History professor to receive 1999 Laetare Medal

By MAUREEN SMITH

1 Philip Gleason, professor emeritus of history at Notre Dame, will soon be honored among the likes of President John F. Kennedy, novelist Walker Percy and humanitarian Father Malloy, when he receives the 1999 Laetare Medal this year at commencement.

The award is the most prestigious honor awarded to American Catholics and is not traditionally given to a Notre Dame faculty member.

"The Laetare Medal has been worn only by men and women whose genius has enriched the heritage of humanity," said 1896 Medal winner General William Starke Hosecrans.

The medal is the most prestigious award the University has to bestow. It is generally reserved for Notre Dame's best-known alumni who have made a particular contribution to the world. In fact, the University is the only one of the nation's Catholic institutions to bestow the award.

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Embracing death can endanger individuality

By ERIN PIROUTEK

It is important to acknowledge but not embrace death, said Gilbert Meilaender, chair of the Board of Christian Ethics at Valparaiso University.

In his Friday lecture, "Death and Dignity," Meilaender gave specific examples from hospice physician Ira Byock's book "Dying Well" to illustrate differing approaches to imminent death.

First, he described Terry, a young mother of three who is stricken with cancer. Despite the intense pain she suffers every moment, she is never deemed to be in a comatose state. He then described Maureen, a retiree with many children and grandchildren, who faced death with curiosity, anticipation and even pleasure.

Meilaender spoke with admiration of the young mother for her reluctance to leave, but felt there is a point where one should cease opposition to death.

He felt that Maureen's approach, however, was more dangerous.

"One would think that permission is to welcome and embrace death and view it as a good which should be sought," Meilaender said.

Meilaender also noted that human beings are not simply a part of nature, but rather set apart.

"Death is not an utterly unique individual," stated Meilaender. "We will treat our own death and the deaths of others best if we acknowledge that death is an enemy that must be resisted."

Meilaender's lecture was the 11th in an annual series of J. Phillip Clarke Family Lectures in Medical Ethics, sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association and the University's Physician's Ethics Program.

It was also produced in conjunction with the 14th annual Notre Dame Alumni Association sponsored medical ethics conference, attended by prominent physicians from around the world.

Eight Notre Dame undergraduates, selected through an application process, had the opportunity to attend the three-day conference.

Topics addressed included "Health Care Reform and the Poor," "The Stem Cell Controversy," "Cybermedicine" and "Dilemmas at the End of Life."

Meilaender's public lecture provided the oppor-

Court will help defend human rights

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To many, these punishments seem slight compared to the immense and irreducible dam-

age caused by the criminals. However, according to Schabas, the justification rendered by a deci-

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Sweatshop protest in President's office continues

AN ARBOR, Mich.

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

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

The students, encamped on the second floor, spent much of yesterday blocking dress days, keeping University administrators and other workers out of Bollinger's office.

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

Regents adopt new admissions plan

SAN FRANCISCO

In the first tweak of the admissions process since banning affirmative action, UC regents voted yesterday to guarantee a UC spot to high school students who graduate in the top four percent of their class. With Governor Gray Davis facing a referendum on, regents created a plan designed to draw more students from diverse socioeconomic classes and broader geographic distribution to the UC system. By admitting students based on their merit, regardless of what resources their high schools offer, the four-percent plan "levels the playing field" for high school students, supporters said. "It rewards excellence. It says we understand there are some schools better than others, but that it's not the students' fault," Davis said. "It's doesn't matter what school you attend, it matters how you do." The four-percent plan also allows UC, to fulfill the state's Master Plan.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Senate investigates partner benefits

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

The Wake Forest University Senate recently passed an unopposed recommendation for the university to investigate offering domestic partner benefits. Carole Browne, a professor of biology and the chairwoman of the Fringe Benefits Committee, said the Senate supports the idea of domestic partner benefits but understands that the University must study the pros and cons of the situation. Perry Patterson, a professor of economics and the faculty sponsor for the Gay Rights Alliance, originally brought the proposal to the Fringe Benefits Committee last November. "I think it is very important because there are some universities that have more benefits and the law does not provide us with health insurance," Patterson said. Patterson said he also thinks offering domestic partner benefits is important because "universities we look up on" increasingly are offering them.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Professor defends right to wear thong

OXFORD, Ohio

Associate professor of music G. Roger Davis wears a black beret and a leather jacket. He likes loud lies. And he likes to wear a thong at the recreational sports center. But Davis is suing Miami University with the contention that the rules, especially a new policy which now prohibits thong swimsuits, violates the Constitution and the laws of the United States. Davis is unsure of the outcome. "I've never been set, and Davis is suing for unspecified damages. Davis, who is a naturalist, or "nudist," said wearing a thong reflects the naturalist concept that the human body is not really naked.

Therefore, he said he feels the University is infringing upon his rights, both to freedom of speech and to chemical freedom of expression. He said he thinks his case is similar to cases in the 50's and 70's when men went to court to defend their right to not wear long hair. "People have a right to decide how they look," Davis said.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Police arrest employee for sex offense

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Police on Thursday arrested a University of Florida employee on charges of refusing to disclose his HIV status to a sex partner, something he may have done in as many as 13 consensual sexual encounters. Dwayne William Cole, 26, tested HIV positive in August, 1996, but continued to have sexual encounters, many of which were unprotected, a police investigation found. His victim, an adult man, discovered Cole's HIV status after he had both anal and oral sex with Cole, reports said. That is when the victim called police. According to UF telephones directory, Cole works in the College of Health Professions; but on a police report of his arrest, he is listed as a student. Florida law states it is illegal for HIV-positive people to not inform sexual partners of their condition. Multiple violations of the law amount to a first-degree felony.
Economy upsets political balance

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
New York

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

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

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

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

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

Circle K recognized for service projects

Special to The Observer

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

"La Casa de Amistad" means "the house of friendship" and is dedicated to serving the impoverished Hispanic community in South Bend.

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

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

An afternoon at the Grotto

Students and visitors alike enjoy a sunny afternoon at the Grotto. Many visitors were on campus over the weekend in conjunction with the Sophomore Sibs events.

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Kevorkian faces murder charges

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — "You killed him," Mike Wallace said to Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

"I did, but it's gonna be manslaughter, not murder," Kevorkian replied. "It's not necessarily murder. But it doesn't bother me what you call it. I know what it is." Now jurors will be asked to decide what it was. In a trial scheduled to start Monday, an Oakland County jury will debate whether the events on the videotape that Kevorkian made and gave to CBS "60 Minutes" equal a murder.

It will be the first murder trial for the 70-year-old retired pathologist and assisted suicide advocate, who says he has been part of more than 130 deaths since 1990. He has been tried on assisted suicide charges four times and escaped conviction each time, with three acquittals and one mistrial. But this time, the video and Kevorkian's interview with "60 Minutes," along with several other twists, present new challenges and perhaps Kevorkian's most demanding trial so far.

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

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

Kevorkian is also charged with illegally delivering a controlled substance—"the first time that charge has gone to trial.

And for the first time, he faces a jury without lawyer Geoffrey Fieger, who made his name in his boisterous but successful defense of the suicide advocate. This time, Fieger called the case part of Kevorkian's "self-destructive streak" and refused to get involved.

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

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

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

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

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

By last year, family members said, Youk was having trouble breathing and was afraid of choking on his own saliva. In September, Kevorkian went to Youk's home and videotaped a meeting. The grainy video shows Youk sitting in his wheelchair, mumbling responses to Kevorkian's questions. Kevorkian came back the next evening. The videotape shows a man with a needle searching for a vein on Youk's hand, then later that night, three times Youk's head bobs back.

Death

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For the 70-year-old retired pathologist and assisted suicide advocate, the papal honor presents a renewed opportunity for his work. The Pope has been a vocal supporter of a "Culture of Life," and Kevorkian's work aligns with this perspective. He has been recognized for his contributions to the field of assisted suicide, and his work continues to be controversial and impactful.

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Woman fatally stabs boyfriend over steak

TAMPA, Fla. — A woman fatally stabbed her boyfriend after trying to strangle her because her children ate his steak, police said. The 44-year-old man died from a chest wound sustained in a hospital in an area hospital Saturday. His name was released. Witnesses said the couple had been arguing most of the day inside the Breezeway South Motel, where the woman and her 4- and 6-year-old daughters were staying with a friend. The man left for a time and returned to find the girl eating a steak he had left there. Police said she became enraged, slapping the children until their mother intervened. The man then shoved her against a kitchen sink and began choking her, but she grabbed a nearby kitchen knife and stabbed him, police said.

Detroit police crack teen prostitution ring

DETOUR

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

Salinger books remain unpublished

CONCORD, NH

I.D. Salinger, who won international acclaim for "The Catcher in the Rye" but hasn't published anything since 1965, has written at least 15 unpublished books kept locked up in a safe at his home, a neighbor said. The renown recluse, who never gave interviews, came out with the landmark novel of teenage alienation in 1951. He published only one other novel, "Trumee and Zooky" in 1961, and some short stories. He lives in seclusion on his estate in Cornish, a town of fewer than 2,000 people near the Vermont border. Jerry Downey, of Plainfield, who was friends with Salinger in the 1960s and lives nearby, told The Associated Press on Saturday that Salinger had said in 1978 he'd written 15 or 16 other books.

Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro delivers a speech during his visit to Corleone, Italy, the historical home of the Sicilian mafia, which celebrated an anti-Mafia day March 21, in a bid to stamp out the violent crimes the practice of the Cosa Nostra.

Sicily holds anti-mafia demonstration

Associated Press

CORLEONE

Italy's president led an anti-Mafia demonstration Sunday in the hometown of the recently convicted "boss of bosses," driving home a message of law and order.

"No one has the right to be above the law; no one has the right to rebel against the law — no one," President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro told a crowd in the main piazza of the hillside Sicilian town of Corleone: "In a civil country, this is an expression of bullying, this is an insurrection against the state.

Scalfaro and other national leaders presided over a day dedicated to victims of the Mafia. Organizers assembled a list of 400 people killed by the Mafia in the past 50 years to be read aloud in the town square.

Corleone was home base for Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the Mafia's alleged "boss of bosses," arrested in 1993 after decades on the run. On Feb. 13, a court convicted Riina and 18 others in a 1992 car bombing that killed a leading prosecutor and five police recruits. The bombing helped prompt a crackdown on organized crime — a war still being fought today.

Authorities confiscated Riina's home and made it into a school, on show Sunday. Corleone's notoriety once was such that it lent its name to that of an American Mafia family in Mario Puzo's "The Godfather." "It was a capital of the Mafia and today instead it's a symbol of the fight against the Cosa Nostra," said Angelo Capodilanna, regional president of Sicily.

VENEZUELA

Ecologists fight to save turtles

Associated Press

When famed German scientists Alexander von Humboldt arrived at the mighty Orinoco River two centuries ago, it was marveled at 300,000 Orinoco turtles crammed onto a few tiny islands in its bay eggs. Today barely 1,000 adult females are left in Venezuela; but environmentalists are making a last-ditch effort to save South America's largest freshwater turtle and the South American country's most endangered species.

On Saturday, 4,200 baby Orinoco turtles raised in captivity were released into the river as wide-eyed schoolchildren and National Guardsmen looked on in this remote village 250 miles south of Caracas.

"If we weren't doing this... the species would be extinct," said Luis Sanchez, head of FUDDECI, a nonprofit environmental organization.

Together with Venezuela's Environmental Ministry, FUDDECI gathers newborn turtles on the beach or from nests and then raises them in controlled conditions through their first year of life. Stranger and better prepared to ward off predators, they are returned to the hot, dusty islands in the Orinoco.

Scientists say 95 percent of the turtles born and bred in the wild never make it to adulthood. Many are killed by vultures, falcons, alligators, caimans and other predators. The biggest enemy is man, however. The eggs are seized for food and the hatched animals are considered a delicacy.

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

Besides the "Head Start" program, environmental officials and armed National Guardsmen also keep a sharp eye on the islands to protect the eggs from poachers and humans. Each nest holds up to 120 eggs the size of ping-pong balls. Adults can grow to 66 pounds.

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

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

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

Venezuela kicked off the Orinoco "Head Start" program in 1992 and has released about 55,000 turtles. Officials say they believe the population has reached its nadir and they expect to see the numbers start rising as the Head Starters turn six years old, the birthing age.

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Former American hostage sues Iran for $100 million

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ohio

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

The lawsuit, to be filed Monday in federal court, is likely to be the biggest test case in a legal fight over billions of dollars in compensation Iran has been awarded in lawsuits from Americans killed in the 1996 bombing of the U.S. embassy in Beirut. The family of two Americans killed in the attack--Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, and American hostage Sandy Tolvere--is seeking $100 million in damages. The family of a third American--the Associated Press correspondent Jack Hensley--also is seeking $100 million in damages.

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

The lawsuit says Anderson's captors--members of Hezbollah--beaten, taunted and humiliated him; regularly threatened him with death and falsely promised his release; heard his fellow captives beaten and one die; grew hungry and dehydrated; were held hostage, shackled and blindfolded; grew long separation from Anderson; and were not allowed to communicate with the outside world. The lawsuit says Anderson, who was freed in 1991, was held longer than any other American in Lebanon, was freed 2,454 days later, on Dec. 4, 1991. The family is seeking $100 million in compensatory damages and unspecified punitive damages.

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

The lawsuit, to be filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, also names as plaintiffs Anderson's wife, Madeleine Bassil, 49, and their daughter, Salome, 13, who was born three months after her father was captured.

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Inspectors: 'Potential catastrophe' awaits Capitol

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

Walling into the bowels of the Capitol and other congressional buildings, new Congress grounds found plenty of hazards inspectors aimed to fix.

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

"Overall ... protections against employee health and safety fall far below those that prevail in private companies and government agencies that have good safety programs," that report concluded.

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

"We were behind" in bringing Congress into compliance, said Thelma Hanks, the Architect's executive officer. "We are making great strides to get ahead of the curve. We had a general change in our approach to business."

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

Patricia Dollar, the Architect's former recycling coordinator, had a firsthand look at the hazards inside a closet in one House office building.

"Six drums were in there," she said. "One of the drums was very rusty and had popped and expanded. We unscrewed a little rock. We looked down and it was bubbling. It was a combination of leftover chemicals from the furniture repair shop. And it was extremely flammable."

Fire also is a serious fear for workers. Hazel Dew, a nighttime custodian in the Senate office buildings, complained.

"We are in three buildings with one exit from 12 a.m. to 7 a.m."

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

Fresh worries keep emerging.

In January, Architect's employees removed asbestos from a Capitol Police locker room — but never told the offi­cers what they were doing. Asbestos can cause cancer if its dust is breathed.

"We acknowledged that officers should have been notified, calling it a failure to communicate."

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

The Office of Compliance paints a picture of "improper storage of excessive quantities of flammable liquids at several locations" that were characterized as a "potential fire hazard."

When inspectors returned recently, they found the same materials had been sent.

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

Thelma said the Architect's Office obtained "the right containers" after the initial inspection, but "we did not reduce the volumes. Quite honestly, I think it was an oversight."

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

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

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

This occurred after some Architect's employees worked exposed to disease when they "casually dug trash from the bottom of trash, measuring up to three feet in depth, in order to remove foreign materials from recyclable paper products, safety inspectors reported."

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SAUDI ARABIA

Iraq orders purge

Associated Press

MECCA

Iraqi pilgrims streamed into Islam's holiest city of Mecca on Sunday, apparently unaware their government had ordered them home in a dispute over who's going to pay for the trip.

The pilgrims, completing the 390-mile journey from the Saudi border, stepped out of buses and made their way to camps set up to accommodate them during the annual Muslim pilgrimage "hajj." They thanked President Saddam Hussein for all his help, said.

Dedalik al-Farhoud, an official who had headed back Saturday had just arrived in Mecca hours after a purge of Hamas officials in a series of arrests that had capped a month's of tension between the two sides. Hamas has long been a business rival of Iraq's and a political body with the ability to mobilize the power of Iraq's leaders.

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Albanians flee new offensive

Associated Press

YUGOSLAVIA

Thousands of Kosovo Albanians, some clutching no more than a blanket, fled a Yugoslav army offensive Sunday that has spurred a last-ditch U.S. mission to convince President Slobodan Milosevic that NATO attack threats are serious.

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

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

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

Holbrooke hopes to meet Monday night with Milosevic.

Albanians are likely to follow if the talks end with Milosevic defiant on two counts still refusing a Kosovo peace plan and permitting in pressing an offensive against outsourced Kosovo rebels.

Solana consulted with allies on airstrikes plans Sunday, and an alliance official said military action could be launched "in the very near future."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the warning time for NATO military forces to attack has been reduced from 48 hours to just a few hours.

European leaders united Sunday in their call for Milosevic to stop the violence and accept the Kosovo peace agreement or face a NATO air war.

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

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

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

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

Avalanche kills 3 snowmobilers

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

An avalanche killed three snowmobilers on Sunday and two were missing, authorities said.

A helicopter and specially trained dogs that can sniff out people buried under several feet of snow were sent to the area.

An avalanche occurred nine days after another avalanche partially buried several people at the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood. Those skiers were not injured.

Turnagain Pass, in the Chugach Mountains of the northern end of the Kenai Peninsula, has received several feet of snow in the past few days. Temperatures in the 40s Sunday may have increased avalanche danger by putting a heavier layer of melting snow atop harder layers.

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**Elizabeth England rules over Hollywood**

**Los Angeles**

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

Robert Benigni, as an Italian Jew shielding his son from the horrors of the Holocaust in "Life Is Beautiful," stunned the audience by becoming the first star of a foreign film to win an Oscar for best actor. The tragic-comic film, which Benigni also wrote and directed, won additional Academy Awards for foreign film and dramatic score.

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

The split between best picture director marked the first time since 1989 the prizes had gone to different movies. That year, "Driving Miss Daisy" won for "Born on the Fourth of July." Spielberg was named best director as best picture, while Oliver Stone was honored for his role in "Platoon." Besides Benigni, the only performer in a foreign language film to win an Oscar was Sophia Loren for "Two Women." In 1961, it was Miss Lou who presented him with his first award of the night. The year before, virtually all Benigni clambered over the backs of and brought into the stage after Loren openly rooted for her fellow Italian and announced his foreign film victory.

"I want to kiss everybody," said Benigni, who also won in directing and screenplay categories, while the film was a bestpicture contender.

Another Holocaust film, "The Last Days," won the documentary award.

Dench, who made an indelible impression despite her brief screen time in the romantic comedy, held up her gold statuette and said with a smile: "I feel for eight minutes on the stage and I think I got just a little bit of him."

It was the first Oscar for the 64-year-old British stage actress, who had been nominated last year for playing a different queen, Victoria, in "Mrs. Brown." Coburn, 70, had never been nominated. "I've been doing this work for like over half my life, and I finally got one right, I guess," said the veteran actor, whose dozens of films include "Our Man Flint" and "The Magnificent Seven.

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

Host Whoopi Goldberg, who changed costumes repeatedly to mimic film characters, got the show off to a roaring start when she came out in full regalia as Elizabeth — who figured in two of this year's contenders — getting a roasting ovation, then a laugh when she announced with an accent that was more Bette Davis than British, "I am the African Queen." She joked about being the last master of ceremonies of the century and millennium, saying: "I am the last 20th century fox."

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

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

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

Miramax, which often stages big-money campaigns for its Oscar candidates and succeeded two years ago with a bestpicture win for "The English Patient," laid out millions for "Shakespeare in Love." DreamWorks was forced to counter with an estimated $4 million to promote its "Saving Private Ryan."

The battle of the dueling studios prompted calls for restrictions on campaign expenses. And, as in the political arena, no one has proposed how to limit the expenditures.


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

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

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

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On Emerging and Submerging Markets

Claudio Lins de Vasconcelos

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

Claudio Lins de Vasconcelos

debt moratoria. As G7 countries are urged to put more and more money in such packages, public opinion in rich economies has increasingly challenged the lenient position of their governments in favor of the widely proclaimed fiscal and monetary laxity of developing countries.

Yet such complaints are only partly justifiable. As those who have paid attention to emerging markets in the last decade will agree, developing countries have made considerable progress towards political and economic liberalization. While deregulating their markets, privatizing state-owned companies and reducing trade barriers, they have struggled to rebuild their democratic institutions, destroyed after four decades or so as serving as battlegrounds of the Cold War. However, most keep relying on foreign investment to cover their persistent fiscal deficit, which means that they cannot follow the IMF's macro-economic guidelines. In other words, governments are urged to grab as much as they can from taxes, pay their foreign debts promptly and spend the minimum necessary on secondary things, i.e., everything but interest rates.

Foreign competition, along with fiscal and monetary discipline, has helped to stabilize economies once mined by the plague of hyperinflation. True, but not at a low price. In fact, it must be said, the social costs of the IMF's "orthodox" policies have increased to alarming levels. Take the example of Brazil, where interest rates are as high as 40 percent a year, while inflation was less than three percent in 1998. At such a punitive price, capital is a virtually inaccessible good for local companies, usually too small to borrow ahead. This fact, plus an insane corporate tax load against transnational giants, usually a hard task, a Herculean job.

One does not need to be an economist to predict some immediate outcomes: bankruptcy and massive unemployment leading to a falling demand and a rising private debt. Recession, to put it simply, as Brazil's GDP is forecasted to fall by three percent in 1999. To make things worse, most developing countries do not have a social security system strong enough to cover a household's basic needs for more than a couple weeks, while, as statistics show, unemployed workers would have to wait many months to get a new job. Needless to say, any attempt from the government to use public resources to meet public needs tends to be interpreted as a risk upgrade and immediately punished with a massive withdrawing. Unless, of course, the local central bank raises the premium rate.

That is the famous "speculative attack," a curious phenomenon in which an investor can leave a country at the touch of a keyboard after earning 40 percent a year in an overnight transaction. Amazingly, this is not illegal. Maybe counterproductive, to the extent that it discourages productive investment, or even immoral, due to its social consequences. But it is perfectly legal. In any event, few people in rich countries seem to care about the social costs of IMF-led packages in developing countries, provided that their private pension funds keep making money with generous interest rates. So, who wants interest rates to fall in emerging markets? Investors do not, I guess. Neither do their advisors, the same investment banks that evaluate the "risk rate" in emerging markets. Forget the IMF, whose main shareholders are precisely the countries where investors and advisors come from.

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

Claudio Lins de Vasconcelos is a second-year law student. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Men will lie on their backs, talking about the fall of man, and never make an effort to get up."

—Henry David Thoreau
Cartoonist Should Stick to Cartoons

This is in response to Dan Sullivan’s request for those interested in the cessation of hatred to “get a life.” Although some people might argue this point, a University experience, those “four lousy years” as Mr. Sullivan so inaccurately put it, is mostly to prepare a person to interact in the “real world.” We all speak of the Notre Dame “bubble” with a certain amount of disgust, so why would one condone an attitude that did nothing to dispel this bubble? I would imagine that four years is a long time to feel like you are subhuman.

To say that the oppressed should just suck it up until they graduate is not fair, to say the least, and is certainly unfounded advice when the advice-giver has nothing to suck up. Another point made was that those who feel they are oppressed should act instead of talking. Confronting the administration is no easy task. A group must discuss its goals, ideologies, and strategies before it acts in the most efficient and reasonable way. All of the talking has not been in vain, if for no other reason than it has raised awareness. Mr. Sullivan uses the term “bleeding hearts” as though it were a condition to be swiftly rectified. At least some are opening their hearts to something beyond themselves. Mr. Sullivan seems determined to keep the oppressed oppressed, and I seriously doubt, based on his comments, if he has any experience with racial hatred or abuse based on sexual orientation.

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

Sullivan’s article raises an error with each paragraph. “The only reason people are oppressed is because they want to be.” Really? I’m sure the Jews were skipping and whistling on their way to the gas chambers thinking, “Finally! We are getting what we want!” I’m sure the African American people during the days of slavery would throw their hands up in the air with big grins on their faces and do a little dance, shouting, “Oh happy day!” When they were separated from their families and lynched.

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

Mr. Sullivan used Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example towards his defense. Instead of the sentiments Dan Sullivan expressed are precisely what that great man saw as the most dangerous implications to his cause of justice — “the white moderate who is more interested in preserving order than justice, who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice.”

It is prescient to ask people to just “put up with” the oppression they are being dealt via silence, rude comments, people looking the other way, people starting inside Columns, whatever.

Let’s not ask people who make us uncomfortable because of their differences to stand up and leave. I am not introducing any original, groundbreaking ideas here. I am just adding to the open dialogue that must exist within this family. But I do add that when I have ideas and am petrified about something happening, I try not to pre-judge a social regression or complacency, and I believe Mr. Sullivan’s are.

The world would be better if he and those like him would seriously doubt based on his comments, if he has any experience with racial hatred or abuse based on sexual orientation.

Laura Wolfe
Sophomore
Patrick Hall
March 18, 1999

Liberation Theology Not ‘Just a Sociology’

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

Liberation theology is a way of doing theology (i.e., thinking about the mystery of our Christian faith) which sees the salvation Jesus Christ offers as intrinsically related to our Christian convictions and commitments. On this definition, liberation theology is not “marxist” or “just a sociology.”

Liberation theology is not even mentioned in Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the focus of Mr. Martinez’s article and the basis for his critique of liberation theology. The socio-political dimensions of the gospel are well-documented by many theologians, many of who are not liberation theologians.

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

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

James Ball
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March 21, 1999

Animal Rights Article

Unnecessarily Insensitive

I am writing to let Dustin Ferrell know that I appreciate his superficial attempt at humor (however unsuccessful), but also to clarify his stated misconceptions. Although I agree with him that few people feel animals and humans deserve equal rights, I am compelled to believe that no being created by God deserves to be mistreated, exploited, or manipulated for the mere pleasure or entertainment of another one of God’s creatures.

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

The other rights “to sniff airport luggage, to land in Disney movies” raises a slightly different issue. Luckily, those animals that participate in activities such as these are rightfully protected by animal welfare regulations. A dog that searches for drugs is a family pet of one officer, who is responsible for caring for animals that we have domesticated, that does not include dresssing animals up to make them “cute” by human standards.

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

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The intended cruelty of dangerous sex

"Cruel Intentions"

Director: Richard Kimberly
Starring: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, Reese Witherspoon, Selma Blair and Jason Jackson

(Out of five shamsrockos)

By JULIE HAMILTON

Here's the recipe for making a dark tale of manipulating love: Take two spoiled socialites from Manhattan and add one waggish lured with seduction and the rubbing of innocence. This will result in the wicked story of deception, "Cruel Intentions."

The film stars Sarah Michelle Gellar (best known for her role as Buffy in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") as the sly Katherine Merteyl and Ryan Phillippe ("I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "54"), who portrays playboy Sebastian Valentum. As a result, the film ends up being a fun trip to destroy the reputation and modesty of two young ladies, Annette Vittis-Wolfgang and Cecile (Selma Blair). Katherine has her own selfish and revengeful intentions for an attack — her boyfriend Court ditched her for the inexperienced Cecile.

Katherine asks her stepbrother, Sebastian, to assist her in the undertaking of the revenge game. All Sebastian has to do is simply seduce the lovely Cecile and then Court will receive her painted and unpure. He is the perfect man for this task, since he is one of the most successful womanizers in New York mob boss is suffering from a job-related stress and seeks treatment from a psychiatric physician. This is such an incongruous combination, with the potential for so much material. Yet, it is one thing to come up with great ideas, and another to actually see it through.

"Cruel Intentions" unfortu-

nately never involves a great deal of laughter in its audience. Almost all the funny scenes are used elsewhere in the reviews, and when I found them enjoyable, I had already seen them numerous times. The remainder of the movie is composed of stupid little sequences where De Niro acts poorly and Crystal's character fails to develop. This appears rather unusual as both actors are of high quality, each having had a long career in the past.

I don't know if I can express how truly bad De Niro is in this film. Comedy has never been his forte, but acting with the likes of Billy Crystal, one would think he would rise to the occasion. The character of Paul Vitti is one rather suited for De Niro, similar in role of Al Pacino in "The Untouchables." So why is it De Niro can master the role of Capone, but falls flat on his face for Paul Vitti? To me it's a mystery.

I'm sure you're wondering what's so bad about Dino and Crystal? Well, the list goes on and on, though a few problems are worth mentioning.

De Niro is called on to cry in this film numerous times, something this man is clearly not accustomed to. As he tries to shed tears, he must also be sexually exercising his woman in the background. As for seducing Cecile, Sebastian knows how to make Annette feel special.

Annette tells him that he can take away Annette's purity by the time the fall semester begins. Katherine agrees to the bet, but when she gets his prime possession — a hot 1956 Jaguar. More interestingly, if he takes Annette's virginity, she tells him that he must also be sexually exercising his woman in the background. As for seducing Cecile, Sebastian knows how to make Annette feel special.

As for seducing Cecile, the task was complicated by her love for her cell phone, Ronald. However, Sebastian knows how to place the game. He tells Cecile that if she wants Ronald to love her, she must also be sexually experienced. Of course, Cecile offers herself as a "teacher." Katherine gets what she wants, and Cecile is immediately obsessed with sex.

Finally, Annette starts to feel less loyal to Sebastian's intentions. She realizes that he makes her feel special, and this makes her feel special. As for seducing Cecile, the task was complicated by her love for her cell phone, Ronald. However, Sebastian realizes that he makes her feel special. As for seducing Cecile, the task was complicated by her love for her cell phone, Ronald. However, Sebastian realizes that he makes her feel special.

The film is an entertaining and visually impressive piece. The plot twists and turns and keeps the general interest level consistent. At first glance, this movie may be a turning point for individuals who were expecting a lighthearted, enjoyable film. However, it is an interesting and unexpected experience. The guess work involved makes "Cruel Intentions" a solid film that is lacking only in the art of melodrama.
By DAN SULLIVAN
Scene Movie Column

"Ghostbusters," the successor to such recent films as "Men in Black," is an '80s classic about four rejects from the scientific community who go on to fight the multitude of phantasms running amuck in New York City, eventually going on to save the entire world. By "children of the '80s" ourselves, I'm sure a majority of us can remember the popular cartoon "Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters," but I was surprised to find a few people who had never seen the film from beginning to end. Written by Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis, the film comedy is strong, combining elements of slapstick and sight gags — at times reminiscent of The Three Stooges — with the quick wit of Peter Venkman (Bill Murray). The plot is easy to follow with a setup leaves no loose ends by the conclusion. Character development, however, could have used some strengthening.

For instance, Winston Zeddemore (Ernie Hudson), the late addition to the group, holds little purpose in the scheme of the plot, besides the fact that he is an unimpeachable believer. And the fact remains that Peter also fills this role as well.

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

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

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

Finally, one of the simplest reasons why this film seems to stay in the pop culture mind even after 15 years is because it is loaded with memorable lines:

Who can ever forget "I've been slimed." "Don't cross the streams" or Winston Zeddemore's sage advice, "Ray! If someone asks you if you're a god, you say yes!"

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

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CHART-TOPPERS

 Forces' at the box-office

Sandra Bullock (left) and Ben Affleck flexed their muscles at the box office, as their new romantic comedy, "Forces of Nature," took the number one spot at its debut weekend, with $13.9 million. Also a force at the box-office, "Analyze This" continued its successful run with a $11.2 million take.

Top Ten

Weekend at the Box Office

Movie Title Gross Sales
1. Forces of Nature $13.9 million
2. Analyze This $11.9 million
3. True Crime $5.3 million
4. Baby Geniuses $4.5 million
5. Cruel Intentions $4.2 million
6. The King and I $4.1 million
7. The Rage: Carrie 2 $3.6 million
8. The Corruptor $3.0 million
9. Shakespeare in Love $2.8 million
10. The Deep End of the Ocean $2.7 million

Source: Associated Press

Top Ten

Last Week's Video Rentals

Movie Title
1. There's Something About Mary
2. Ronin
3. Snake Eyes
4. Antz
5. Rounders
6. Rush Hour
7. Practical Magic
8. The Truman Show
9. Soldier
10. Urban Legend

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March 31
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The Out-of-Towners, starring Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin
Battle for Final Four slots begins with women's top seeds still alive in tournament

Associated Press

The Associated Press

Three top-seeded teams remain

TOP SEEDS STAND IN AS Three top-seeded teams remain standing among the eight teams getting ready for Monday night's regional championship games, which determine who goes to the Final Four. Tennessee, Louisiana Tech and Duke are the top seeds in their third straight national championship and finish 39-3.

This year, another Atlantic Coast Conference team stands between Tennessee and trip to the Final Four. The top-seeded Lady Vols (31-2) play No. 3 seed Duke (27-6) in the East Regional at Greensboro, N.C. in Summit's view, survival depends more on mental toughness than talent.

"We've maintained the commitment to going out and being the best team in March with the same or better talent, taking it to the other team, and we're not going to let you look at your team and look at your think about how you have to influence them. At this time of year it's all about being mentally strong and disciplined."

The Lady Vols are in the Midwest and West. Top-ranked Purdue (31-1) takes a 29-game winning streak against third-seeded Rutgers (24-3) in the Midwest at Normal, Ill. in the West, and top-seeded Louisville (30-3) takes a 10th straight Final Four trip, plays No. 3 seed UCLA (26-7). The surprising trip at this point is in the Midwest, the Cyclones, who won only one NCAA tournament game before this year, played third-seeded Georgia (26-6) in Cincinnati.

Tennessee and Duke met earlier this year, with the Lady Vols winning 74-60 in December. Duke coach Gail Goestenkors welcomes the rematch.

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

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Louisiana Tech faces a UCLA team centered around the ballhandling of senior Erica Gomez, who sprained her right ankle 25 seconds into the Big 12 Championship in Colorado State.

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

"You just try to keep her from taking over," UCLA coach Kathy Olivier said. "The bigger the game, the better she plays." Iowa State is the stunned top-seeded Connecticut 64-58 on Saturday with a flurry of 3-point baskets at the end. In George, she is facing an opponent with a crafty coach, Andy Landers, who has won 31 NCAA tournament games and already has swept the Vols to the Final Four.

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

"We have the proof now that we're a decent team," Fennelly said. "We've won 25 games, made it this far and beaten a good team. We have a lot more credibility now. We would love to go and continue to play."
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**Men's Basketball**

**Duke topples Temple, 85-64**

Blue Devils secure 12th Final Four appearance

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Duke is where everybody expected it to be this season, and where the Blue Devils have been since 1994 — the Final Four.

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

This tournament run was the least likely for Chaney.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mark Karcher and Lamont Barnes each had 19 points for Temple, which shot 38 percent (25-for-66).

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

Duke, which leads the nation averaging 93.2 points per game, came right back with an 11-2 run, the last four points coming on a power dunk and nice low post move by Brand and the lead was 75-56 with 5:51 to play.

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

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

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

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

"You don't get a chance to play for the national championship until you get to the Final Four," Krzyzewski said. "Now we can talk about winning the national championship."

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Fencing
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Junior James Gaither finished his NCAA competition with an overall record of 11-12, placing 14th in men's epee and leading the Irish to a second place finish.

Brown and Walsh closed their careers as the most proficient women's foil combination in Irish history. The two combined for 522 victories and eight All-American awards. Brown is the Irish career leader in foil wins while Walsh stands in third. They hold four of the 10 best single-season foil records and single-season winning percentage. They are only two of only three women's fencers to earn All-American honors for the Irish four times.

Women's Epee

The women’s competition began on Saturday with the Irish still trailing Penn State by a large margin. Only a perfect performance by the women and a collapse by Penn State could save the title for the Irish. The Irish fencing very strongly and Penn State old stymied it a bit. Notre Dame managed to close the gap to a mere seven-points late Saturday afternoon before Penn State pulled away on Sunday.

The disappointment of losing any chance at a title hurt the women’s drive a bit on Sunday. "It’s hard when you realize that you are not going to win as a team," said foilist Myriah Brown who earned All-American honors for the fourth consecutive year. "It was difficult to lose your reason that you were fencing. It is tough to group and start fencing for individual honors and to maintain second place rather than fighting for first."

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Brown, however, claims that the red card did not inspire her to fence stronger.

"I put the red card behind me," Krol said. "I always try to focus on one bout at a time and not worry about other bouts."

Krol, a junior, finished eighth in the women's epee competition with a fifth-place finish and her straight All-American award. She earned All-American honors for the third straight year.

Mastilli closed her Irish career with a fifth-place finish and her straight All-American award. She posted 15 wins on the day and fell just short of qualifying for the semifinals. She entered round seven with a chance to qualify, but the previous six rounds had taken their toll on the senior captain and she was completely exhausted. Fencing valiantly against the strong Penn State epee team, she still dropped her first two bouts.

Mastilli, however, rallied in her final bout against Meghan Gasser of Northwestern. Feeding off the energy of the crowd and an inner strength that had guided her to 304 career wins, she defeated Gasser to close her career with a win.

Mastilli is the second winning-most women fencer in Irish history. She also owns the distinct honor of owning records in both epee and foil. Fencing foil her freshman year, she won 69 bouts and still stands 10th in single-season wins and seventh in career winning percentage. She made the transition to epee her sophomore year and distinguished herself as one of the top Irish epeists of all-time. Her 235 career epee wins are good for second all-time and she has the third-best winning percentage in Irish history.

Despite all the individual accomplishments of the Class of 1999, the fourth straight second-place finish was still a bitter pill to swallow.

"We could have fenced better," Brown said. "It’s not the ending I hoped for." "We could have won NCAA’s with the talent we have," LaValle said. "We have some mental problem with out mental psyche. We are lacking something mentally in win the tournament."

Coach Auriol, who has always called this senior class a "special class," felt that the title was just not meant to be this year.

"Last year we missed the opportunity to win nationals," he said. "Penn State was just too strong this year. I know that it is hard for the seniors to finish second again. But this just wasn’t our year."
Behind strong pitching performances from Aaron Helmman and Tim Kallia, the Notre Dame baseball team swept Saturday’s doubleheader with West Virginia (6-9) and improved to 11-6 on the season.

The Irish took the first game 4-1 and followed it up with a 6-4 victory in the nightcap. The third game of the series was scheduled for Sunday, but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

"Any time you come out of West Virginia with two wins, it’s a accomplishment," junior shortstop Brant Ust said. "They have a history of playing us tough, but it was nice to get off to a good start in Big East play.

Helmman went the distance in the first game, allowing just one run and striking out nine, while walking none. The sophomore righthander faced just four batters over the minimum and scattered three hits over seven innings.

"Dominating is the one word I’d like to describe his performance on Saturday," Ust said. "He’s probably one of the few pitchers in the country who you can give a one or two run lead and feel confident that he’ll shut down the opponent."

West Virginia’s Lewis Ross (1-1) dropped the decision, giving up four earned runs and nine hits over seven innings. Freshman centerfielder Steve Stanley led the Mountaineers with a three-run third.

Freshman righthander John Corbin struck out two in the ninth and notched his third save of the season. WVU’s Jeremy Cummings took the loss and dropped to 0-4 on the season.

All-American Ust provided some fireworks in the top of the first when he cleared Cummings’ 1-2 pitch over the left-centerfield fence. The two-run blast was his eighth of the season and 37th of his career — tying him for second on Notre Dame’s all-time list.

West Virginia got one back in the bottom of the inning, but Notre Dame blew the game open with a three-run third.

Stanley reached on a walk and advanced to third on a single by Bushey. West Virginia’s Todd Brock then robbed Porzel on a grounder down the third base line, but Stanley scored. Ust drew an intentional walk and Jeff Felker delivered a two-strike single to left center, but Bushey was gunned down at the plate by Mountaineer-outfielder Matt McGee. Nussbaum, however, drilled a shot up the middle to score Ust and Felker.

"We scored when we needed to," said Ust. "We had a 2-1 lead for most of the second game, but we need to work on putting a team away. I think that will come when guys get used to being in RBI situations."

West Virginia tacked on three in the seventh when Reeser homered off Kallia, but Notre Dame’s Jeff Perconte added some insurance in the ninth with an RBI single. The Irish were solid in the field and didn’t commit and error in either game.

Notre Dame has now won seven straight ball games and will look to push that streak to eight when they take on Western Michigan at home on Tuesday. Henry said Ust. "We have a big home-stand in April, so it’ll be good to play on our field, be in our dugout, and get the season going."

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Belles drop three matches

Saint Mary's falls victim to tough Division I foes

By ANGELA FOX

The Saint Mary's tennis team started off their season against tough competition from some Division I schools. Over break, Saint Mary's traveled to Arizona for matches against Northern Illinois, Butler University and Walsh. Although the Belles lost against all three schools, playing against a higher division gave the players some great experience, according to the players.

"All three teams offered really good competition," said senior captain Katie Vales. "It really helped prepare us for the season."

Saint Mary's continued its season against DePaul University, losing 3-6. Despite the loss, some individuals prevailed over their opponents. Senior Betty Geem won at No. 4 singles, as did junior Krista Eastburn at No. 6 singles. The No. 1 doubles team of Vales and freshman Annie Knish won in a tie-breaker, 9-8. Knish said that after they both lost their singles matches, they came out with the attitude that they had nothing to lose. They tried to be aggressive and get focused early on.

The singles winners were No. 1 Vales (6-0, 6-1), No. 2 Knish (6-0, 6-0), No. 3 Beck Kremmer (6-1, 6-1), No. 4 Geem (6-1, 6-0), No. 5 Taylor Jarrin (6-0, 6-0) and No. 6 Eastburn (6-1, 6-0).

The doubles teams seem to be coming together now that they have played more together and are developing strategies. The doubles winners were No. 1 Vales/Knish (6-0, 6-0), No. 2 Kremmer/Geem (6-2, 6-0), and No. 3 Jarrin/Eastburn (6-1, 6-2). Next Saturday Saint Mary's will play at Adrian College, whom they defeated last year 6-0. Vales said with a stronger team they should expect similar results.

Not surprisingly, at least to those who follow college hoops, that has not turned out to be the case.

On the contrary, the first two weeks of this year's March match to the Final Four have proven once again that there is no amount of peculiarity concerning what must be the best event in all of sports can ever be predetermined.

How do I know this? Because I spent the first week of this year's journey being just about as frustrated as I could be, as I watched my predicted winners seemingly every game lose. It started with Gonzaga over Minnesota, a mild upset of a 10 seed over a seven which was playing without four of its players.

However, in the course of the next two days, every other 10 seed - Purdue, Creighton, and Miami of Ohio - all won. Of course, I didn't pick one of them to make it out of the opening round.

That made it even more fun when three of these four fell but Creighton won again over the weekend and made it to the Sweet 16. But it didn't take me that long to figure out that any chance I had to be a professional oddsmaker was evaporating before my very eyes. No, that happened before the weekend even started.

You see, in the process of conducting my rigorous scientific approach to choose the winners of all 63 games, I somehow came up with a Final Four of Duke, Arizona, Maryland, and North Carolina.

Despite the fact that this Final Four included three teams from the ACC, it still seemed semi-reasonable. It consisted of a one, two, three, and four seed, which is realistic and still accounts for upsets.

Of course, these picks were made before I had the benefit of watching the games. Herein lies the rub.

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

The next night, Arizona, the number four seed in my group, lost a 61-60 thriller to the number thirteen Sooners of Oklahoma.

Maryland at least made it to the Sweet 16, but not before losing to Ohio State in the first round.

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Padres’ Brooks earns first hit

By Paul Major

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa are hitting this spring training ball as if they were in last summer.

So far, anyway.

What McGwire and Sosa have each hit their eighth home run as of Sunday to remain tied for the spring training lead. McGwire’s two-run shot came off A.J. Burnett in the third inning of the St. Louis Cardinals’ 10-4 loss to Florida Marlins split squad.

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

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

Meanwhile, New York Yankees manager Joe Torre was released from Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. According to pathology reports, his cancer was limited to his prostate gland and there is no trace of the disease in the lymph nodes.

"It is not expected to return the team for 6-15 weeks, but he will head to Florida to recuperate, according to family friend Jeff Welbing.

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

At Fort Charlotte, Fla., the Texas Rangers said reliever John Wetteland may start the season on the disabled list. Wetteland has been slowed by his season on the disabled list.

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"The delivery that I saw on Thursday, I didn’t like it at all," manager Johnny Oates said. "He just can’t push off on that ankle well enough for me."

At Dunedin, Fla., the Boston Red Sox said shortstop Nomar Garciaparra won’t return to the team until at least Wednesday while he undergoes tests on his injured right elbow.

"He just needs to check himself out now," Red Sox manager Jimy Williams said Sunday.

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

This includes the 200 freestyle relay and Kline’s 100 breaststroke, both of which placed 17th. Heather Mattingly, Notre Dame’s first diver to qualify for the meet, placed 16th in the three-meter board with 378.10 points.

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

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

"This has been a big breakthrough year for us," Nixon said.

"We had a really good season, people worked hard, and it paid off."

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

"We were proud, we hadn’t beaten before, and team unity is the best I’ve ever seen."

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**NBA**

Rodman returns to rally Lakers to win

Associated Press

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

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

Rodman played 25 minutes Sunday and had four points on 2-for-2 shooting and grabbed six rebounds to help the Lakers overcome a 24-point deficit to beat the Orlando Magic 115-104.

The seven-time rebounding champion, who has helped lead five NBA championship teams, insisted the eight-day break had nothing to do with drinking, gambling, smoking or marital problems.

"This game isn't worth that much for me to lose who I am," Rodman said, adding that he was fined $100 a day by the Lakers. "I had to get away because I really didn't know if I wanted to play basketball." In fact, he said, it was wife Carmen Electra who helped convince him to return to work after spending part of the break in Las Vegas.

Asked if he had resolved the matters that left him pondering retirement, Rodman said, "Nothing's ever been settled. They just kind of subsided for a little while." He said of his decision to return to the Lakers, "I'm just being a winner."

He did not apologize — publicly, or to his teammates — needed to do that. "I won't do that," Rodman said.

"Like I said, actions speak louder than words. I came back. People have to understand this is me. Just let me do what I've got to do and everybody else can do their own thing."

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

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

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

"I just asked him if he was all right," Rambis said. "He said he was all right, and that was it." When asked if Rodman assured him he would not leave the team again, the coach said, "I don't think anybody can make those assurances."

Rambis declined to speculate on what might happen if his seven-time rebounding champion leaves the team again.

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

It was suggested to Rambis that the Lakers, particularly his former coach Pat Riley, would not have tolerated such behavior when Rambis was part of teams led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rodman has been on five championship teams — two with Orlando, one with Chicago.

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

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**NEW COURSES FOR FALL 1999**

Junior Course (MGT 341) Topics in Business Ethics

No prerequisite

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 MW (November 11 - December 8)

This course is designed to give the student an introduction to the central questions and fundamental claims of ethics and morality. The course is focused on a discussion of ethical theories which can help guide the student in solving ethical problems in the business environment. Ethical dilemmas faced by business persons as portrayed in films will be integrated into the class for purposes of discussion and analysis.

Senior Course (MGT 441) Business Ethics: Field Project

No prerequisite

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 MW (October 4 - November 10)

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

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and The Department of Management announce

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Sophomore Course (MGT 241) Introduction to Business Ethics

No prerequisite

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

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The senior field project in ethics is designed to give the student practical experience in a social service setting. The objectives of the project are to (1) introduce the student to experiential opportunities outside the university setting; (2) provide a mechanism for enhancing the spiritual and intellectual awareness of students; (3) provide a mechanism for coordinating existing social service projects with the student's academic work; (4) interact with people whose values have taken them into full-time work in the for-profit sector.

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

**For more information call Professor Bonnie Fremgen at 631-6685.**

**ND falls short against Loyola**

Irish set standard for season with strong performance

By TIM CASEY

Stew Witt

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

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

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

The Irish opened up the scoring 2:06 into the game on a goal by Chris Dusseau. Steve Biskho also scored in the first quarter, but Loyola's Peter Hans's three goals propelled Loyola to a 5-2 lead after the first 15 minutes.

Hans scored again to begin the second quarter, before the Irish offense came alive. They exploded for four unanswered goals before Loyola scored twice to make the score at six going into the second half.

Loyola's goal in the third quarter, his fourth goal of the game, knotted the game at seven through the first three quarters.

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

The road doesn't get any easier for the Irish as they host another ranked team, Hobart on Saturday. Coach Kevin Corrigan was scouting Hobart in person yesterday in Boston. Finlay knows his team is in for a battle this weekend.

"Hobart's a great team. They get better every year. They're as good as anyone else and will come ready to play," said Finlay. "We've got a lot to prove. They beat us by a couple of goals last year. We're pretty happy about the way that fell to 3-2 on the season. Goalkeeper Kirk Howard, making his fifth career start, had a couple of key saves on the game. Coach Finlay praised the leadershi-
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Economics: An Arts and Letters Major follow-up meeting will be held today from 6-7 p.m. in 118 Armey Library. Advisors will be available.

CAPP: An Arts and Letters Major follow-up meeting will be held today from 6-7 p.m. in 217 DeBartolo Hall. Advisors will be available.

The University's Office of the Government Department invites students to attend the Fall '99 Internship Information meeting on March 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in 204 O'Shaughnessy Hall. More information on upcoming internship opportunities will be available.

Disability Awareness Week - Participate in SWEAT-DAY on March 24. Spend the day discussing what it's like to live with a physical disability. Discuss positive experiences over dinner with other participants and students with real disabilities. Call Rosie McDonnell at 289-4831 or Patty Flynn at 1-5293 to register.

Wanted:

A ONE-PANEL CARTOONIST.

If interested, call 1-4542.

Financial Aid Seminar!

On Tuesday, March 23, a Financial Aid Seminar will be held in Montgomery Theater in LaFortune Student Center. It will be conducted by Joseph A. Russo at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions call Kathleen McCann, Academic Resources at 634-2668. All are welcome!!

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Irish season ends with five All-American performances

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team ended their season Saturday by placing 28th with 16 points in the NCAA Championship meet.

HOST Georgia won the meet for the first time with 504.5 points, defeating 1998 champions Stanford and leaving Southern Methodist at third.

The Irish placed two individuals and two relays in the top 16 in Sunday competition.

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NCAA year, the Notre Dame fencing team finished second at the NCAA tournament in Waltham, Mass., to five-time defending national champion Penn State.

The Irish came to Waltham with high hopes for the national title that has eluded them since 1994. Qualifying the maximum 10 fencers and bringing five All-Americans, the Irish thought they had their best chance of knocking off the Nittany Lions.

Penn State, however, proved to be too strong this year, defeating the Irish 171-139.

“Even our weaker fencers did not fence at the top of their game,” said senior male fencer Michael McGee who finished 13th in men’s foil.

“I think it was really nervous since it was my last year. I didn’t fence very well,” said senior male fencer David McNab.

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