ago, is truly present in the Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the host is placed in a monstrance, in order for us to be able to come and pray. Jesus is always hidden in the tabernacle, but in adoration He is exposed so that we can come and face before Him, face to face, and speak with God. When Jesus is exposed like this, He can never be left alone. Thus, people sign up to be responsible to come and pray with Him for a certain amount of time (usually 1-2 hour) every week.

Why should I go?

If Jesus were to come to the JACC, wouldn’t you come and stand in line for hours just to talk to Him for a minute? Even if you weren’t Christian, wouldn’t you be at least interested in this God so many people talk about? Well, Jesus is truly present here on campus—in the Eucharist. IN ADORATION YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND SPEAK WITH GOD FACE TO FACE. You can confide in Him, plead with Him, question Him. And if you sit quietly enough, He will inspire you with answers.

What do I do when I am there?

When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. You can stand, sit, or kneel—whatever helps you pray. And then you pray. There are many ways to pray: you can do spiritual reading; you can pray a rosary; you can sit in silence; you can even just talk to Jesus—like you would to a friend. The most important thing is that you love Him and strengthen yourself.

What does the Church think?

"Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in a pyx or a monstrance, is a recognition of the wondrous Presence of Christ in the sacrament and stimulates us to unite ourselves to Him in a spiritual communion. It is, accordingly, eminently in harmony with the worship which we owe Him in spirit and truth...

—Pastor General (Vatican II) Document, J.C.G.W.

Eucharistic Adoration on Campus:

FRIDAY: Lady Chapel in the Basilica: 12:00pm (following 11:30am Mass) – 5:00pm with a Rosary beginning at 4:15pm. (Ends with Benediction at 4:45pm)

MONDAY beginning at 11:30pm (following 11:00pm Mass) through TUESDAY at 10:00pm (Ending with Benediction at 9:45-10:00pm) In Fisher Hall Chapel.
Padres’ Brooks earns first hit

The Observer • SPORTS

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa are making this spring seem a lot like last summer. McGwire and Sosa each hit their eighth home run Sunday to remain tied for the spring training lead. McGwire’s two-run shot came off A.J. Burnett in the third inning of the St. Louis Cardinals’ 16-4 loss to Florida Marlins split squad.

Sosa’s three-run homer came in the second inning of the Chicago Cubs’ 10-7 loss to the San Francisco Giants at Mesa, Ariz.

“He’s ready, I’m ready. He’s got to do a job. I’ve got to do a job,” Sosa said. “For me, it doesn’t take too long to get ready. I’ve been relaxed and patient at home plate and that’s helping me not to swing at pitches I shouldn’t be swinging at.”

Meanwhile, New York Yankees manager Joe Torre was released from Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. According to pathology reports, his cancer was limited to his prostate gland and there is no trace of the disease in the lymph nodes. He is not expected to rejind the team for 6-to-12 weeks, but he will head to Florida to recuperate, according to family friend Jeff Wehling.

“He wants to be near the team, but he also thought it would be better to be there because the weather is much warmer than in New York, and he can get out and do his walking,” Wehling said.

At Port Charlotte, Fla., the Texas Rangers said reliever John Wetteland may start the season on the disabled list. Wetteland has been slowed by a shoulder ailment since the Rangers’ 11-8 loss to the Chicago White Sox. It was his 18th plate appearance.

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“Sosa’s not going to win anything. He’s just pulled two or three of those also re-wrote NCAA and meet records. “We expected it to be competitive, but every time you walk in there you have all those fast people swimming.”

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“Wetteland is still trying to find his rhythm in the lymph gland and disease in the lymph gland and prostate. I’ve been a little behind in doing some physical therapy last month and injury last month and surgery, according to family

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limes of each event returned to score points in the finals. The Irish experienced many near misses to score. Five swims and one set of dives were within three places of making finals.

This includes the 200 freestyle relay and Kline’s 100 breaststroke, both of which placed 17th. Heather Matttingly, Notre Dame’s first diver to qualify for the meet, placed 18th on the three-meter board with 378.10 points.

With the 1998-99 season behind them, team members see it as an overall success.

“I think we made tremendous leaps,” Barger said. “We beat teams we hadn’t beaten before, and team unity is the best we’ve ever seen.”

“This has been a big breakthrough year for us,” Nixon said. “We had a really good season, people worked hard, and it paid off.

They realize, however, that not all their goals were accomplished. For Nixon, the NCAA meet is "something to learn from for next year."

“We have a talented freshman class coming in, and that’s exciting to think about,” Barger said about next season.

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**NBA**

Rodman returns to rally Lakers to win

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Dennis Rodman returned to the Los Angeles Lakers and was his usual deflective self Sunday, refusing to apologize for his eccentric lifestyle or his gambling trip to Las Vegas while his team was on the road losing three of four games.

"I'll be here the rest of the season. I've used up my ball pass," he said, noting that his return got just the kind of reaction from his teammates that he expected - none.

Rodman played 23 minutes Sunday and had four points on 2-for-2 shooting and grabbed six rebounds to help the Lakers overcome a 14-point deficit to beat the Orlando Magic 115-104.

The seven-time rebounding champ, who has helped teams win two NBA championships, insisted the eight-day break had nothing to do with drinking, gambling, smoking or marital problems.

"This game ain't worth that much for me to lose who I am," Rodman said, adding that he was fined $100 a day by the Lakers. "I had to get away because I really didn't know if I wanted to play basketball anymore.

In fact, he said, it was Carmen Electra who helped convince him to return to work after spending part of the past month in Las Vegas.

Asked if he had resolved the matters that left him pondering retirement, Rodman smiled:

"Nothing's ever taken. They just kind of subside for a while," he said of his decision. "I'm happy to be back. I'm happy to play."

He did not apologize - publicly, or to his teammates - for what he said he would do to that. I won't do that," Rodman said.

"Like I said, action speaks louder than words. I came back ... People have to understand this is me. Just let me do what I've got to do and everything will be alright.

The 13th-year pro's teammates were supportive.

"He had personal problems and our organization was gracious enough to let him go to Vegas and do some gambling and clear his head," whatever," Shaquille O'Neal said. "But he's back. We all said what we had to say to him. Hopefully, he doesn't do that again."

Rodman said he arrived in town at about 3 a.m. and accompanied the team to Orlando Arena where he spoke briefly with coach Kurt Rambis.

"I just asked him if he was all right," Rambis said. "He said he was all right, and that was it.

When asked if Rodman assured him he will not leave the team again, the coach said: "I don't think anybody can make those assurances.

Rambis declined to speculate on what might happen if seven-time rebounding champ Rodman decided not to return.

"We'll have to cross that bridge if and when it happens," Rambis said. "I'm not going to rule out hard and fast rules as to what happens in future situations.

It was suggested to Rambis that the Lakers, particularly scorer forward Vlade Divac, would not have tolerated such behavior when Rambis was part of teams led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rodman has been on five championship teams - two with the Los Angeles Clippers and the Chicago Bulls.

However, at age 37, he has grown weary of the game, still, he says, he plans to help get the Lakers a title.

**MEN'S LACROSSE**

ND falls short against Loyola

By Tim Casey

The men's lacrosse team proved it belongs to be mentioned with the nation's elite teams this weekend. The 17th-ranked Irish were narrowly defeated 10-8 by top-ranked Loyola (Md.) in front of a large crowd in Baltimore.

Despite a sub-par performance on Thursday followed by a delayed flight on Friday which caused the Irish to miss their walk-through, the Irish were ready come game time.

"We played well. We were with them the entire game," said assistant coach Tim Finley. "We scrapped for every goal and defensive play that it took. It was the players who really made this game, no doubt about it. They proved to themselves and to the rest of the lacrosse world that they are as good as anyone else.

The Irish opened up the scor­ ing 2:10 into the game on a goal by Chris Dusseau. Steve Biskho also scored in the first quarter, but Loyola's Peter Haas's three goals propelled Loyola to a 3-2 lead after the first 15 minutes. Haas scored again to begin the second quarter, before the Irish offense came alive. They exploded for four unanswered goals before Loyola scored twice. That made the score at six going into the second half.

Dusseau's goal in the third quarter, his fourth goal of the game, knotted the game at seven.

"We played so well that we've set the bar, the level of play that we know we can play at," said Finley. "Now, tell our players that every time you come out you have to play that way. I think they're ready for the challenge."

The road doesn't get any easier for the Irish as they host another ranked team, Hobart on Saturday.

Coach Kevin Corrigan was swarmed by fans yesterday in Boston. Finlay knows his team is in for a battle with Hobart.

"Hobart's a great team. They get better every year. They're as good as anyone else and will come ready to play," said Finley. "We've got a lot to prove. They beat us by a couple of goals last week, so we've got a lot to prove. We've got a lot to prove.

While Tom's back, we're going to give them some serious problems. We've got a lot of players back, an opportunity to play them again and prove that we're the best of the last five better than any last year."

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Sophomore Course (MGT 241) Introduction to Business Ethics

No prerequisite

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 PM (August 30 - September 29)

This course is designed to give the student an introduction to the central questions and fundamental concepts of ethics and morality. The course is focused on a discussion of ethical theories and case studies that help guide the student's problem-solving in ethical situations they will encounter in business. Ethical dilemmas faced by business persons as portrayed in films will be integrated into the class for purposes of discussion and analysis.

Junior Course (MGT 341) Topics in Business Ethics

No prerequisite

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 PM (November 4 - 11)

Students will use cases to analyze ethical problems in the business disciplines including accounting, management, marketing, finance, and MIS. The student will be expected to apply and interpret the knowledge obtained from other courses taken as a business major.

Senior Course (MGT 441) Business Ethics: Field Project

No prerequisite

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 PM (November 17 - December 8)

The senior field project in ethics is designed to give the student practical experience in a social service setting. The objectives of the course are to (1) introduce students to the experiences outside of the university setting; (2) provide a mechanism for enhancing the spiritual and intellectual awareness of students; (3) provide a mechanism for coordinating existing student social service projects with the student's academic work; (4) interact with people whose values have led them into full-time work in the not-for-profit sector.

Each one-hour credit course will meet twice a week for 75 minutes for 5 weeks. The courses will run continuously after each other over the first 5 weeks of the semester; junior course during the second 5 weeks of the semester; and senior course during the final 5 weeks of the semester.

**For more information call Professor Bonnie Freytag at 631-6685.**
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I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAY.
**Irish season ends with five All-American performances**

By WES RICHARDSON

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team ended their season Saturday by placing 28th in the first NCAA meet ever held.

Host Georgia won the meet for the first time with 204 points, defeating 1998 champions Stanford and leaving Southern Methodist at a distant third.

The Irish placed two individuals and two relays in the top 16. Carrie Nixson was first to score, with a 16th-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

Most of Notre Dame's scoring followed immediately with the 400-yard medley relay, the team of Kelly Hocking, Shannon Suddarth, Liz Burger and Carrie Nixon placed 11th, the school's highest finish in an event at NCAA's.

Friday's finals session began with the 200 medley relay, where the Irish team of Hocking, Brittany Klise, Burger and Nixon placed 16th at 1:42.75.

Suddarth wrapped up Irish scoring on Saturday night with a 15th-place finish in the 200 breaststroke at 2:15.20. The swim earned her honorable mention All-America status for the fourth time in her career, making her the most decorated Notre Dame swimmer at the NCAA Championships.

Although the Irish hoped to finish higher in the team standings, other successes minimized disappointment, according to ex-captain Burger.

"We came away with five All-Americans. We've never had a relay before, and it made the top sixes. We had more swimmers than we ever had before," she said.

"We've had a very successful season overall, so we're not disappointed with NCAA's," Nixon said. "It really goes to show how well we work together as a team."

Nixon noted that the meet was more high-scoring than last year. The points were more concentrated among the higher ranks, so higher scores than expected were needed to place among the top 15 teams.

Every event brought a new pool record. In addition, U.S. Open and American records were broken in four events.

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**Fencers strike back to take second**

By MIKE CONNOLLY

**WALTHAM, Mass.**

For the fourth consecutive year, the Notre Dame fencing team finished second at the NCAA tournament in Waltham.