Alzheimer's disease linked to chromosomal abnormality

Associated Press

NEW YORK - A study of Alzheimer's disease patients has found they carry an extra copy of part of the chromosome linked to Down syndrome, a researcher reported Wednesday.

The report, coming soon after other researchers showed that potential Down's syndrome in a particular gene from the same chromosome, will help focus future research on the chromosome, other scientists said.

Dr. Miriam Schweber of the Boston University School of Medicine, who reported the new finding, said it also holds the promise of testing for Alzheimer's before symptoms appear. But other scientists said it is too early to evaluate that potential.

Chromosomes are threadlike molecules in every cell of the body that carry genes like beads on a string. Normal individuals have two copies of each of 22 kinds of chromosomes, plus two chromosomes that determine sex.

An extra copy of chromosome 21 leads to Down's syndrome, a condition that causes varying degrees of retardation. Schweber's research, reported at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, found an extra copy of part of chromosome 21 in each of 15 Alzheimer's patients tested. The abnormality did not appear in 12 normal people, she said.

The Alzheimer patients did not have Down syndrome because the portion does not appear to trigger that condition, she said.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible disorder affecting an estimated 2.5 million Americans and killing more than 100,000 a year. Symptoms include gradual memory loss, impairment of judgement and of ability to perform routine chores and of language skills. Victims eventually become incapable of functioning for themselves.

Schweber said the extra chromosome portion was found not only in six patients who suffered an inherited form of the disease, but also in seven who appeared to have a non-inherited form.

Ten of the patients had shown onset of symptoms before age 65, she added. Five after that age, she said.

FBI director forgot memo about North

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A Justice Department official expressed fears that key documents may be altered before public disclosure of the Iran-Contra affair that Lt. Col. Oliver North eventually could come under criminal investigation, FBI director William Webster told Congress on Wednesday.

Webster acknowledged reading an Oct. 30 FBI memo which outlined speculations by the Justice Department official concerning the activity of Lt. Col. North, who was later fired from his post as a National Security Council aide at the White House.

But Webster said he had forgotten about the memo until Monday, when Attorney General Edwin Meese III, declining the FBI's offer of FBI help, undertook an informal inquiry into secret U.S. arms sales to Iran.

Webster said he had not forgotten about the memo since he read it to Congress on Tuesday. He said he had not forgotten it since he read it to Congress on Tuesday.

By the time the Meese probe turned into a formal criminal investigation, on Nov. 26, documents crucial to the inquiry already had been destroyed or altered, according to government investigators.

Webster made his comments during a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing on his nomination to be head of the CIA. The committee chairman, Sen. David Boren, D-Okl., scheduled a second day of hearings for Thursday, but he and Vice Chairman William Cohen, R-Maine, said they had seen nothing so far that would endanger Webster's confirmation.

During Wednesday's testimony, Webster pledged to keep Congress informed of CIA covert activities. He said holding back information on such activities as the Iran-Contra affair - that Lt. Col. North - nearly a month before suspicions as early as last October - would have been against the rules.

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Zic named valedictorian for 1987

By KENDRA MORRILL

Staff Reporter

John Zic, of Oak Lawn, Illi- nois, has been named valedictorian of Notre Dame's Class of 1987, a science pre-professional major in the College of Science, will address the 1987 graduating class and audience at the commencement exercises on May 17.

The valedictorian is chosen solely on the basis of highest grade point average, said Joe Conklin of the Public Relations and Information Office at Notre Dame. According to Conklin, if two or more people were to share the same GPA, there would have to be co-valedictorians.

In the case of this year's graduating class, Zic alone shares the honor of having the highest academic standing in the class. Zic has earned a 3.93 cumulative grade point average in his four years at Notre Dame. He attributes his academic success to "time management and organization. Everything didn't come easy," said Zic. "I just knew exactly what had to be done," Zic said.

Zic said he knew he wanted to go pre-med from the start. He said he chose the science pre-professional program because of the opportunity it provides to obtain a well-rounded education. "The University of Notre Dame is one of a handful of universities to offer such a balanced program to science majors," said Zic.

Zic noted that his SATs were "just average" for Notre Dame and he was not a Notre Dame Scholar as an entering freshman. He also was not the valedictorian of Marist High School, from which he graduated. (He was the salutatorian, however.) Zic maintains that he does not consider himself a genius. "I guess I just learned how to play the game quickly," he said.

He again stressed time management as the key to his stellar performance.

Besides being an outstanding student, Zic has also been very active with Notre Dame marching and concert bands throughout his college career. He is the percussion section leader in the concert band, was drum captain during his junior and senior years in marching band, and received the Outstanding Marching Member award last fall.

In addition, Zic is a senior peer advisor for the Freshman Year of Studies and runs two "Emil" lectures a week for chemistry each week.

Concerning being named valedictorian of his graduating class, Zic said "It hasn't hit me yet." Zic said he naturally assumed the role because he was so good at it, even though he was second in his class. Zic said he did not consider himself a "genius." He added that maybe it would sink in when the news

Changes in pre-registration for SMC courses this fall

By SANDY CERIMELE

Staff Reporter

Important changes have been announced by Saint Mary's registrar concerning Notre Dame students who wish to pre-register for courses at Saint Mary's beginning this fall.

"Notre Dame students will no longer need to come to Saint Mary's gym in order to pre-register," according to Sister Francesca Ken- nedy, Saint Mary's Registrar. Kennedy said that all courses can be re- quested at Stepان Center during Notre Dame pre-registra- tion.

Carol Haag, assistant to the registrar, indicated that the slips will be presented to the department heads and reviewed with the requests from Saint Mary's Students. Both women indicated that this procedure will be the same for Saint Mary's stu- dents who pre-register for courses at Notre Dame.

"The Saint Mary's Reli- gious Studies Department, which currently has the highest enrollment of Notre Dame students has made an exception according to the Registrar. Notre Dame stu- dents may also pre-register for Religious Studies courses in room 172 in Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary's from 4 to 5 p.m. on April 27 and from 4 to 5 p.m. on April 27. Students may also pre-register in Room 340 O'Shaughnessy Hall during the same time. Kennedy said that it is not
Weather

Spring may be here, finally. To start, the sun will shine as the temperature climbs to 65. Clear and cool Thursday night. Low around 40. Increasing clouds and mild Friday. High around 65.

Student Government funding applications are now available for organizations for the 1987-88. In addition, applications are available for club registration, football concession stands, and LaFortune office space. Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities, 301 LaFortune, and are due next Wednesday by 4 p.m.

The Observer

The Internal Revenue Service provides the wrong answer to nearly one-fourth of the taxpayers who call the agency's toll-free telephone lines with questions according to congressional investigators. IRS employees gave the wrong answer 22 percent of the time when investigators posing as taxpayers called IRS assistance centers and asked 21 typical tax law questions, said the General Accounting Office in a report to a House subcommittee. In addition, 15 percent of the answers were correct but incomplete. --Associated Press

Of Interest

"Juniors: How to Fill Out Your Profile Form" is the title of a presentation to be given tonight by Paul Reynolds of Nieuwland Science. Juniors of all majors are welcome.

Richard Tillinghast, distinguished poet, will read from his works today at 4:30 p.m. in the Cushwa-Leighton Library, top floor South Lounge. The reading is sponsored by the SMC Department of English.

A Jazz symposium, featuring the six judges for this weekend's Collegiate Jazz Festival, will be held at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow in 115 Crowley Hall of Music. A question and answer session will follow the performance.

"The Barouque: The Expanding Horizon," a lecture by Dr. Charles Rosenberg, chairman of the Department of Art, Art History, and Design, will be given tonight at 2:15 p.m. in 115 Crowley Hall of Music. A question and answer session will follow the performance.

Stressed out Seniors are welcome to attend the final segment of "Transition From Backpack to Briefcase: A Real Life Primer For Graduates." Tonight's program will feature Christine Conway and Rita Donley, psychologists from Notre Dame Counseling Center, speaking on stress during the transition into the working world. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns.

"Women at Prayer" will be the title of the 1987 Madeleva Lecture to be given by Mary Collins, O.S.M. The lecture will be presented tonight in O'Laughlin Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's.

Two ND alumni, Brigette Goulet, '84, and Mike Baki, '84, have returned from Chile and Africa and will give a presentation and talk at 7 p.m. tonight in the Center for Social Concerns. The program is sponsored by the Holy Cross Associates.

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The Observer

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Voters, not newspapers, should choose candidates

Chicago politics.

The content of these two essays evokes scenes of back alley smoked-filled room corruption. Come on, everyone knows that Chicago politics is corrupt. From the Daley machine through the Washington regime, accusations and mud-slinging have flavored every campaign, making them more exciting to watch than the latest episode of "All My Children." Chicago newspapers thrive on politics. It sells newspapers. It breeds controversy. If all of the politically-related articles were removed from recent issues of The Chicago Sun-Times and Tribune, there would hardly be enough news to last one visit to the bathroom. But, maybe that's where some of the recent political commentaries belong. The Sun-Times has been doing a little mud-slinging of its own. Maybe they didn't find the politics of late to be interesting enough so they created their own story. They asked challenger Ald. Edward Vrdolyak to withdraw from the race.

I don't know from where they drew their authority. But I'm sure I speak for the majority of readers when I say that I don't like being told what to think. By asking Vrdolyak to withdraw from the race, they were telling voters not to vote for him. The least they could have done was to be subtle about their bias. Whatever happened to fair journalism that afforded each candidate an equal chance? Obviously, the Sun-Times has no trust in the opinions of the voters or they would never have demanded such an absurd action.

Why didn't they ask the other challengers, Hynes and Haider, to drop out, too, since they did not have Washington's majority? The Sun-Times, in an attempt to fair all the candidates, ignored one of the fundamentals of the American democratic system: a government chosen by the people. When straight news is combined with biased editorial comment on the front page of a major newspaper, the reader is being brainwashed with opinion instead of receiving the facts he was expecting to receive.

Is this a good way to publish an editorial on the editorial page that blatantly says, "This is one man's opinion." It is entirely different to demand that a candidate drop out of a mayoral race in the headlines. Perhaps the Sun-Times has suffered through being number two behind the Tribune for too long. Maybe they thought a little muckraking would bring a little more coverage. The Sun-Times was probably right. But what happened to their journalistic conscience? They have ignored it in favor of selling more papers and making more money.

The headlines on Monday's Sun-Times predicted a landslide victory for Harold Washington. Now the newspaper has become a soothsayer. I thought that went out with gypsies and fortune-tellers. The Sun-Times' predictions were realized in a victory that was not a landslide as they said, but in a victory nonetheless.

This is a classic example of the self-fulfilling prophesy. If the Sun-Times tells its readers there will be a landslide victory, many voters will be psychod out and think that there is no need to vote because a handful of votes don't matter in a landslide. They might just have well told their readers to vote for the incumbent because they thought he had the majority.

The individual is lost in the majority. Instead of examining the qualifications and integrity of a candidate, the only thing that becomes important is who is going to win. And how can a candidate, the only thing that becomes important is who is going to win. And how can a candidate have a chance when a major newspaper is biased in its editorials and reporting?

Responsible journalism seems to have taken a backseat to muckraking. If this continues, it won't be long before they will succeed in controlling our votes, dollars, and minds.

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U.S. soldier defected because of army abuse

Associated Press

MOSCOW - An American soldier who defected to the Soviet Union says he did it because he was abused in the U.S. army and wanted "a chance to be a human being," the official news agency Tass said Wednesday.

Wade Roberts said he "loved his people" and denied his desertion was treason, Tass reported. The agency said he was interviewed at a Moscow hotel, but it did not say which one or when.

It was the first Soviet news report about the American since Kremlin officials announced last week that Roberts had defected and Soviet authorities granted asylum to the soldier and a West German woman.

The U.S. army has confirmed that a Pvt. 2 Wade Roberts was declared absent without leave March 2 from his army unit 45 miles northeast of Frankfurt, West Germany.

It has not commented on Soviet reports of the defection, the first of an American soldier to the Soviet Union since the Vietnam war.

According to Tass, Roberts gave a scathing account of his time in the Army. It quoted Miss Neumann as saying the Army had jailed him in a disciplinary case.

"Commanders there get sadistic satisfaction from insults, ill-treatment and physical abuse," it said. "Human dignity and human rights are flouted there at every turn, men are turned into robots," it said. "Americans are slapped on their faces and then called in a high-flown manner to defend democracy."

Soviet claims bugging is an accepted 'way of life'

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Alleged bugging of the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow and a spy-sex situation at the old embassy there have been blown out of proportion by the U.S. government, according to a Soviet diplomat.

"It's common knowledge that everyone is bugging everyone," said Pavel Pavlov, a member of the Soviet Embassy in Washington. "In diplomatic circles, it is accepted as a way of life, and I do not know what the uproar is about.

Pavlov, who is lecturing at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis this week, made his comments at a news conference Tuesday.

He said he was not impressed by the furor over an alleged sex-spy operation involving Marine guards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

"Such things happen," Pavlov said. "Those are the facts of life. I don't know what you can do about them."

But, he added, so much attention on the incidents detracts from more important issues such as nuclear arms agreements.

The United States and Soviet Union "should start dealing with the most important problems. A lot can be done to ease tensions - not only in principle, but in material ways," Pavlov said. "Then we can move into those gray areas and what seem now to be hopeless ones."

He said his country has adopted a more open attitude and a new viewpoint under General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, but only time will tell if progress will be made in negotiations.

"There are many signs that relations are improving. But I don't know if all these externals mean a deep and profound change in attitudes. I think any profound changes are yet to be seen in the future."

He said the Reagan administration "keeps putting new obstacles in the way of agreements, and we simply can't prolong these tensions forever."

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Graduate student Hugh McManus looks on with enthusiasm as Doug Cyr demonstrates lab techniques in the Radiation lab.

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College Briefs

National Condom Week was recently observed on campuses across the country. At Columbia University, a student-run grocery store distributed free condoms as part of its "Be Mine - Safely" program. Columbia students can also buy condoms from vending machines in men's and women's rest rooms. - The Observer

It's Gotta Be Pasta: Students at Okanagan College in Canada are building bridges using pasta. The annual contest offers $1000 in cash prizes. Expert pasta bridge builders estimate that it takes at least five hours and a lot of glue to construct a good bridge. - The Observer

"Assassin," banned at Notre Dame, seems to be off other campuses as well. Students who were hired as campus representatives at the 45 schools that were targeted for the game say that the company that runs the game has failed to pay them as promised and does not answer the firm's 800 number. It would appear that "Assassin" is about to be killed. - The Observer

"Jaws" was shown to students at the University of Rochester. The twist was that the movie-goers were sitting on inner tubes in an inflatable swimming pool invested with inflatable sharks. Prior to that, the campaign movies committee had handed out styrofoam planes for a viewing of "Top Gun."

Parental permission slips to drink in dormitories is the idea behind an opinion by the Iowa attorney general to allow people under 21 to drink alcohol. The law currently allows 18- and 20-year-olds to drink in private homes — with parental approval — and officials believe this should be extended to include dorms.

"Gay and Lesbian Jean Day" at the University of California - Santa Barbara where students wear blue jeans to show support of homosexuality - was a success, organizers said. Surveys showed almost one-third of the students wore jeans, up from 15 percent last year. - The Observer

A ban on interracial dating that goes back thirty years at Pillsbury Baptist College, was recently lifted after black students filed complaints with the State Department of Human Rights. The college also agreed to drop the requirement stating that students needed parental letters of permission in order to date someone of another race.

Fun in the sun
Tom Fenton protects his face while seeking knowledge, and a tan, as he studies at the War Memorial. Wednesday's beautiful weather brought out the best in many students.
Two Notre Dame seniors awarded Mellon Fellowships

By JOHN FLORY
Staff Reporter

Notre Dame seniors Megan Went and John Staud have been named winners of the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, an award given to outstanding college students in the area of the humanities.

The Mellon Fellowship was established five years ago by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to encourage careers in higher education. It presents a cash stipend to outstanding college students in the area of the fellowship to encourage careers in teaching. It presents a cash stipend to outstanding college students in the area of the fellowship to encourage careers in teaching. It presents a cash stipend to outstanding college students in the area of the fellowship to encourage careers in teaching.

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Staud, a chemical engineering and English major, said he learned of the award while asking one of his professors, Thomas Werge of the English department, about graduate schools last summer. Werge nominated Staud for the fellowship and after submitting his application, Staud was sent an application package.

The application required a 1000-word personal statement, college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a preference form. In the preference form, Staud was asked to name three to five graduate schools he would like to attend and why.

Staud applied for the fellowship in October, meeting the application deadline of Dec. 8. In February, he was sent a letter of invitation to a regional interview in Ann Arbor, Mich. Interviewed by a panel of five or six, he was later informed by letter that his candidacy was being reviewed by a central committee and that he was a semifinalist.

By mid-March, Staud was "90 percent sure" of winning the fellowship, having learned that he was one of 15 semifinalists competing for 122 fellowships.

Went found out about the award in a letter sent by Nathan Hatch, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, in May and September of last year.

An art history major, Went was nominated by Charles Rosenberg, professor of art history. Like Staud, Went appeared before a panel of five interviewers in February.

Went was also aware of being one of the 15 semifinalists being considered for the award.

Asked about his future plans, Went says he is considering Northwestern, Penn, and Cornell, but favors Michigan, and will continue his studies in English.

**SMC Professor Shannon honored**

By CATHY STACY
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's College Professor William Shannon has recently been chosen the 1987 Indiana Women in Business Advocate for his continuous support of female business owners.

In addition to teaching in the department of business administration and economics at Saint Mary's, Shannon works to promote business ownership by women in the community.

Shannon is presently researching new ways for universities to better prepare women for careers in business and serving as faculty advisor for the Entrepreneur's Club.

To make women aware of the many opportunities open to them and to promote business leadership Shannon has conducted several seminars for members of the community.

He has also invited successful women to speak about their careers, and has counseled prospective business owners in the area.

"Bill Shannon is truly deserving of the (award). The prospects of women-owned business in Indiana have been enormously enhanced as a result of Professor Shannon's efforts," said Robert General, district director of the Indiana Office of the Small Business Administration.

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Along with Zic, the seniors whose outstanding academic performances have earned them the highest GPAs in their respective colleges are: Karen Blackburn from South Bend, Indiana, a Program of Liberal Studies major in the College of Arts and Letters; Eric Scheuermann of Stowe, Vermont, an accounting major in the College of Business; and Thomas Wernimont of Woodbury, Minnesota, an electrical engineering major in the College of Engineering.

Went said she is considering Columbia, and will likely pursue a five-year program in Art History leading to a Ph.D. for which the fellowship would pay the first two years.

Staud stressed the qualifications for the fellowship as academic achievement, seriousness, and a strong commitment to the humanities." Went added that careers in teaching are emphasized by the Mellon Fellowship.

Last year there were also two semifinalists from Notre Dame. They were English major Barbara Rodrigues and Philosopher major James Louis. In 1985, there were three winners from Notre Dame, said Hatch, adding that in each of the preceding four years, there has been a Fellow named from Notre Dame.

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**Earthquake rocks central Nicaragua**

Associated Press

MANAGUA. A strong earthquake rocked central Nicaragua for about 33 seconds on Wednesday, but authorities said they had no immediate reports of major damage or casualties.

The government's seismological institute said it had no immediate reading on the quake, but the state radio, the Voice of Nicaragua, described it "as quite big."

The tremor was recorded by U.S. geological survey earthquake monitors in Golden, Colo., at a preliminary magnitude of 6.3 on the richter scale. It occurred at 11:43 a.m.

A news bulletin read over Managua radio said authorities had no immediate reports of anyone being killed or hurt, adding there were no reports of major damage.

The U.S. geological survey said the earthquake occurred off the Pacific coast of Nicaragua about 60 miles southwest of Managua, and was reportedly felt in northern Costa Rica.

Myra Guillin, a secretary at The Associated Press bureau in Managua, described the quake as "quite, quite big" but said it started at 11:44 a.m. and lasted about 35 seconds.

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along with such a situation as CIA director.

He also said he would not be a member of the president's Cabinet, unlike former CIA director William Casey, on grounds that the agency should be a "gathering of intelligence rather than an advocate for any particular policy.

As for the Moese investigation, senators asked Webster if, in retrospect, it would have been better if the attorney general had called in the FBI in the first place.

Webster said that had he been thought at the time there might be criminal activity involved, he "absolutely" would have got the FBI involved.

However, he asked, "Could the FBI agents have done a better job of conducting such an inquiry or looking for materials? I'm not sure I'm in a position to answer that."

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**Latest cancer research**

Associated Press

BOSTON-Nearly a quarter of patients with advanced cancer show some response to an experimental therapy that turns their own blood cells into cancer hunters, and this could be "the dawn of a new approach to treating cancer," a researcher says.

The treatment uses interleukin-2, a natural disease-fighting chemical, to prime the body's defenses against cancer. The latest results essentially confirm controversial and highly publicized findings that galvanized the attention of cancer victims and their families when they were announced a year and a half ago.

The research found that this approach, known as immunotherapy, can at least temporarily turn back cancer that eludes all standard treatments. In some cases patients have complete remissions.

Dr. Vincent DeVita Jr., head of the National Cancer Institute, said the new approach appears to be the most promising treatment available for spreading kidney cancer and malignant melanoma, a lethal skin disease.

**Third marine charged**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A third Marine who worked as a security guard in Moscow and Leningrad and in the U.S. embassy in Rome has been arrested on suspicion of espionage, causing American officials to broaden their investigations into security breaches in American diplomatic missions.

Sgt. John Joseph Weirick, 26, of Eureka, Calif., was arrested Tuesday night and held in the brig at Camp Pendleton, Calif., said Robert Sims, chief Defense Department spokesman.

He is suspected of espionage while working as a security guard at the American consulate in Leningrad in 1981 and 1982, Sims said.

Meantime, as American officials sought to measure the damage caused by the infiltration of American diplomatic missions by KGB agents and electronic eavesdropping devices, there were these developments:

• FBI director William Webster acknowledged at a Senate hearing on his nomination to head the CIA that the Soviets use their new hilltop embassy complex in Washington to intercept U.S. telephone communications. But he said he was unable to say "how much damage they are doing."

• Secretary of State George P. Shultz told reporters that Soviet eavesdropping at the U.S. embassy in Moscow had cast "a heavy shadow" over the talks he will hold next week in the Soviet capital. He said he intended to tell the Soviets "that they can't expect to continue to create a hostile environment for our people overseas without cost to themselves."

• Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko spelled the U.S. charges that the KGB had bugged the new U.S. embassy in Moscow are "dirty fabrications" intended to spoil Shultz's trip. He accused President Reagan of making "hostile remarks."

In Congress, bills were introduced to require the Soviets to abandon their new Washington embassy site and negotiate a new agreement with the United States. Sen. William Roth, R-Del., said he believed the new U.S. embassy in Moscow would have to be torn down because it is so heavily bugged.
Church must recognize women's true role

Chenoa Seaboy

guest column

When I think about the grotesqueness of the sin that he committed against me and all women, I can feel only disgust and hatred toward the man. His words and women's rank of vanity and demonstrate the cruel degradation of other human beings which is the inevitable outcome whenever any particular person, race or sex tries to establish their own superiority over all other people, races, or the opposite sex. Here are just some of his cruel words: "But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman... a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God, but every woman is the glory of man. For man does not originate from woman, but woman for the man's sake (1 Corinthians 11:3-9).

Jesus instructed His followers, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you (Luke 6:33)." Suppose Paul, if you were to marry, would you like to be considered as being inherently inferior to more than half the world's population simply because of the sex that you were born with? Paul, if you were to marry, would you like to be told by your spouse that you are to be subject to her in all things? Would you like to be considered as being the opposite sex, rather than the image and glory of God, simply because you were born a man? It is obvious that his answer to these questions and all similar questions must unite in what is perhaps the one bottom of all great mistakes.

"Paul, would you like to be considered as being inherently inferior to more than half the world's population simply because of the sex that you were born with?"

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quote of the day

"Failure is an event, never a person."

William D. Brown

"Welcome Stress"

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But Myrtle Skeans knows it for its coal and its poverty. It was like to live there all your life, she has lived in this area, which is known for its coal and its poverty. But Myrtle Skeans knows it better as her home, and as a place to take pride in. "All her children have moved out of the area," says Christine Lopach, a Notre Dame sophomore from Miosoula, Mont. who is one of eleven students who spent their spring break working with the people in the Appalachian mountains of eastern Kentucky. "They live in Utah now, and a lot of them want her to move out there. But she won't move, because her home is where her ties are."

Lopach and the rest of the students came into contact with the people of Appalachia while working for the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), an eccumenical organization devoted to helping the people of this region. It was first organized in 1964 by Father Ralph Belting, who wanted to help the people who had little opportunity due to a lack of education and jobs. The students volunteered on their own through the Center of Social Concerns, which helps coordinate the trips for both fall and spring breaks. Most of the students were motivated by the desire to work with the people of Appalachia and learn more about the problems they face.

Two orientation sessions held prior to the trip showed them how the coal industry affected the region. Mountains are destroyed by strip-mining techniques, and floods are caused by alterations in rivers by the company.

It amazes me that a lady who didn't even finish the eighth grade had such a great memory, such great intelligence too—it's a different kind of intelligence.

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Skeans lives outside Martin in a place called Holler (don't yell, just holler). The students first met her at the local parish's St. Patrick's Day party where she invited them to her house for dinner where she cooked a delicious meal of chicken and dumplings, potato salad, fried apples, green beans, biscuits, and homemade apple and chocolate pies. "She was so generous, yet she didn't have a lot," says Sharon Young, a sophomore from Pittsburgh. Skeans was also generous in her story telling, recounting the histories of the people and the land. One such account told the story of her uncle who lived in Buck's Branch, the next holler over. He owned that entire holler at one time, but eventually he traded the land for "a gun and shells."

"You got an idea of what it was like to live there all your life," says Christine Lopach, a sophomore from Missoula, Mont. To experience the way of life of the people, Dolores Stiglmeyer, a senior from Williamsport, Penn., and Michelle Beritsch, a sophomore from Akron, Ohio, spent one afternoon visiting the elderly. At one stop they met two sisters, Marie and Georgie, who lived next door to each other.

"They were lonely even though they lived next door to each other, and Marie's son and grandchildren live nearby," says Stiglmeyer. "Marie was sick, unkempt, and suffering from emphysema from smoking for 45 years, but still she seemed to have a good atti-
The observant Penas

In the mountains of Appalachia near Martin, Kentucky.

They were really friendly. "The people were genuinely honest," adds Bethan. "One of them talked at Donna and said, 'Oh, that redheaded over there, she just smiles all the time.' " She just came right out and said it, no qualms or inhibitions."

Bertsch. "One of them was a landscape architect, and he just said, 'Oh, that redhead over there, she just smiles all the time.' "

Marc Haygood, along with Pernas, Young and I considered the fact that they just ran up to me and said, 'Hey, let's grab your hand and hold it for a moment as if he wanted to talk about each work, showed him the details up close, and then backed away to show him how all of the dabs were blended together. It was as precious as the works themselves.

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 Seeing Red

Editor's note: this is the second of two parts.

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C'est la Vie

Few of the more privileged people live in private residences. Within the heart of the city, 80% of the population live in common housing. Each family has its own room and corridor, but kitchen and bathroom facilities are shared with other residents, perhaps three other families. If someone over the age of 18 wishes to buy an apartment, possibly after waiting one year, he would have to prove how the money was obtained, an apartment with one room, a kitchen, one corridor and a bathroom will cost about $12,000. A similar three room apartment would follow at approximately $37,000.

When a couple gets married, each person receives approximately $200 from the government, but should they divorce, each must pay the government a fee of $520. There is a 40% divorce rate among couples who have been married for at least three years. If a father who has been divorced has one child, 25% of his salary must go towards child support, and this percentage increases with the number of children. In most cases the mothers receive custody unless they have drug, alcohol, or other problems which would hinder the quality of child raising.

According to our tour guide, alcohol abuse in the Soviet Union has diminished. Citizens can still buy alcohol between 2 and 7 p.m. "After about three to four hours in line one may get vodka, otherwise wine," the guide explained. State-owned bars do exist, but they don't offer any alcohol. In restaurants one person may purchase 100 grams of alcohol. Not many people frequent restaurants, however, because an evening may cost the equivalent of between $16 to 24.

Our guide Leonard explained that "now all magazines, newspapers, and even the theater criticize day-to-day Soviet life." Changes are said to be occurring in social life but not in food or clothing. He seemed to express hope about Gorbachev's new policy of sponsoring private enterprise, such as shops and restaurants, which will be put to the test starting the first of May.

For the few Soviet citizens I saw, they seemed to be concerned. It is true they have not much in the material sense. Their clothes are of cheap quality and are very expensive. A set of men's boxers and pajama shirt cost about $60, and women's shoes can run from $180 on up.

The government takes care of everything for the people. They have jobs, and there are state-owned stores and forms of entertainment. "A model city," Leonard said of Moscow with a smile on his face. "There is no unemployment or people living in the streets." Life in Moscow, socialist life, seemed to me to be quite simple, existence. Food is bought because people need to be nourished, clothes are bought because people need to clothe their bodies, work obligations are fulfilled because they must be. The people did seem content, but there was a spirit of something missing.

On a visit to an art museum I spent some time studying the art works but more time studying the people. Families mingled, they had smiles on their faces, and presidents held their little girls hands. In the Impressionist section, one mother in her fur hat and snow boots talked to her son about each work, showed him the details up close, and then backed away to show him how all of the dabs were blended together. It was as precious as the works themselves.

I am still asking myself what life is really like there, if the people are happy. Is their present form of socialist government acceptable? Is it the system they want? When I asked Leonard if the Soviet people are generally happy, content, and pleased with their government, he froze up, turned his head away, and said, "No statistics," asked, "But what do you think?" He looked me in the eye and held my glance for a moment as if he wanted to answer, wanted to tell me what he thought. He shook his head then, as if to shake off the thought, and repeated, "No statistics."
Men’s tennis team shows grace under pressure in 6-3 win

By THERESE KELLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team was strong under pressure Tuesday, winning three of four matches that built the full three sets while defeating Green Bay, 6-3.

“We played well,” said Head Coach Tom Fallon. “It was nice to see the close matches this time.”

Irish number-one singles player Mark Caw was his match in three sets, taking the first set from Bowling Green’s Rick Boynton, 6-4, then dropping the second, 1-6. Caw and Boynton battled to a tie breaker in the third, with Caw coming out on top, 7-6.

Brian Kalbasi, the number-two man for Notre Dame, also went the distance, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Dan Walsh won the third-set match for the Irish by following the pattern set by his teammates. Walsh won the first set, 6-3, then dropped the number-three spot to green Bay’s Doug Pederson, 7-5, 6-4.

Irish fifth man Mike Wallace had little trouble in his second round setback to a shrewd Irishman in an injury, winning in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Teammates Dave Reiter and Paul Dugger suffered from the number-two spot of the Green Bay tennis opponents. Reiter lost, 6-2, 7-6, in the number-three spot and Dugger went to a third set breaker before losing, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

In doubles action, the Irish took two of three matches with Carr and Reiter winning in the number-one spot, 7-5, 6-3. Walsh and Kalbasi for Irish number-three pair of Wallace and Sean O’Brien lost in two, 7-5, 4-6.

“Maybe it was the weather,” said Fallon. “But overall performance was fine.”

It has been a while since we’ve played outside.

The Irish hope the good weather and the good play continues this weekend as they host Eastern Michigan on Sunday.

“Right now we are looking against their next opponent, holding six weeks, then record dating back to 1970.

“Tn the Eastern Michigan team is a lot like Bowling Green, said Fallon. “We ought to be looking at more close matches on Sunday.”
Belles drop twinbill
By MOLLY MCEWELL
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team was swept in a doubleheader by Valparaiso, 5-3, 11-3, on Tuesday.

Trish Tierney went one-for-three with one RBI in the first game, while Dawn KonTek also went one-for-three at the plate.

A three-run rally in the sixth inning gave the Belle's hopes for a comeback in the seventh, but they were unable to score.

The Belles were hitting the ball well, but unfortunately right at the tough Valparaiso fielders.

In the second game, Dawn Brohman found the hole in the Valparaiso outfield and slammed a home run to right-center field.

The home run was one of her two hits and two RBIs.

Senior Kris Panteliera ripped four hits in as many at bats, including a bunt single. Martha Judge also contributed one hit to the the Belles' effort.

Pitcher Liz Pokora was unable to complete the game because of a muscle spasm and was replaced by Colleen Murphy.

The Belles travel to IUPUI today to face Hanover College. Their next home game will be on April 11, when they play host to St. Francis.

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Second-round action is finally underway. Wednesday’s Results

- The Boil Diggers over Team No. 332 by 4
- Team No. 62 over The Cool Team  Puff My Magic Dragon by 4

Stages

1. Swiss, et al. in cheese wine over Team No. 303 by 1
2. LaBelle’s Diggity over Team No. 347 by 17
3. Bean over Rolling Stones of the Cladbells by 14
4. Brno over Team  Puff My Magic Dragon and the Michael
   Nagels by 11

Stages 1

1. Team No. 306 over Team No. 335 by 5
2. LaBelle’s Topper over Team  Puff My Magic Dragon and the
   Pilsbury Whiskey by 4
3. Fado and Turi over Team No. 311 by 1
4. Papa Bruno and Flying Eggmen over Uncorruptables by 11

Stage 6

Fall Classic over Team No. 353 by 14
Team No. 51 over Team  Puff My Magic Dragon by 11

Team No. 644 over a Thug and a Ho by 18
4. Pugs and Cookies over World by 21

Melanca over Exposition Petty. At it by 12
7. Guys over the Elf Can’t Meddle over Peace Love
   Liberty by 13
8. Gotcha my Shot over Player and the Feds by 24
9. Team No. 495 over a Name Joe Cassidy
   wouldn’t Allow it by 12

Team 971 over Explosives & a Big Major
Team No. 432 over a Thug and a Ho by 12

10. Gross Cocks over Grandstanding by 2
11. Team No. 371 over Swen’s Dogs by 21

Covin Road & the Dead End Boys over Michael Jor-
   dana’s Legitimate Guns by 12
12. Separation Separates over the 5 Unchanged

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1. The Blind Squirrel over Team No. 533 by 14
2. Return of the Fugitive Guy over Team No. 534 by 15
3. Trent’s Light Walking over Team No. 37 by 16
4. Team No. 47 over Team No. 337 by 16
5. Elenor K over Computer Who. Jr. by 3
6. Metabolic Technologies of a Messy over Team No. 338
   over Manhattan over 500 years of Outland
   You for the Times by 17
7. Team No. 27 over Pow’rgraff is Bernie only by 5
   Lynch 16
8. Goodbye and Goodnight B. by 5
9. Goodbye and Goodnight B. over 30 Minutes...
   by 15
10. Top Guns over 5 Guys Who Smoke by 17

Thursday’s Games

4:00 - Mixing Love vs. Buzz & 4 Other Vegetables
   by 11
5:30 - Mike Palmers-Soccer Burgers vs. 5 Guys
   Vegetables
6:15 - Capt. Kirk & 4 Other Guys with Big
   Phaseirs II vs. Team No. 341

Stages 2

1. Team No. 432 over Team  Puff My Magic Dragon by 1
2. Team No. 371 over Swen’s Dogs by 21

3. Team No. 454 over 400 over a Good Guy by Whady
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Weekend’s Games

5:30 - Missing Line vs. Buzz & 4 Other Guys
   with Big Phaseirs
4:00 - Team  No. 420 vs. Fawn Hall’s Desktop
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   Overall, it’s a quality group.

Second place goes to the New
   York Mets if for no other rea-
   son than the non-repeating
   syndrome. But other than that,
   the Mets have some other prob-
   lems that may unravel last
   year’s powerhouse. Dwight
   Gooden will be in drug rehab
   for a while, Roger McDowell is
   injured and a host of off-the-
   field problems have sur-
   rounded this team since its
   shining moment.

Third place goes to the only
   quality team left, the Philadel-
   phia Phillies. Philadelphia has
   a nice blend of youth and expe-
   rience in its lineup. Mike Eas-
   ter (302, 14HRs, 78 RBIs), ac-
   quired from the Yankees for
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87 SBs- he's a PTP, a superstar Dan Mattingly (.322, 31, 113 RBI) he's the MVP. Mr. Consistency. Dave Winfield (.262, 24, 104) a man among men. They've got solid youngsters in Mike Pagliarulo, a member of the Dick Vitale All-Italian Team, and Dan Pasqua - a real space eater.

"Who's next, Dick?"
"I'm tellin' ya, it's my team of the future, the Cleveland Indians. They've got the all-Pumpers team-great young talent in Joe Carter (.302, 29, 112), Ruben Sierra (.324, 20, 113) and Cory Snyder (.272, 24, 89)."

"Who's fourth?"
"The boys from Beantown, the Boston Red Sox. They've got pitchers and more in Roger Clemens (24-5, 2.48), Dennis All-Nickname -'Oil Can' Boyd (.16-10) and Bruce 'I was almost named the Series MVP' Hurst (.13-8). The Sox outfield of Jim Rice (.324, 20, 110), Dwight Evans (.259, 26, 97) and David Henderson (.265, 15, 47) might begin to show signs of age this year. They've got Wayde Boggs, though, (.337)."

"Who's left, Dick?"
"The men from Motown, the Detroit Tigers. Losing Lance Parrish means a lot of lost production as well as a solid catcher.

In sixth, I like the Milwaukee Brewers. Teddy Higuera (20-11, 2.79) gets my early Cy Young vote. They need the

Lloyd Moseby got the 1987 season off to a bang for the Toronto Blue Jays by hitting the season's first home run on Monday.

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Billy Gardner is out to do just that. Right fielder Danny Tartabull was acquired from Seattle, where he hit 22 home runs and added 96 RBIs, and the versatile Juan Benigno comes to the Royals from Baltimore, where he has batted .300 or better in each of his last four years.

Add the familiar names of George Brett, Frank White and Willie Wilson, and throw in the fact that none of these players are used to finishing out of first place, and it looks like another royal season in Kansas City.

If last year is any indication, the Texas Rangers are a team of the future, and should make a strong run at the AL West title this season. Thanks to some kids who come through when given the opportunity. Rookies, rookies and more rookies led the traditionally-hapless Rangers to a very un-traditional season and a second-place finish. For example, first-year left fielder Pete Incaviglia tied a club record with 30 homers, while Ruben Sierra smashed a record 10 triples, even though he was not called up until June 1 by manager Bobby Valentine.
The Daily Crossword

Notre Dame
Roast Top Round of Beef
Turkey Tetrazini
Zucchini Quiche
Devonshire Sandwich

Saint Mary's
Southern Fried Chicken
Spaghetti with Meat and Marinara

Dinner Menus

ACROSS
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10. Behaves
15. State in India
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25. Noble rank
30. State in India
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Druids suffer first tourney shutdown as first round comes to a finish

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It took over 350 games and, more importantly, five Druids, but it finally happened. Bookstore Basketball XVI saw its first tourney shutdown by a 4-3 slugfest against a阿尔 throughout. Druids suffer first tourney shutout. But it's got some K.O. evangelist show, but a prime time come October. They've got an All-Druids suffer first tourney shutout. Unknown Team outfield in Lloyd wear capes, worship 40, 108. Tony Fernandez is as solid a shortstop as you'll find. They are the same folks who put all those ads in Classifieds, were the same folks who Stonehenge and do various other goofy things such as use an "oaken cudgel" to try to block the 4 Fags' shots in yesterdays' Roundhouse. "Those guys from near my part of the country, the New York Yankees. This is a team with some All-Universe people. If anything about the NL West. So with

In yesterday's marathon game, Glazed Donuts dumped Gashmasters, 21-19, in one hour and 25-minute contest. The Gashmasters held an 11-5 lead at the half, but Glazed Donuts fought back to even the score at 16. The two teams traded baskets to the wire until Glazed Donuts' Rick Gates, with his team up 20-19, sunk a 15-footer for the win. Gates was modest after his game-winning bucket. "I don't even like glazed donuts," said the Columbia City, Indiana native. Ironically, the players on both of these teams are neighbors at Campus View. They planned on getting together last evening to watch replays of the game over beverages. Just like the big time.

Swiss, Celby & Three Other Cheeses held off a tough challenge from Team No. 609 behind Jerry Melia's 15 points, including all 11 of the Cheeses' first half. It seems only two cheeses showed up for this one, as the winners played with only one. Our boys while the winning team was comprised of five girls.

Melia, relating his opportunity to play hotdog, gathered most of his people from layup as a result of the fast break of just plain ole basket-hanging. His layup conversion percentage was somewhat lower than Indiana's Steve Axford three-point shooting percentage, as Melia turned in a 15-24 performance.

"About the only thing I could fill up was the scoreboard," said Melia after looking at the game's tally sheet. The five girls from Team No. 650 were in the game throughout, thanks to seven points. (29-13) and Jesse Barfield (.289, 16 with 1.29, 1.31), and Marty Geiger (12-17, 18-22) in the champs and should be near the top. Warning: the Surgeon General has determined that these predictions may be hazardous to your gambling health.

I really didn't know what to say when I was given the enviable task of previewing the National League West Division. I was left speechless not because I was honored, but because I know little if anything about the NL West. So with

The Mets will not repeat. The Mets will not repeat. The Mets will not repeat. Maybe if I say it a few more times, I'll really believe it. Nevertheless, the National League East is separated into two definite groups: the contenders and the no-way-in-hecks.

And leading the way for the contenders will be the St. Louis Cardinals. This team made a major trade, trading a little help from Sports Illustrated's baseball preview issue, I'll try to give a run down of the division.

The Houston Astros are the defending champs and should be near the top again this season. The entire starting lineup returns, including Cy Young award winner Mike Scott and Nolan Ryan, who will be trying to make it through the season without injuring his right elbow again. Already the Astros are fired up, taking the first two games from Los Angeles. And manager Alan Haney is hot too after he was nearly beaten by a warm-up pitch from the Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela in Tuesday's game.

The Kansas City Royals have something to prove, and perhaps more importantly, they have the perfect division in which to prove it. The Royals went from champions of the baseball world two years ago to a 76-86 team last season, when they established themselves as the American League's second-to-last team in runs scored. But this year should see Kansas City back in the top spots, thanks to some

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