The University of Notre Dame will increase undergraduate tuition by 5.4 percent for the 1999-2000 academic year.

"When the University built the budget for the coming year, we realized our expenses were really growing," said John Seipling, director of finance and budgeting. "As instructional, student services and construction expenses grow, fund must increase and the majority of these funds come from tuition."

In a letter to undergraduate par­ents, University president Father Edward Malloy wrote: "We have sought to cushion the impact of tuition increases with greater student financial assistance. Indeed, increases in University-adminis­tered scholarship aid in recent years have been far greater than the increas­es in student room.

Malloy noted that Notre Dame's tuition still remains much lower than those at comparable private institutions. "On the same note," Seipling explained, "Notre Dame's ability to keep tuition fees down.

"Notre Dame started with a low tuition and has been able to keep it low," Seipling stated. "There are a combination of things, including the endowment, annual gift giving and effi­cient operations that have helped to keep tuition down."

Tuition is lower than most schools. In addition, Notre Dame has an approxi­mate $1.8 million endowment.

"Even though the endowment is large there are several reasons why tuition still must increase," Seipling said. "A lot of the money in the endow­ment is restricted by the donor to go to specific endeavors, and the portion of the money that can be used."

Seipling continued to explain that even though all institutions, Notre Dame uses a formula based on how much

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The Observer/Photo

Our reporting center holds the weekly meeting of the Student Senate as members get involved with swing through ballroom dance and by dancing in swing clubs in Milwaukee, Wis.

"It was the music and the dance itself," he said. "It's a lot of fun. I started meeting a whole bunch of people."

Currently, the club offers a beginning lesson three weeks in a row, then three consecutive weeks of inter­mediate lessons. Through this program, the lessons increase in difficulty and couples don't have to attend every week.

Every fourth week the swing club hosts a dance in St. John's Center, which can act both as a catch-up for those who didn't quite get the steps and as a chance to show off.

Davis would like to see SWING/ page 6

Campus long-distance plan may expand

By MATTHEW SMITH

news Writer

Students may soon have alternate campus long-distance opportunities to weigh against their Cincinnati Bell Long Distance option, according to Steve Ellis, Notre Dame telecommunications manager.

The telecommunications department is looking into greater calling card availability, particularly through the Hammes Notre Dame bookstore.

"We're actively working on it," Ellis said. "No one from administration is stopping the bookstore from going out and getting more cards to sell at their store.

Since 1995, CRLB has enjoyed a virtual long-distance monopoly under that University's bidding policy and telephone-use rules.

"By law we can only block you from long-distance plans when you have a valid contract before you enter your call's area code."

Students would have a choice of three plans:

1. CRLB's plan, which is the only plan available through the bookstore.
2. A calling card from a company other than CRLB.
3. A calling card from their own personal provider.

Seipling was optimistic about the increases. "Notre Dame's major goal under the current tuition increase is to improve students' edu­cation."

In overall spending money, tuition is the highest piece of the pie, and thus as expenses increase, so must tuition," he said. "The money received from the increase will go to many places, but the bulk goes to improving the academy and providing a better education to our students."

Parent's reactions to the tuition increase vary.

"I trust Father Malloy and the tru­sion to charge the amount that is necessary," said Walter Smithe, father of a freshman. "I know that run­ning an institution like Notre Dame is extremely expensive and I am sure that a thoughtful process was used to deter­mine the amount that the tuition would be. I trust they are charging the correct amount."

Not all parents agree, however.

By LAURA PETELLE

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Swing into Action

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T his is not your grand­pa's swing. These aren't the big bands of the 40s. These aren't the same moves. The music isn't as technical.

But the idea is the same — get off the couch and women jumping and giving the night away.

At Notre Dame, the night is Wednesday and the jumpers and twirlers belong to the new swing club, a group that was started this year by seniors Greg Barlin and Heather Denmere who felt that Notre Dame lacked a certain swing culture.

"There was no place to swing around here," said Barlin.

Still, Barlin wanted to swing.

He and Denmure, who began working together in the Ballroom Dance Club, actually got into the swing void.

The pair organized a group of eight student instructors to lead 15 to 35 dancers each Wednesday in room 310 of the Rockne Memorial.

"The music is fun to listen to, and you can't swing dance if you're unhappy," said Barlin. "The music is a refreshing change. It has a good beat."

Scott Davis, a freshman and next year's swing club president, agreed.

"It's a fun dance. It's got to do with the music — first of all; the music just makes you want to dance," he said. "People just like to dance. It's fun."

The swing dance craze has been building for several years with music bands who have a revival when CDs first came on the market and record labels desperate to put discs on shelves railed their archives. Old swing albums that had for years been unavailable went into wide release.


Advertisement also cashed in on the swing craze. A Gap ad featuring swing dancers twirling in Gap Khakis received such a popular response that after Gap pulled it off the air, a letter-writing cam­paign brought it back to the airwaves.

Rands such as Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the Squirrel Nut Zippers began playing a hollower, more ska­influenced version of swing with strong beats, quick tempos and fun melodies.

The new swing dancing is more of a hodgepodge than it was in the 40s, but the two most popular forms of swing dancing remain East Coast style and the Lindy hop, named after Charles Lindberg's famous "hop" across the Atlantic.

But why the popularity at Notre Dame? To a school where "gender relations" — or lack thereof — is a leg­itimate seminar topic, swing provides welcome co-ed contact.

"I think the single-sex dorms can make it a struggle to have dual-sex events," said Barlin. "Something like swing forces people to get off your own dance floor. You can't swing dance by yourself. It's a healthy thing. It's something you can do with a partner. It has a social aspect.

"For the most part, people come as couples, although they don't have to."
As the years have gone by, I've looked back and realized that I have not always had the presence of mind I've needed. This feeling depressed me at first, and I didn't know where to find my inspiration.

Fortunately, a voice called me while watching "First Blood": Part 2. I think John Rambo was being mercilessly pursued by sheriffs who had obviously not taken his civil liberties into consideration. I once had a really bad earache and needed a helicopter, causing an officer to fall out. Keep in mind that Rambo had just fallen through several trees after jumping off of a cliff to avoid being shot. (This was before he witnessed the National Guard troops.)

I was so impressed by this heroic stand that I decided to find out where to find my inspiration myself. I immediately turned the National Guard troops.

For example, consider the folks who graze right outside of the doors at Debartolo. Often they're inside.

I realized the benchmark by which I would judge my further actions. I would simply keep in mind one simple question: What would Rambo do?

As a philosopher, I would expect him to act in such a way if he were able to appropriate a tank. Rambo had then to act in the same fashion and to expose the "Rambo III." Then again, Rambo would notice that the townspeople were going to blow off some steam. Cover pages hanging from the ceiling.

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Teamwork for Tomorrow strives to empower children

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

Seniors J.P. Cooney, Scott Cullen and Elizabeth Krivok are making volunteer opportunities more accessible with their growing Teamwork for Tomorrow program, now in its second semester.

Stated with hopes of brightening the futures of local children, the program focuses on literacy, athletic development, health and nutrition, sportsmanship and teamwork and mentoring. Founder Cooney modeled the program from one he heard about in lecture.

"I first heard about it at an education seminar held through the CSC," Cooney said. "I set up a curriculum and goals," said co-founder and business director Cullen. "The program is very focused and very goal-oriented."

Launched in cooperation with the South Bend Housing Authority, the program invites children who live in public housing to meet twice a week with tutors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. The tutors work with individual or pairs of students in grades three through six on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Funded by a variety of private sources, the program operates on $3,200 per semester.

"We are financially supported by local businesses, friends, benefactors, our families and others," Krivovsky said. "It has changed my life, and it has a profound effect on the children."

Cullen considers the program beneficial to both children and tutors.

"It has changed my life, and it has a profound effect on the volunteers," he said.

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said. Students who try to enroll in long distance programs that require a caller to dial a number other than an area code, such as those offered by AT&T or Sprint are unable to access programs from their dorm rooms. The University blocks calling programs that bill the owner of the phone. Under those plans, Notre Dame would be billed for all long-distance calls made on campus.

Ellis acknowledged that this allows the University to block nearly every long-distance plan. "If we try to use most of those plans, the University will end up getting billed," he said. At present, any attempt to use dial-out plans offered by AT&T, MCI or other long-distance companies from dorm room telephones are automatically blocked.

Some of these cards offer 10 cents a minute rates anytime, in contrast to CBLD's complex calling schedule. On that plan, daytime long-distance calls cost 26 cents per minute, late night calls cost 12 cents per minute with CBLD, you have to call after 11 p.m.

Still, CBLD officials say that their monthly billing plan is easier on the consumer than the alternative. AT&T, for example, would be billed $4.95 for a $4.95 assessment that the University tries to apply to certain standards to its long-distance services. CBLD's contract is up for negotiation in 2000. In these negotiations, the University will try to appeal to certain standards to its long-distance service and use its bulk of subscriptions to influence pricing.

In our contract with CBLD, we require that four rates be a certain percentage below direct dial rates of the big companies," he said. "Every three years, the University takes bids from different companies. If the rates of AT&T and other long-distance companies stay competitive, Notre Dame students could receive a rate reduction within two years.

For now, however, Shindeldecker disagrees with the assessment that CBLD has a monopoly on long-distance service and Notre Dame. "Not at all," he said, noting that students are free to use other calling cards, an option that nearly every student would take advantage of. CBLD regularly donates money to other causes, Shindeldecker also said that for financial aid for Notre Dame.

Tuition

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"I do not feel the increase is appropriate," said Thomas Revers, father of a junior. "I feel tuition is already too high. Over that past few years I've noticed that miscellaneous fees have been increasing also. I never see an explanation for this and just wonder where exactly my money is going."

Although some parents are upset, Malloy tried to explain why Notre Dame is so expensive and the reasons students take a discount of seven percent off what they charge. CBLD provides services other colleges, including Saint Mary's and Northern Kentucky University. Rates for those schools are very similar to Notre Dame's. In addition to its college customers, CBLD serves residential households as well.

But while CBLD's contract will remain intact at Notre Dame next year, there is possibility for change. Every three years, CBLD negotiates a contract with Notre Dame's telecommunications department. During these negotiations, the University has a chance to work to improve student rates. CBLD's contract is up for negotiation in 2000.

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Absent hijacker gets death sentence

BURLINGTON, Iowa

A former security guard at Burlington\'s international airport has been sentenced in absentia to death for a hijacking 14 years ago that left one person dead. It was the first conviction in a hijacking dating back to Burlington\'s 1975-80 civil war. The Military Tribunal late Wednesday found Donald Larson guilty of the Feb. 23, 1985 hijacking of a Middle East Airlines Boeing 707 and sentenced him to death. The plane, with 119 passengers aboard, was hijacked as it prepared to take off from Beirut for a flight to Paris. A 65-year-old man died and seven people were injured as they scrambled down emergency chutes when the five-hour drama ended. Hassan, a Lebanese Brunei and the lone hijacker, slipped away, apparently to Choueifat, a town east of the airport that was then controlled by Brunei millitiamen.

Buddhists want holiday for Buddha\'s birthday

TAIPEI, Taiwan

In predominantly Buddhist Taiwan, Christmas is a national holiday, but the birth of the Buddha is not. Buddhist organizations said Thursday they hope to change that, and are petitioning to have April 8 designated as a day when believers and unbelievers alike may take some time for observation and reflection. "We hope that very soon the day when we celebrate the birth of the Buddha will join other religious days as a national holiday," said Liao Chung, a Buddhist monk who presided over a massive ceremony Thursday to observe the Buddha\'s birthday at a public square in downtown Taipei. The cause-challenging monk in Taiwan, where most people follow a combination of Buddhism and traditional Chinese polytheism.

Mafia friend may receive death penalty

PALERMO, Sicily

Prosecutors who accuse former Premier Giulio Andreotti of helping the Mafia asked a court Thursday to confirm and sentence him to 15 years — a penalty usually reserved for top organized-crime bosses. Andreotti, 80, who was one of the most powerful figures in the last half century of Italian politics, denies that he knew about the 1992 return for votes for his Christian Democrats in Sicily. He insists he is the victim of a vendetta by mobsters angered by his anti-Mafia laws. His trial, which began in the Sicilian capital in 1995, is based largely on testimony from mob turncoats. Closing defense arguments are to begin next month. The jury is expected to deliver its verdict in June.

Clinton and China premier meet press

WASHINGTON

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji promised President Clinton on Thursday to cooperate in investigations of alleged nuclear-weapons spying and illegal campaign contributions by Beijing \"no matter what it may involve.\" But he ridiculed the suggestion of Chinese meddling in U.S. politics and denied the espionage charge.

Side by side with Clinton at a 91-minute news conference, Zhu also rejected U.S. charges of human rights abuses in China as \"unfair\" and an intrusion in its internal affairs.

After a day of talks, both leaders pointedly took note of heightened tensions and suspicions between their nations. Zhu joked that he almost canceled his visit because the political atmosphere in the United States \"is so antagonistic\" and said there is an \"anti-China crowd in America.\"

Yet, at a windup news conference, they claimed important progress on the contentious issue of trade, even though they failed to agree on a market-opening deal that would have cleared the way for China\'s entry into the World Trade Organization — a longstanding Chinese goal.

Clinton\'s economic adviser, Gene Sperling, said China made \"significant movement and concessions\" and the two leaders said they hoped to reach a final agreement by year\'s end.

Clinton and Zhu answered questions, joked and sparred with each other at length. Much of the time was taken up by Zhu\'s long answers and translation, with Clinton listening patiently.

It was the second longest news conference of Clinton\'s presidency — just short of his 94-minute, year-end wrapup appearance before the cameras in December 1997.

Since his communist anti-neocolonial alliance in 1949, Zhu said China \"is not a party to war.\"

"We want to keep people in the region," Atwood said. "We want to prepare the people to return to their homes. It will be a lot easier to undertake that if they are in the region."

He said the administration is still prepared to take people into Guantanamo but will do so only if there are volunteers. He added that many apparently would prefer to remain close to home.

At the Pentagon, Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Wald told reporters that the Guantanamo base was ready to receive Kosovo refugees. But he said, no final decision had been made to fly any there.

The Cuban government, while condemning NATO military action against Yugoslavia, said it has no objection to use of Guantanamo as a refugee haven and also offered to cooperate in providing assistance.

If no refugees are sent to Guantanamo, it could mean that none would come to the United States at all.

Earlier this decade, the base was used for refugees from Haiti and later from Cuba. In 1995, the administration decided to resettle the Cubans in the United States out of concern about a violent uprising by the many Cubans unhappy with their situation in Guantanamo. Officials have said there is no chance that any Kosovo refugees sent to the base will be allowed to stay as refugees on the U.S. mainland.
Swing Workshop focuses on liturgy discussion

A workshop for religious educators and liturgical ministers, entitled "Preaching the Languages of the Liturgy," will be held Sunday through Tuesday at Notre Dame. The workshop, sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Pastoral Liturgy, will bring together priests, men and women religious, lay catechists and liturgy planners for a discussion. The discussion will deal with the words, gestures and objects of Catholic liturgy.

"In the renewal of the liturgy, Catholics have experienced an expanded Liturgy of the Word with a greatly enhanced lectionary and preaching that is grounded in scripture," said Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director of the center and one of the workshop speakers. "But what about the other sources of preaching and mystagogy? How can preachers, liturgy planners, catechists for children, adult initiation teams rediscover the rich and ancient languages of the liturgy? Can mystagogy—opening up the liturgy—again become a vital part of our faith experience?"

Other workshop speakers will include Father Timothy Fitzgerald, associate director of the center and author of "Baptism: A Parish Celebration"; Nathan Mitchell, associate director of the center, editor of Assembly and author of "Eucharist as Sacrament of Initiation"; Craig Satterley, ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and doctoral candidate in liturgical studies at Notre Dame; and Father James Schmitmeyer, author of "The Words of Worship: Presiding and Preaching at the Rites." Further information on "Preaching the Languages of the Liturgy" may be obtained by calling the center.

And if you can't quite get the Lindy Hop under control, you can always ask grandma for some pointers. Be kind to the earth. Recycle the Observer.

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Scheidler: Violence ineffective as a protest measure

By ERIN PIROUTEK

People who shout abortionists must be insane, said Joseph Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Action League, in a lecture Wednesday. "I absolutely abhor violence," said Scheidler. "Our weapons are prayer and action."

Although Scheidler opposed to violence against abortion doctors, he explained that he has also opposed to abortion. Scheidler said certain laws, such as the late permitting abortion, are immoral and should not be obeyed.

Scheidler told about the Nazis in Nazi to Jews was a bad law," said Scheidler. "I fight because it is wrong to kill children. The child is not the rapist. The child is not the cause of the poverty. You don't kill somebody for somebody's convenience."

However, there are consequences to fighting for one's rights, Scheidler said. "When you're fighting against an unjust law, you will have to do things that are seen as illegal," Scheidler said, noting the 16 to 17 arrests he spent time in jail. "If you're doing the Lord's work, you're going to suffer."

Following Scheidler's remarks, Notre Dame law professor Robert Blakyd discussed the legality of Scheidler's pro-life actions. Blakyd, an expert on the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), testified in Congress in 1976 to protect against acts of murder, kidnapping, extortion, provision of illegal goods and services, drugs, corruption in government and public morality, and commercial extortion and commercial bribery.

The case against Blakyd was based upon the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), which was used by Congress in 1976 to protect against acts of murder, kidnapping, extortion, provision of illegal goods and services, drugs, corruption in government and public morality, and commercial extortion and commercial bribery.

Blakyd was personally involved in drafting and interpreting RICO and RICO-type legislation in 23 of the 45 states that have enacted revision laws.

RICO was drafted with the intent that it would not apply at all in the context of social or political protest. Demonstrations, Blakyd said. "Everybody who supported RICO was helping. If you opposed it it believed he had no chance amnesties,\" said Blakyd.

Changes in jurisprudence continued, however. "Contemporary law," said Blakyd. "If the judge comes to the courtroom believing that abortion is a good idea, they will want the law changed. "Maybe the impact of the abortion movement, but I don't think it's been all false speech, That's too high a price to pay."

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"In the renewal of the liturgy, Catholics have experienced an expanded Liturgy of the Word with a greatly enhanced lectionary and preaching that is grounded in scripture," said Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director of the center and one of the workshop speakers. "But what about the other sources of preaching and mystagogy? How can preachers, liturgy planners, catechists for children, adult initiation teams rediscover the rich and ancient languages of the liturgy? Can mystagogy—opening up the liturgy—again become a vital part of our faith experience?"

Other workshop speakers will include Father Timothy Fitzgerald, associate director of the center and author of "Baptism: A Parish Celebration"; Nathan Mitchell, associate director of the center, editor of Assembly and author of "Eucharist as Sacrament of Initiation"; Craig Satterley, ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and doctoral candidate in liturgical studies at Notre Dame; and Father James Schmitmeyer, author of "The Words of Worship: Presiding and Preaching at the Rites." Further information on "Preaching the Languages of the Liturgy" may be obtained by calling the center.

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Clinton pushes for patients' rights

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WASHINGTON

President Clinton and more than 100 Democrats are staging an old-fashioned pep rally and a new-fronted Internet petition drive in this year's fight for the "patients' bill of rights."

The president was flying to Philadelphia today to review his argument for new regulations on HMOs and other managed care plans.

A dozen or more House Democrats were joining him by bus from Capitol Hill, where they were starting the day by unveiling a new Web site where computer users can sign a petition supporting the package.

Another 90 Democrats are fastng out across 32 states for their own campaign-style rallies.

"Democrats are going to take this fight on the road," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn. "We're going to use the latest technology, this information superhighway, to give voice to the people in this country."

Their no-holds-barred push for legislation that died in the Republican-led Congress last year is emboldened by Democratic gains in November's congressional elections.

"The patients' bill of rights is one of the president's highest priorities for the year, and given the changes in the Congress this year, we believe we have an excellent chance of getting a serious, real bill enacted," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said.

A Senate committee approved a more limited HMO bill on a party-line vote last month, but there has been no action in the House yet. Democrats complain the Senate bill would only cover about 48 million Americans who are in health plans regulated solely by the federal government.

Clinton headed to Philadelphia armed with new figures that show his executive action last year extending such protections to 9 million federal employees is costing less than $10 per person per year, with a belief we have an Excellent Chance of getting a serious, real bill enacted."

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"This helps trial lawyers who pocket most of the money, but does nothing to help patients get proper care when needed," said Dan Rather, chairman of the Health Benefits Coalition, which has run television ads in 19 states over the past two weeks.

But White House officials contend that the 25% health plans that serve federal workers also serve private citizens and are providing these guarantees for just a few extra dollars.

"The same things can be applied for all Americans," said Chris Jennings, Clinton's top health policy aide.

The president does not have the power to unilaterally extend to federal workers the most controversial — and most expensive — provision that Democrats are pushing: the right to sue health plans and collect damages when they withhold treatment.

Nor has Clinton turned the perils to pay for "medically necessary care" as determined by doctors. But today, Clinton was newly required federal workers' health plans to adopt two popular provisions: The mandatory release of information about customer satisfaction, the quality of doctors and hospitals, and how doctors are paid — and the allowance for patients to stay with their doctors for 90 days, even if the doctor is dropped from the network, if patients are in the middle of a treatment or pregnancy.
Mergers threaten small bookstores' futures

Associated Press

SEATTLE - Sandwiched between coffee bars and vintage clothing shops on Fremont Boule­
vard, the largest book store in the city's hip, young Fremont neighbor­
hood has everything from obscure titles to bestsellers for more than a decade.

But a sign in the window warns of an uncertain future: "This store is for sale."

The former of the store, like hundreds who run independ­
ent bookstores nationwide, fear their stores could be wiped out by chain-owned megastores and other online retailers that offer virtually limitless titles.

The latest threat comes after the proposed acquisition by Barnes & Noble — the coun­
try's largest book chain — of Ingram Book Co., the world's largest book distribu­
tor.

Independent bookstores said they are not the only ones worried about the impact of the merger.

"The small stores are facing an uncertain future," said Mary Ellen Keating, executive director of the American Booksellers Association. "We are in the middle of a huge shake-up."  

But independent booksellers worry the merger will allow Barnes & Noble to learn what others are selling and use it to compete more aggressively.

"We were all just aghast when we heard about the deal," said Carol Santoro, owner of Fremont Place. "People are becoming more and more of a dynasty."  

While bookstores worry about the potential threat of the merger, that doesn't mean they will be the first to feel the pain.

"You wind up with a smaller and smaller group of people deciding what's available," said Len VHahn of the ABA, based in Tarrytown, N.Y.

While there will always be a John Grishams and other big moneymakers, booksellers also need to make room for lesser known names.

"You like to think artistic content matters," says Santoro. "Not just the bottom line."

Ingram says it is reaching out to its clients to assure them of confidentiality in their transactions.

Predictions that the merger will reduce the variety of books available are just not true, says Mary Ellen Ewing, president of Barnes & Noble.

"We are going to make every book available," she said.

But Wyden says independent bookstores do more than just sell books, and often function as community centers.

"The small stores help make rural life more vibrant," Wyden said.

Mayor from Michigan resigns

Port Huron mayor leaves office because of sexual miscon­
duct charges

Associated Press

PORT HURON, Mich. - Gerald "Al" Ackerman resigned as mayor following his arraignment on 14 counts of sexual misconduct involv­
ing children — which sent shock waves through this city an hour north of Detroit.

"This community just feels violated," City Council mem­ber Cliff Schrader said.

Ackerman, 50, was arraigned Tuesday in St. Clair County. He faces five years in prison by the National Association of Social Workers, which he says is a mostly ceremo­nial ceremonial role, since the city has a city manager to run the government — in 1997.

Ackerman never looked like a typical mayor, with his long flowing red beard, ponytail and leather duds. He didn't have the background of a typ­ical mayor, either. He admitted he's a former drug and alcohol addict and liked to ride motorcycles.

And for this conservative city of 37,000, electing such a man to the mayor's seat took what Schrader described as "a lot of trust."

That trust was shattered as the man who used his story of struggle to overcome drug and alcohol addiction to help young people himself stood charged with sexual miscon­duct involving children he counseled.

The usually flamboyant and outspoken Ackerman stood silent during his arraignment Wednesday in a crowded courtroom.

Ackerman, 42, was charged with six counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, five counts of criminal sexual con­duct, two counts of produc­tion of child obscene material and one count of indecent exposure. The charges involve four girls, ages 9 to 14, police Capt. Brian Moeller said.

Ackerman was accused of taking pornographic photos of some of the girls and appear­ing with them in some. Moeller said. He said police spent four hours Tuesday night searching Clear Choices, a counseling facility that Ackerman runs, and took two computers from it.

Ackerman, for whom the judge entered an innocent plea, was released Wednesday night on $25,000 bond.

Since he moved here in the late 1980s, he has been con­sidered a role model for kids and open to give advice to others trying to break free of their addictions.

"We really opened up to Ajax and his past," City Council member Al Ashford said.

"But Wednesday, those who once welcomed him voiced outrage, others expressed dis­belief."

"I feel kind of let his community down," said Donna Stranyak, a 36-year­old waitress at the downtown Cavis Cafe.

One of her patrons, Randy Arris, a 47-year-old laborer  

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Study: Social Security saves third of elderly from poverty

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WASHINGTON

Social Security benefits keep about a third of the nation’s elderly from slipping into poverty and significantly help narrow the income disparities between women and men in old age, a study released Thursday shows.

“Social Security cuts about in half the gap in poverty rates between elderly women and elderly men,” said Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

The center is skeptical of proposals to remake the Social Security system to allow private investment and generally supports keeping the current system intact.

Overall, the study found that without income from Social Security, 47.6 percent of elderly Americans, or 15.3 million people, would have been poor in 1999. Social Security cut that poverty rate by 11.9 percent, or 3.8 million senior citizens.

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Without monthly Social Security checks, 52.6 percent of women 65 and older would be poor, compared with 40.8 percent of men — a gap of 11.8 percentage points, the study found. But with Social Security, 14.7 percent of elderly women were poor, compared with 8.2 percent of men — cutting the gap between the sexes to 6.5 percentage points.

Women who are not married when they are elderly do not benefit as much, Greenstein said. Even with Social Security benefits, the poverty rate among elderly widows is 20.3 percent, and for single and divorced women it is 27 percent.

The nonprofit research center used 1997 census data to measure the effect of Social Security on lifting elderly Americans’ incomes above the federal poverty level.

Elderly individuals were considered to be poor in 1997 if they had income below $7,698 a year; the level for elderly couples was below $9,712.

Women get a particularly good deal from Social Security, the study found. Although women pay 38 percent of all Social Security payroll taxes, they get 33 percent of benefits.

In part, that is because women live longer than men, and Social Security benefits rise each year to keep up with inflation. Also, women make up the bulk of those who collect the special Social Security benefits that spouses, widows and widowers are entitled to receive — even if they never worked themselves.

Social Security generally provides bigger retirement checks to people who earned more during their working lives, and men tend to earn more than women.

But the program somewhat mitigates that by taking into account a higher percentage of low-wage workers’ earnings when calculating their retirement benefits, and that helps women.

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**Bogus Web report sends stock soaring**

**Hoard increases PairGain Technologies stock 31 percent**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK**

Wall Street has always been flush with rumors, but as an online hoax demonstrated this week, the Internet era of the Web can give a scam a big head start on the truth.

A bogus report on PairGain Technologies purported Wednesday on the World Wide Web boosted the company's stock price 31 percent before the story was debunked.

The incident caught the attention of regulators and reminded investors, especially impulsive day traders, that the Internet era has also wreaked havoc.

"The Internet has become the world's largest conference call," said Anthony Elzey, an officer who runs Pacific Equity Investigations, a research firm. "And with the ease of people talking about stocks having hidden motives for what they're saying."

No one yet knows the source of the rumors, behind the fraudulent report on PairGain, which appeared early Wednesday on Angelfire.com, a Web site that allows scammers to create personal Web pages.

The report said PairGain, a Tucson, Ariz., company that makes call centers and telecommunications equipment, could be acquired by an Irish firm, ECI Telecom, for $1.35 billion, or about twice its current market value.

Traders leapt on the hot tip, buying up shares and touting the stock in chat rooms run by Yahoo! The report appeared credible, with quotes from company officials, and the page was a near-perfect replica of the Web site run by financial newsletter Bloomberg LP.

PairGain shares, which closed at $8.50 Tuesday, rose as high as $11.12 1/2 on Wednesday before company officials confirmed the report was untrue and the page was yanked from the Internet. The stock settled back to close at $9.37 1/2 on Wednesday, on volume of 13.7 million shares. On an average trading day, about 2 million shares of PairGain change hands.

Volume Thursday was down to 1.2 million shares as PairGain slipped 25 cents to close at $9.12 1/2.

PairGain and Bloomberg officials said Thursday that they had turned the matter over to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which wouldn't confirm details of any investigation.

But legal experts said he perpetrator of the PairGain hoax could find himself charged with securities fraud and mail fraud, and could face five to 30 years in prison and a fine of up to $150 million.

The losses to investors who took the bait are tough to tally. Dozens of stock traders lamented the hoax in postings on investment chat rooms, but none were forthcoming about their own experiences.

A few chastised themselves for responding so quickly to the PairGain rumor.

"We got our requirements for allowing ourselves to be impressed," wrote one trader.

"Criminality deserves no admonition," wrote another.

Yet rumors spread over the Internet have been the lifeline of the growing number of day traders, who try to make quick profits from the twists and turns of corporate America.

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**IBM will offer PC products online**

**NEW YORK** IBM plans to offer its entire PC product line for sale over the Internet through a new Dell Computer, Gateway and Compaq Computer — as it goes directly after the small business and consumer market.

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Yugoslavia: Attacks complete, refugees should return home

Associated Press

Yugoslavia urged refugees to return home Thursday, declaring "peace has prevailed in Kosovo" and saying its 14-month war against ethnic Albanian separatists was over. But Western officials feared those same refugees would be used as human shields against NATO attacks.

NATO jets unleashed fierce attacks late Thursday and early Friday against Yugoslavia, even though a former Cypriot president arrived in Belgrade to try to win freedom for three captured U.S. soldiers. A hard-line Serbian vice premier, however, ruled out any release as long as the NATO bombardment continued.

On the 16th night of the U.S.-led air assault, hopes for the prisoners' release were mixed with concern over thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees whose fate was unknown a day after Yugoslavia sealed off its borders and stopped their flight out of Kosovo.

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BELARUS

Authorities arrest candidate

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MINSK

Authorities charged a Belarusian opposition leader Thursday with embezzlement and abuse of office, a month before a presidential election in which he planned to run.

Former Prime Minister Mikhal Chigir was arrested April 2, the day after he was registered as a candidate in presidential elections in which the opposition is hoping to hold in May.

Police said Chigir is suspected of embezzling $1 million during his tenure as Belagroprom Bank, a private bank that he headed before he was appointed prime minister in 1994.

Chigir resigned as premier in the fall of 1996 to protest

Power plant explosion kills two

Associated Press

A thunderous explosion rocked a power plant Thursday morning, killing two workers and injuring 49 people, three critically.

The blast tore a huge section from a building holding the six coal-fired generators at the Tampa Electric Co. plant on the edge of Tampa Bay, two miles from downtown. The explosion was heard at least 35 miles away.

"I thought I was going to meet a maker or go to hell, and it made me want to get right with God," said Robert Worley, a worker who escaped injury.

A leak of hydrogen gas was believed to have caused the blast, which happened as contractors tested a generator following routine maintenance, sheriff's deputies said. Hydrogen is used as a coolant for the generators.

Steve Jenkins, a spokesman for the electric company, said the blast damaged just one of the generators.

The body of Johnny Bass, 52, who worked as a contractor hired to give the unit its spring tune-up, was pulled from rubble. Another worker who suffered burns, Edward Barker, 57, died at a hospital.

Thirty-nine of the injured were taken to hospital. Many of those hurt suffered cuts and smoke inhalation.

The plant, with a work force of about 250, was shut down after the blast. Chigir's says TECO would have to assess the damage before it decided when to fire up the plant again.

Electrical service to customers was not interrupted.

TECO supplies power for 500,000 customers.

The plant accounts for about one-third of the utility's generating capacity.

"I definitely heard a first explosion, small like a waste boom, and then this horrendous explosion," Bill Simmons, who lives a few miles away, told TV station WTVT. "With all this terrorism going on and everything, I didn't know what happened, whether somebody had set off a bomb here or what."

MALAYSIA

Mysterious disease confounds doctors

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR

A tropical virus that has killed dozens of people in Malaysia is the first of its kind and virologists are stumped as to how it spreads, an American health official said today.

Nine scientists from the United States and other experts from Australia, Taiwan and Japan arrived in Malaysia several weeks ago to help the Southeast Asian country determine the nature of the virus believed to be spreading from pigs to humans. The outbreak has killed 90 people.

"This is a new, previously unrecognized virus found in humans," Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta told The Associated Press by telephone.

"This virus has never been seen before.

The scientists have been tramping through pig farms and farming communities where the deadly virus first appeared, wearing gloves, gowns and battery-operated respirators while visiting the worst-hit areas.

"We don't know if it's highly infectious or if the first people to be infected, it certainly doesn't appear, right now, that this is being transmitted from person to person. But we're still not going to rule that out."

Government health experts initially said the outbreak began with the deaths of 15 pigs last October who succumbed to the Japanese encephalitis virus, which is transmitted by the Culex mosquito. Those findings were confirmed by World Health Organization officials from Japan who came to help investigate.

But in late February, the number of deaths among villagers and farmers in the hog-rearing district of Bukit Pelandok in central Negri Sembilan jumped dramatically, prompting health officials, to seek further help.

About 70 people died in a month, including pig farmers who received a vaccine for the Japanese encephalitis virus.

"A mysterious virus" How to the United States on March 17 with samples. Lab analyses quickly proved that the virus wasn't the Japanese encephalitis virus. Instead, it resembled a very rare Hendra virus first detected in Australia in 1994.

Symptoms are the same for both viruses — high fever, acute, eventual coma and death.

The CDC finding plunged Malaysia into further confusion. Pig farmers deserted their homes after police cordoned off their villages. To curb the outbreak, soldiers dressed like astronauts swept through a half-dozen pig-farming districts in an attempt to slaughter a targeted 1 million pigs.

"But it's not Hendra," insisted CDC spokesman Skinner today. "It's a Hendra-like virus, and it has a high mortality rate."

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Culture Shock in Canada

Last summer, while driving through the Ontario and Quebec provinces of Canada, I experienced culture shock in many different ways. I realized, too, that this culture shock — also experienced by many other members of different religions — may be just one of the obstacles in peoples coming together to live in peace.

As my car moved towards Ottawa, Canada’s capital, I began to hear signs in both English and French. I thought that was rather interesting, since the city lies just across the river from the French-speaking Quebec.

The drivers in the city were accommodating, too, which helped this out-of-towner navigate confusing streets. In the park on Canada Day, I, along with the 100,000 others present, was offered a Canadian flag to wave. I got to enjoy fireworks from the roof of an apartment building and scarfed drinks at an authentic Irish pub on the corner. I couldn’t have asked for a more fulfilling time.

Then I crossed the Ottawa River into Quebec. No more English on the road signs. Knowing little French, I had to guess at a few things. In Montreal, I tried to order a cheeseburger at a Burger King: interesting.

When groups from the various churches sit down at a common table to discuss matters vital to each faith, it can be much the same. Catholica say one thing, Methodists say another. Jews have a distinct view, Muslims have their own. It is like talking in different languages to each other without a translator.

What it all comes down to, though, is belief in God. The fact that no two people can pick up the Scriptures and find an identical meaning in a story or passage makes it clear that God speaks to each of us in a unique way. We are created to be unique. And nothing is wrong with that.

Julie A. Ferraro

For this reason, we should not be afraid to experience the “culture shock” of other religions. Even if we don’t understand what someone believes, we can often learn from an intelligent, non-belligerent exchange. Just as I learned a bit of French from my countryman, there may be some “common ground” — a popular topic — that will bring us closer together in understanding.

And, in the same way I survived my trip to Canada complete with the sight of hot air balloons shaped like maple leaves, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer on a horse, we will experience the differences in religious observance and faith. There is beauty in each and every one of them. After all, if we maintain an open mind, such a culture shock can help our own relationship with God.

Julie A. Ferraro’s column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Julie A. Ferraro
The Maximum Living Wage, Part II

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The first point that it is important to have clear is that the maximum living wage does not limit what one earns or receives. What limits it is how much one can earn or receive. This point is important because it is often argued that the maximum living wage is a form of socialism or communism. It is not. The maximum living wage is a form of capitalism, but it is a form of capitalism that is limited by the concept of the common good.

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What's that sound?

Groovin' hard with jazz at Stepan

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant Managing Editor

The 41st annual Collegiate Jazz Festival kicks off tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Stepan Center with the hometown band, the Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Father George Wiskirchen.

The festival features 14 collegiate bands, selected by audition, from all over the country, including the University of Michigan, Louisiana State University, Knox College and the University of North Florida. The Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble will open the show with four songs of different jazz genres. They begin with "Bones for Basie," a medium tempo swing piece featuring the trombone section. Lane Weaver and Jeff Spoonhower play featured solos in this piece.

The ballad "Skylark," a jazz standard, is their next piece. It features Keith Syska with a mellow saxophone sound. "Skylark" is followed by "Gottling Calvin's Waltz," a gospel piece featuring Syska and perennial favorite Spoonhower. Guitar player Ted Mowrey takes a solo. The Ensemble closes with "Moanin," a gospel-influenced bop tune that features some group improv.

At 8:00 p.m. on Friday, the Judges' Jam begins. This year's judges are saxophonist Greg Tardy, trumpeter Jeff Hamilton and bassist Chuck Israels.

Tardy, a native of New Orleans, began his musical career on classical clarinet, but soon switched to jazz saxophone. His music is heavily influenced by the legendary John Coltrane. Tardy records with the record label Impulse! and has just released his first album with that label. The album, entitled "Serendipity," is a combination of bebop and blues.

Mossman has been playing trumpet on the international scene since age 17. Born in Philadelphia, he attended Oberlin College and Conservatory and graduated with degrees in soci­ology/anthropology, orchestral trumpet and jazz composition. He took his master's from Rutgers and is active in music education. Mossman played the flurace Silver Quintet for several years and has also played with such people and groups as Dizzy Gillespie, Slide Hampton, the Charles Mingus Orchestra and the Count Basie Orchestra. His most recent album, "Mama Soho," was released in June 1998.

Green, played with Art Blakey, Betty Carter and Freddie Hubbard from 1983-1990. He moved on to playing as a front man, and for his most recent album, "Kaleidoscope," he recruited such jazz greats as bassist Ron Carter and drummer Lewis Nash to compliment his pianistic style.

Drummer Hamilton is a native of Richmond, Ind. He played with the Ray Brown Trio from 1988-1995, then went on to work his own trio. Hamilton, who began playing drums at age eight, has played for over 175 recording sessions with such artists as Natalie Cole, Rosemary Clooney, Barbra Streisand and Mel Torme. His most recent recording is "Hands On."

Israels has been a regular on the jazz scene since the early 1960s. He has played with the Bill Evans Trio, the Billy Harris Trio, Bud Powell and jazz legend Benny Goodman. He has conducted shows on Broadway, written and arranged jazz and taught jazz at Western Washington. Some of Israel's best recordings include "Coltrane Time (with John Coltrane)," "My Point of View (with Herbie Hancock)" and "Live at Shelley's Manne Hole."

The festival will run tonight from 7:30 p.m. until approximately 11:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a clinic in the Notre Dame band building at 10 a.m. Saturday. All other events take place in Stepan Center.

Jeff Spoonhower contributed to this report.
Behind the scenes at the Collegiate Jazz Festival, there is a corps of volunteers dedicated to making CJF happen.

And none is more dedicated than Lisa Zimmer.

Zimmer, a senior, has been with CJF since her freshman year, and has chaired CJF a record three times.

"It was a little strange bordering around older people," she said. "It was a little awkward. I was always asking questions."

"I sat at my desk for three months not knowing where to find agents' numbers," she said.

Each September, Zimmer called bands. She called judges in October, and in January began worrying about things like T-shirts and programs. As the date of the festival approached, Zimmer was busy setting up the venue, talking to local media and making last minute arrangements.

By the junior year, Zimmer had things under control.

"I know what to do and what not to do," she said. "But something will always go wrong."

That year, Zimmer dealt with what she called her "worst CJF experience."

"Two of the judges got stuck at the airport," she said. The judges kept trying to reach Zimmer in the Student Union Board (SUB) office, but she wasn't in the office, and no one in the office knew how to help them.

When Zimmer finally got the message, she called the hotel they were supposed to be staying in, and was told they had checked in.

"Actually, the hotel had pre-checked them in," she said. "They weren't there."

Zimmer finally got the judges to the festival right as it was about to begin. They were both crabby and hungry, and as the festival ended for the night, at 1:30 a.m., one told her he hadn't had anything hot to eat all day and he wanted some soup.

Zimmer drove up U.S. 31/33 looking for soup. Found a 24-hour diner and went in to find out if they had soup. But she didn't know what kind the judge wanted.

"I ordered one of every kind of soup," she said. "I got three back (to the hotel), and he was fine."

Another one of last year's judges, bassist Charette Moffett, helped Zimmer have her best CJF-related experience.

Zimmer had been watching Harry Connick, Jr., on TV, and saw Charette Moffett playing bass for him. When she picked Moffett up at the airport, she casually mentioned that she saw him playing with Connick.

Moffett told her they were playing a concert in Normal, Ill., the next month, and offered to get her backstage passes.

"I'm a huge Harry Connick, Jr., fan," said Zimmer. "And Charette Moffett got us backstage! We got to go backstage and meet Harry Connick, Jr!"

Zimmer said the most interesting part of the job is dealing with the judges.

"Some of those guys are old school," she said. "They've lived this jazz lifestyle."

Last year, she called bassist Chuck Israel, and his wife answered the phone. Zimmer politely asked, "Is Mr. Israel there?"

"It's Chuck, baby! This is jazz!" replied the bassist's wife.

This year, Zimmer was the driving force behind bringing sax master Branford Marsalis to campus for last Friday's concert.

Branford Marsalis performed Wednesday night at Stepam Center. The jazz saxophonist wowed audiences with his proficient jazz sounds.

Lisa Zimmer has chaired the Collegiate Jazz Festival for a record three years. In her final year, she was able to bring jazz star Branford to Stepam Center Wednesday night.

For instance, hundreds of postcards are sent to various colleges inviting them to audition for the festival.

"Every summer, I took all home and spent the summer hand-addressing the post cards," said Zimmer. "Now we're putting it on the computer. Three years gave me a chance for better efficiency."

This weekend her three years of hard work come to a climax.

"This weekend will be crazy," Zimmer said.

Because the CJF committee is all volunteers, Zimmer relies on the dedication of her committee members to put the festival together and make it run smoothly.

"Sunday morning is the best time," she said with a laugh, "because it's over."
**Gymnastics**

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**Houston**

A young age followed by a high-profile rift with her parents — Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu may have finally found peace.

The 17-year-old gymnast and her parents have reached a confidential financial settlement and ended a protective order against her father.

"This has been an extremely difficult time for my family, and I hope that we can now begin to move forward in support of one another," Miss Moceanu said in a statement.

"I know that deep down my father loves me, and of course I love him, so I need to find a way in my heart to give him forgiveness. I hope there is a chance that someday things in my family can be normal again."

The family fight erupted publicly last October, when Miss Moceanu sued for her independence, saying her father, Dumitru Moceanu, had squandered the money she had earned in a 10-year professional career. She was declared a legal adult Oct. 29.

"Miss Moceanu's parents placed her earnings in a trust fund, which they administer. She did not have access to the trust until she turned 18."

Her father has said all of his daughter's earnings went into building a 70,000-square-foot gym with Miss Moceanu's blessings. He has refused to say how much the gym cost, but his attorney, Katherine Scardino, said it was about $2 million.

The gymnast sought and won a rear order on Dec. 9 that kept her father at least 500 feet away after police said they were investigating Dumitru, 44, for allegedly trying to hire killers to murder two of his daughter's friends. He denied the allegation.

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White: Ban opposite-sex reporters from locker rooms

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK**

Reggie White has a new issue: he's against allowing reporters of the opposite sex into the locker rooms of professional athletes.

"I can't see any legitimate reason for forcing male athletes to walk around naked in front of women who aren't their wives," the retired defensive end and ordained minister wrote in an opinion piece published in Thursday's editions of The Wall Street Journal.

He added: "women athletes also shouldn't be forced to deal with male reporters while they're changing."

White's article, adapted from his book, "Fighting the Good Fight," urges players and spouses to stop open locker room policies.

"Go all the way to the Supreme Court, if need be," he wrote. "I just hope that if that happens, one of the exhibits before the court isn't a film of Reggie White singing in the shower."

White, 37, created controversy a year ago with a speech to the Wisconsin Legislature in which he attacked homosexuality and used racial stereotypes.

Leslie Hammond, an NFL spokeswoman, said the league's open locker room policy is working.

"They are professionals and they are doing their jobs," she said.

But White claims many players are unhappy about the practice of allowing women in locker rooms, which has been in effect for two decades in all four major professional sports.

"I've seen a lot of female reporters and camerawomen ogling guys in the locker room," White wrote. "There's not much a player can do about it, which leads to a high level of frustration."

He added, "Talk about taking the notion of 'public figure' to an extreme!"

A telephone message left for White with his agent, Jimmy Sexton, in Memphis, Tenn., on Thursday afternoon was not immediately returned.

White offered a solution.

"It's not as if players aren't willing to talk to female reporters," he wrote.
Love shares lead at Augusta

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. —
Davis Love III had no problem with the rough at Augusta National or the additional 25 yards on No. 17. He birdied that hole on his way to a three-under-par 69 for a share of the early first-round lead in the Masters on Thursday.

What really got his attention was his walk down the 14th and 15th fairways. Ahead on the greens, course officials were dousing them with water, trying to keep them from becoming as hard as a brick.

"You can tell," Love said as a sly smile crept over his face, "they've got 'em right where they want 'em.

They were right on the edge of going from unrelenting to unfair. And that left players walking the fine line between a tureen of satisfaction and relief after getting around in 69.

"You just don't want to blow yourself out the first day," Love said. "This wasn't going to be a day for real low scores. They took the fun out of the greens last night."

Justin Leonard and Colin Montgomerie had their best rounds, only 16 breaks par. The course was playing about one stroke easier than last year, but it was missing the howling, swirling winds from the first round a year ago.

Not that everyone found it easier.

Nick Faldo, a three-time Masters champion, showed how hard life is suffering when he played the first 15 holes without a birdie and parred the 16th and 17th. Faldo has not broken par at Augusta since his final-round 67 to win the 1996 Masters.

Els felt about the same way when he walked off the course. He was three-under after a birdie on the 17th when his drive found the fairway bunker, then he caught a plugged lie in the greenside bunker and three-putted.

"You can't do things like I did on 18," he said.

Wood found the feeling. His six birdies were more than anyone Thursday, but half of them were wasted on No. 8, where he took an eight.

He hit his drive into trees and found his ball between two pine cones, leaving him little choice but to play it straight — and straight into a tree. The ball caromed back and into the azaleas, from where he had to take a penalty drop.

"This is how you lose a tournament," Woods muttered to himself.

Duval was tied for the lead after four birdies on the front nine, but he was showing signs of struggling. He had to make two knee-knocking par putts on the 10th and 11th, took bogey by missing another green at No. 12 and then hooked his drive in Rae's Creek on the 13th.

When the siren sounded, he had a 12-foot putt to save par.

The changes at Augusta were the most significant ever — tee boxes moved back to No. 17 and the par-five second hole, an elevated green on No. 11, 20 new pine trees lining the fairways between No. 15 and the 17th. And because of the largest field in 33 years in part because of change in the qualification system — the first two rounds were played in threesomes for the first time since 1962.

Still it always comes down to who can survive the slippery, contoured greens.

WBC proposes new point system

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY —
The World Boxing Council proposed Thursday a new system to announce judges' points after the fourth and eighth rounds of title fights to avoid controversies like the one that marred a recent bout for the heavyweight crown.

"We have just mailed a letter to that effect today to the Washington, D.C., Athletic Commission for the next fight there and we are awaiting a reply," WBC executive secretary Eduardo Lomason said.

A lot of people are in favor of that system, of announcing the points at the fourth and eighth round and the final score at the end, especially after what happened last time," he said.

The World Boxing Association went even further Thursday with a proposal to apply "open scoring" — announcing the points after each round — in a fight on the same card, a scoring method not used in more than a decade.

But quite a number of people involved doubted it will work.

A fierce controversy erupted when the judges declared a draw in the March 13 unification title fight between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis.

The judges' names would not be made public — they would be designated as A, B and C — and only the local boxing commission and the WBC would know them, Sulaiman's proposal said.

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Wood's elbow surgery a success

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Kerry Wood, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, underwent reconstructive elbow surgery Thursday, with Dr. James Andrews transplanting a ligament in what's known as an OTomy John surgery. Wood will miss the entire 1999 season. The 21-year-old right-hander went 13-6 for the Cubs last season and struck out 20 batters against Houston last May, tying a major league record.

During the surgery, Wood's torn ulnar collateral ligament was repaired and wrapped with a graft from his right forearm, a procedure pioneered on John's left elbow by Dr. Frank Jobe in 1974.

Wood missed the final month last season because of a sore elbow before returning to start Game 3 of the NL playoffs against the Atlanta Braves. He tore the ligament after making just 26 pitches in his first spring training start last month.

Wood is scheduled to be released from the hospital Friday and then will travel to Chicago after two weeks to begin range-of-motion exercises, the Cubs said.

Wood struck out 233 last season, had a 3.40 ERA and allowed hitters just 1.96 average. He was the fourth overall pick in the 1995 amateur draft.

Now the pitcher who has been compared to fellow Texasan Roger Clemens and Nolan Ryan is faced with the reality that his 95-mph fastball may not return. Rehabilitation usually takes about a year.

When he comes back, Wood will have to change his delivery some more, taking stress off the reconstructed elbow. The Cubs had already worked with him during the spring to stop throwing across his body.

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tommy Atkins surgery was a success, and Lois Elton John surgery.

Yogi Berra returns to Yankee Stadium on Friday, ending his 14-year exile on a most appropriate day.

After managing the Yankees to a 3-2 victory over Minnesota in 1984, Berra uttered the final word on season debut, coining the phrase: "A home opener is always exciting, no matter whether it's at home or on the road." He was fired the following year after a 6-10 start, and vowed never to return as long as George Steinbrenner owned the club.

Last January, Berra ended the feud, saying simply: "It's over."

Two months later, Berra took over as the greatest living Yankee when Joe DiMaggio died on March 8. On Friday, he replaces the Yankee Clipper for the ceremonial first pitch after the World Series banner is raised at the stadium for the second time in three years.

We always look forward to opening day at Yankee Stadium," center fielder William Williams said. "We had a great year last year, and we're still enjoying the fruits of that."

David Cone (26-7) makes his first start of the season, pitching against the Detroit Tigers. Beeker Graterol, who will be making his major league debut.

Yankees manager Joe Torre, still recovering from prostate cancer surgery, wasn't expected at the home opener, but intends to be at the ballpark Sunday for the presentation of World Series rings.

With interim manager Don Zimmer heading the team, the Yankees began the season by losing the first game out here and winning, two 1-0.

Zimmer said before the home Wednesday night. "We've got some more, taking stress off the reconstructed elbow. The Cubs had already worked with him during the spring to stop throwing across his body."
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

Cubbies top Houston 2-1 despite sparkless Sosa

Associated Press

**HOUSTON**

Jose Lima took care of Sosa on Saturday, but he could not, however, handle Henry Rodriguez and Jose Hernandez. Sosa regained home run for the season and 1-for-10 at the plate, but Rodriguez and Hernandez hit solo homers and the Chicago Cubs got a lucky bounce in the Houston Astros 2-1 Thursday night.

Joe sweater (1-4) won his first start for the Cubs. He allowed five hits in eight innings, striking out two and walking none. Rod Beck got a save in his first appearance of the season as the game-ending grounder.

Sosa, who hit three homers last year in three games, was 0-for-3 with two groundouts and a fly out, leaving the NL. It was the first time the 1998 World Series MVP had three straight games without hitting a home run.

Sosa ended his four-game hitless streak with a single in the eighth. He took his 66th and final homer off Lima last Sept. 25. The Cubs star also hit 30-4 off Lima at Wrigley Field on Aug. 23 — after that game, there were published reports questioning whether Lima grooved a pitch for Sosa, and Lima did not pitch again until the last day of the season.

Last year, Sosa did not homer until the third, before leaving to a four-game slump. This time, he had only one hit in his first nine games.

Rodriguez and Hernandez hit solo home runs in the second inning, both over the left-field fence.

Ricky Gutierrez doubled to start the third for Houston. He reached third on a perfectly placed sacrifice bunt by Lima and scored on a groundout by Craig Biggio.

Lima was 3-0 lifetime against the Astros. This could have been the Astros' last game in the NL. It didn't take him long to get started on his 1999 total, either.

Rodriguez and Hernandez hit solo home runs in the second inning, both over the left-field fence.

EXPOS 5, METS 1

Vladimir Guerrero and Shane Andrews each had two RBIs as the Montreal Expos spoiled Orel Hershiser's New York Mets debut with a 5-1 win Thursday night.

The Mets scored twice off Hershiser (0-1) in the first and third innings from front-running selloff crowd of 43,918 at Olympic Stadium for Montreal's home opener.

Miguel Batista (1-0) allowed four runs, including a solo home run by Edgardo Alfonzo in the third, before leaving to a standing ovation when he was replaced by Steve Kline.

The Morton, who got the win, was 3.600 fans fewer than came for Montreal's first game last year had just one hit in a one-run loss. The Mets scored the season's first run when the Cubbies turned an error.

**PHILLIES 6, BRAVES 2**

On the night Hank Aaron was honored, it was only fitting that home runs helped decide the game.

Too bad for the Atlanta Braves. Kenner Jones didn't win.

Scott Rolen and Rico Brogna hit solo homers, and Paul Byrd shut down his former team on two hits in 7 1-3 innings as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Braves 6-2 Thursday night.

Before the game, Aaron was praised on the 25th anniversary of his 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record. Commissioner Bud Selig, NL president Len Coleman and Al Downing, who surrendered the historic hit at Atlanta, were among those taking part in the 45-minute ceremony.

Aaron, now 65 and a Braves-senior vice president, finished with 725 home runs. He was part of a select crew of players who hit more than 625 and 725 home runs. Batista last weekend in a game at Turner Field.

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Brogna hit solo homers and triple off Lima last Sept. 25. The pitcher, who had just one hit, was 0-for-2 in his first career at-bats, including a solo home run for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Braves reliever Mark Wohlers, who walked four in only two-thirds of an inning in Monday's opener, made his second appearance of the season.

Sosa's first 1-for-10 record at the plate with no hits from no-hit in 1996 — the slugger had only one homer in his first 10 games.
The Islanders lost rookie defenseman Eric Brewer in the playoffs with a strained tendon in his leg.

LIGHTING 3, BRUNSWICK 0

Kevin Houston and Corey Schwab combined to make 27 saves as the Lighting beat the Brunswick 3-0 Thursday night. Houston left after the first period with a groin pull and Schwab came up as the Islanders beat the Bruins one day after they clinched a playoff berth.

Vince Le Cavallier, Colin Solowski and Chris Gratton scored for the Lighting.

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The Warriors, who were playing the fourth game of a six-game road trip, outplayed the Jazz for three quarters. Golden State held Utah to 43.1 percent shooting and led until midway through the third quarter. But Utah outrebounded Golden State 46-27. The Warriors were averaging 49 rebounds per game, tops in the NBA. The Jazz improved their home record to 6-1 with 15 assists, plus 15 points with 44 seconds remaining. It was the second straight game in which the Warriors never pulled even.

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Center David Robinson led the Spurs with 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Boston Celtics beat the Toronto Raptors 101-89 Thursday night. Boston won its second in a row after snapping a four-game losing streak. Toronto has lost two straight at home after winning nine in a row at home. Ron Mercer had 18 points, Paul Pierce 15 and Vitaly Potapenko 11 for the Celtics, who beat the Raptors for the first time this season following two losses.

The Warriors, who were play­ing for the fifth time in seven days against the Spurs, were a season-low for the night, 29.9 percent of its field-goal attempts.

Hardaway's basket with 2:11 left put Orlando ahead 68-64, and when the Cavs had a turnover and miscues, Austin's short jumper put the Magic up by six.

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‘Mailman’ delivers season-high 38 in 92-85 Jazz win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY Karl Malone scored 11 of his 38 points in the second half as the Utah Jazz edged Golden State 92-85 Thursday night for their 10th consecutive victory over the Warriors.

The Jazz won their fourth straight game but never pulled away from a Warriors team playing for the fifth time in seven nights. Golden State led 81-80 on Bimbo Coles' jumper with 3:34 to play, but Malone and Bryon Russell hit jumpers to give Utah an 87-81 lead with 1.33 left.

Coles and Chris Mills then hit jumpers to cut Utah's lead to two points with 44 seconds remaining, but Tony Delk turned the ball over and John Starks missed a three-pointer for the Warriors.

Malone, who sprained his left knee in Utah's win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday, made all 10 of his free throws in the fourth quarter for his 18th 10-for-10 from the line. He also grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Jazz won their second game in seven days against the Warriors, who have lost five of their last six. Golden State fell to seven games below .500, the lowest point in the club's 10-year winning season.

Utah Coach Jerry Sloan was ejected by referee Ronnie Nunn with 9:19 remaining in the first half. It was the second straight early exit for Sloan, who also was tossed from Utah's win at the Forum.

Utah had six straight and 26 of its last 27 games at home, while Golden State hadn't won at the Delta Center since November 1994.

While Golden State was 19-30 in seven games against the Jazz, the Warriors were averaging 49 rebounds per game, tops in the NBA.

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PHILADELPHIA

Eric Lindros suffered a setback in his recovery from a collapsed lung Thursday, returning to Philadelphia only to learn he must go back to the hospital for surgery.

A whirlwind day that began with Lindros being released from a hospital in Nashville, Tenn., turned somber when his doctor announced that the prolific scorer and team captain will have surgery Friday to drain fluid that has accumulated in his chest cavity.

"Larry Kaiser, a chest surgeon who is taking over Lindros' care, said during a news conference next to the Flyers' locker room that Lindros ran a fever in excess of 102 degrees Wednesday night and the fluid in his chest — partly comprised of clotted blood — may be infected.

The procedure, known as video thoracoscopy, is minor, and Lindros is expected to be hospitalized 4-5 days at the University of Pennsylvania. But the news rendered Flyers plans to proceed into the playoffs as if Lindros will not be joining them.

"It looked like things were going to come along quite nicely on their own," Kaiser said. "But the film from this morning showed what appeared to be an increase in collection of fluid in that right chest. The fact that he had a fairly high fever last night — well above 102, in fact — indicated there might be something else going on.

Lindros, who was resting at home, shows no signs of additional bleeding. Kaiser said. He canceled plans to come to the arena and meet with teammates before the Flyers' game against Pittsburgh Thursday night.

"I think you could say he was very disappointed," Kaiser said. "He was under the impression that this was behind him and he was on his way home. I think he didn't like being in the hospital. He was clearly disappointed, but he understands.

Kaiser, who will perform the operation, said it involves inserting a tube and a microscopic camera through small incisions in his chest. The material and clotted blood is not the lung, but in the area between the lung and the diaphragm, Kaiser said. It is keeping the lung from expanding properly.

"In terms of full recovery, that remains to be determined," Kaiser said. "I expect him to be fully normal after this and be playing as great as he ever played. I can't give you any kind of time estimate. Right now, he needs to be taken care of.

Doctors still don't know what caused about six pints of blood to seep into Lindros' chest after a 2.1 victory over the Nashville Predators last Thursday. Tests showed no signs of a broken rib, so they believe a blood vessel ruptured.

Lindros was pale and coughing interminably during a brief news conference before being released from Baptist Hospital Thursday and flying home to Philadelphia. He said he was "getting better every day," but understands the seriousness of his injury.

"You don't worry about the next game," the Philadelphia Flyers' captain and leading scorer said. "You don't worry about the first round. You wonder what's going to happen in the next hour.

Doctors have said Lindros needs 4-6 weeks to regenerate the blood he lost. He continues to need rest not having a transfusion, and Kaiser is following proper precautions. The playoffs begin April 21.

"The worst-case scenario is I can't come back until September," Lindros said. "But I think because of the jump-start Flyer captain Eric Lindros will most likely miss the beginning of his team's playoffs as he undergoes surgery today to remove fluid buildup in his chest.

Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said. "We have to prepare that way and play that way," Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said. "We can't win and hope and hope. With that serious an injury, who knows?"

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**Associated Press**

**DeBartolo continues to be beset by woes**

**Irish build steam against Purdue**

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

It is not uncommon the Irish track meet to make the trip to West Lafayette for a meet against Purdue, but this weekend, it will face uncommon prospects.

The quad meet against Purdue, Wyoming and Michigan will be the cornerstone for success or failure of two of the country's prestige meets to be held over the next two weeks.

The Purdue meet will provide coaches and athletes one last chance to prove their worth before selections are made for the Mountain and the world-renowned Drake Relays.

Many of the athletes were feeling the pressure during training this week as the competition is becoming more and more daunting.

Brigid O'Brien, 3,000-meter standout, understands that coach Tim Connelly is using the Purdue meet as a mock Big Ten tournament, carrying his premiere athletes to one of the last scored meets before the real deal in Villanova, Penn.

High jumper Jennifer Feldman said she knew what Connelly is working on and is excited with the team's prospects.

"The upcoming meet is a scored meet and going off of the indoor season and events this season we are really anxious to see what we can do," she said.

Senior standout Natalie Hallett also recognizes the significance of the Purdue meet, stating, "Not everyone gets to go to Mount Sac so I am really excited for Purdue.

Purdue is a chance for athletes on the bubble to prove themselves worthy of competing at the next level.

"Always one for pointers, Hallett is going into this weekend's competition confident.

"Senior vaulter Mike Brown says that people do well at Purdue, we compete there a lot, so we know the ropes, we know what to expect," she said.

Antonio Arce said he is also yearning for the top notch competition he is sure to encounter at Mount Sac and Drake.

"The competition will be very good and you never know what the conditions will be," he said.

"Basically, we prepare for the worst and go into each meet with a positive work ethic.

It seems that Arce, along with the rest of the team recognizes that in failing to prepare they prepare to fail.

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The following lucky people have been invited to the Second Annual Lewis Hall Crush Dance! Doors will open at 9pm with free t-shirts to all who join in the fun. The band will be playing in the courtyard, the DJ will be rockin' in the basement, and there will be plenty of girls in grass skirts doing the hula!

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games of the day began, cramp­
ing some teams' style. Team Girth squared-off with the A­
team in a wet showdown.
"The rain slowed things down a little," said Team Girth's cap­
tain Pat Munch. "It affected both teams play."
Despite adverse conditions, Team Girth put on a strong per­formance, defeating the A-team 21-15. Munch led the team with 12 rebounds.
Kiss and Tell and Kareem, Worthy, and 3 Others Who Play With A Magic Johnson III. Return of the Three-Eye matched up for a fun competition.
"Neither team was very good," said Kiss and Tell captain Rob Carman. "It was a lot of fun, though. Both teams were just out for a good time."
Kiss and Tell finished with the 21-15 win.
"Our biggest strength was our big man inside, Pat Schlehuser," said Carman. "We just gave it to him and let him get the job done."
The final games of the prelimi­nary round will be played today on the Stepan and McGlinn bas­ketball courts beginning at 4 p.m.
As the preliminary round fin­ishes, the tournament's top seeds will hit the court this weekend in the round of 512, hoping to start their runs for the finals.
No. 1 PrimeTime squares off against Fart, Fart, Fart, Poop, No Comment on Saturday at 11 a.m. on the Stepan courts. PrimeTime, looking to defend its 1998 cham­pionship title, returns four of five players to the lineup. The teams strong guard-oriented style of play and experience will be a tough match for the inexpe­rienced challengers.
"None of us play basketball," said senior Casey Burns, captain of Fart, Fart, Fart, Poop, No Comment. "We're just looking to have a good time."
While the team might reach­

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very talented crease guy. These guys play off one another really well.”

Besides their strong attack, the Hoyas also feature an extremely deep midfield with 14 players that have played in every game. Greg Hochsman, Mike Ielovanchev and Andy Lapensee lead the unit with a combined 36 points. Irish midfielder Steve Duseau, brother of Irish co-captain senior Chris Duseau, has played well for the Hoyas, contributing four points in four games.

The responsibility for shutting down this high-powered attack will fall on the shoulders of co-captains David Floodon and the rest of the Irish defense. Notre Dame will look to slow the Hoyas down and not allow them to play a wide-open style.

Dame will look to slow the Hoyas and not allow them any goals against Notre Dame. The Hoyas are now 14-8 in the season, the Irish currently 16-7. Notre Dame and the Hoyas have met 83 times, the Hoyas leading 44-39. The Irish have won eight straight games against Georgetown, most recently a 12-10 win in 1995. Little is expected to change when the Hoyas visit the Dome this weekend.

The Hoyas have played extremely well up to this point,” Anderson said. "They have some talented shooters, so he is definitely going to see some shots. It will be a big game for us."

Key to stopping the Hoyas offensively may lie in the Irish defense.

If Notre Dame can hold onto the ball and limit the Hoyas posses­sions, they will be able to control the pace and tempo of the game. "When we have the ball, they can't score,” Anderson said. “So we are going to do some things offensively to shut them down. We need to control the ball and have longer possessions to generate scoring chances and give our defense a break."

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So far, the Hoyas have scored 132 goals and have just 73 in the season. The Irish offense may lie in the Irish defense.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

High-scorers aim to up streak

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Holding its second three-game win streak of the season, the high-powered Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team returns home this weekend to face Davidson and Denver.

The Irish enter the weekend with a 6-2 record and are the highest scoring offense in the NCAA with 14.7 goals per game.

Tonight the team takes on the Davidson Wildcats, who enter on a recent four-game home stretch, in which they were 3-1 and now stand at 5-7 on the season.

Leading the Wildcat attack are Lauren Kingston with 27 goals and 16 assists and Linda Ruthemund, who has scored 26 times and dished off 21 assists.

Both will be eager to score on an Irish defense that has been stingy as of late. Goaltender Carrie Marshall is coming off a 31-save performance last weekend, defeating Villanova and Pennsylvania.

Notre Dame and Davidson have met with the first two meetings between the teams — Davidson won in 1997 by a score of 21-7 and the Irish exacted revenge last year outscoring the Wildcats 18-11.

The teams have had three common opponents this year as Davidson beat Richmond (10-9) and Villanova (11-6) but lost to Ohio State (4-10). Notre Dame has fared the same against all three teams with scores of 14-13, 15-9, and 12-12, respective­ly.

The Denver Pioneers travel to Notre Dame on Sunday to take on the Irish in a 1 p.m. game. With a 4-6 mark, the Pioneers look to climb to the .500 mark when they leave South Bend, playing Davidson on Saturday and the Irish on Sunday.

The Irish will pay special attention to Denver sophomore Nicole Wittnlsberger, who leads the country in goals with 42 and is fifth in points per game with 5.66.

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Sophomore sensation Larr O’Shaughnessy and her 34 goals rank her in the top four of goals per game with 4.25 while her 5.125 points a game put her in the top five.

Teammate Kerry Callahan, who currently has a 22 game scoring streak, is first in assists per game with 2.71 and eighth in points per game with 4.86.

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women’s lacrosse team returns

home this weekend to face

Davidson and Denver.

The Irish enter the weekend

with a 6-2 record and are

the highest scoring offense

in the NCAA with 14.7 goals

per game.

Tonight the team takes on

the Davidson Wildcats, who

enter on a recent four-game

home stretch, in which they

were 3-1 and now stand at

5-7 on the season.

Leading the Wildcat attack

are Lauren Kingston with

27 goals and 16 assists and

Linda Ruthemund, who has

scored 26 times and dished

off 21 assists.

Both will be eager to score

on an Irish defense that has

been stingy as of late. Goal­
tender Carrie Marshall is

coming off a 31-save perfor­mance last weekend, defeat­
ing Villanova and Pennsylvania.

Notre Dame and Davidson

have met with the first two

meetings between the teams — Davidson won in 1997 by a score of 21-7 and the Irish exacted revenge last year outscoring the Wildcats 18-11.

The teams have had three

common opponents this year

as Davidson beat Richmond

(10-9) and Villanova (11-6)

but lost to Ohio State (4-10).

Notre Dame has fared the

same against all three teams

with scores of 14-13, 15-9,

and 12-12, respectively.

The Denver Pioneers travel

to Notre Dame on Sunday to

take on the Irish in a 1 p.m.

game. With a 4-6 mark, the

Pioneers look to climb to

the .500 mark when they

leave South Bend, playing

Davidson on Saturday and

the Irish on Sunday.

The Irish will pay special

attention to Denver sophomore

Nicole Wittnlsberger, who

leads the country in goals

with 42 and is fifth in points

per game with 5.66.

Last weekend the Irish

executed the game plan they

had been practicing the whole

season, building early leads

in both games and then let­
ting the defense take over

the game and preserve the

win.

Two more wins this weekend

will guarantee a third-strait

winning season for Notre

Dame.
Conference opponents await ND on East Coast trip

By MATT OLIVA
Spent Writer

The Irish have a tough task ahead of them, traveling east to play four games in the next two days against conference opponents.

Notre Dame will take on Rutgers Saturday in New Jersey and then travel to Pennsylvania to take on Villanova on Sunday. The Irish (23-15, 2-6) will try to stay undefeated in Big East play during these four games.

“We have a very competitive weekend ahead of us,” said head coach Liz Miller. “All three teams look equal.”

On Saturday the Irish will play a strong Rutgers team.

“They have very explosive players,” said Miller. “One of their pitchers throws a no-hitter against us last year, so it should be a tough game.”

Rutgers is currently 13-13 on the season and 1-1 in the Big East. They split a doubleheader against Villanova earlier this season.

Villanova team that the Irish will play on Sunday leads the country in batting average. The Wildcats have three players that are currently hitting over .400. They also have one player that has maintained a batting average over .500 for the season.

“The key for us will be to stay loose, especially with our bats,” said Miller. “That is in our strength and our a tough team when we are swinging the bat. If we get uptight, then that changes and makes it harder on us.”

The Irish have five players batting over .300, and Jenn Sharron is three points away with a .297 batting average. The Irish squad has also hit 17 home runs this season, with 12 of those coming from the senior stepped back into the lineup with two runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings of the week.

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Catcher Jeff Wagner has also provided some key offense for the squad. After missing much of March with a foot injury, the senior stepped back into the lineup against Connecticut on March 20 against the Seton Hall Pirates.

While most of the team will be healthy for this weekend’s series, freshman third baseman Andrew Bushey recently returned with a doubleheader against West Virginia. The Irish have hit 17 home runs with 24 doubles and 54 RBIs.

Fortunately for the team, junior Jeff Perconte has stepped into the position admirably. In his last eight games, the Illinois native has .426 with two home runs and eight RBIs.

“We’ve been doing all right,” said Miller. “It’s tough for him, since he’s been used to playing in the outfield, but he’s been able to provide.”

As for the series between the Irish and the Panthers, the two teams are slated to clash on Saturday with a doubleheader at noon.

They will meet again for a finale on Sunday at noon.

The Irish will look to keep their bats loose and swing this weekend as they face a set of strong conference opponents at Rutgers and Villanova.

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them. We’ll just have to go out there and do the best we can.”

Rutgers, “the least” has been exciting comeback victories.

Wednesday, the team used a seven-run eighth inning to defeat Bowling Green, 14-10 for its fifth comeback victory of the season.

The Falcons used a seven-run third inning to claim a 9-1 lead going into the fourth, but the Irish chipped away at the lead with two runs each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings before putting the game away in the eighth.

While the Irish have used their offensive clout to rally back to victory, a large share of the credit goes to junior Jeff Felker.

The first baseman recently shared Big East player of the week honors with Pittsburgh senior second baseman Lou Melucci. Felker went 10-for-17 on the week, with two home runs, three doubles and four RBIs.

“He’s been our key RBI guy for us this week,” Ust said. “He’s been providing us some key runs in these past few games.”

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Final words on baseball’s first trip into Cuba

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Columnist

O.K., I must admit it. Among the seemingly endless barrage of papers and tests that my professors have graciously given me, I have some time out for myself to think about something that’s been bothering me for a couple of weeks.

For those of you who have been living under a stack of papers, I’ll quickly fill you in. A week and a half ago, Major League Baseball visited a land filled with evil spirits, dangerous militants and, even in an ideal world, where dangerous militants and, even in an ideal world, where

I remember hearing someone, calling McGwire of a home run was the greatest in the ball game is inherently not fun. Remember that those screaming, chanting, singing fans were those “real baseball fans.” It looked to me like they were having a decent time. Maybe, it’s the audiences that are more passionate rather than the game itself.

I don’t understand how any­

thing that we Americans often forget. (Warning: I’m getting up on my soapbox and begin­

ning to preach.)

Happiness is not a function of the titanium alloy in your bat or the logo on your cleats. Happiness is in the game itself. Baseball is a game of life. Happiness is in a game of life. Happiness is a function of sharing something special, a common bond, with your fellow man.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
This weekend in SUB

Stepan Friday & Saturday

collegiate jazz festival

Savings Private Ryan

PS, buy your Newt Gingrich tickets now

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A Social Concerns book concern is available for all interested students and faculty at the Center for Social Concerns and at the offices of Campus Ministry. The course book is the fall edition and is entitled, "Social Concerns: Courses with Experiential, Service-Learning and Community-based Learning." If you have any questions or concerns, please call 631-6201 for more information.

NGD grad student Gall Frenzenburg, mezzo-soprano, presents a solo recital this evening at 6 p.m. in the Hebsch Library. The program includes selections by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Dussek and Liszt. The recital is free and open to the public; please call 631-6201 for more information.

NGD grad student Magnus Hillbo, tenor, presents a solo recital at 7 p.m. in the Hebsch Library. The program includes selections by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Dussek and Liszt. The recital is free and open to the public; please call 631-6201 for more information.

A Concert of Indian classical music featuring Ishad Khan on Sitar will be held at the auditorium of the Hebsch Institute at 9 p.m. today.

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**SPORTS**

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

*Preliminary-round action underway in tournament*

By KERRY SMITH

Despite rain late in the afternoon, the 1999 Bookstore Basketball XXVIII tournament got underway without a hitch Thursday at the Stepan and McGlinn basketball courts.

Teams matched up in the first of two days of preliminary-round action looking to advance to the round of 32.

Donning fluorescent pink uniforms, the members of WPO IV: The Final Thrust easily defeated She Was How Old? in a 21-5 victory. The team is happy with the win, but plans to play better in coming rounds.

"We didn't perform well as a team today," said WPO IV captain Stephen Bastasch. "We need to perfect our chemistry."

Bastasch gave credit for the win to team member Jeff Hojnacki.

"We had a late pick-up, Hojnacki. He was our ringer," said Bastasch. "We had a lot of fast breaks and gave the ball to him."

The bad weather hit just as the final buzzer sounded in a 21-5 victory. The team is 1-0 against Jamaican Poptart in the opening round of the tournament Thursday.

*Five Awesome Brothers, formally Licensed to Thrill, scored one of its 21 points against Jamaican Poptart in the opening round of the tournament Thursday.

**BASEBALL**

*Pittsburgh looks to change Irish luck*

By BILL HART

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After the Scarlet Knights' three-game series against Connecticut last weekend, all three teams have a shot to cap off their season. Overall, Notre Dame has a 10-1 record against Pittsburgh, including a 2-0 sweep at Three Rivers Stadium last season.

"Last year, we experienced some success with them," Ust said. "This year, though, they're second in the league, and we don't know who we expect from them."

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**BOOKSTORE**

*FULL STEAM AHEAD*

■ The track and field team prepares to take on Purdue in West Lafayette this weekend.

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The Irish (22-8) currently are second in the conference record, good enough to sweep two doubleheaders against Providence and Connecticut.

"We've just been able to go out there and do our job," junior shortstop Brant Ust said. "We've been able to move guys into scoring position and make the key plays that win games."

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

*Hoyas to challenge Irish streak*

By MIKE CONNOLLY

The eighth-ranked Georgetown Hoyas bring their explosive offense to Moose Krause Stadium this Saturday to face the 16th-ranked men's lacrosse team.

Notre Dame will put its undefeated home record on the line against the best team it will face at home all year.

The Hoyas, 5-2 on the year, are led by preseason first-team all-American and player of the year candidate Greg McGavern, who leads the team with 38 points.

Joining McGavern to form one of the best attacks in college lacrosse are senior Scott Ursick, who leads the team with 25 goals, and junior Andy Flick who has scored 15 of the net 15 times this season.

"They have a lot of experience," assistant coach Kevin Anderson said. "McGavern is excellent — one of the best in the country. They generate a lot of things through him. Ursick is a Dave Ulrich and the Irish hope to shutdown Georgetown's attack by keeping the ball in their end of the field Saturday.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

- Softball at Alma College
  - Saturday, 1 p.m.
- Softball at Rutgers
  - Saturday, noon
- Baseball vs. Pittsburgh
  - Saturday, noon
- Baseball vs. Georgetown
  - Saturday, noon
- Football vs. Davidson
  - Today, 7 p.m.