Russia resistant to NATO expansion

By MIKE ROMANCHEK
News Writer

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

While Russia works to overcome economic woes, it must now also deal with the encroachment of NATO on three of its former Iron Curtain allies.

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

Most of the negative sentiments are coming from Russian political figures rather than average Russian citizens. The Russians are attempting to "undermine NATO effectiveness" because Russia is not part of NATO, according to a March 13 New York Times article.

"Russia would rather have disputes settled by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the U.N. than NATO because it has a vote within these organizations," said Jubulis.

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


MARK JUBULIS
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As the Spirit of Inclusion aims to include all people under its very spirit, some professors and students on campus and around the country disagree as to the true spirit of the declaration. Contrary to the declaration, all students and faculty do not feel welcome at Notre Dame.

Spirit of Inclusion contested by campus voices

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
News Writer

At the end of a battle of numerous rallies, heated editorials, confidential meetings and extensive proposals, the Spirit of Inclusion was the winner and the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause was the loser.

But, is the Spirit of Inclusion enough? Is it going to provide an atmosphere open to homosexuals? More importantly and probably least mentioned, is this atmosphere going to hurt the recruiting and retention of professors who might be homosexual?

Last November, assistant professor of history at Carnegie Mellon Scott Sandage wrote a letter to the editor published in The Observer that addressed two major problems at Notre Dame. One was that several members of the gay community believe that the Spirit of Inclusion does not adequately provide equality. The other is the whether or not Notre Dame will be able to acquire quality professors, without regard to their sexual orientation.

In a statement urging Notre Dame to accept adding sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause, Sandage described the University's reputation in academia as unsupporting of homosexuals. He also claimed that professor Gregory Dowd invited him to apply to the University for a professorship position.

"I had to inform professor Dowd that however much I might want Notre Dame, Notre Dame would not want me because I am openly gay," he said of his response to the offer.

Sandage further expressed his disappointment with the University's actions regarding GLND/SMC and the removal of a top job candidate in the College of Business Administration because he revealed his sexual preference to the search chair.

The Carnegie Mellon assistant professor thinks that "such widely known incidents mar the reputation of a distinguished university and can only harm Notre Dame's efforts to recruit new faculty."

In his letter, Sandage said that universities should be leading the way into the future rather than the past. Furthermore, he expected Notre Dame to have an atmosphere of equality. For this reason, he believes the University should adopt the non-discrimination clause.

Members of the University faculty are divided on the effectiveness of the Spirit of Inclusion, which is Notre Dame's official statement on sexual orientation. Some feel that it is an adequate statement in accordance with Catholic teaching and others feel that it is not enough.

"The Spirit of Inclusion is a statement that is open and welcoming to the gay commu-
Promoting Animal Rights

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"Right to Sniff Airport Luggage"

When students from the "Nationalism, Socialism and Democracy" course at Maryland returned from Cuba over winter break, they did not simply put away their experience in scrapbooks. Instead, students from the government and political classes spent two weeks in the communist nation, decided to act upon some of the problems that plague Cuba. They created Focus on Cuba, a group through which they have planned relief efforts for Cuban citizens, as well as programs and debates to educate student awareness of American-Cuban relations.

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More than 25 university students occupied university gymnasiums this week in the Bollinger's office Wednesday morning and planned to remain there through the night to demand that administrators adopt a stronger set of labor standards in the collegiate apparel industry.

The student activists refused to continue talks with Bollinger and university general counsel Marvin Krislov that would allow the administration to meet with two of the group's leaders.

The students who led the sit-in, all of whom are members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality (SOLE), said they want Bollinger and Krislov to meet with the entire group, which is camped out on the floor of the president's office.

"We're done negotiating. We want action," junior Andy Cornell told the students.

Later in the evening, SOLE members said they attempted to meet with administrators, but had not heard back from the administration office.

University spokesperson Joel Seguine said talks could begin as early as this morning.

"The students have definitely put on the pressure," Seguine said.

SOLE and its affiliate organizations on campuses across the nation have said that current calls for tougher standards in the collegiate apparel industry are not strong enough.
McCarthy: Finding peace is ultimate goal of living well

By KYLE ANDREWS
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Often this means going against our culture, one that is so permeated with injustice.

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

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

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

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

After arriving in Negril, the students' discovered that their luggage had been lost. It did not arrive until two days later.

"I just bought a white outfit to wear, but I had to go barefoot for two days," said Mary Bojde, Notre Dame senior.

In an attempt to make it up to the students, Student Travel Services (STS) offered them wristbands good for free drinks and other bonuses. The students, however, said they were not satisfied because bars and clubs where the bracelets were valid ran out of alcohol or were overcrowded.

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

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

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

STS is one of several tour operators the students are aiming at for their spring break scams out of the area. STS is not a division of Anthony Travel, but Anthony Travel is acting on behalf of the students to receive monetary compensation for the delays encountered on their trip.

But STS is not legally required to offer the students compensation, according to Mary Walsh.

"The Department of Transportation requires compensation for delays of 48 hours or more. Because the delays on this trip were less than that, technically STS does not have to do anything," Carr said.

Walsh is not yet sure whether or not Anthony Travel will continue to use STS packages next year.

"Much of that decision depends on how adequately they compensate the students for their troubles this year," said Walsh.

There were various reasons for the delay.

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

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

Students were left at the airport with many unanswered questions because the gate agents were not made aware of or were incapable of receiving word of delays elsewhere.

Both Walsh and Carr urge students who were dissatisfied with their packages and tour operators to write letters to these companies.

Questions about signs to take in order to receive compensation for problems encountered as a of the package can be directed to Anthony Travel representatives.

Professor receives social work honors

By LAURA ROMPF

The National Association of Social Workers has named Saint Mary's assistant professor and director of the social work program Frances Kominkiewicz Social Worker of the Year for region two of the Indiana chapter.

"I feel blessed and honored to be in the same context as Gladys Muhammad, who won the Citizen of the Year Award," said Kominkiewicz. "I know my colleagues have faith in me and I won't let them down."

The National Association of Social Workers chose Kominkiewicz for her contributions to the profession of social work.

The nominations were sent to the Indiana office where a final decision was made. Kominkiewicz and Muhammad will be honored at a dinner on March 23.
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**World News Briefs**

**Chinese police arrest donkey soup poisons**

Police have arrested five people accused of putting acid in a popular restaurant's specialty — donkey meat soup — and poisoning 158 people in central China, state media reported Thursday. The arrest followed a series of attacks on donkey meat soup restaurant in Yuxi city, Yunnan province.

**Germany**

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

The remaining tissue was cremated, the skeleton cleaned, enclosed in foam, and returned to the tomb, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported.

At the time of the exhumation, the scientists discovered they were not the first to have opened the tomb since Goethe's burial in 1832. One of the tomb's interior seals had been opened, and the lead lining had been cut, leading them to speculate that the tomb had been tampered with at the end of World War II.

Seifert, for one, reserved judgment on the scientists: "The only people qualified to judge this would be a body of scientists at home in this field. All the others would be frivolous, reckless or biased," he said.

**Ireland**

Bishop calls for calm after murder

Bishop vowels have urged Catholics to remain calm after a priest was killed in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, on Wednesday. The priest, Rev. Fr. Patrick Doherty, was killed in a drive-by shooting outside a Catholic church in Lurgan.

"This is a response to the murder of Rosemary Nelson. It is certainly not what Rosemary would have wanted," Rodgers said.

Nelson had represented Catholic residents in their fight to block Protestant marchers from parading through the predominantly Catholic neighborhood.

"In Lurgan, Nelson's husband, Paul, and three children — Christopher, 18, Gavin, 11 and Sarah, 8 — had walked hand-in-hand behind her coffin to the great Victorian church, passing the bouquets that now mark the spot where her wrecked car came to rest."

"Nelson had represented a number of Irish Republican Army suspects, and had complained of threats and harassment from RUC officers."

Police chief Sir Ronnie Flanagan has called in an English police official to supervise the murder investigation and asked the FBI for help as well.
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NATO

attem pt to gain strategic positioning. They claim that the United States and some Western European nations sought the membership the former communist nations in order to further possible military positioning in the future.

Jubulis disagrees with this claim.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Schneider: Teens lack direction needed to succeed

By ERIN COSTANTINI
News Writer

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

In 1988, Schneider began studying adolescents and the transitions they make in a longitudinal study between their eighth and 11th years. The eighth graders had "skyrocketing ambitions," demonstrating a major societal change for all students to aim for college and graduate school educations, she said.

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

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

Economist Kevin Murphy of the University of Chicago coined the phrase "college premium," meaning that if one possesses a high school degree, he or she is looking at the future welfare population. In today's competitive society, one must earn an advanced degree to reach the level of subsistence, Schneider continued. She said the educational and career goals of today's teens are compared to each other to determine whether their ambitions have direction.

A student is said to have aligned ambitions if the amount of education he or she craves matches the educational criteria of the career he or she desires. Schneider discovered that 43.7 percent of students have aligned ambitions, where 40.1 percent lack direction by overestimating the amount of education they need for a specific job. Sixteen percent of students underestimate the amount of education required, demonstrated by someone who desires a career as a doctor, yet only strives for a high school degree, Schneider explained.

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

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

Guidance from high school counselors is critical because students need to coordinate individual interests and statistics with criteria from specific colleges, according to Schneider.

When guidance counselors push their students to apply to top schools, problems occur when the students do not get accepted. This is harmful because the school is then placing the blame on the child.

Schneider discovered that adolescents who receive strong parental support are more likely to have aligned ambitions. In another study, she found that it is easy for students to agree that they will always feel loved, but when they crave most is guidance and direction from their parents.

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

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

Another major factor contributing to the teenagers lack of direction is that more young people are going to community colleges expecting to go on to receive a bachelor's degree. Most of these students do not make the step to transfer to four-year institutions and they are left without job opportunities.

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

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

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

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and the Spirit of Inclusion. "This feeling exists not only among gay and lesbian professors, but also among heterosexual professors who are afraid to speak publicly on this issue," Bederman said. In a previous interview with The Observer, associate professor of history Gail Bederman expressed similar sentiments. "People stay in the closet because of the environment — people are afraid of being known for who they are," she said. "The trend at Notre Dame is drastically different from most of the universities I know about." Bederman agreed that Notre Dame's official attitude on sexual orientation has given the University a negative reputation in academia. "The Spirit of Inclusion is not adequate because there is still no feeling of equality on this campus," she said. Bederman said that not only is equality lacking, but that the atmosphere makes faculty members nervous. "There is a real feeling of fear," she said. "This feeling exists not only among gay and lesbian professors, but also among heterosexual professors who are afraid to speak publicly on this issue."

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Inclusion

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U.S. must pay debt to retain vote

Associated Press

The United Nations must pay the United Nations at least $250 million by the end of December to avoid losing its vote in the General Assembly, a senior U.N. official said Thursday.

"At least — underline it," said Joseph Connor, the world body's undersecretary-general for management.

Connor said that nearly $1.7 billion owed by Washington alone has left the United States "squandering its moral authority" by failing to pay what it owes.

"It's simply unacceptable that the richest nation on Earth is also the biggest debtor to the United Nations," said the letter, which is also running as an advertisement in several newspapers.

The letter came as the Clinton administration launched its annual effort to get Congress to pay overdue bills to the United Nations.

"It's understandable our leverage in the U.N. on a broad range of political and management issues," the deputy U.S. ambassador Peter Burleigh told a House panel in Washington.

Connor said more of the U.N.'s 185 member nations are paying their dues on time — 117 in 1998 compared with 75 in 1994 — and for the first time in four years, the United Nations is borrowing less from a separate peacekeeping fund to cover operating costs.

But at the end of February, member states still owed the United Nations over $2.9 billion in current and past assessments.

By far the largest debtor, the United States owes $1.69 billion, nearly 60 percent of the total.

"The U.S. debt includes $630 million for the regular budget and slightly more than $1 billion for peacekeeping and humanitarian operations," the letter said.

"Congress — which had conditions attached to its financial aid and other reforms at the United Nations — authorized legislation last year that would have paid off a chunk of the arrears.

But President Clinton vetoed the bill because it contained unrelated abortion restrictions.

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

Russia Senate’s new defense bill receives criticism

Associated Press

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

The bill overwhelmingly approved by the Senate on Wednesday commits the Pentagon to building a national defense against limited ballistic missile attack "as soon as technologically possible."

"That poses a serious threat to the whole process of nuclear arms control, as well as strategic stability, for which major international agreements have been worked out for decades," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

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

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi said the measure is counterproductive for arms control and disarmament and will have "an impact on global strategic balance."

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

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

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Safety board interviews accident witness

Associated Press

BOURBONNAIS, Ill.

A motorist who claims to have been directly involved in the deadly Amtrak collision said the driver tried to snake through lowered crossing gates and beat the train, a high-level re-enactment of the crash using a truck and locomotive, the truck was able to zigzag around the downed crossing gates without hitting them.

John Goglia of the NTSB said the witness is a motorist whom Goglia would not identify — but his statements are not inconsistent Monday night.

"We are continuing to interview him, but his statements are not inconsistent," said investigators Monday night.

"We believe the motorist is credible and had a clear view of the accident, which killed 11 people and injured more than 100 Monday night.

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

Amtrak's chairman, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, had said the train's engineer claimed the truck driver tried to zigzag his tractor-trailer through the crossing gates after they had come down.

John Goglia of the NTSB said Thursday there is still no indication the crossing signal malfunctioned. And in a re-enactment of the crash using a truck and locomotive, the truck was able to zigzag around the downed crossing gates without hitting them.

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

The developments came as the NTSB prepared to wrap up its work in this community 50 miles south of Chicago.

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Still, he noted that the report confirms that the economic and social benefits of gaming far outweigh the costs to society of pathological and problem gambling.

The report's classification of 15 million Americans as "at risk" for developing a gambling problem was criticized by Fahrenkopf and some commission members.

Survey participants who said they gambled just once to relax uncomfortable feelings were put in the "at risk" group, said commission member John Wilhelm, general president of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union.

Other members were troubled by the report's finding that the economic cost of problem gambling is "relatively small" — about $5 billion a year in legal fees for divorce, court and jail costs for arrests, lost wages and bankruptcy. That compares with $72 billion for smoking, $166 billion for alcohol abuse and $71 billion for motor vehicle crashes, the report said.

James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family and the panel's most outspoken opponent of pathological gambling, said the $5 billion estimate of gambling's cost is far too low. He wondered how to calculate the costs of child abuse or spousal abuse committed by a gambling addict.

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The study conducted for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission found that 20 million Americans have or could develop gambling problems but said the economic impact of that is "relatively small."

A second report, also released Thursday as the commission began two days of meetings in Washington, estimated that 1.8 million American adults as well as up to 1.1 million American adolescents age 12 through 17 engage in severe "pathological" gambling each year.

The commission has three months to finish a wide-ranging report on gambling for Congress, and the extent of compulsive gambling in the country is just one of several open issues. Yet gambling addiction is the most contentious topic, and the report on the survey conducted for the commission only widened the chasm between the two sides.

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"It wasn't immediately clear late Thursday what action the president didn't have the right to decide how the members of the assembly would be chosen."

The opposition has strongly criticized his efforts to rewrite the constitution, charging it shows a tendency for authoritarian control. In an effort to dispel such fears, Chavez announced on March 10 that the 103 members of the Assembly would be chosen by popular vote.

Balloons reach Atlantic

Geneva airport as team members realize that the completion of the first round-the-world flight is now more than a possibility, said a statement Thursday afternoon.

The excitement came after one of the most difficult days of the 18-day flight, when the huge propane-fueled silver balloon was ejected from the jet stream Wednesday, slowed down and started to drift.

Earlier, the team had raced across the Pacific in six days and scooted over Mexico in less than a day, hitting speeds of up to 115 mph.

At one point Wednesday, the jet stream seemed to toy with them, spiraling the Breitling Orbiter 3 balloon into a slow-moving corkscrew and dragging it south toward Venezuela, instead of east across the Caribbean, Smith said.

By 5 a.m. EST Thursday, Jones, a 51-year-old balloon instructor, and Piccard, a 41-year-old physician, had traveled more than 22,000 miles of the 26,000-mile odyssey that began with a March 1 liftoff from the Swiss Alps.

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The Principle of Truth in Labeling in Ex Corde

Next November, the American bishops will consider a revised draft document to implement Ex Corde Ecclesiae (ECE), the 1990 Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities.

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The draft was prepared by a bishops’ subcommittee to comply with Vatican insistence that the document include "juridical elements" to make it effective. The disagreements between the universities and the bishops include the following areas, among others:

The mandate for theologians. Canon Law requires that "those who teach theological disciplines hold a mandate from ecclesiastical authority." (Canon 812.)

Fidelity the Magisterium. ECE requires that "Catholic theologians, aware that they fulfill a mandate received from the church, are to be faithful to the magisterium of the church as the authentic interpreter of sacred Scripture and sacred tradition." ECE also states that "fidelity, in essence, is that essence of its relationship to the church is that the institutional fidelity of the university to the Christian message is a fiber to which the teaching authority of the church is bound in matters of faith and morals.

The requirement that a majority of the faculty be Catholic. ECE provides that "the order of not endangering the Catholic identity of the university or institute of higher studies, the number of non-Catholic teachers should not be allowed to constitute a majority within the institution, which is and must remain Catholic."

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In my last column, I showed how Michael Novak has used Catholic teaching on the limits of private property to characterize the current state of America. While he draws on the concepts of the tradition — the idea of the universal destination of created goods and the distinction between the right to one's own private property and the use of that property — he avoids the direct implication of these concepts. That implication is that there are moral — that is, required — limits to what one can use. Novak avoids this implication by appealing to an understanding of charity as supererogatory. The moral here may give generously, but giving up that third or fourth or even twelfth car is not anything that can be demanded based on Catholic social teaching. In this view, there is no amount of accumulation of goods that can call a person's standing as a practicing Catholic into question.

Catholic social teaching itself, however, has drawn on the idea of universal destination and the right-use distinction to develop quite a different understanding, and it has done so as it has become increasingly aware of the deleterious effects of consumer-driven capitalism. (Here, it is again important to keep in mind Catholic teaching's distinction between capitalism and the free market. In Laborum Exercens, for instance, John Paul II defines the free or market economy as a market economy which is situated in a complementary society such that there is recognition of the primary of the person over simple material well-being and of the common good over individual interest. Capitalism, by definition, reverses the priorities. Precisely this reversal of order, whatever the program or name under which it occurs, should rightly be called "capitalism." [Paragraph 7] John Paul then continues this usage in Centesimus Annus (par. 421). As I have discussed in earlier columns, while capitalism, so defined, has undercut formal social differences, such as aristocratic titles, under the ruble of equality, it has in fact increased the gap between rich and poor and ignited a ceaseless quest for consumer goods. The earlier documents still hold to the three-level understanding of material goods or possessions. The three levels are meant "as rights. The poor have no strict claim on the wealthy; they can only hope for the latter's generosity, which may or may not be forthcoming. Catholic teaching on the limits to private property has developed over the past century in response to the increasingly destructive effects of capitalism. The earlier documents still hold to the three-level understanding of material goods and state that one is to give out of one's superfluity. Writing iforum Vrorom in 1891, for instance, Leo XIII has yet to discern any profound era sure use money as one pleases." Yet, he concludes that one is to give "that which is left over" once one has established "one's position fairly considered" (paragraph 29).

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This is because one's position in society is never set; therefore one can always gain more and not have it too much. There is no such thing as accumulating too many goods for oneself and one's lifestyle. The second effect of dynamic capitalism, as we have seen, is to deny that the basic necessities — the first level of material goods — are rights. The poor have no strict claim on the wealthy; they can only hope for the latter's generosity, which may or may not be forthcoming. Catholic teaching on the limits to private property has developed over the past century in response to the increasingly destructive effects of capitalism. The earlier documents still hold to the three-level understanding of material goods and state that one is to give out of one's superfluity. Writing itorum Vrorom in 1891, for instance, Leo XIII has yet to discern any profound era sure use money as one pleases." Yet, he concludes that one is to give "that which is left over" once one has established "one's position fairly considered" (paragraph 29).

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Gaudium et Spes goes on to cite the implication that Aquinas himself draws from this. "For a person to go beyond the limits of the universal purpose for which created goods are meant requires an excess, an overaccumulation of one's superfluity. Aquinas says that "one's position fairly considered." [Paragraph 29].

The view expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The nominees in each major category of the Academy Awards, which will air this Sunday on ABC, are consistently from the same films that represent the best that Hollywood had to offer in 1998 — "Saving Private Ryan." "Shakespeare in Love" and "Life is Beautiful." This year, the Academy Awards will be closely competitive and each nominee is deserving of its nomination. But only a choice few will take home the gold statue this Sunday.

**BEST PICTURE**

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

"Saving Private Ryan" and "Shakespeare in Love" possess blockbuster casts of previous Oscar winners and nominees and popular Hollywood box-office stars. Tom Hanks makes a clear impact on "Saving Private Ryan," while Gwyneth Paltrow adds to the charm of "Shakespeare in Love." Despite the appeal of these stars, they unfortunately cannot always carry their entire films on their performances alone. A film that deserves the Oscar has to have more than good actors playing inspirational roles — it has to be an intricately-woven balance of plot, setting and entertainment value. The three films that seem to be in the closest contest are "Shakespeare in Love," "Saving Private Ryan" and the foreign-language film "Life is Beautiful." "Saving Private Ryan" and "Life is Beautiful" both play on similar circumstances — World War II and the human stories behind it. However, the writers took two completely different angles on the war. "Life is Beautiful" is a refreshing view of World War II, where "Saving Private Ryan" is traditional and strongly vivid. The remaining nominees, "The Thin Red Line" and "Elizabeth," are definitely worthy of the Academy’s consideration as well.

But the three that are more likely to win are in that position because they have proven already that they are more effective at previous award ceremonies, polls, and the box-office.

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

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

"The Thin Red Line," by Terrence Malick, has a confusing storyline — not in such a way as to keep you in suspense, but in such a way that you do not know what is happening. The imagery in the film focuses on the interplay between humans and nature. This is a nice twist for a war film, but it is underdeveloped in terms of plot and characters. The film makes you think and draw your own conclusions, which leaves some unsatisfied and others intrigued.

"Shakespeare in Love" is John Madden’s masterpiece that is reminiscent of Shakespeare’s classic play, "Romeo and Juliet." It is a reminder of the passion of the Shakespearean era where ladies and gentlemen whispered in words of prose.

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

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

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

What sets it apart is its main theme: "The mission is a man." Rather than monotonously shooting battle scene after battle scene, the film has the triumphant goal of keeping the audience

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**And The Nominees Are...**

**BEST PICTURE**
- Elizabeth
- Life is Beautiful
- Saving Private Ryan
- Shakespeare in Love
- The Thin Red Line

**BEST ACTRESS**
- Cate Blanchett, Elizabeth
- Fernanda Montenegro, Life is Beautiful
- Gwyneth Paltrow, Shakespeare in Love
- Meryl Streep, The Hours
- Emily Watson, Hilary

**BEST DIRECTOR**
- Roberto Begnini, Life is Beautiful
- John Madden, Shakespeare in Love
- Terrence Malick, The Thin Red Line
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**WEEKEND**

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waiting for Private Ryan to show up. It captures the horror and atrocities of war more believably than many previous war films. It also encompasses more aspects of the war than simply battles — it shows the war affects on families, soldier's individualized experiences and a glimpse into the function of war on an everyday basis, as a way of temporary life. The overwhelming dramaedy, "Life is Beautiful," — winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival and also several Screen Actors Guild awards — is a fresh and honest look at the gruesomeness of the Holocaust. Rather than merely focusing on the atrocities of human loss, it emphasizes the right between basic good and evil during one of the most testing times in world history. The bond of a family's love overcomes the effects of the war in this true classic. The triumph of the human spirit amazes and is as close to perfection as a film's plot and lesson can get. Roberto Benigni's "Life is Beautiful" deserves every one of its accolades, including the Oscar for Best Picture.

BEST ACTOR
The nominees for Best Actor are Nick Nolte, Edward Norton, Tom Hanks and Roberto Benigni. Only the last two look to contend for the gold statue come Sunday night. Tom Hanks satisfied audiences in his role as Capt. Miller in "Saving Private Ryan." His solid performance added believability and realism to the film, mainly because of his character's perspectives and determination to get tasks accomplished. His performance was not superb, however. It was a traditional role that could have been executed by several other talented actors as well.

Roberto Benigni stands out in his performance as Guido, an Italian Jew caught in the throes of World War II. The role seemed so completely natural that the acting was not mechanical — it was perfection. Benigni glides through the dialogue and action of the film and makes the audience feel as if he has truly endured his character's life, rather than simply acting a part and reading a script. This lack of visible effort on his part makes him the choice for Oscar's Best Actor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy the show on Sunday night, and expect the unexpected.
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The first film to win in the '90s was Kevin Costner's "Dances with Wolves," by far his greatest film. Many recent attempts at this type of film, "Waterworld" and "The Postman," give the impression that Costner is box-office poison. Certainly that is true lately, but he did have a brilliant past, as demonstrated in "Thelma and Louise" and "The Quick and the Dead." No matter what happens, this year will determine 1998's "Titanic" and 1999's "Braveheart."

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Associated Press

CHICAGO Too bad the Chicago Bulls can't play the New Jersey Nets every night.

Tom Kropp scored 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Horner scored 10 of his 18 in the third quarter as the Bulls beat the New Jersey Nets 104-95 Thursday. All five Chicago (47-18) starters finished in double figures.

It was the Bulls' second victory in a row after four straight losses to New Jersey.

The Nets have now lost nine of their last 10 and 15 of their last 17. New Jersey fired coach John Calipari on Tuesday, but interim coach Don Casey doesn't seem to be having much better luck. The Nets are 1-2 under Casey.

The Bulls led the Nets with 24, his fourth 20-plus performance being traded from Minnesota last week. But he got off to a slow start, and by mid-second quarter, he was too late. He had 14 in 14 minutes of play in the first quarter, but was 7-24 from the field, including 1-7 in the first half.

The Nets also got 20 from Kerry Kittles, who had 4-0 from three-point range.

The Bulls went on an 18-5 run at the end of the first half and beginning of the second, taking a 60-51 lead on Horner's dunk with 8:52 left in the third quarter. Chicago capped an 8-0 run to end the quarter, and the Bulls took an 85-65 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Nets commitment to a defense that has plagued Chicago in the past was evident again, as the Bulls went scoreless for almost the first four minutes of the quarter.

The Nets, meanwhile, were unable to open a 9-0 run, cut the lead to 103-84, but were scoreless for the next 5:22, and former Seattle SuperSonic Gary Payton cut the lead to 30-29.

Kittles scored 10 of his 16 points after halftime, and the Bulls also got 14 from Horner.

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Jarvis, St. John's finds 'elite' victory over Maryland

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Jarvis didn't realize just how good St. John's was in the first half.

The Red Storm scored 20 straight points over the final 7:11 of the first half Thursday night and went on to beat Maryland 76-62 to reach the Final Four in the NCAA South Regional.

"The first half was incredible," said Jarvis. "I didn't know how good a run it was." Jarvis said St. John's (28-8) never trailed tonight. I think we had a special night. I think we had a special group that had a chance to advance.

The pressure was on Maryland to make it to the Final Four. But Jarvis, who took George Washington to the round of 16 in 1993, has tried to take pressure off his young team by telling them to have fun and enjoy their "fantastic voyage" through the tournament.

"They must have really enjoyed themselves against Maryland," Jarvis said. "They finally got the deficit under 10 points twice in the second half, tipped it home.

After Barkley's three, with 6:33 left that made it 58-49. After Barkley hit two free throws with 3:42 left, Francis made his two free throws for Maryland. But Barkley's three-pointer from the top of the key pushed the margin back to 63-51 and Maryland never got under double digits again.

"I anticipated the run and I told the kids it was coming. Was I nervous? You bet our life I was," Jarvis said. "Did I think we were going to lose? No, but I did ask for a little divine help." Francis, with 13 points, was the only player in double figures for Maryland, who shot only 35 percent from the field and finished well below its season scoring average of 85.2.

St. John's had a 56-30 lead, its lowest scoring half of the season. It missed its last 10 shots and had its last scoring half of the season.

"They got us early and they are great kids," Jarvis said. "We were blessed today," said Gonzaga's Matt Santangelo, who had 10 points in the second half, tipped it home.

"Florida's Eddie Shannon missed an off-balance three-pointer at the buzzer, sending Gonzaga within one step of its first Final Four.

"We were blessed today," said Gonzaga's Matt Santangelo. "It was not a pretty game, but we showed the heart and character of the team. It's like getting a new life and we'll savour it and then come ready to play Saturday."

That will be against top-seeded Connecticut, which beat Iowa 78-68. Again, Gonzaga, just the fifth 10th seed to get this far — none has made the Final Four — will be an underdog.

"That doesn't bother the Bulldogs a bit. This team has great character and they are great kids," coach Dan Monson said. "There are a lot of teams at home with better basketball ability, but we get through that with chemistry and character."

Florida is one of those highly skilled teams no longer in the tournament. The Gators made one critical error down the stretch when Wright walked, and it was enough to decide the game.

"It just hurts inside that I let the team down," Wright said. "It's just real sad."

"We were rushing, going too fast at times," Gators coach Billy Donovan said. "The turnovers hurt us."

Gonzaga showed surprising strength inside in the second half, making things easier for a guard-oriented offense. Several times, Florida didn't deny entry passes, setting up inside shots for the Bulldogs. When the Gators did sag, it opened the outside for Richo Frahn, while Calvary was the main beneficiary underneath.

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**Buckeyes give Tigers an early ticket back to Alabama**

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Ohio State, which finished last in the Big Ten a year ago, is now one victory away from its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1986, when the Buckeyes lost to Michigan.

"This just keeps hitting me right between the eyes," said Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien, whose Buckeyes struggled to an 8-22 record last season.

"How these guys constantly come back to try and accomplish a little more. Just when I ask myself 'Can they do anymore?' They surprise me and do more."

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

Brian Brown's free throw broke a 51-51 tie with 2:41 left and Ohio State opened a 70-61 lead before Auburn's Doc Robinson banked in a meaningless three-pointer with 6.5 seconds left.

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

"Look at us now. I'm sure they will believe in us and be a very good team. You see why we have had such success," Ellis said. "Scoonie Penn hit a big shot. They were huge when they came. He and Redd are tremendous basketball players.

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

Redd added 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Buckeyes. Chris Porter, the SEC's player of the year, led Auburn with 15 points but fouled out with 1:57 left.

Neither team missed seven straight shots. Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said his Tigers had their chances with three minutes left.

"Penn (and Michael) Redd came on and took them over the hump," Ellis said. After Brown started the 9-0 run with his free throw, Redd added two foul shots. Penn made a basket, Brown stole the ball from Bryant Smith and fed it to Jason Singleton for a dunk, and Singleton added free throws to put Ohio State up 70-61.

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"I don't think we made enough threes all year," Ellis said. "We won this game on defense. We made them pummel their way through us.

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

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Rodman faces fine upon return to L.A.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES An end to Dennis Rodman's leave of absence from the Los Angeles Lakers appears to be in sight.

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"Apparently, he's making some progress taking care of the personal business he needs to take care of," Black said.

"We expect him to rejoin us sometime soon, in the not-too-distant future."

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

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

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Rambis said the Lakers would have to learn to live with Rodman's personal issues.

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Automatic bids make March Madness fun

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Columnist

Could you imagine how much more exciting the NCAA tournament this year would have been without Weber State beating North Carolina, Detroit beating UCLA, or Creighton ousting Louisville?

How about without Gonzaga, Michigan or South West Missouri State making their Cinderella runs?

Had it not been for automatic bids and the NCAA tournament selection committee’s very recent trend of inviting lesser known, minor conference teams we may not have been able to enjoy any of these success stories.

With all of the craziness surrounding this year’s NCAA tournament, it’s hard to claim that anything is certain. It seems that only uncertainty is absolute.

In addition, however, there is one clear fact that the results of the NCAA tournament have made evident. This fact is that the NCAA should continue its recent trend of inviting against small conference regular season champions whether they win their conference tournament or not.

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

All of these teams could have had a legitimate claim to at-large bids if their conference tournament had not gone as planned. Of the nine teams selected, six got into the tournament with automatic bids and three were selected as at-large bids with the fewest of them proving more worthy than their larger conference, better-known foes. These nine teams have compiled a record this year of 9-6--better than a 50 percent success rate (something Irish basketball fans know little about). This winning percentage is very close to the winning percentage of major conferences. Of the three teams that the tournament selection committee chose to extend to the ever-elusive at-large bids, two (SW Missouri State and Miami of Ohio) are still in the tournament. In fact, six of the nine “bubble teams" won at least their first round games--all being upset.

Some claim that these teams are flukes; others claim that the NCAA tournament selection committee is making a mistake by allowing them to play or not. As far as I am concerned, the NCAA tournament selection committee is at the rate of odds-by-odds this year as the "catching their opponents off guard" theme. Every year, a No. 12 seed beats a No. 5 seed, so I sincerely don't believe that any No. 5 seed can safely be written off, even though it doesn't have its opponent very seriously. Yet Detroit managed to knock off UCLA and South West Missouri State managed to defeat Arizona.

In reality, it's time for the public to come to realize what the NCAA selection committee is only now starting to understand. These teams have time to recognize that national powers don't necessarily have to come from one of the major conferences. Sometimes the strength of schedules are deceiving, and these teams are not only deserving to be in the tournament but deserve just as many opportunities as well.

While the successes of Purdue and Oklahoma make a strong argument for extending bids to mediocre, minor-conference teams, little argument exists for expelling these smaller conference teams. The most prevailing argument for keeping lesser-known teams out of the tournament is that while their records are impressive, their schedules look more like Nebraska's non-conference football schedule than something worthy of an invitation.

This happens mostly because a result of lesser teams refusing to play these up-and-coming teams.

What do teams like UConn and Duke have to gain from playing upset teams like Miami or Gonzaga? The answer is nothing. A win is perceived as an expected victory for a team that is supposed to be downhill. A loss, however, is a huge upset.

Consequently, these lesser teams have a hard time finding teams that will play them, especially if they appear to be dangerous. Even when they do find large profile teams to play them, it doesn't always work well.

Beating Kansas at Lawrence or Duke in Durham is a much more difficult task than playing Stanford or Marquette. To continue to give them a shot at playing in the tournament is valuable. But I will set those stories into the larger context of disputes about death itself--whether it is an "indignity", whether it should be resisted or accepted, whether human beings are simply "a part" of nature or rather, are "set apart" from it.

Our society is deeply ambivalent about death. On the one hand, we seek control and mastery over it. On the other, we are increasingly asked to find ways to accept death as no affront to ourselves or our natural part of life. I will display this ambivalence by reflecting upon several of the stories recounted by Ira Byock, a hospice physician, in his book, Dying Well. But I will set those stories into the larger context of disputes about death itself--whether it is an "indignity", whether it should be resisted or accepted, whether human beings are simply "a part" of nature or rather, are "set apart" from it.

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Unfair politics leaves Irish out of ‘big dance’

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish could easily be in Los Angeles right now awaiting to play Louisiana Tech in the NCAA tournament Saturday night. But the Irish’s third-straight trip to the Sweet 16 was halted when the seedings to head coach Muffet McGraw,

The entire team, from players to head coach Muffet McGraw, believes that the NCAA selection committee was partially responsible for the loss. McGraw’s No. 8 ranking in the polls and No. 11 spot in the Ratings Percentage Index were not good enough to secure a homecourt advantage. Falling to earn one of the 16 first-round hosting spots, the Irish were doomed to lose from the Sunday nearly two weeks ago when the seedings were announced.

“We were pretty disappointed when the rankings came out,” said All-American center Ruth Riley. “We were shocked. We expected to go down a little with Notre [deep] out, but not that much.”

As if losing starting point guard Kelly in the semifinals of the Big East tournament was not bad enough for the Irish, the selection committee literally added insult to injury. A No. 5 ranking for Notre Dame placed them just far enough out of the rankings to force them to travel 972 miles to begin play.

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

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

Such a perfect setup for the Lady Tigers that it seems to have been scripted. Or set up.

“I don’t think there’s any question that the selection committee shows favoritism, and we need to stop that,” said McGraw. Who was on the selection committee that gave the Lady Tigers the home court advantage? LSU assistant athletic director Debbie Corum.

The answer, indicated McGraw, is a system similar to the one proposed by McGraw and currently on the NCAA’s table. If it goes through, teams would still be allowed to play at home, yet no team could host two years in a row or more than twice in four years.

Even a more regionalized system would be more beneficial, argues Riley. Drawing Irish fans to games that Purdue is hosting is more advantageous than attempting to get Irish support in Louisiana — especially when LSU is on the court.

The rest of this year’s tournament is no different. Each of the top 16 teams has advanced to the regionals, with only five upsetts in the 48 games played, the committee should be happy with their selections.

Has the better team won? Not according to McGraw.

“If we’re playing at home,” she said. “We’re moving on.”

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Irish to take cuts at Mountaineers

By BRIAN KESSLER

Sports Editor

The Notre Dame baseball team, which was chosen as the preseason favorite to win the Big East, opens conference play tomorrow afternoon with a doubleheader on the road against West Virginia.

The Irish and Mountaineers will play the first game of the series on Sunday at 1 p.m.

"We're going in with a positive outlook," said right-handed pitcher Aaron Heilman. "We're looking to play well and get off to a good start in Big East."

The Irish, winners of five straight, hold a 15-8 edge in the all-time series with the Mountaineers, but the two teams have split the last 12 meetings.

"I think three of the last six games we've played against them have been decided by one run," said Heilman. "They are a quality team and usually play us tough, so we're looking to come out and play well as a team.

Notre Dame is coming off its spring break tournament victory at the fifth annual Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas. Heilman earned tournament MVP and co-Big East pitcher of the week honors after tossing a complete-game victory over Creighton that advanced the Irish to the title game.

Heilman had a career-best 10 strike- outs and allowed just three earned runs on six hits.

"Just a season is going well so far," said Heilman. "I had a rough outing in the beginning, but I've settled down and am starting to get back in the groove. It helps to have a team behind you that plays good defense and can score runs.

"Left-hander Tim Kalita (1-3, 2.28 ERA) junior Scott Carey (1-1, 7.17 ERA) and Heilman (2-3, 2.26 ERA) are the probable starters for this weekend's series.

The Irish bats have been hot lately and the team will look to continue that trend against the Mountaineers. Junior shortstop Brent Ust, last year's Big East player of the year, has picked up where he left off. He's batting .407 and leads the team with 18 RBIs.

"Brent is a great player day in and day out," said Heilman. "He always comes prepared to play and is always in the middle of things for us."

Center fielder Steve Stanley was named co-Big East freshman of the week while batting .444 (8-for-18) in the leadoff spot. He had seven runs scored, four stolen bases and drew four walks last week.

"Steve's been a great asset for us," said Heilman. "He's able to track down balls that most guys can't get to and he's done a great job at the plate as well."

West Virginia is coming off back-to- back 36-win seasons, but coach Greg Van Zant lost some key players off last year's squad and has 18 new players.

The Mountaineers are 2-7 on the season, but have won three straight, including last weekend's doubleheader against Toledo. They captured the first contest 2-1 behind solid pitching from senior Lori Osse, who fanned 10 and gave up just one unearned run in the win. WVU took the nightcap 8-5 when Eddie Weightman scored on Craig Bugge's drag bunt single in the bottom of the ninth.

The Mountaineers scored six runs in the fifth inning to top St. Bonaventure 6-4 on Wednesday afternoon.

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our offense,” said Glatzel. “And our man-up is going to have to step it up to win.”

At the attack position, senior Dusseau will have lead the offense if the Irish hope to add another game to the win column. Dusseau, a four-year starter, has scored 89 career goals and has ranked up an impressive 100 points with 11 total assists this season. Dusseau was picked to the College LaCrosse USA’s Preseason All-America team before the start of the season.

The Irish defense, led by senior captain David Buddison and junior goalie Kirk Howell, has also stayed tough, providing the squad with a strong backbone. Shutting down Air Force earlier this season by allowing only two goals, the Notre Dame defense has shown that they are a force to reckon with. First-year starter Howell has made more saves than goals allowed, tallying a total of 36 saves on the season.

“We’re pretty solid throughout,” said Glatzel. “We have a strong core of players that will carry us through the game.”

Loyola, with a 3-0 record, will be a formidable step on Notre Dame’s quest for victory. Returning five All-America selections from last year’s NCAA Final-four team, the Greyhounds have more depth than the Irish, with 27 returning varsity players.

Led by seven returning starters, the Greyhounds have easily handled their opponents this season. Loyola boasts a stingy defense coupled with an explosive offense that has outscored its opponents 43-14 in three games. The Greyhounds proved their ability last week during a 14-3 routing of previously top-seeded Johns Hopkins University.

In order to upset Loyola, Notre Dame will have to take control of the game early. “Loyola’s a real fast-paced team,” said Glatzel. “If we can slow it down and make Loyola play our kind of game we should have a strong showing.”

Saturday’s match-up will be the ninth meeting between Notre Dame and Loyola. Loyola holds a distinct edge in the contest. If history has anything to do with it. Boasting a 9-0 record for the series, Loyola has proved its dominance in the past. Notre Dame will have to score early and take control of the game if it hopes to gain its first win against the Greyhounds and upset the top seed.

**Women’s Tennis**

Irish look to outserve Iowa

By Wes Jacobs

In their first meeting since 1991, the No. 14 Irish women’s tennis team will face the Iowa Hawkeyes Saturday at home. Notre Dame will look to build on its 3-0 record versus the Hawkeyes. Iowa enters the dual as the 53rd-ranked team in the country and is led by freshman Toni Neykova, ranked 97th for singles players.

While Irish players aren’t overlooking the Hawkeyes, playing a lower-ranked team does present motivational problems. “We feel confident going in, but we obviously can’t take anyone for granted,” said freshman standout Becky Varnum.

“We’ve had a hard week of practice. We need to play every match like it’s a地区. If you give anything up, teams can jump all over you, even teams in the 50s.”

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

“We like to play at home,” said Varnum. “You’re always going to feel better where you play and practice most often.”

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

The Irish have rolled through their regional foes, building a 23-4 record against other Midwest teams since the ’95 season, including 28 wins against Big Ten teams.

As senior two-time All-American, Jennifer Hall enters this match as a senior two-time All-American. She is approaching the Notre Dame record for career singles wins after two wins during spring break to improve to 184-55. She stands just three wins behind the 107 singles matches Mary Collignon won from 1982-86.

Hall became the first Irish player to reach 100 wins under head coach Jay Louderback on Feb. 19, when she beat UCLA’s Anna Cooper 7-5, 6-3. Hall will be helped by Michelle Dasso, ranked 10th nationally. She is 10-4 in dual-singles matches this year at the No. 1 spot for the Irish. Varnum, Marisa Velasco, Kelly Zalinski and Kim Guy will be strong back-ups.

At doubles, Hall and Dasso, ranked 6th nationally, will lead the way.

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Politics and hoops

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

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FENCING

Fencers face heartbreak in Waltham

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 Associate Sports Editor

WALTHAM, Mass. - On the day after St. Patrick's Day, the luck of the Irish ran out for the Notre Dame fencing team as they stumbled to sixth place after one day of competition at the NCAA championships in Waltham, Mass. "We fenced with fear today," head coach Yves Auriol said about the first day of competition. "We dropped bouts we shouldn't have."

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

Junior Chas Hayes, fencing in his first NCAA championship, finished the first four rounds of competition with a respectable 6-8 record. The bright spot on the day for the Irish was the performance of freshman Gabor Szelle. Szelle went 11-3 on the day and currently stands in fourth place with three rounds of sabre competition remaining.

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

In the first bout of the day, Szelle faced LaValle, what Auriol described as a "major upset." He later went on to beat John's, a 1998 second team All-American, of Penn State and Jakub Kroschkunski of Wayne State.

Men's Lacrosse

Laxers to host top-ranked Greyhounds

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looks to extend its three-game winning streak when it travels to Maryland to take on the Loyola Greyhounds this weekend. The 17th-ranked Irish, with a record of 5-1, will need a strong performance both offensively and defensively in order to upset the top-ranked Greyhounds.

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

Glazet, who earned Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week honors last week, leads the Irish in scoring with eight goals this season. Glazet will be joined offensively by starters David Ulrich, Tom Ulrich, Steve Bishko, Brad Owen and captain Chris Dusseau.

The team is looking forward to the challenge of playing against the Greyhounds, who are ranked second in the country.

"Playing Loyola is a golden opportunity," said senior Owen. "We've got nothing to lose and a chance to upset a team that is a national champion."

The Irish have put together an impressive offense so far this season, outscoring their opponents 55-34 in four games. Averaging almost 14 goals a game, the Irish will need to capitalize on all offensive opportunities in order to beat Loyola.

"We're going to concentrate on winning the face-off game because it will be key," said senior Mark O'Shea. "We can't let them get possession of the ball because that's when they're dangerous."