Former first lady supports Logan Center

Carter uses her influence and own experiences to aid fundraiser

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Senior Staff Writer

When Father Ted Hesburgh decided in the early 1970s to help 1 million Cambodians fleeing Pol Pot's violent regime, he got $60 million from President Jimmy Carter. And he got Carter's wife, Rosalynn, to fly to the Cambodia-Thailand border where she delivered aid to refugees.

"Rosalynn Carter isn't just a lady who'll say she'll be on your team," Hesburgh said Tuesday. "She didn't just talk about aiding Cambodians, she went there."

A human rights advocate, the former First Lady is known for rolling up her sleeves to aid the sick. Tuesday, she visited the Joyce Center to help South Bend's Logan Center raise money for mentally ill patients and their caregivers. Carter addressed more than 600 local business people, volunteers and community members who attended the Great Logan Nose-On Luncheon.

"There should be no shame and no embarrassment in being mentally ill," Rosalynn Carter told the audience.

"We must try to overcome the stigma, myths and misconceptions," she said.

Carter, who became an advocate for mental health as active honorary chair of the President Carter's Commission on Mental Health, discussed the need to support caregivers in our community.

"There is no honor in the recognition," she said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Groups emphasize importance of environment, diversity

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's Board of Governance approved a Student Environmental Policy Statement at their meeting on Tuesday. Allison Trdan, a senior anthropology and environmental studies major and the current director of the policy on behalf of the Environmental Coalition, Trdan pledged her personal and group's support of the policy, which she said would last after her graduation in the spring.

"We don't have any formal commitment to the environment right now," Trdan said. "In the next few years, we will have a lot of change on campus...[This policy] will make sure it's a good change."

Trdan's policy, endorsed by BOG, advocates reducing, reusing and recycling all waste materials on campus and making sure that all waste is deposited in the containers. The policy hopes to initiate student activities that will educate people on environmental concepts and practices.

As Saint Mary's begins to implement in five-year Campus Master Plan for construction and renovation of the college, the written policy will explain costs for each of the projects and assess the short and long-term costs to the environment.

Trdan next plans to take the policy to faculty and staff, and then to the administration for approval. BOG also discussed a part of the policy that would create a position on the Board for an environmental ombudsman to oversee the implementation of the policy, and to voice concerns about environmental issues on the campus.

"A major goal of the Ombudsman program. Teamwork For Tomorrow is targeted toward the South Bend community's 8-12 year olds. The program, founded by students two years ago, pairs a college student with a child to work on reading, athletics, and healthy living.

The program is looking for two reading coordinators, who must be senior elementary education majors. The current coordinators are Katie Kennedy and Erin Long, both students at Saint Mary's. Students who are interested in volunteering should contact Molly O'Bourke, the current director.

"If you like kids, go, because it's so much fun," Erin Hall said. Hall, current BOG alumnae commission coordinator, participated in the program her sophomore year.

BOG also approved two co-sponsored events. For RHA's conference at the University of Boulder from May 25-28, and the second for partial reimbursement for the paint used on the softball dugouts, which were painted blue by volunteers before this week's games.

"Painting the dugouts was big for school spirit and involved the student body," said John Indriko, who presented the idea to BOG.

Student body vice president Michelle Nagle expressed her appreciation for the painters.

"I think you're a great example of Saint Mary's pride," Nagle said.

In other BOG news:

"Like that she's so nice," Warner said of Verret. "I had two other buddies who weren't worth it. They would just come over and..."
INSIDE COLUMN

Sharing my sister's identity

"Yes, she looks like me. No—she is not my twin—she is my YOUNGER sister," I have to constantly tell people when Sarah and I are together.

I was blessed, truly now that I am not living in the house any longer do I think of that way), with three younger sisters and one brother. Sarah is the closest to me in age.

This past weekend was the first time she has been able to come to campus to visit me. After seventeen years of sharing a room with her, secrets every night with her, a year of college with her, and thousands of minutes spent fighting with her, I actually miss her at college (or maybe it's just her clothes). Either way, I was excited for her to visit me and to be able to share my life here with her (not to mention, take her to some clothes). Either way, I was excited for her to

Faculty of English

Dustin Ferrell

Viewpoint

July 18, 2000

This is a time to reflect on what two of her daughters could do together.

But by Friday night, my nerves were already worn out with my sister. She had come ready to shop. She was out early one day at the mall, she had already called her boyfriend twice, and it was getting harder to convince her to let me borrow her clothes. After shopping all day again on Saturday in Chicago, (one post in that I had to find the perfect dress for Sarah). I was exhausted.

Although I don't exactly know how at the thought of all my studying and work I still had to get done.

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INSIDE COLUMN

THIS WEEK IN MICHIGANA

Wednesday

• Art: "A Life in Art." works by Margaret Iannielli; noon-5 p.m.; New Munn Gallery, Benton Harbor.

• Music: Student recitals; 7:30 p.m.; Everest-Rohrer Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Bethel College.

• Comedy: Jimmie Foxx; 8 p.m.; Star Plaza Theatre.

Thursday

• Music: Borders Don Conoscenti in concert; The Carvers; 8 p.m.; Mishawaka.

Friday

• Comedy: Jamie Foxx; 8 p.m.; Star Plaza Theatre.

Saturday

• Theater: Pump Boys and Dinettes; By Troupe America; 8 p.m.; Mendel Center Mainstage, Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Yale orders Versity.com to pull notes from Web

PRINCETON, N.J. A recent controversy at Yale University has brought Versity.com, an Internet company that provides lecture notes for courses at about 150 colleges and universities nationwide, to the forefront of a continuing debate over professors' intellectual property rights.

Versity.com pays students for their lecture notes and then makes the notes available online. At most schools, however, the company does not seek the permission of professors from whose courses material is posted.

Yale.com pulled all notes from courses at Yale last month, several days after the university demanded that it do so.

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Lecturers: Debt relief is crucial for third-world nations

By KRISTEN ALLEN
News Writer

Advocating the Catholic responsibility to Debt Relief in the Jubilee Year was the focus of a presentation given by Father John Dermott and Elizeus Rutebemberwa Tuesday afternoon in Clere Hall.

There is a crippling financial burden that is bearing on the poorest countries of the world, according to Dermott.

"It's said to think that people are forced into a situation where they must choose between putting money aside for basic health care and education and repaying their debts," he said.

When a country borrows money, the citizens are not always aware and even when they know about the loans that their country has taken, they do not always know what the money is used for, explained Rutebemberwa, a Ugandan.

Debt repayments take money away from health care and education. The problem becomes worse as funding for these payments often comes in the form of aid from other countries, he said.

"If you get a loan, you must pay it back," Rutebemberwa said. "So why then do we have this debt relief?"

For third-world countries like Uganda, the reality is that the debt will probably never be paid. Instead of paying back the countries they owe, the money should go to the poor for education and health, Rutebemberwa said.

"It's important for us to raise our consciousness to the reality of the debt in the third-world countries," said theologian professors after Tuesday's lecture. "We must bring pressure to alleviate that situation."

Rutebemberwa said that Ugandan country were not afraid of first-world nations because of their money, but rather because of their power.

"We don't blame rich countries because they are rich," he said, when asked about the scale of Uganda feel about the disparity of wealth. "What we want is that we [do] not become slaves."

McDermott, who has spent many years in Uganda, is reminded of how much wealth there is in the American culture, of how much Americas live as influential people, and of how much education is power to us.

"We live in such a culture that makes us people who are used to choice, who are used to wealth -- we expect that life can and will improve," he said. "We live in a life of opulence."

"Calling Students to Jubilee Debt Relief at Notre Dame" was sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College.

Elizeus Rutebemberwa discussed the debt crisis in third-world countries, such as his native Uganda. He said that wealthy nations need to relieve poorer nations of old debts.

SMC students learn what employers, grad schools seek

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Leadership Development Committee and Center for Academic Success sponsored a lecture that gave students the opportunity to learn what grades mean to graduate schools as well as employers.

Faculty and administrators educated students on what graduate schools want from applicants: They look at how earning a 4.0 compares to improving grades for clubs and various organizations.

David Wilkeson, assistant director for Career Development, focused on what employers are looking for. He gave advice on how to balance grades with leadership and activities.

"Get involved," Wilkeson said. "I'm a strong believer that education is more than what goes on in the classroom."

The top four characteristics he said employers look for are academic major, internship experience, leadership experience and GPA. It is important to gain activities and experience skills, as well as maintain a GPA, he said.

"The most important activities from an employer's perspective are career development, internships, leadership and organizational involvement and community service and student organization membership," Wilkeson said, noting that such experience helps students learn to speak and articulate.

Gavin Vance, from the department of Business and Administration and Economics, focused on admission to law schools and the type of credentials they seek.

"There are some schools that look only at numbers -- the GPA and LSAT," said Vance. "Particularly, large schools and state colleges."

"However, there are other schools who will look for an application. These schools like to have the application and really look at three different categories: those who have the strong numbers, those with low numbers, and those that are in the middle. The borderline cases may not be exactly what the school is looking for but they look at other issues," she said.

She discussed how to go about writing the personal statement that the admissions process requires. Vance said this statement gives the applicant an opportunity to address the issues related to the grade.

"Don't make excuses but rather look to improve your grades in context," Vance said. "Did you play sports or were you involved in leadership? Did you have a job?"

Vance also discussed that perhaps graduate school may not be the best step immediately after undergraduate work is completed.

"Get experience by going to work or the Peace Corps," she said. "And then apply when you have more to show for yourself."

"Make you into a different person and bring perspective into the class," Vance told the audience. "This will enhance the graduate experience and the experience of other students."

Biologist professor Nancy Nekvasil discussed the admissions process in medical, dental, and other health schools. She agreed with Vance in saying that graduate schools are looking for applicants with life experience.

In the spirit of merit scholar Candice Janiczek advised students to take their lives step by step, semester by semester.

"From my experience, grades are the only things that count for scholarship," Janiczek said. "The way I got involved was by taking baby steps beyond being a freshman year and increasing what I was doing."

Sophomore Katie O'Connell spoke from the perspective of a student involved in activities.

"From the first day of school, I decided to get involved and my grades came as they came," she said.

O'Connell stressed the importance of experiences as well.

"Experiences enhance life. You need to think about what you want to do when you leave Saint Mary's, a magic number?" O'Connell said. "There's a lot more out there and it's not always that number. You need to learn about yourself."
There, church leaders join volunteers to help educate citizens about mental health. Resource material is readily available as well.

Carter recommended that those who volunteer to help mentally ill patients be mindful of their caregivers' needs. Friends should ask how caregivers feel and should actively volunteer to help with household tasks rather than waiting for caregivers to request help.

Carter also suggested community residents contact newspaper editors to request fair coverage of local mental health issues and to increase awareness. She noted that the Atlanta-based Carter Center annually awards $10,000 in fellowship to journalists who report on mental health issues.

"Get [editors] to cover success stories — mentally ill people who have been successfully treated," Carter said. "Show your community what these people are really like."

Carter urged attendees to contact national politicians about leveling inequalities between physical and mental health insurance, a topic tackled annually by leaders of mental health organizations who participated in the Royall Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy.

"Insurance coverage for mental illnesses is not on par with insurance coverage for physical illnesses. We need legislation on the national level to right this inequality." Rosalynn Carter former first lady

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want to talk. (Courtenay) takesinit places, I care about her.

Verret, a French and communications major and member of the Notre Dame Marching Band, began volunteering at Logan last fall. Initially, she was unsure of her ability to help center clients.

"When I went out after the first time I visited [Logan Center] and got the tour, I want to run out and cry in my ear," Verret said. I didn't know if I'd be able to handle it. It's kind of a shock, and humbling, so many people in one place who have a disability."

In addition to Best Buddies, Verret volunteers weekly in an adult rehabilitation program, helping to feed and entertain adults, many of who are restricted to wheelchairs and cannot speak. She plans to continue service work and might participate after graduation in the Larche program, in which volunteers live in community with mentally disabled adults.

Verret and Warner were among five pairs of friends who were honored for their dedication to building relationships between community volunteers and mentally disabled citizens.

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ND faculty welcome new fitness facility

By STACEY KAPLAN
News Writer

University faculty and administrators are tuning muscles in a new facility. The Raymond and Winifred Rinehart Faculty Exercise Facility, located in the Joyce Center, opened its doors in mid-January. Since then it has received an influx of new visitors. "People have been telling me that they see a lot of new faces. I tell them, 'Yeah, you're right,'" said Kevin Hirl, issuing clerk.

The improvement was necessary due to renovations of the men's and women's varsity basketball locker rooms. "They just wanted to update the basketball locker areas," said Hirl.

Both the faculty locker rooms and the exercise facility itself were expanded and improved. Associate professor David Gasperetti said, "There is more room and better equipment. It's lighter and brighter, and the locker room is a nice upgrade. This is certainly a place that you don't mind coming to at all."

According to Gasperetti, the only negative effect of the facility was the necessity of closing it down for renovations.

"That was the negative thing. I really depended on this place for workouts," he said.

The room also includes a new entertainment system.

"There is a vast difference from the old room. Where they have just one TV they have three monitors now. People can even bring their own headphones to hear personally," he said.

Structural improvements to the building have also been popular. "They have windows now to look out so you can see the stadium. The old room didn't have any windows at all, so it's really nice," said Hirl. Saunas were added to both locker rooms.

The facility is a gift of Raymond Rinehart. He served as chairman and CEO of Clov Corporation until 1980. He is currently chairman and CEO of RGR Enterprises, and has served on the College of Business Advisory Council for almost 30 years. The facility will be dedicated on May 8.

ATTENTION STUDENTS OF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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NIAMEY, Niger

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden

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Lott tries to curb Columbia, Kosovo funds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott promised Tuesday to try to block a $9 billion bill that includes money for U.S. activities in Colombia and Kosovo, dampering prospects that Congress will provide the money quickly.

Instead, he said he wants to take President Clinton's full requests for Colombia and Kosovo, shrink the rest of the legislation and include what is left in regular spending bills for the 2001 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. Congress will probably work on these bills into the fall. But Lott said he hopes money for Kosovo and Colombia can be provided in one of them and approved within the next two months.

"It is too costly," said Lott, "and I will do what I can to block it." The $9 billion measure is an enlarged version of a $5.2 billion bill that Clinton requested on an emergency basis.

Lott spoke after meeting with conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who has demanded spending restraint as the Senate begins its budget work for the year. Gramm said he agreed with Lott that only about $5 billion of the $9 billion will be provided, although Lott said he has no specific figure in mind.

Lott has said before that he opposes the bill not only because of its expense but also that it would slow the Senate's work on other issues. His remarks Tuesday were the first in which he has threatened to try and block it.

The majority leader sets the Senate's schedule. Even so, he can be subject to political pressures, and many members of the Senate Appropriations Committee as well as Democrats and the Clinton administration continue to favor action on the bill.

The Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, said he would try pushing his version of the $9 billion bill through his panel next Tuesday, despite Lott's remarks.
Reno defends her actions during Waco confrontation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno testified Tuesday that she never gave approval for tanks to demolish the Branch Davidians' compound near Waco, Texas, and does not believe the FBI intentionally did so.

"She was forthcoming and candid and answered all the questions. Her testimony will speak for itself, but it was consistent throughout the deposition with her past testimony," Michael Bradford, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas, said.

The deposition and a transcript of it will be forthcoming in discussing the FBI's on-scene commanders - special agents in charge Jeffrey Jamar and Hostage Rescue Team leader Richard Rogers - deviated from the approved operations plan by escalating the tear-gas insertion and destroying the building. He also faults Jamar's decision to hold back fire trucks at a checkpoint while the building was consumed by flames.

Jamar told Congress in 1995 that he kept the fire trucks at bay for fear firefighters might be shot. The government contends any actions Jamar or Rogers took that day fell within their discretionary authority.

Also Tuesday, a federal judge in Waco granted a plaintiffs' request to dismiss their part of a case against an FBI sharpshooter.

"She was forthcoming and candid and answered all the questions. Her testimony will speak for itself, but it was consistent throughout the deposition with her past testimony."

"The deposed her for their wrongful-death lawsuit against the government. But the Davidians' lead counsel, emerging from the rare deposition of an attorney general, said Reno was less than forthcoming in discussing whether the FBI intended to dismantle the complex during its tear-gassing operation - an interpretation rejected by Reno's aides."

"The only issue where we felt that she was less than candid was on the demolition," Houston lawyer Michael Caddell said outside the Justice Department.

"The problem that she's got is she testified to Congress in 1995 that the damage done to the building was the result of tear-gas insertion. And I think it's very difficult for her to back off of that testimony."
Ex-wife murders former FBI agent

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — In the middle of a gun battle with deputies trying to arrest them, an ex-cop and her former husband, a one-time FBI agent, shot at the head. She then killed herself.

"No one had any idea they were going to turn into Bonnie and Clyde on us," said Carlos Baixauli, an agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Former agent Justin Haberski, 40, who had become a lawyer and party owner of a strip club, and ex-wife Jennifer Davis, 24, were shot to death Friday as they ran from their car during the shoot-out with Escambia County deputies.

On Monday, medical examiner Carol Bachman said autopsies showed that Ms. Haberski shot her husband in the forehead, then shot herself. She was also shot twice in the chest by deputies, Cumberland said. Those wounds would have eventually killed her if she had not shot herself in the head, he said.

Deputies had started pursuing the couple Friday after a report that they had robbed three men and a woman walking from a restaurant to their motel.

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UC research ship sinks, killing four

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO—A boat carrying 10 students and others on a university research trip sank off the coast of Baja California, killing at least one.

Three people swam to safety on a nearby island and were rescued early Tuesday, said Lisa Ladin, a spokeswoman for the University of California, Davis. A search was on for the others.

Ladin said survivors at the scene reported the recovery of four bodies, including a male graduate student and a visiting Japanese scholar. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City also confirmed four dead, including at least one U.S. citizen.

Among the missing was Gary Puls, the expedition's leader and chairman of the school's Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Ladin said. The boat was one of two, 20-foot inflatable crafts carrying a total of about 20 people on the trip Monday to research seals and scorpions on an island near Bahia de Los Angeles, a remote bay 250 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The two boats became separated on their return when strong winds whipped up 4 to 6-foot waves, UC Davis said in a statement.

It was not clear who else was on board the boat that sank.

"From what we understand, there was a mix of students, faculty and visitors from the University of California, Davis," Ladin said. "So that's five people that we are looking for."

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President enters Southern flag debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—With a visit to a historically black South Carolina college, President Clinton is wading into the debate over display of the Confederate flag, which he said is "a symbol of racism, a symbol of slavery." It is a subject that he has avoided publicly.

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Bush reaches out to McCain, adjusts education agenda

Associated Press

RESTON, Va. George W. Bush reached out to vanquished presidential rival John McCain Tuesday, declaring "the past is the past" and it's time for them to meet. Another former rival, Steve Forbes, was endorsing Bush as Republicans moved toward reconciliation after a bruising primary season.

Bush telephoned McCain from his car in Virginia, where he laid out a $5 million plan to address illiteracy among young school students, declaring the problem a "national emergency."

"Too many of our children can't read," Bush told a group of Asian-American business people in suburban Washington. "Our economy is the envy of the world; unfortunately, our schools are not." Bush reached out to McCain after Bob Dole, the defeated 1996 GOP nominee who has been acting as peacemaker, senator and then called Bush. The Texas governor is hoping for an endorsement from his former foe, but McCain aides said it is too soon to talk about that. Still, McCain adviser John Weaver said, "The ice has been broken."

Bush said, "I think John and I both understand that the past is the past and it's time to move forward."

McCain suspended his campaign March 9 after Bush won a string of primaries two days earlier on Super Tuesday. The Arizona senator won seven GOP primaries, including the leadoff contest in New Hampshire.

Bush annulled the McCain camp by saying that McCain "didn't change my views on reform." But the Texas quick-to-suffer the blow and has spoken more glowingly of his former rival since.

The Texas governor was lining up the endorsement of Forbes at an evening rally in the millionaire publisher's home state of New Jersey. His backing could bring Bush more conservative support even as he targets women and other traditional Democratic constituencies with reading initiative.

McCain will give both Bush and his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, roughly equal marks on who would do the best job of improving education.

Bush's education proposal would provide reading instruction for about 900,000 kindergarten and first-grade students. Over time, aides said, he envisions adding a lesser amount of money to diagnose and remedy lingering problems with second graders.

Casting himself as a new Republican, Bush even cited the late Albert Shanker, former head of the American Federation of Teachers, a union traditionally aligned with Democratic cause. "This plan is different. It's different from my opponent. It's different from the administration. And it's different from those who would say there is no federal role for education, different from those who would throw money into schools without reforming them," Bush said.

Back at the White House, Gore scoffed that Bush's education agenda was "subordinate to his risky tax scheme, which would actually slash money for education."

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Vice President said Bush could not pay for his education proposals if he also cut taxes as proposed, by about $1 trillion over 10 years.

Bush's education plan "puts a huge cloud over everything that he says about education," Gore told the AP. "You can't propose an economic plan that results in devastating slashing cuts to education and pretend that you're not doing it."

The governor's new program, "Reading First," is modeled after a program begun this year in Texas. It would set the goal of teaching every American child to read by the end of the third grade. According to statistics cited by the Bush campaign, 68 percent of the fourth graders in the nation's poorest school areas were not able to read at a basic level in 1998. Bush calls for spending $5 million annually to diagnose reading problems with kindergarten and first-grade students.

An additional $90 million per year would be used to train teachers to make the diagnosis. The biggest chunk of money — $900 million annually — is pegged for literacy programs that would be designed and implemented locally. States would have to apply for the money, and it would be awarded only if they proposed programs that met "research-based" standards.

By contrast, Gore has proposed spending $115 billion over 10 years to continue President Clinton's program aimed at reducing class sizes by providing more money to hire teachers. So far, about 30,000 have been hired, with a goal of 100,000.

Gore also wants to triple the number of charter schools, make preschool available to every 4-year-old and expand Head Start.

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Scientists blame faulty engines in Mars trip failure

WASHINGTON
A premature rocket-engine shutdown may have doomed the Mars Polar Lander, but the core cause of the botched mission was NASA trying to do too much with too little, investigators found.

Thomas Young, head of an independent team that investigated the failure for NASA, said his group was "almost certain" that the $165 million Mars probe automatically shut down and the lander got to this point (above the Mars surface), then: "this was the cause of the failure," said Young, a retired NASA and industry executive who led the investigation team.

However, Young pinned the underlying cause of the failure on "inadequate funding and inadequate margins" in the planning and execution of NASA's Mars-exploration program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

The Mars program, he said, "was underfunded by at least 30 percent." This forced contractor and NASA engineers to cut corners, work up to 80 hours a week, and limited testing of equipment and procedures, leading to an "unacceptable high risk" for a very complex and demanding mission, he said.

The contractor for the Mars project was Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver.

Ed Weiler, NASA associate administrator in charge of science, said the space agency would "fully respond" to recommendations.

He said Scott Hubbard, a NASA executive at the Ames Research Center in California, would take over a new position as head of the Mars program in Washington. A new Mars manager would also be named at JPL, said Weiler.

Additionally, Weiler said he was canceling plans to launch a new Mars lander next year, but would allow a Mars' orbital mission to proceed.

That mission calls for a spacecraft to map the minerals and water on the Red Planet.

Weiler said cash reserves for the Mars program would now be held at headquarters, instead of JPL, thus forcing the California managers to come to NASA headquarters if there are problems.

"We don't want our best people at JPL to be afraid to raise issues," he said.

Weiler said the Mars mission could have been saved if it had been more "aggressive" at the start, but the effort was driven by a "faster, better, cheaper" NASA philosophy that started in the 1990s with reduced space agency budgets.

"We were pushing the envelope too far," by asking JPL engineers "to do the impossible," said Weiler. "We pushed them too far and I will not condemn them because they failed."

Weiler also ordered a detailed reexamination of NASA's whole Mars exploration program, to be completed within two years ending with a 2006 window to land a rover on Earth pieces of the planet.

He said that program will be revised to include the limitations of the budget, a reduction in risks and a relaxed schedule of launches.

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Choate seeks Reform Party stability

WASHINGTON
Reform Party Chairman Pat Choate turned from his own party's problems Tuesday to the general election, challenging Al Gore and George W. Bush to prove they're really reformers by forgoing unregulated campaign contributions.

"Either do the reform thing — stop taking soft money, stop taking PAC money — or stop calling yourself a reformer," Choate said at a news conference at the National Press Club, one day after a federal judge upheld his chairman's firing of the disabled organization.

He said stabilizing the party won't be as difficult as skeptics contend.

"George Bush is going to have a tougher time getting John McCain's endorsement than I am pulling this party together," Choate said.

But already, more trouble was brewing over the same issue that sparked much of the original infighting: Where to hold the party's nominating convention Aug. 16.

Several Reform Party officials said Pat Buchanan, the front-runner for the presidential nomination, and some party leaders now want the event moved from Long Beach, Calif. Buchanan's allies, including supporters of party founder Ross Perot, fought for that site against backers of Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura. They wanted the event held in his home state.

The Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center is now a problem for logistical and political reasons, these officials said. A competing conference by the Jehovah's Witnesses is scheduled there for the same week, which would leave it fewer than 12 hours to set up its event.

There also is concern that organizers would not be able to keep Buchanan's opponents from protesting in the hallways of the public building, creating a security hazard.

"What was envisioned is no longer possible," Choate said later Tuesday.

For Buchanan, the issue is logistics — not enough available hotel rooms near the convention site to house his entourage, according to Bay Buchanan, his campaign manager and sister. Aides have scouted cities from New Orleans to San Diego and are satisfied with Nashville, Tenn., she said Tuesday.

"It would make a marvelous statement," she added. "It's middle America."

The new problems arose as Choate and Buchanan emphasized that Monday's court ruling had put the party's fierce infighting behind it, and that Buchanan's leadership will put the party on track to mount a credible challenge to Gore and Bush, the expected Democratic and Republican presidential nominees.

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U.S. under human rights accusations

Associated Press

BEIJING - Ahead of a visit by President Clinton's security adviser, China accused Washington today of demonstrating a double standard by seeking U.N. consensus of Beijing despite having its own "very serious human rights problem." 

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi's comments came just hours before National Security Adviser Sandy Berger was due in Beijing for talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Premier Zhu Rongji and their foreign policy team.

Berger is one of the most senior Clinton administration officials to visit since U.S.-China ties plunged after NATO bombarded the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia during the fighting over Kosovo 10 1/2 months ago.

Berger, who accompanied Clinton to South Asia last week, is expected to discuss cooperation following Thursday's presidential election 10 days ago.

China is fighting a U.S. effort to secure the current meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva to consider Beijing for what Washington says is a worsening human rights record.

Sun, the Chinese spokesman, predicted the U.S. effort would fail, as similar attempts have in previous years. He said the U.S. commission should not be a forum for political confrontation and that China wants to settle disputes over human rights through dialogue.

Sun said the United States would do better to look at its own problems "instead of making irresponsible remarks and accusations against other countries."

The United States has a very serious human rights problem, with constant ethnic discrimination, police violence, police abuse and also discrimination against women, and there are also constant incidents such as shootings in the schools," Sun said at a briefing for foreign correspondents.

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Beijing opened what both sides hope will be the final round in years of negotiations on China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

Unlike in two previous sessions this year, European Union trade commissioner Pascal Lamy took part in the talks. His spokesman, Anthony Gooch, said Lamy was there to deal with thorny political issues, not technical matters of trade.

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Births to unwed mothers hit high

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON  
Women in their 20s helped fuel a baby boomlet that pushed U.S. births up 2 percent in 1998, the first increase in several years, said a government report released Tuesday.  
The increase reflected growth in the number of women entering childbearing years. These daughters of early baby boomers are having their own kids, but getting married first is not necessarily a prerequisite to becoming a parent, the report shows.  
Births to unwed mothers, on the rise for years, hit an all-time high in 1998 and accounted for nearly half of all babies born that year, reported the National Center for Health Statistics. But unlike the 1990s, when teenagers were having children at alarming rates, today's unwed mothers are more likely to be in their 20s and 30s.  
Researchers attribute the change to a big drop in teen births, confidence in the booming economy and more relaxed attitudes about unwed mothers.  
“The social disapproval factor has definitely lessened,” said Stephanie Ventura, lead author of the report compiled from state birth data.  
There were 3.74 million births in 1998, compared to 3.88 million children born in 1997. The fertility rate, a measure of births among women of childbearing age, was 65.6 births for every 1,000 females, up 65 births per 1,000.  
These were the first increases in births and fertility rates since 1990, when 4.1 million children were born and the fertility rate was 79.9 births per 1,000 women. Between 1990 and 1997, the number of births fell 7 percent as women waited longer to have children and teen births declined, the availability of more reliable contraception, an emphasis on abstinence and fears about AIDS.  
Some 1.29 million babies were born to single women in 1998, up 3 percent from the prior year and the highest number reported since the government started collecting birth data in the early 1900s.  
One reason for the rise was a large proportion of unmarried women of childbearing age. The number of single women between 15 and 44 rose to 29.2 million women in 1998, from 26.9 million in 1997.  
Unwed women in their 20s and 30s had higher birth rates, and that was true for both white and black women. Birth rates for unwed Hispanic women in that age group fell, the report showed.  
Birth rates for all women in the 20s and 30s had higher birth rates on the rise. After falling during the 1990s, the birth rate for women aged 20 to 24 — the principal childbearing ages — rose 1 percent to 111.2 births per 1,000. The rate for women aged 30 to 34 rose 2 percent to 87.4 births per 1,000 women — the highest rate since 1965.  
Jacqueline Darroch, senior vice president for research at Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private research group, said the rise in unmarried mommies doesn't necessarily mean that children don't have fathers because many women are living with, but not marrying, their partners.  
“Non-married does not necessarily mean that it's the mother alone without a father.”  
Jacqueline Darroch  
researcher,  
Alan Guttmacher Institute

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**Meet The Author**

Thursday, March 30  
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**Scientists develop healthier soy oil**

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON  
Government scientists have developed a new soybean that's healthier for the heart because the oil need not go through a process that produces artery-clogging trans fatty acids and it has less than half the saturated fat of conventional soybeans.  
Food manufacturers — who use soybean oil in everything from margarine to crackers — are eager to get the healthier oil because of its relatively low price and wide availability.  
But soybean oil cannot be used for cooking unless it is hydrogenated to extend its shelf life and improve its flavor. Hydrogenation, which also solidifies the oil, removes linoleic acid that causes the oil to taste rancid when heated.  
The new soybean has a third as much linoleic acid as conventional varieties.  
Hydrogenated oil would still be needed for some products, such as baked goods, to give them the proper texture. But manufacturers could blend in oil that isn't hydrogenated to lower the overall content of trans fats, according to independent experts.  
Health experts say trans fatty acids may be even worse for the heart than saturated fat. Studies indicate that existing levels of trans fats increase Lp(a)-cholesterol, which isn't used by food manufacturers and restauranteurs would go a long way to reducing heart disease in this country," Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said Tuesday.  
The new soybean was developed by Agriculture Department scientists in Raleigh, N.C., using conventional breeding methods, not through a process that has become controversial in Europe and Asia.  
More than 80 percent of the vegetable oil used in cooking and food manufacturing comes from soybeans because of its relatively low price and wide availability.  

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Forgive others as Jesus forgave us

In a recent bible study group, we discussed the story of "The Lost Son," also known as "The Prodigal Son." This is the parable in the gospel of Luke that details the life of a young man who squandered his inheritance on prostitutes and other frivolous things. Upon his return home, with nothing left, his father welcomed him back with open arms. He forgave his youngest son without condition or hesitation.

Although I had heard thisparable many times, it wasn't until recently that I thought about what it had to do with me. What does it mean for all of us today? Even though it was written centuries ago, its purpose is timeless.

It is human nature to release emotions when something has affected us deeply. Whether we are moved to tears of joy or sorrow, our minds seldom forget that initial feeling of what moved us in the first place. This is applicable to our relationships with others. The majority of us function in a world where we build relationships on trust.

The relationship we have with our parents is also based on trust. From birth, we were taught that unacceptably behavior, certain consequences result. It may take a lot of bickering, washing dishes, sorting laundry, and other tasks to "get back in good graces." Time heals all wounds, right? If this is human nature, then why did Jesus find it necessary to tell us the story of a father who forgave so easily?

Take close friends for example. Real friendships develop over time. A close friend has hurt us at some point in our lives. Many of us have been hurt by the same friend many times. Sometimes we forgive, sometimes we do not. Barely do we forget. If the friend were truly sorry for their actions, and wanted to re-enter into a loving relationship, is it the Christian thing to make that road back as difficult as possible? Is it the Christian thing to extend our arms without condition or hesitation? Should we strive to be like that forgiving father?

This same parable mentions the eldest son as one who dedicated his life to serving his father. He too was a recipient of his father's wealth. Instead of spending all of his money, like his brother, he continued to serve his father and never disobeyed him. Upon hearing the news that his father was rejoicing because of the younger brother's return, the eldest brother grew angry and critical.

Often we want credit for things that we should be doing in the first place. We often want to be rewarded for deeds that are respectful and "morally right." Along with this desire to be recognized comes a criticism of those who step from the path that is accepted. We question, like the brother, rewarding people whom we think should not be rewarded. Is criticizing and judging others based on our standards the moral right thing to do?

Perhaps the answer lies in treating people with that golden rule we learned in the first grade: "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Perhaps we should view each other's sins as equal. Often, we can't see someone else's sins as our own. Perhaps we view forgiveness as a weakness, yet it is hard to forgive people we sometimes deeply struggle with the question of forgiveness. What is the right thing to do? Is it to forgive, or is it to hold a grudge? Forgive others as Jesus forgave us.

When you feel as though someone has betrayed you, it feels like disregarding that person is the easiest thing to do. You may not speak anymore, you may not even see each other anymore. How easy it is to sweep something, or someone, under the carpet. But, they are still there. That feeling inside of you, that voice from within, that might be some-one asking for forgiveness. When you keep so much hatred and anger bottled up inside of you, it can literally feel like it is eating you alive.

Forgiveness is not just for the person who wants to forgive. It is also for the person who forgives. Whichever person we may be, we are all equal in spite of our faults. We are all judged and we are all forgiven, without condition or hesitation. Perhaps now is the time to extend this same grace to those around us. Perhaps they may need it.

Perhaps we do too.

Kimm Martin

Reflections of a Nice Girl
Bridging the gap between people

I realized how important the challenge is for us to "bridge the gap between people." It is often easier to talk about the importance of "relationships" and quickly become caught up in many responsibilities in "our own circles." It is often easier to think and preach about "my neighbor" than to be open and encounter with neighbors who have voices which challenge our desire and fears.

More than three decades ago, Notre Dame invited a priest psychologist from Holland named Henri Nouwen to teach in the Department. Henri challenged me and many of us to cross bridges and boundaries of students to move beyond fear and self-preoccupation toward love and experiential learning to discover the complexities of living responding to the needs of "our neighbors." I think that the key is to hear the last book he wrote before his sudden death in 1996 might assist us in this community to reflect on our response to bridge. Debt Relief and many other issues facing Notre Dame now and in the years about this time slowly three reflections he shared in his book "Bread for the Journey: A Day Book for Wisdom and Faith." This is one of more than 40 books of Henri in the area of spiritual life which have now been published and continue to be translated and published, especially in the Spanish-speaking world at this time.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians are following his guidelines in a book: "From the House of Fear to the House of Love" and taken from his book and lectures on "The Return of the Prodigal Son" during this Lent. These passages have helped me put the challenge for our response to Jubilee Debt Relief and other social concerns in perspective.

Crossing the Road for One Another: We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another. There is no separation and segregation between black people and white people, between gay people and straight people, between young people and old people, between sick people and healthy people. Between Jews and Gentiles, Muslims and Christians, Protestants and Catholics, Greek Catholics and Latin Catholics.

There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbors.

Bridging the Gap Between People: To become neighbors is to bridge the gap between people. As long as there is distance between the road and us another. There is another eye, all sorts of false ideas and images. We give them to hear and humbly jokes about them, cover them with our prejudices, and avoid direct contact. We think of them as enemies. We forget that as we love, care for their children as we care for ours, become sick and die as we do. We forget that they are our brothers and sisters and treat them as objects that can be destroyed at will.

Only when we have the courage to cross the road and look in one another's eyes can we see that we are children of the same God and members of the same human family.

The speakers coming from other countries for this week would not be possible without Father Tom McNeill, who hosted a group of Notre Dame faculty and staff in Uganda and Kenya this past June. The group realized how important it would be to invite speakers to "cross the road to ND" from various settings impacted by incredible debt which is hampering the poor. Tom and I are in this present, for me, has been a witness to the above words and spirit of Henri Nouwen until with his own voice and ability to enter into the joys and sorrows of life have been a gift to this campus. We celebrate his return for this challenging week focusing on debt relief and our call for global solidarity and respect. Upon return to Africa, we hope Tom will continue "bridging the gap" by facilitating an international summer service project in Uganda for African-American Notre Dame students in 2001.

What about "crossing the road for one another" in our local Notre Dame-South Bend relationship? I am grateful that this year there is renewed energy and vision thanks to Larry Nims and the Executive Assistant to Monk, to explore "bridging the gap" between the University and neighborhoods in South Bend, especially in the Northeast Neighborhood and the West Side.

I have watched students in our seminar on Christian leadership listen to neighbors express their concerns and needs. We at the CSC are exploring the challenge for improved relationships for most students and residents in the same God and members of the same human family.

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As you may or may not know, I have been diagnosed with leukemia. For those of you who have been so gracious to write or say prayers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Those letters get me through everyday.

The doctors don't think I have the best of odds. The doctors can go to 80% and still be concerned. So, I write one telling you that, hate it or love it, I WILL be with you next year.

Secondly, I write about the upcoming bone marrow drive. Please go. I know I probably wouldn't, I would be hanging out or doing a well overdue paper or just napping or who knows what. Maybe I would want to and I'd forget, giving it a shrug at the salad bar at NHM that night. Please don't do that. They say blood is the gift of life. It is true. I have received many need blood transfusions since I've been here. Bone marrow is the gift of a LIFETIME. One is NOT guaranteed a bone marrow match. If you don't get one, most likely, you die. If you do, you have a chance to live. It will be quick and easy to get tested, and if you were ever one day selected it would be equally pain free. And someone's daughter, wife, sister or mother would please live.

I see a lot of people everyday whose lives are depending on it.

Conan Murphy
Sophomore
Zahn Hall
March 29, 2000

Vote for resolution on IBM pensions

I am writing to respectfully ask that all faculty, staff, students and alumni who hold stock in the IBM corporation carefully consider the IBM stockholder proxy votes you make in the coming days leading to the annual stockholder's meeting on April 25.

In the case of the IBM employees' resolution on retirement and retirement medical, I am asking that you vote all IBM stock held in favor of the resolution.

The entire text of the resolution can be found in the recent annual meeting notice which also outlines the board of director's election and other business to be held at the annual meeting. In summary, IBM decided to change the pension plan from the long-held traditional plan to a cash balance plan.

The net result to tens of thousands of IBMers was a drastic 30 to 50 percent cut in retirement benefits. The public outcry and resultant Senate hearings forced IBM to restore some benefits to a subset of employees in hopes of quelling the criticism. However, IBM chose to use age as a criterion for determining who received and who did not receive benefits under the old plan. That age is 40. Hundreds of Notre Dame alumni who graduated after 1981 are still severely affected by this change. For example, I started in 1983 and was fully vested in IBM's retirement plan in 1988. In mid-1999 I was removed from the old plan and placed into the cash balance plan for the simple reason that I was not quite 40-years-old. The personal cost to me was an approximate 40 percent loss in pension value. If I had been one year older and worked seven fewer years at IBM, I would have received my full pension.

This raiding of the pension plan was done at a time of record IBM earnings. In the early 90s, when IBM still held hope for the future, the IBM pension fund was left untouched despite the fact the company was losing billions of dollars.

My story is not at all unusual, and in fact it is rather average. I sincerely hope that a Catholic university that prides itself on teaching Christian and moral values to its students would seriously consider its vote on this issue and cast a vote in favor of the stockholder resolution.

John W. Goetz
Class of '93
March 27, 2000
Out of the garbage and into the history books

I had some Garbage Pail Kids when I was younger. People always act surprised when Garbage Pail Kids come up in conversation, but seriously, none of us will ever forget ... Scotty Poli, Adam Bomb, Corroded Carl and John Corigliano... John... just to name a few. Some other fun names of Garbage Pail Kids are Dirty Harry, Bob Shit, Vulture Wayne, Fake Jake, Shrunken Ed and Cheeky Charlies.

The Garbage Pail Phenomenon was really amazing. Four men started it and then got Topps Cards to cash the first series. Art Spiegelman was one of the four. He also wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning Maus II. For those of you who don't know, Maus II is a cartoon about the holocaust which Art's father was a survivor of in which Jewish people are depicted as mice and Nazis are depicted as cats. It is often hard-bound, so we are talking serious comic-book action.

Another creator of Garbage Pail Kids was Mark Nepewarden. I didn't dig up anything on this guy, but he was involved in the comic-business as well. The third creator was John Pound. This guy, as well, was a comic-book artist. He did most of the illustrations. His second series was renowned in the comic-book world. He also recently came up with a set of trading cards called "Meanie Babies." And the fourth creator is Lay Lynch who wrote for Mad magazine. Bazooka Joe comics... did illustrations for the Chicago Sun and worked on some underground comic-books. If you remember, back in the '80s, a popular toy for girls to have was the Cabbage Patch Kid. These big-headed, dim-witted, orphan children didn't offer boys very much. They had birth certificates to fill out and cute names. It was really too much for my Responsibility. How had little they could do. We could pretend that the Cabbage Patch Kids didn't exist by immersing ourselves in He-Man or GI Joe. But it is hard to do when you're a boy riding around on their new Cabbage Patch Big Wheel, and every commercial break during afternoon cartoons boosts of the latest Cabbage Patch Kid. They were always coming out with new ideas. Oriental Cabbage Patch Kid, Black Cabbage Patch Kid, Teething Cabbage Patch Kid and First day at school Cabbage Patch Kid. The only real answer to this invasion of girl culture was a direct attack.

And thus, the Garbage Pail Kid was a knight in shining armor. I don't mean to make it sound like it was only for boys. There were many noble girls fighting for the cause as well. But it was kind of known that the Cabbage Patch was girl territory and if you were in it -- and you wouldn't be considered a boy for very long.

The first series of Garbage Pail Kids cards came in 1985. There were 15 series total. All in all there were 620 cards, but each card had a twin. A twin was the exact same card with a different line on the bottom. For example, Up Chuck and Heavin' Steven and Boozin' Bruce and Drunk Ken. So all in all, there were actually two of each of the Garbage Pail Kids. Plus at least one was a triple. There were also different, bigger collectibles, too. The very first card -- card one, series one -- was Nasty Nick, and his twin Evil Ed.

Garbage Pail Kids can still be found today. They can be bought and sold on the Internet. The most expensive price you'll encounter is $225 for the box set of series one. The prices of individual cards are actually quite reasonable for those who collect Garbage Pail Kids. Each card had a twin. A twin was the exact same card with a different line on the bottom. For example, Up Chuck and Heavin' Steven and Boozin' Bruce and Drunk Ken. So all in all, there were actually two of each of the Garbage Pail Kids. Plus at least one was a triple. There were also different, bigger collectibles, too. The very first card -- card one, series one -- was Nasty Nick, and his twin Evil Ed.

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NIELSEN RATINGS

The 72nd Academy Awards boasted 29 million viewers during Sunday's telecast.
Scene

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Hill replaces Houston at Oscars

LOS ANGELES

The official word is that a sore throat kept Whitney Houston from singing at the Academy Awards. A newspaper, however, reported that she was dropped after bombing in rehearsal.

The New York Post on Tuesday quoted unidentified sources as saying that Burt Bacharach, a musical director for the Oscar ceremony, was so frustrated with Houston during rehearsals last week that he pulled the plug on her performance.

Houston's publicists claimed the singer backed out because her throat was sore.

"I was in the rehearsal myself the whole time, and it was really obvious the poor lady was having a problem with her throat," Oscar show producer Jane Lammont said Tuesday.

Houston, Bacharach and others involved in the show decided that it would be better if she did not perform, Lammont said.

Houston was scheduled to join other singers in a medley of movie songs. She was replaced by country singer Faith Hill.

The Post quoted a source as saying Houston showed up for rehearsal last Thursday, gave Bacharach only 15 minutes and was "totally out of it."

A source told the paper that Houston seemed a bit "discombobulated" during further rehearsals Friday, missing a cue and singing the wrong song.

That's when Bacharach decided to replace her, the source said.

Priestly on probation for drunk driving

LOS ANGELES

Former "Beverly Hills 90210" star Jason Priestley pleaded no contest Tuesday to drunken driving in a crash that totaled his car and injured a friend. He was given five days at a rehab center and three years on probation.

Priestley, 30, entered the plea through an attorney to a reduced charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence with injury. The actor originally faced felony charges in the Dec. 3 wreck that left his passenger with a broken arm.

"It worked out well, considering," said Peter Knecht, Priestly's attorney.

"I'm happy with the result, and so is he."

Priestley has said he swerved to avoid hitting a deer just before the wreck.

Swank's speech infuriates mother

LINCOLN, Neb.

Hilary Swank's Oscar acceptance speech infuriated JoAnn Brandon, whose daughter was portrayed by Swank in "Boys Don't Cry."

Brandon said she objected when the actress thanked "Brand0n Teena" — a name that Brandon's daughter, Teena Brandon, used instead of her given name — and referred to her as a man.

"That set me off," JoAnn Brandon said. "She should not stand up there and thank my child. I got tired of people taking credit for what they don't know."

As the film recounts, Teena Brandon posed as a man, dated a woman and then was killed at 21 by two men after they learned her secret.

Jason Priestley criticized the filmmakers for failing to explain that her daughter was sexually molested by a man as a girl. She said Teena Brandon began dressing in men's clothing and dating women.

"She pretended she was a man so no other man could touch her," she said.

Prime Minister commits social faux pas

Prime Minister John Howard may have breached royal protocol by touching Queen Elizabeth II.

TV images showed Howard apparently putting his hand on the queen's back as he introduced her to dignitaries at a reception Monday.

Howard dismissed the brouhaha and refused to reveal whether he had touched the queen.

"It is terrible to see the press focusing on the big political issue of the day," he said sarcastically.

In 1992, then-Prime Minister Paul Keating touched the queen's back during her visit to Australia. One British tabloid branded Keating "The Lizard of Oz" for the encounter.

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Source: Associated Press
Atkins steps up to lead Orlando to 122-87 victory

Celtics 40-11 compensate. My mindset was concessions. beverage cart drivers to go out and play the third quarter with a technical at the half. But his backup, Dana Barros made both free throws and got out of bounds. Alonzo Mourning's slam dunk at the buzzer sounded.

Heat 83 Suns 78

Tom Hardaway hit his first six shots and finished with 20 points Tuesday night as the Miami Heat rebounded from one of their worst losses of the season by holding off the Phoenix Suns. After Sunday, the Heat lost to Orlando 94-69, scoring an NBA-low 23 points in the second half and only seven points in the third quarter.

The Heat finally tied it on a driving scoop shot by Bob Sura with 20.5 seconds left. Tim Hardaway hit the ball to Vince Carter, who led the Heat with 23 points. Carter was well-guarded on the left wing and passed to Oakley, whose shot rattled around the rim and dropped through as the buzzer sounded.

Kings 103 Knicks 95

After leading the Sacramento Kings to victory, Chris Webber took care of unfinished personal business in his 10th rebound to complete his fourth triple-double of the season. The Kings won 88-84 when Jon Barry's three-pointer hit the front of the board.

Iverson scored 43 points Tuesday night, including coal two foul shots with 1.8 seconds remaining. The Philadelphia 76ers defeated Minnesota 107-99 for their first seven-game winning streak of the season.

It was the eighth time this season that Iverson scored at least 40 points and the 16th time in his career. Tyron Hill had 18 points and 14 rebounds for the Memphis. Kevin Garnett had 31 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who had their six-game winning streak snapped. Garnett's jumper with 15 seconds left put Minnesota up 100-95 for the first time since the first quarter.

The Kings led 97-79 midway through the final quarter when Kukoc hit two straight 3-pointers to pull the Bulls within 11 points.

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**FIGURE SKATING**

Yagudin celebrates championship win

Associated Press

French skater Alexei Yagudin easily won the men's short program Tuesday at the World Figure Skating Championship, propelling a resurgence as he confidently hit a quad toe loop and mimicked an orchestra performing a jazzy nutcracker.

The two-time defending champion swathed with enthusiasm as he stepped and stroked rapidly across the ice strumming an air, pounding imagined piano keys and banging invisible drums. He ended the program with full-body punch in the air, and won straight 5's for presentation.

"There is just one way to win a third world title — to work hard and to give your best," Yagudin said.

Russian teammates Yevgeny Plushchenko, who took Yagudin's European title last month in Vienna, also hit a quad and fell on his quad attempt and wound up fourth.

Yagudin said Weiss' error gave him pause.

"When I did the tough part of my routine, I landed the quad and the triple axel-triple toe loop. I was happy," Yagudin said. "But I was a little bit scared because I saw Michael Weiss' performance and what happened with his double axel."

The championship have been dominated by events off the ice, following the unsettling razor attack on the top French skating pair Tuesday and the sudden doping withdrawal Sunday of the defending defending pairs champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

Stephane Bernadis was cut on the forearm by a man wielding a razor when he opened his hotel room door, skating officials said. Bernadis managed to slam the door shut, and the attacker fled.

**NFL**

Johnson disagrees with Jets

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The rift between the New York Jets and star receiver Keyshawn Johnson grew Tuesday when Johnson said he felt "disrespected" by the team. Johnson wants to have his contract renegotiated. He has two years remaining on the deal he signed when drafted No. 1 overall in 1996. At an average of about $2 million. He feels vastly underpaid and has pointed to other NFL receivers with lesser credentials who make more.

"There's a level of no matter what they happen with, I may not want to continue with the Jets. I'm almost there, but I'm not quite there yet."

"No matter how much money it's going to be, I'm almost at that point, where I can just say, 'I won't play for the Jets anymore,'" Keyshawn Johnson Jets player

"I guess you can say I'm dangerously close — once I get there, there will be no turning back," Johnson said. "There's a level of no matter what they happen with, I may not want to continue with the Jets. I'm almost there, but I'm not quite there yet."

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"He is a member of the team and has a contract with the team," Woody Johnson said Monday at the NFL's annual meetings. "I think contracts are a part of this society and contracts are important."

"You promise to do something and sign an agreement and you can take that for what it is."

**SAINTS**

Saints' Williams hires new agent

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Ricky Williams, whose incentive-laden contract with the New Orleans Saints backfired on him last season, has fired his agent and hired Leigh Steinberg.

Williams had been represented by Leland Harvey, who works for the rapper Master P. His rookie contract contained an $8.3 million signing bonus, but most of the seven-year, $68 million deal was based on incentives, many of which were triggered upon reaching 1,600 yards in a season.

Williams was troubled all year by injuries and finished with just 844 yards on 253 carries, Edgerrin James, whom Indianapolis chose No. 1 overall in 1996 at an average of about $2 million. He feels vastly underpaid and has pointed to other NFL receivers with lesser credentials who make more.

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Gwynn looks to top 3,000-hit club

Associated Press

just glad that part

start, then strained his left
calf on May 21. Missing 44
even been a joyride.
Williams for the NL lead with
the center field at Montreal on

career? He'd love to do that,
but the pitching-thin San
Padres player
high probability that we

I just want to be
positive. That's a whole
lot easier to live with
up and down, up and
down, like last year.

Tony Gwynn

bouncing around on the
base.

Then came a couple of
reminders that the end of his
career isn't that far off.
First, the Padres refused to
guarantee his contract for
2001, instead giving him a $2
million bonus on top of this
year's $4.3 million salary in
exchange for accepting a $6
million club option for 2001.
Gwynn can automatically
trigger the option with 502 plate
appearances this year, the
same number needed to qualify
for the batting title.

Gwynn would receive a $2
million buyout in the unlikely
event the Padres chose not to
exercise the optin on their
most famous player.

I can imagine he will be
here next year, but the reason
we put that in there is that
due to his age and history of
leg injuries, he'll be getting
more days off as directed by
manager Bobo.

And both Bochy and Gwynn
know he's keeping track of the
plate appearances.

The last thing I really want
is for him to, "Bochy said.
I talked to Tony about it
and he agrees, we've got to
do what's right for him and
what's right for the bullpen. If
that's giving him a day or
getting him off his legs late in
a game, I'm going to do it.

Honestly, I would want him
to get that (the 502). It means
we're going to be a better club
if he gets a chance to do that.

Bochy wishes he would have
rested Gwynn more early last
season. Gwynn promises not
to gripe about playing time,
but hopes that he won't have
to sit much if he's playing
careful.

Someone recently slipped a
magazine into Gwynn's locker
with the headline, "Turning
40."

Gwynn breaks bone in foot

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. The
Arizona Diamondbacks' hit to
record 3,000 hits. West cham-
ions suffered a severe jolt
Tuesday when All-Star third
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Rodriguez’s pitch off the foot
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foot in the second inning, but
could have stayed healthy last
season and just kind of

He's a non-displaced fracture
of the second metatarsal which
won't require surgery.

In 1995, a break in the same
bone sidelined Williams for 68
games with the San Francisco
Giants. On June 3 of that year,
Williams fouled a ball off his
right foot on a pitch from
Philadelphia's Paul Quattrell.
He underwent surgery to have
pins inserted in the foot. At the
time of that injury, Williams
was hitting .381.

"It's a tremendous loss,"-
teammate Greg Colbrunn said.
"He's the key hitter in our line-
up and defensively. But the
realization is he's not going
to be around here for however
long they say. You can't sit
around and cry about it. You
have to move on and do other
things to help make up for it."

The injury came in the
Diamondbacks' final game
before breaking their spring
training camp and moving back
to Phoenix. It made for a
solitary departure for the play-
ers.

That's everybody's fear, for
something like that to happen
the last week of spring train-
ing," reliever Dan Plesac said.
"When it happens during the
season, somehow it's easier to
evade. For it to happen down
here when the games don't
mean anything, it stinks."

Williams is the team's
acknowledged leader in the
clubhouse.

"His presence and leadership
are just as important as his
ability," reliever Darren
Hoffman said.

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NHL Nuggets, Avalanche difficult to sell

Associated Press

DENVER

No one could blame the Denver Nuggets and the Colorado Avalanche for feeling burned.

Ascent Entertainment Group wanted to sell the teams but couldn't. Liberty Media Corp. didn't want to buy them but did.

Now the teams are being shopped around again.

Liberty nailed down the purchase of Ascent on Monday, taking the teams and the arena in order to get what it really wanted, Ascent's video-programming and other operations.

"We intend to sell them (the teams) as quickly as we can find a good buyer for them," Liberty spokeswoman Vivian Carr said Tuesday.

Carr wouldn't comment on potential buyers but said she expects the price to be in the range of several offers, $400 million to $460 million.

Marquis Research analyst with New York-based Robotti and Co., predicted Liberty will be better at selling the teams than Ascent was, because it negotiated two deals last year to sell the clubs and the $100 million Pepsi Center, but both crum­bled only months apart.

With Liberty, "I think you're dealing with stronger hands and a more sophisticated buyer and seller of assets," Cibelli said Tuesday. He didn't speculate on the price.

"They're pretty smart people," he said. "Whatever it is, I'm sure it's going to make a lot of sense for them,"

Wal-Mart heiress Nancy Laurie and her husband, Bill, offered Ascent $400 million for the teams and the arena last year, but Ascent managers backed out when their stockholders said the price was too low.

Denver billionaire Donald Sturm then offered $461 million, but that deal fell apart when Sturm and the city couldn't agree on guarantees to keep the teams in Denver for at least 25 years.

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The suspensions will remain in effect until their legal issues are resolved, Mumme said.

Davis and Pyatt wouldn't be required to forfeit their scholarships under the university's student-athlete alcohol policy because no DUI charge was involved, a statement from the university said.

But an athlete charged with public intoxication or under­age consumption would be put on probation and be required to attend counseling.

The statement said Mumme would have no further comment on the matter.

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Spring practice begins Wednesday.

TENNIS

Venus Williams considers retiring

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla.

For Venus Williams, 19 could be retirement age.

Williams, who has yet to play a match this year, might give up tennis to focus on her edu­cation and investments, her father said Tuesday.

"She's considering that very seriously," Richard Williams said.

"If of scale of 10, I'd say she's a 7 or a 7 1/2 for retire," Williams said.

Williams was advised his daughter to take at least the rest of this year off. She has been sidelined since November, citing tendinitis in both wrists.

"She has been playing a long time now, and she needs time off to rest," Richard Williams said. "She needs to get more education."

"She has enough money now for sure. She has some un­believable investments paying off down the road," the father said.

Venus, who finished last year ranked No. 3, has career earnings of nearly $4.6 million. That doesn't include her lucrative endorsements.

"If Venus retired from tennis, she'd be making a state­ment," her father said. "That's why it's time to walk away. I've seen too many black athletes come out of the ghetto and earn all that money, and four or five years later they're broke and no one cares who they once were."

College football

Davis, Pyatt suspended after arrest

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.

Kentucky football players Garry Davis and Brad Pyatt have been suspended from the team following their arrests after police broke up a late­night party at Davis' house.

Davis, 22, a junior wide receiver, was charged with criminal mischief. Officers said he damaged a police car. The suspensions will remain in effect until their legal issues are resolved, Mumme said.

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Rangers fire general manager and coach

Associated Press

NEW YORK With only four games left and the playoffs out of reach for the third straight season, the New York Rangers cleaned house Thursday, firing general manager Neil Smith and coach John Muckler.

Smith, in his 11th year as GM and president, was in charge when the Rangers won the 1994 Stanley Cup — ending a 54-year drought. But he has not come close to matching that success.

The Rangers, who have the NHL’s largest payroll at $61 million, are five points behind Buffalo in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. New York (29-38-11-3) has lost five straight games and is 1-8-1 in its last 10 games.

“We have a situation that needs to be changed,” Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts said. “I’m ready to make the decision last night. I didn’t see any reason to wait.”

Muckler was in his second full season as New York’s coach and general manager. He replaced the fired Colin Campbell, now the NHL’s hockey commissioner.

Assistant John Tortorella will coach the team through the final four games. Checketts said a GM will be hired and will pick the next coach.

A source close to the team said Wayne Gretzky could be involved in helping select a new coach and general manager, but Checketts said Gretzky would not comment on any possible successors.

“Is that a former Ranger and one of the great all-time players,” Checketts said of Gretzky, whose last three NHL seasons were spent in New York. “I don’t think I could be more enthusiastic about Wayne being a part of that process.”

The final loss for Muckler and Smith were home-and-home embarrassments on Sunday. Monday in which the Rangers were beaten 8-2 and 6-0 by the Devils.

Madison Square Garden fans booed the players and shouted for Smith’s dismissal. They got their wish a day later.

“It’s going to be a tremendous amount of work, and it’s going to be a difficult time,” Checketts said of the rebuilding process. “There should be more scoring, more defense, more pride in the Ranger jersey.”

“I want to do what I have to do to make it work for the fans. They deserve so much more.”

If the Rangers fail to qualify for the playoffs, it will be the first time since 1965-66 they have missed the playoffs in three consecutive years.

“At best it was disappointing, at worst embarrassing,” Checketts said.

New York’s loss to Detroit on Monday also ensured the Rangers’ third straight home—losing record. That hasn’t happened since 1957-58 through 1959-60.

“At times things don’t work out as planned and this is one of those times,” Checketts said. “In the best interests of the franchise and our fans, it has become clear that we have to go in a different direction.”

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**WOMEN'S NCAA FINAL FOUR**

Teams head home for final games

- **Connecticut, Penn State's coaches return to hometown Philadelphia with hope for a championship title**

Associated Press

Nothing like going back home to try to win a national championship. Connecticut, Penn State, Tennessee and Rutgers will assemble in Philadelphia for the women's NCAA tournament Final Four, and there's a strong Philly flavor running throughout the group.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma and Penn State's Bone Portland both grew up in Philadelphia. Vivian Stringer of Rutgers once coached at Cheyney State, which is just outside the city.

It will be homecoming for some players as well. Penn State's Andrea Garner and Rashana Barnes, Rutgers' Shawnetta Stewart and Tennessee's Kristen Clement are Philly products. Look for those personal cheering sections to be a little larger and louder than usual.

"We've been talking about it since the beginning of the year, since last year," Garner said. "We knew it was in Philly and we said we were going back there. We had a lot of people behind us thinking we could, too. We appreciate that support. Philly, here we come."

Penn State (30-4) will arrive full of confidence after a dominating 86-65 victory over Louisiana Tech in the Midwest Regional final. The Lady Vols need that confidence and more because they face No. 1-ranked Connecticut (34-1) in the national semifinals on Friday night.

Connecticut has overwhelmed one opponent after another with its depth and talent, which includes first-team All-Americans Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova. And though UConn stayed with the Huskies for much of the game before Connecticut prevailed 86-73 in the East Regional, Tigers coach Sue Gaster saw enough to declare, "I would say they would have to be the prohibitive favorite."

Connecticut and Penn State have met once before this season, the Huskies winning 87-59 on Dec. 20 in Hartford.

The Tennessee-Rutgers game sends a coach who has more Final Four appearances and national championships against the first coach to take three schools to the Final Four.

Tennessee coach Pat Summit is in the Final Four for the 12th time and is seeking her seventh title. Stringer had Final Four teams at Cheyney and Iowa before working her magic again at Rutgers, a school she promised to make the "Jewel of the East" when she was hired in July 1995.

"She's a phenomenal woman," Rutgers' Lindsy Miles said. "She's a coach who gets you to buy into a philosophy of defense."

Rutgers (26-7), the West Regional champion, will show up in Philadelphia with a pokey match up zone, which has put the clamps on its last three opponents. The Scarlet Knights gave up 39 points and then 45 before beating Georgia 59-51 to earn the school's first Final Four trip.

Tennessee (32-3) hopes it will have All-American Tamika Catchings at full strength to crack that zone. Catchings sprained her right ankle in the Lady Vols' 57-44 Midwest Regional victory over Texas Tech, and though she returned to finish with 16 rebounds and six assists, sprains have a way of lingering.

**Fresno State looks into meal scandal**

Associated Press

Fresno State is investigating reports that several members of the basketball team received free meals from a local restaurant even after the owner was warned such handouts could violate college athletic rules.

Ted Kunishige, owner of Tomodachi Japanese Restaurant and a basketball booster regularly seen at Selland Arena games, admitted to The Fresno Bee last week he had given away "several thousand dollars" worth of free food to the players during the past seven years.

Seniors Larry Abney and Terrance Robinson, who helped Fresno State reach the NCAA tournament for the first time in 16 years this season, have confirmed they both ate free meals at Kunishige's restaurant during their college careers, the newspaper reported.

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Tarkanian, who led The Fresno State men's basketball program to a berth in the Final Four in 1990, is an architect of the West Coast Conference where he built a local restaurant during the past seven years.

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The letter was followed by a telephone call and a private discussion with Kunishige in early 1998. Kunishige denied the booster had given any free meals to student-athletes.

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**Duany makes the most of opportunities**

Associated Press

When he was 4 years old, Duany and his family left the tropical, dangerous climes of Sudan. Thirteen years later, Duany left Bloomington, Ind., for Madison and an unexpected college basketball career.

When Wisconsin's season ends this weekend, Duany will be back in Bloomington, Ind., trying to help the Badgers win an improbable national championship.

Some time soon, he may return to his homeland and complete the cycle by helping in some way to bring about a much more important victory — the peace in Sudan.

"I think about Sudan a lot," said Duany, his voice betraying a slight Indiana twang. "I worry about the children who don't get the chances I got. It's important for me to make the most of my opportunities and then try to make a difference.

Wal Duany — Sudan's former prime minister — his wife Julia and their family left Sudan shortly before a civil war broke out in 1983, one that continues to this day. Nearly 2 million people have died and another 4 million have been uprooted in the fight for autonomy in southern Sudan.

They lived in London for two years before Wal Duany moved to finish his postgraduate studies at Indiana University. Duany played on a Bloomington North High School team that at times featured as many as nine players who were the sons of non-American professors at the university.

Duany doesn't remember much about his native land, but he can't forget where he comes from. Last month, his father was appointed chairman of the South Sudan Liberation Movement.

Wal Duany has spent several months in Sudan recently, trying to unify the various rebellions against Sudan's government, which the United States has accused of supporting terrorism, bombing civilians and committing civil rights abuses.

Duany thinks about his father, but he also worries about the rest of his family. He has two sisters and a brother who played Division I basketball this season. "Something that might be unprecedented."

His brother Kueth is a senior forward at Bradley. What's more, Duany's brother Bil is a 6-foot-4 freshman at Bloomington North.

"I like to keep track of how everybody is doing," said Duany, who also has two cousins playing in Massachusetts. "We stay pretty close."

Duany, who has a double name because of a Sudanese tradition for the first-born son, has seen his playing time fluctuate wildly this season after three disappointing seasons and a red-shirt year.

In November, he was stapled to the bench. In January, he started several games and led the team in scoring three times. Now he's back on the bench, playing an integral supporting role.

He's primarily a streaky outside shooter and a solid defender, which doesn't do much to distinguish him from many others on the roster. But Duany's teammates call him, is happy being another cog in coach Dick Bennett's system.

"He's shown leadership and really been a team player this season," Bennett said. "Duany has found a niche on this team. I think, and it's a good place for him to finish out his career with us."

The most memorable game of Duany's season so far was in one of Wisconsin's early-season losses to bigger, faster Big Ten teams. When the Badgers fell 71-67 to Indiana in Bloomington on Jan. 5, Duany was given a start by Bennett, and he led the team with 17 points while playing in front of family and friends.

Whatever happens this weekend, Duany will treasure his unexpected trip to college basketball's center stage. But he also won't forget his father's work and his family's support.

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**Peppers leads Tar Heels to Final Four**

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — With a deep front court coming into the season, Bill Guthridge wasn’t counting on help from a 270-pound freshman defender with a catchy name.

Now, it’s hard to say where the Tar Heels would be without Julius Peppers. Certainly, not in the NCAA tournament’s Final Four.

The 6-foot-10 Peppers is 22-for-29 from the floor over his last seven games as the top substitute for North Carolina, including a 30-minute stint in a 59-55 victory over Tulsa in the South Regional title game after Kris Lang went down with a sprained right ankle.

The bullying Peppers, who wears a size 17 shoe and has 6.1 percent body fat, usually would be halfway through spring football, but could only smile yesterday at the thought of not knocking heads with offensive linemen.

"I miss it a little bit, but I’m having fun right now," said Peppers, who should play a key role against a deep Florida team Saturday night in the national semifinals. "If we keep winning, I’ll get back when I get back."

Guthridge helped the football team recruit Peppers with the promise that he could walk on in basketball. The veteran coach didn’t expect Peppers to take him up on his offer after getting six sacks and 50 tackles as a freshman.

"He’s glad Peppers did, though," said 6-11 Brian Bersticker broke his foot early in the season and Lang has been hobbled by illness, shin splints and now a bum ankle.

"Julius has been a godsend for us," Guthridge said. "When basketball season is over, we’re going to loan him to the football team."

Senior point guard Ed Cota actually needed Guthridge about putting Peppers on the team.

"Ed Cota came to me several times this summer and said, ‘Julius can really play and we need him to come out for the team,’" Guthridge said. "‘I really didn’t know what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised early on. He has learned and gotten better and better."

Practice sure changed when Peppers came on board Dec. 1. "When Julius came out, I don’t think he had ever practiced," said Jason Capel, who played against Peppers many times while growing up in the state. "He came out there blocking shots, dunking and the backboard would be shaking for the next couple of possessions down the floor."

"Everybody took notice of that. We all knew how good he was. We knew once he got his uniform on, he was going to be a big part of this team."
Wake Forest tops rival NC State

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wake Forest won bragging rights in its rivalry with North Carolina State and earned a spot in the final of the National Invitation Tournament.

Darius Songaila scored 18 points, including six in overtime, as Wake Forest beat Atlantic Coast Conference foe N.C. State 62-59 in the semifinals of the NIT on Tuesday night.

"This was an old-fashioned ACC, Tobacco Bowl type of game," Demon Deacons coach Dave Odom said. "That's what happens when two evenly matched teams play."

Wake Forest (21-14) will play Notre Dame (22-14) in Thursday night's final. The Fighting Irish beat Penn State 73-52 in Tuesday's other semifinal.

"I think the game was what everyone expected," Wolfpack coach Larry Wendell said. "It was a hard-fought, very physical game. Guys on both teams played with a lot of determination."

Songaila made a layup off a pass from Robert O'Kelley with 38 seconds left to give Wake Forest a 56-56 lead in overtime. Songaila was fouled by Kenny Inge on the Demon Deacons' next possession with 35.9 left and made both foul shots for a 58-56 lead.

N.C. State's Tim Wells responded with a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left to bring the Wolfpack within 59-58. Songaila was fouled by Anthony Grundy with 13.7 seconds and made both free throws to seal it.

"It feels great to be in that situation where you're making key shots at the end of the game," Songaila said. "The most important thing for me was the confidence my teammates showed in giving me the ball when it counted."

Josh Howard had 14 points and Rafael Vidaurreta added 10 points and eight rebounds for Wake Forest, making its first NIT final appearance.

"We had guys that really stepped up for us," O'Kelley said. "This win is a great confidence booster for us, and we're looking forward to winning the championship."

Inge, Damon Thornton and Justin Gainey each had 10 points for N.C. State (20-13), which shot just 29.5 percent from the field on 18-of-61 shooting.

The Demon Deacons outrebounded the Wolfpack 46-31, but also made 23 turnovers to 11 for the Wolfpack.

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"The replay tells him otherwise, but John Pelphrey can still feel the leather. He thought he had both hands on the basketball."

That's how close it was, and that's how close Pelphrey was to being the hero in what many consider the greatest college basketball game ever played.

He's an assistant coach for Florida now, and Pelphrey, the former all-American at N.C. State, has finally made it to the Final Four.

"So far this season, he's been on fire," Florida head coach Billy Donovan said. "He came so close."

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Pelphrey's career ended on a play that ranks up there with The Catch and the Immaculate Reception in the collective memory of American sports fans.

Or, from Pelphrey's end of the action, it might draw comparisons to Bill Buckner's bobble of the Immaculate Reception or to the Miracle on Ice.

"But that shot just missed Pelphrey's outstretched hands. A full five inches taller than Pelphrey, Laettner collected the pass and turned around and made the shot, a 16-foot jumper.

"It was so real to me," Pelphrey said, recalling the sensation of the ball hitting his hands, one that turned out not to be real."

Pelphrey was 104-103. Pelphrey and the rest of the brokenhearted team dropped to the floor in shock. Their season ended one win, one point and one miraculous play away from a trip to the Final Four and only Final Four.

It was the last chance at redemption for Pelphrey and the other seniors on that team.

They had been a part of the only team to post a losing record since the days before Adolph Rupp.

"We had put all our eggs in one basket and losing wasn't in the equation," he said. "To have it end so abruptly, and with things so obviously in your favor. And not only did the game end and your hopes for a national championship end, but so did your career. It was, very, very tough."

Pelphrey got a job coaching at Oklahoma State for Eddie Sutton, the coach who recruited him to Kentucky in the late 1980s. Then, another twist of fate: Billy Donovan hired Pelphrey to Marshall in 1994, and Pelphrey missed Oklahoma State's trip to the Final Four a year later.

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Pelphrey's, too.

He has two kids now and a bright future. Some say the 31-year-old assistant could be a head coach as soon as next season.

"He's very intense," senior Kenyon Peaks said. "He gives you great detail. He really breaks down what other teams like to do. He knows the game."

Several seasons away from the heartbreak have added perspective. Pelphrey doesn't think anything will ever replace the void of not going to the Final Four as a player.

"For us, I can say, we all loved it in our kids' rooms at night and they don't care one way or another whether that shot went in or out," he said. "The way things turned out, I can't say my life would be any better right now."

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lead, the Irish gave the Nittany Lions every chance possible for a comeback. Penn State’s shooters rebounded several missed Irish baskets, and the Irish committed four consecutive turnovers. Junior guard Joe Crispin hit two Penn State baskets to bring the Nittany Lions to within seven at 18-11.

But Penn State didn’t gain much at Notre Dame’s expense. A trey by Irish freshman Jere Macura put the Irish back ahead by 10. Then Dillon swiped a steal, taking it the length of the floor for a fast break layup, and the Irish were once more in control.

“Every time they made a run, we were able to counter that run,” Murphy said.

The Nittany Lions kept looking to narrow the gap. Crispin nailed a three-pointer, and teammate Titus Ivy scored three on a bucket and foul-shot.

Just as quickly as the Irish began to fade away, their lead dropping to four at 27-23 late in the first half, they went on a 13-point run. Everybody got into the act as Macura put back a Carroll miss, Graves dropped in four points and Carroll went for a wide-open layup.

The sweetest play of the game came following a Nittany Lions turnover with 5.1 seconds to go in the first period. Notre Dame called timeout to plan its possession. The Irish threw a cross-court inbounds pass to Dillon. He kicked it inside to Murphy, who muscled up in two of his 18 points and nailed the free throw to go with the hoop.

“We had a good run late in the game,” Murphy said. “Every time they made a run, we were able to counter that run.”

The Irish went on to build the lead to 13-11 in the second half. They didn’t allow the Nittany Lions to come back, as they defeated Penn State 70-56.

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The Irish squad went wire to wire in the NCAA Tournament, overcoming Penn State, and committing 20 turnovers.

The Irish are going for one win in the NIT on the court when they face the Wake Forest Deacons in the NIT championship game.

Game notes:

• Notre Dame turned the ball over 23 times.
• Graves broke the school’s single-season three-point record, hitting his 81st of the year.
• The Irish outrebounded the Nittany Lions 38-25.

Sophomore forward Harold Swanagan scores on an easy layin in a recent game. Swanagan scored six points last night, helping the Irish to their first NIT championship game appearance since 1992.

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quiet as a mouse and the “Let’s go Irish” chant echoed loud and clear at Madison Square Garden.

“I thought the Penn State fans were great and I thought ours fans were great,” said first-year head coach Matt Doherty, whose Irish squad went wire to wire for the victory. “It was a good college basketball atmosphere.”

Notre Dame answered every Penn State basket in the first 10 minutes of the second half and wouldn’t let the feisty Nittany Lions back in the game.

Tuesday’s win was a total team effort, as eight Irish players contributed four or more points, Doherty also got 23 points from his bench.

“I think [the balanced] was great,” sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. “Penn State was unable to focus on anybody and with Jere [Macura] hitting those three early, it opened up the inside. We have some great shooters and we showed we can spread it out.”

Doherty was also pleased with his team’s mental attitude prior to and during the game.

“I was happy with the defensive intensity and that we were able to maintain it in the second half,” Doherty said. “It’s tough to play with a lead against a dangerous team like Penn State and they didn’t allow them to get a string going in the second half.

“I had to threaten them some with electric shocks from the trainers,” Doherty joked. “But those kids want to win and I’m glad we have the opportunity in the NIT to play for a championship.”

So far everything is going right for the Irish in that quest. They definitely have the motivation. “We are using this NIT to show people that we belonged in the NCAA Tournament,” Murphy said. “We are doing that so far.”

They also seem to be very comfortable at the Madison Square Garden.

“I like playing here,” Murphy said. “This is our fifth game here and it’s a nice place to play.”

Now that the ingredients are in place, Murphy and the Irish are in position to bring home the school’s first-ever postseason title.

“There are only a few teams that end their season with a win,” sophomore David Graves said. “If we win, we will be one of them. So that will just be the icing on the cake. No one expected us to be here and it is a relief to prove them all wrong.”

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"There are a lot of good teams out there," said Miko…
"We're playing against them before but who knows when you start playing - anything can happen in Bookstores."

Versatility, the surprise of the 1999 tournament finds itself at the No. 3 spot, after making a Cinderella-like run to the finishes last year. Four out of five players are returning to the team: captain Chris Dillon, Joe Lillie, James Lorch and Jason Childress. They lost a valuable player in John Hillz, who walked away from the University of Kansas varsity basketball team and is ineligible for the tournament, but gains some sharp shooting in freshmen Towers Johnson.

"John had a great tournament last year, but Ross is a great player," said Dillon. "We lose some size but gain a little bit of shooting touch."

The addition of Hanson allows for a restructured game plan that Versatility thinks will help them in the tournament. "Hillz took over scoring for us last year - he was the guy tak…

The Individuals

The tournament is a showcase each year for the individuals who step up for their teams. For example, this year's tournament will feature an array of great shooting and passing skills from bodies of Rookie Nelson and Eric Chappell, while Tom Lupinski will suit up for No. 14 The Individuals.

Versatility believes they have what it takes to expect from the top seeds if they meet in the tournament. Dillon's squad led the members of Keyplay.com in this year's interroal tournament, and they also fell to NTToday.com during Midtown Madness.

"That's probably why we're ranked three, but when you get to the top teams you can really throw the rankings out the window," said Dillon. "We're just going to play and play hard."

Bookstore Basketball's 1999 Championship team, Malicious Prosecution dropped from No. 3 ranking last year to the 16th spot in this year's tournament.

Captain JC Goury is the lone returning for the skilled team but with four new talented play-

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**Men's, Women's ultimate frisbee teams each finish 3-1**

The best of the midwest converged on Stegman Fields for one of the premier events of the season, as Notre Dame hosted the Whitesmoke Invitational. The women capped a 3-1 round robin performance on Saturday with a great comeback against Purdue, closing with the final four points and the victory. Carolyn Scully and Allison Hodrick starred the victory.

**Ultimate**

Michigan rolled through three opponents, as did the Irish in their pool. Playing tight zone defense spearheaded by Cory Padosky, the Irish overcame a 12-10 deficit in the opening round to subdue a strong Dayton squad, 15-10. The Irish also throttled Ohio State, 15-9, in opening day play. The third pool was sprinkled with upsets as highly-ranked Winona State was shocked early by Iowa, which in turn was beaten by Indiana. Winona State recovered to earn the right to advance and handily won their opening round on Sunday. In the quarterfinals, the Irish faced Michigan 9-7, riding the handler to long connection of Erin Crotty.

**Baseball**

Notre Dame cancels game due to rain

The Notre Dame baseball team cancelled its game against Central Michigan University Tuesday, due to rainy and cold conditions. The Irish will make up the game by adding a home game.

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**If any student is interested in trying out for the varsity football team for the positions of kicker, punter or long snapper, call 631-7475.**

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**Special to The Observer**

**Sailing**

High winds on Gull Lake did little to deter the Irish Sailing Club at the Western Michigan University Spring Regatta. Competing in a field of 13 schools, the Irish placed fifth in the event. Highlighting the event was the A boat's capture of first place, with R.L. Wolney and Jack Gaither on board.

**Men's Volleyball**

Notre Dame did not fare as well as hoped at The Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Championships. The Irish dropped matches to Iowa, 25-14, 25-21; No. 20 Ohio State, 25-15, 25-21; and No. 24 ranked Northwestern 33-31, 19-25, 15-10; and No. 9 Northern Illinois, 25-23, 25-21. Although returning to campus 0-4 for the tournament, the Irish played well against these nationally-ranked teams.
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FOURTH AND INCHES

TOM KEELEY

ALRIGHT, WHO PUT MACONI'S KIN IN THE WASHING MACHINE?!

WHERE ON EARTH ARE WE GOING-TO FIND A POT LARGE ENOUGH TO MAKE MACONI IN SAUCE A MASSIVE VOLUME?

BUT NONE OF OUR DOOM'S KIN KIN ARE FANS, ARE E.G. ENSONIUS, E.G.

YOU KNOW, IF WE CAN

ENTIRE. MEATBALLS IN RED SAUCE.

FOX TROT

MARCH 29, 2000

MEATBALLS IN BLACK SAUCE.

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MEATBALLS IN BROWN SAUCE.

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MONDAY IT WAS

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A DEPRAVED NEW WORLD

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WOULD I LEFT THE UNITED NATIONS, I DECIDED TO KEEP WORKING ON MY NOVEL....

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NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL

Fri. Mar. 31 vs. Michigan State 6 pm

Come with an appetite, enjoy the food & music!

* First 50 students eat free!

Nelson's

Bull Pen Barbeque

* First 50 fans get free CD, courtesy of Media Play!

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

Tues. Mar. 28 vs. Central Mich. 5:00pm

Wed. Mar. 29 vs. UW-Milwaukee 5:00pm

It's officially Spring.

Time for baseball, but not just baseball...

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish move closer to NIT championship

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associated Sports Editor

NEW YORK
Notre Dame moved one step closer to winning the NIT title with a balanced team effort and a 73-52 victory over Penn State Wednesday.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon marked the game's high point on the scoreboard as the largest five-on-five tournament in the country, is slated to come out and be the varsity basketball team for the season.

Irish players scored in the paint and back-up point guard Martin Ingelsby swished a trey.

Six Irish players scored in the first six minutes of play, helping demolish the Nittany Lions' hopes of victory.

"The last five games or so, everybody has really stepped up," senior forward Harold Swanagan said. "If you think Jimmy's making three-pointers, he's making three-pointers."

Notre Dame moved one step closer to winning the NIT title with a balanced team effort and a 73-52 victory over Penn State last night.

Graves and freshman guard Matt Girard replaced Murphy in the second half, and sisters Andrea and Emily played together for the first time in the season.

"We've been playing well together and we're looking forward to the tournament," said Brian Kessler. "We've been playing well together and we're looking forward to the tournament."

Keyplay.com, NDToday.com top Bookstore rankings

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

With the arrival of spring comes a time honored tradition on the basketball courts at the Rock, as the annual competition, billed as the largest five-on-five tournament in the country, is slated to come out and be the varsity basketball team for the season.

Commission released its ranking of the top 32 entrants Monday.

"All of the commissioners sit down and talk about the teams - who's on them, how good they are," said head commissioner Brian Borger. "We get a lot of our information from watching teams play over in Rolfs or at the Rock. We make sure that the commissioners are well informed to make choices. We don't have a specific formula for picking the teams, but we usually come to a consensus within one or two spots."

Headlining the list of talented teams is last year's second-ranked squad, Keyplay.com. Keyplay.com is a veteran team, returning Cas Schaefer, Tom Dietrich, Paul Moore and John Teasdale. Dan O'Leary replaces graduated 1999 All-Bookstore first team player Alex Guse. The quintet, which fell just short of the chance to play in the finals last year, is backing on its size to help carry them through the tournament.

"We thought we'd be in the top three," said Schneller about the rankings. "We're a lot bigger than we were last year, which helps - that was our big weakness last year. We've all been working out to get ready to play." As formidable as the squad will be on the court, Keyplay.com has a tough group of competitors waiting to take down the top seed. At the No. 2 spot, NDToday.com boasts a roster of talented players B.J. Kloska, a walk-on to the varsity basketball squad last year, will join Todd Titus, Tim Muehling, Mark Godish and Dave Mikolyzk, all who played on ranked Bookstore teams last year.

"We felt pretty good about the No. 2 ranking - we were happy with it," said Mikolyzk. "We've been playing well together and we're looking forward to the tournament."

NDToday.com finds its strength in its defense - a skill the team will need as it works its way into deeper rounds of the tournament.