The University of Notre Dame will increase undergraduate tuition by 5.4 percent for the 1999-2000 academic year. "When the University built the budget for the coming year, we realized our expenses were really growing," said John Sejdinaj, director of finance and budgeting. "As instructional, student services and construction expenses grow, fund-raise must increase and the majority of those funds come from tuition." In a letter to undergraduate parents, University president Father Edward Malloy wrote: "We have sought to cushion the impact of tuition increases with greater student financial assistance. Indeed, increases in University-administered scholarship aid in recent years have been far greater than the increases in student costs." Malloy noted that Notre Dame's tuition still remains much lower than other comparable private institutions. On the same note, Sejdinaj explained Notre Dame's ability to keep tuition fees down. "Notre Dame started with a low tuition and has been able to keep it down," Sejdinaj stated. "There are a combination of things, including the endowment, annual gift giving and efficient operations that have helped to keep tuition down. Tuition is lower than most schools. In addition, Notre Dame has an appropri- ate financial assistance. Indeed, increases in University-administered scholarship aid in recent years have been far greater than the increases in student costs." Malloy noted that Notre Dame's tuition still remains much lower than other comparable private institutions. On the same note, Sejdinaj explained Notre Dame's ability to keep tuition fees down. "Notre Dame started with a low tuition and has been able to keep it down," Sejdinaj stated. "There are a combination of things, including the endowment, annual gift giving and efficient operations that have helped to keep tuition down. Tuition is lower than most schools. In addition, Notre Dame has an appropri- ate financial assistance. Indeed, increases in University-administered scholarship aid in recent years have been far greater than the increases in student costs." Malloy noted that Notre Dame's tuition still remains much lower than other comparable private institutions. On the same note, Sejdinaj explained Notre Dame's ability to keep tuition fees down. "Notre Dame started with a low tuition and has been able to keep it down," Sejdinaj stated. "There are a combination of things, including the endowment, annual gift giving and efficient operations that have helped to keep tuition down. Tuition is lower than most schools. In addition, Notre Dame has an appropri- ate financial assistance. Indeed, increases in University-administered scholarship aid in recent years have been far greater than the increases in student costs." Malloy noted that Notre Dame's tuition still remains much lower than other comparable private institutions. On the same note, Sejdinaj explained Notre Dame's ability to keep tuition fees down. "Notre Dame started with a low tuition and has been able to keep it down," Sejdinaj stated. "There are a combination of things, including the endowment, annual gift giving and efficient operations that have helped to keep tuition down. Tuition is lower than most schools. In addition, Notre Dame has an appropri-
What Would Rambo Do?

As the years have gone by, I've looked back and realized that I have not always had the presence of mind I've now come to believe that feeling depressed me at first, and I didn't know where to turn to for my inspiration in life.

Fortunately, a voice came into my ear while watching "First Blood: Part II." John Rambo was being mercilessly pursued by sheriffs who had obviously not taken his civil liberties into consideration. In one scene, Rambo was trapped at the sheriff's helicopter, causing an officer to fall out. Keep in mind that Rambo had just fallen through several trees after jumping off of a cliff to avoid being shot. (This was before he was immortalized by his father.) I was so impressed by this heroic stand that I realized that the cheery, insipid 1982 version of Rambo was quite a letdown. Of course, Rambo would only act in such a way if he were unable to appropriate a tank.

Rambo might actually get away with over-running a building here at Notre Dame. After all, he did escape from the gallows behind his side, so they would be unprepared that he would suddenly and unexpectedly blow up.

For you peace lovers, Rambo could not commit such an atrocity thanks to Pax Christi. They had removed tanks from the campus all of the weaponry that ROTC members so enjoy. So, one can only guess that a lot of research into the presence of ROTC at Notre Dame, taking the perspective of ROTC in accordance with the freshmen members of the group are now qualified to criticize ROTC in the distant past.

Moving on, I often ponder how Rambo would like the Office of Loan Sharks, located a short distance away, to handle his financial transactions. And judging by the fact that he already had 80 percent of his total expenses pre-funded for the coming year, I would be inclined to turn down the offer of those who have turned in via the Web site. As of Wednesday morning, the site had received more than 40,000 hits, he said.

Police are investigating whether names of those who have turned in students have been shared. East Lansing police Capt. Louis Muhn said, "It is against the law to harass any one who is or has cooperated with a law enforcement officer, and we will be searching this week to find anonymous people who have disseminated this information to the files and distributing them."

Severance said if the file were left out too long one would not take much to break in and look at data. "All you need is common sense and a little experience," he said. Muhn said based on visual footage and additional photographs placed on the site, there could be a lot more people charged with inciting to riot.

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Teamwork for Tomorrow strives to empower children

By MAUREEN SMITH News Writer

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

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

"I first heard about it at an education seminar held through the CSC," Cooney said. Cooney and Cullen observed the need for a reading program when they learned that South Bend public housing students are among the lowest scorers on the 1-STEP tests, which primarily focus on reading.

"The children are in desperate need of quality after-school programming from well-trained personnel," Cooney said. "It sets up a curriculum and goals," said co-founder and business director Cullen. "The program is very focused and very goal-oriented."

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

Funded by a variety of private sources, the program operates on $3,000 per semester.

"We are financially supported by local businesses, friends, benefactors, our families and Campus Ministry helps us out a little bit, too — we scraped it together," Cullen said.

Cullen considers the program beneficial to both children and tutors.

"It has changed my life, and it has a profound effect on the volunteers," he said. "I think it is a great program" said current volunteer Morgan Tierney. "We managed to get a lot done in the community."

The application process, now closed, looks for volunteers "that are committed, optimistic, flexible, creative, realistic and empathetic," said Cooney.

Freshman M a r y K r o v s k y recently applied for next fall’s available tutoring positions. "As a freshman, I have concentrated mostly on getting adjusted, but recently I have begun to miss the sense of purpose and satisfaction that comes from helping the underprivileged," Krovsky said.

"Teamwork for Tomorrow is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference," said Molly Matune, another freshman applicant. "Amidst the classes and the homework, it is a convenient way to offer time and service."

Although this is Cooney’s final year at Notre Dame, he still has hopes for Teamwork for Tomorrow.

"I want it to continue exactly the way it is, but better," he said. "I want the program to empower children to make differences in their own lives."

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"What do you do if you're in the middle of your conversation and the card runs out of minutes?" asked Tim Shindeldecker, vice president of Corporate Development for CBLD. "Plus, with CBLD, you don't have to pay up front. You or your parents can be billed later." Unlike college students that deal with AT&T, CBLD users have neither options of different plans nor discounted calls.

Shindeldecker also said that AT&T offers its campus users a choice between two plans. Members can either pay 15 cents per minute all the time with no basic fee or 10 cents per minute all the time, with a $4.95 per-month fee. CBLD's rates are based loosely on AT&T's, said Shindeldecker. "We follow the industry standard, AT&T, and adjust our prices accordingly," he said. "We are getting the best possible education for the money. "We continue to deliver quality at a lower price," he said. "At a time when our student body is at an all-time high in scholastic credentials, when our teacher-scholars are coming from the graduate schools and faculties of the best universities in the world, when our physical facilities provide an outstanding learning environment, we remain very competitive." Notre Dame has lower total student charges for this group.

"I do not feel the increase is appropriate," said Thomas Revers, father of a junior. "I feel tuition is already too high. It just seems that the reason we have been increasing also is I never see an explanation for it. I just wonder where exactly my money is going."

Although some parents are upset, Malloy tried to explain why Notre Dame is so expensive and the reasons students take a discount of seven percent off what they charge.

CBLD provides services other colleges, including Saint Mary's and Northern Kentucky University. Rates for those schools are very similar to Notre Dame's. In addition to its college customers, CBLD serves residential households as well.

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

In these negotiations, the University tries to apply certain standards to its long-distance carrier and uses its bulk of subcriptions to influence pricing. "In our contract with CBLD, we require that [our rates] be a certain percentage below direct dial rates of the big companies," he said. "Every three years, the University takes bids from different companies.

If the rates of AT&T and other long-distance companies stay competitive, Notre Dame students could receive a rate reduction within two years. For now, however, Shindeldecker disagrees with the assessment that CBLD has a monopoly on long-distance service and is not competitive. "Not at all," he said, noting that students are free to use other calling cards, an option which many take advantage of.

CBLD regularly donates money Shindeldecker also said that the proceeds go for financial aid for Notre Dame.

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BEBRIT Lebanon

A former security guard at Beirut's international airport has been sentenced in absentia to death for a hijacking 14 years ago that left one person dead. It was the first conviction in a hijacking dating back to Lebanon's 1972-75 civil war. The Military Tribunal late Wednesday found David Hassan guilty of the Feb. 24, 1985 hijacking of a Middle East Airlines Boeing 707 and sentenced him to death. The plane, with 119 passengers aboard, was hijacked as it prepared to take off from Beirut for a flight to Paris. A 65-year-old man and seven people were injured as they scrambled down emergency chutes when the five-hour drama ended. Hassan, a Lebanese Druze and the lone hijacker, slipped away, apparently to Cheulalet, a town east of the airport that was then controlled by Druze militiamen.

Buddhists want holiday for Budha's birthday

TAIPEI Taiwan

In predominantly Buddhist Taiwan, Christmas is a national holiday, but the birth of the Buddha is not. Buddhist organizations said Thursday they hope to change that, and are petitioning to have April 8 designated as a national holiday, "when we celebrate the birth of the Buddha is not. Buddhist organizations may take some time for observance and reflection." "We hope to have very soon the day when we celebrate the birth of the Buddha will put other important days as a national holiday," said Liao Chung, a Buddhist monk. The cause challenges workaholic Taiwan, where most people follow a combination of Buddhist and traditional Chinese polytheism.

Mafia friend may receive death penalty

PALERMO Sicily

Prosecutors who accuse former Premier Giulio Andreotti of helping the Mafia asked a court Thursday to convet and sentence him to 15 years — a penalty usually reserved for top organized crime bosses. Andreotti, 90, who was one of the most powerful figures in the last half century of Italian politics, denies that he aided the Mafia in return for votes for his Christian Democrats in Sicily. He insists he is the victim of a vendetta by mafiosi angered by his anti-Mafia laws. His trial, which began in the Sicilian capital in 1995, is based largely on testimony from mob turncoats. Closing defense arguments are to begin next month. The jury is expect-

Refugee plan may not include Cuba

WASHINGTON

Citing changed conditions, a Clinton administration official raised the possibility Thursday that a plan to use the U.S. naval base in Cuba to shelter 20,000 Kosovo refugees may be scrapped.

"It's possible it won't happen," said J. Brian Atwood, the administration's foreign aid chief and also coordinator for the U.S. relief effort in support of the refugees.

In a telephone conference call with reporters, Atwood said the decision on Tuesday to use the Guantanamo base was made when thousands of Kosovar Albanians faced an extraordinarily difficult humanitarian situation.

Since then, Atwood said, international relief efforts have improved living conditions. Another plus, he said, was the transfer of tens of thousands of desperate refugees from the "no-man's land" along the Kosovar-Albanian border.

Atwood said no one in the government is enthusiastic about housing refugees at Guantanamo because of the heat and the base's long distance from the Baltic.

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

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At the Pentagon, Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Wald told reporters that the Guantanamo base was ready to receive Kosovo refugees but would do so only if there are volunteers. He added that many apparently would prefer to remain close to home.

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"I absolutely abhor violence," said Scheidler. "Our weapons are prayer and action."

Although Scheidler is opposed to violence against abortion doctors, he explained that he is also opposed to abortion. Scheidler said certain laws, such as the law permitting abortion, are immoral and should not be obeyed. If the law permits, Nads to kill Jews was a bad law," said Scheidler. "I fight because

in ways to kill children. The child is not the rapist. The child is not the cause of the poverty. You don't kill somebody for somebody's convenience.

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

Following Scheidler's remarks, Notre Dame law professor Robert Blakely discussed the legality of schihood in life activism.

Scheidler, whose methods of pro-life genetics include praying in front of abortion clinics, drew a lawsuit from the National Organization for Women for his actions.

Blakely defined Scheidler in the case and claimed the suit violated his First Amendment rights. The case against him was based upon the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO), enacted by Congress in 1970 to protect against acts of murder, kidnapping, arson, provision of illegal goods and services, drugs, corruption in government and unions, bribery, extortion and commercial fraud.

Blakely, an expert on the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO), contested the use of RICO as the basis of the suit against Scheidler.

The district court in NOW vs. Scheidler, after being shown all of NOW's evidence specifically held on a summary judgment motion, had no evidence supposedly connecting Scheidler and his co-defendants to murder, kidnapping or arson was insufficient as a matter of law.

The right to demonstrate against abortion is protected by the First Amendment and legislation should support that," Blakely said.

Blakely was personally involved in drafting and implementing RICO and RICO-type legislation in 21 of the 29 states that have created racketeering laws.

RICO was drafted with the intent that it would not be used at all in the context of social or political demonstrations," said Blakely. "Everybody who supported RICO said that it was all aimed at social or political demonstrations," said Blakely. "Maybe the impact of the aborton movement implications,"

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Clinton pushes for patients' rights

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

"Another 90 Democrats are funning out across 32 states for their own campaign-style rallies," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.

"Democratic gains in November's congressional elections are emblazoned by the patients' bill of rights," said Chris Jennings, Clinton's top health policy aide.

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

Nor has Clinton released the plans to pay for "medically necessary" care, as determined by doctors.

But today, Clinton was newly willing to declare that the 285 health plans are going to take this fight on the road.

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The president was being joined at Memorial Hall today by Joan Bleakley of Woodbridge, Va., the latest person to be treated for an aneurysm.

"We're going to use our no-holds-barred push for legislation that died in the House yet," said Dananner, chairman of the Health Benefits Coalition, which has run television ads in 19 states over the past two weeks. "But White House officials concede that the 28% health plans that serve federal workers also serve private citizens and are providing these guarantees for just a few extra dollars.

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

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**Port Huron mayor leaves office because of sexual misconduct charges**

**Associated Press**

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

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

But independent booksellers said the $600 million deal is the last straw.

"We were all just aghast when we heard about the deal," says Carol Santoro, owner of Freemon Place.

The last straw for independent booksellers, the $600 million deal is the latest in a long line of pressures.

"The small stores are being squeezed out to its clients to assure them of confidentiality in their transactions.

Predictions that the merger will reduce the variety of book available are just not true," says Mary Ellen Keating of Barnes & Noble.

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

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

Said Santoro, "Not just the bottom line".

"We went to make every book available," she said.

Wyden said independent booksellers do more than sell books, and often function as community centers.

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

Wyden was arrested following an investigation into complaints by the girls' parents.

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

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

Ackerman was accused of taking pornographic photos of some of the girls and appearing with them in some.

Moselle said. He said police spent four hours Tuesday night searching Clear Choice, a counseling facility that Ackerman runs, and took two computers from it.

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

Since he moved here in the late 1980s, he has been con-sidered a role model for kids and motivated for others, trying to break free of their addictions.

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

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

"I feel he kind of let his community down," said Donna Stranayk, a 36-year-old waitress at the downtown Cafe Cavis.

One of her partners, Randy Arentz, a 47-year-old laborer and longtime resident, doesn't believe the charges. "I just can't see him do that," he said. "They don't know if he did it. It could be some kind of hoax."

If convicted, Ackerman could face life in prison, but would more likely get a 16- to 23-year prison sentence. St. Clair County Assistant Prosecutor Mona Bayad said.

Police said Ackerman was arrested following an investigation into complaints by the girls' parents. The alleged abuse occurred between August and March, Sayed said.

An alcoholic at 14, he was in and out of rehabilitation facilities for most of his 20s before sobering up.

Since moving to Port Huron, he has worked part-time at a mental health center and an HIV/AIDS clinic, opened Clear Choices and volunteered at a shelter for runaways.

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Study: Social Security saves third of elderly from poverty

WASHINGTON

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

"Social Security cuts about half the gap in poverty rates between elderly women and elderly men," said Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. The center is skeptical of proposals to remake the Social Security system in order to increase private investment and generally supports keeping the current system intact.

Overall, the study found that without income from Social Security, 47.6 percent of elderly Americans, or 15.3 million people, would have been poor in 1997. Social Security cut that poverty rate by 11.9 percent, or 3.8 million senior citizens.

The monthly checks mean that 35.7 percent of people ages 65 and older who would live in poverty have incomes that place them above the poverty line.

Without monthly Social Security checks, 52.6 percent of women 65 and older would be poor, compared with 40.8 percent of men — a gap of 11.8 percentage points, the study found. But with Social Security benefits, the poverty rate among elderly women was below 27 percent, compared with 20.4 percent of elderly men, the study found.

Women who are not married when they are elderly do not benefit as much, Greenstein said. Even with Social Security benefits, the poverty rate among elderly widows is 28.3 percent, and for single and divorced women it is 27 percent.

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

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

The study also found that black and Hispanic Americans draw a larger percentage of their old-age income from Social Security than whites. Elderly blacks get on average 43.4 percent of their income from the retirement program, compared with 41.4 percent for Hispanic Americans and 35.8 percent for whites.

U.S. Senator: Trial will aid Cambodia

BANGKOK

Cambodia's plan to try a former Khmer Rouge leader with help from foreign judges and prosecutors can strengthen the country's institutions while providing accountability for the group's genocidal rule, a U.S. senator said Thursday.

Sen. John Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat, described the plan as a "win-win" situation.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen agreed during a meeting Tuesday night with Kerry to have foreign participation in Cambodia's trial of former guerrilla commander Ta Mok, in a compromise with calls for a fully international tribunal.

Human rights groups, the United Nations, the United States and other countries have said Cambodia's judicial system has neither the competence nor the political independence to hold a credible trial that will fully and fairly investigate Khmer Rouge crimes.

But Hun Sen has refused their calls for an international tribunal to prosecute the radical communist movement's leadership. He has also resisted trying many Khmer Rouge leaders, saying it would harm attempts at reconciliation.

The policies of the Khmer Rouge during their 1975-1979 reign of terror were responsible for the death of as many as 2 million Cambodians through overwork, starvation or execution.

Kerry, speaking to reporters in Bangkok on the way back to the United States, said the compromise of a Cambodian court with foreign assistance was "the best opportunity to provide world opinion and Cambodian opinion with resolution in an accountable way."

An international tribunal without Cambodian cooperation could also be suspect in its results, he said.

Ta Mok, meanwhile, was visited Thursday by his lawyer, Cambodian-American Bonson Samay, for the first time at the military prison where he is being detained awaiting trial.

Arrested March 6 by the army, the one-legged Ta Mok, known as "The Butcher," has been charged with terror acts against the government under a 1994 law outlawing the Khmer Rouge.
Bogus Web report sends stock soaring

Hoox increases
PairGain
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stock 31 percent

NEW YORK

Wall Street has always trafficked in rumors, but as an online hoax demonstrated this week, the lightning speed of the Internet can give a scam a big head start on the truth. A bogus report on PairGain Technologies posted Wednesday on the World Wide Web boosted the company's stock price 31 percent before the story was debunked.

The incident caught the attention of regulators and reminded investors, especially impatient day traders, that the speed and simplicity of the Internet can also wreak havoc. The Internet has become the world's largest conference call. And plenty of the people talking about stocks have hidden motives for what they're saying.

"The Internet is becoming the world's largest conference call," said Anthony Elgindy, an online trader who runs Pacific Equity Investigations, a research firm. "And plenty of the people talking about stocks have hidden motives for what they're saying.

No one knew exactly the source or the motives behind the fraudulent report on PairGain, which appeared early Wednesday on AngelList.com, a Website that allows� writers to create personal Web pages.

The report said PairGain, a Tuscaloosa, Calif., maker of telecommunications equipment, was acquired by an Israeli firm, ECI Telecom, for $3.35 billion, or about twice its current market value.

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

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

On an average trading day, about 2 million shares of PairGain change hands.

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

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

But legal experts said the perpetrator of the PairGain hoax could find himself charged with securities fraud as well as wire fraud, and face five to 30 years in prison, and fines of up to $1 million.

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

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

"Let's use our resources for allowing ourselves to be impressed," wrote one trader.

"Criminality deserves no admittance," wrote another.

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

IBM will offer PC products online

NEW YORK

IBM plans to offer its entire PC product line for sale over the Internet, much like rival Dell Computer, Gateway and Compaq Computer — as it goes directly to small business and consumer markets.

But the rush to business-to-business online sales may raise the risk of alienating the computer resellers that IBM uses to sell its products.

"Frankly, this is another avenue for small businesses to reach IBM," said Barbini, a company spokeswoman.

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IBM's online sales totaled $3.3 billion last year and are expected to exceed $10 billion by 1999. In 1998, IBM had $81.7 billion in revenue overall.

They hope to increase online sales not only through the sales of PC products, but also by selling the services that will enable companies to conduct a business online, Barbini said.

David Goldstein, president of the Dallas-based Channel Marketing Corp., said IBM's planned move is the latest in the growing trend of PC-manufacturing companies selling directly to the business or consumer customer.

Still, IBM's upgraded focus on direct sales runs the risk of alienating businesses who have traditionally sold IBM products and now will be competing against IBM for the same business, Goldstein said. IBM, however, that IBM would be working with the businesses that sell IBM products in the field, but the reseller network is being reorganized.

IBM executives were one of the bright spots in IBM's fourth-quarter earnings report, jumping 20 percent while overall revenue rose only 6 percent.

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Girl brings back ice cream man

Associated Press

SUDbury, Mass.
The ice cream man returned to this town, thanks to an eloquent 12-year-old girl.

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NYC fines dad for kids in trees

NEW YORK

Children climbing trees?! This dad has got to stop!

That's pretty much the message Anthony Avellino said he got from two park rangers last month. They handed him a $1,000 ticket after his daughters, ages 9 and 11, and their 11-year-old friend were caught climbing a Japanese white pine in Central Park.

"My children have been climbing trees for nine years," Avellino said. "Please give me a warning. I will make sure that it will not happen again."

But officials said it was too late — the tree was damaged. They said they will bring photos of broken branches to an environmental court to prove it.

Avellino said he would fight the ticket, which will be used for "destruction, defacement or abuse of a tree."

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"The children were sitting still in the tree, telling each other stories, and we were sitting in the tree and looking around the park, "Skyler said.

But with no posted signs, how's a park patron supposed to know that tree-climbing is forbidden?
Yugoslavia: Attacks complete, refugees should return home

**Associated Press**

Yugoslavia urged refugees to return home Thursday, declaring "peace has prevailed in Kosovo" and saying its 14-month war against ethnic Albanian separatists was over. But Western officials feared those whose fate was unknown a day with concern over thousands of prisoners' release were mixed.

On the 16th night of the U.S.-led air assault, hopes for the Kosovo enclave. A leader of the influential Serbian Radical Party, told reporters Thursday that the three service men in a field hospital, told medical workers she had no food for 10 days; no water at least since authorities before daylight Wednesday.

The Yugo­slav govern­ment, which says it is observing a unilateral cease-fire in Kosovo since Tuesday for Orthodox Easter, claimed the refugees were voluntarily heading back to their homes in the province.

Shortly after 10 p.m., -- and -- toward the border enclave, a muddy swath where refugees had little or no food, clean water or latrines. Many criticized the abruptness of the clearing, however.

**Macedonia**

Refugees get lost in confusion

**BRAZDA**

Aid agencies struggled Thursday with refugees lost in the confusion of the exodus from Kosovo, from starving elderly overlooked in an abandoned camp to a 10,000-strong group that may or may not be missing.

Red Cross ambulances retrieved the two dozen or more old people from the site and signaled the man's land on Macedonia's border, cleared in a sudden sweep by Macedonian authorities before daylight Wednesday.

Hafliza Marina, 70, bent with pain and age on a table in a hospital, told medical workers she had food for 10 days; no water at least since authorities cleared out the border enclave.

"My son. My son," she whispered. Tears rolled down the wrinkles of her face as the vinyl examining table. The evacuation came so quickly, and so relentless, that families were blocked from reaching elderly relatives, refugees said.

At the Brazda camp near the Macedonian capital of Skopje, NATO troops carried the old people off ambulances on stretchers, or helped the stooped figures down. None of them believed to have died. Red Cross Maj. Christian Halla.

The UNHCR said the rest of the estimated 50,000-60,000 refugees had gone to Albania, Turkey or camps farther inside Macedonia. Macedonia challenged the UNHCR's account of a missing 10,000, saying the aid agency's estimates of the numbers of refugees were off. In the third week of the exodus, aid groups are still trying to register — and count — the refugees.

"It is not acceptable to say that refugees have been transported to unknown countries," Interior Minister Pavle Trajavanoc said.

International agencies backed the decision to clear the border enclave, a muddy swath where refugees had little or no food, clean water or latrines. Many criticized the abruptness of the clearing, however.

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BELARUS
Authorities arrest candidate
Associated Press

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

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

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

Chigir resigned as premier in the fall of 1996 to protest.

President Alexander Lukashenko's move to rewrite the Belarusian Constitution, extending his term until 2001 and calling off presidential elections that had been scheduled for May 1999.

Lukashenko also ousted the popularly elected parliament, replacing it with a body of his supporters.

Earlier this year, members of the disbanded parliament formed an alternative electoral commission and plan to hold a presidential election May 16, despite a ban by Lukashenko.

Chigir registered as a candidate.

Since Chigir's resignation, prosecutors have floated allegations that in the early 1990s he illegally gave a Canadian firm a $1 million loan that was never returned. But prosecutors took no formal action until this month.

Chigir has repeatedly said that dozens of checks had revealed nothing illegal about the loan.

Meanwhile, another official accused of wrongdoing disappeared while under house arrest, officials said Thursday.

Tamarina Vinikova, the former head of the Belarusian national bank, had been kept under guard in her apartment in the capital, Minsk, since November 1997. She disappeared Wednesday, said Aleksei Tarazov, spokesman for the governor's office.

Vinikova is accused of unspecified wrongdoing during her tenure as head of a commercial bank before her appointment to head the national bank in September 1995.

Power plant explosion kills two
Associated Press

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

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

The explosion was heard at least 35 miles away.

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

A leak of hydrogen gas was believed to have caused the blast, which happened as contracts tested a generator following routine maintenance.

The explosion also interrupted.

Associated Press

MALAYSIA
Mysterious disease confounds doctors

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

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

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

"This virus has never been seen before."

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

"We don't know if it's highly infectious or if the people are being infected," Skinner said, "It doesn't appear, right now, that this is being transmitted from person to person."

But experts are still not going to rule out.

Grave concern that experts initially said the outbreak began with the deaths of 15 pigs last October who succumbed to the Japanese encephalitis virus which is transmitted by the Culex mosquito.

These findings were confirmed by World Health Organization officials from Japan who came to help investigate.

But in late February, the number of deaths among villagers and farmers in the farming district of Bukit Pelandak in central Negri Sembilan jumped dramatically, prompting health officials to seek further help. It encouraged all workers on pig farms to stay away from the only victims of the virus so far — to wash their hands with soap and water after handling pigs.

But "It's not Hendra," insisted CDC spokesman Skiles today. "It's a Hendra-like virus, and it has a high mortality rate."
Culture Shock in Canada

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

So my car moved towards Ottawa, Canada's capital, I began reading signs in both English and French, I thought this was rather accomplishment, since the city lies just across the river from Quebec, the capital city of Quebec.

But the drivers on the river were accumulating, too, which helped this out-of-towner navigate confusing streets. In the park on Canada Day, I, along with the 100,000 others present, was offered a Canadian flag to wave. I got to enjoy fireworks from the roof of an apartment building and toasted drinks at an authentic Irish pub on the corner.

I couldn't have asked for a more restful time.

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

Both Quebec and Ottawa are the two capital cities for the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, provinces of Canada, I experienced the "culture shock" of other religions. When groups from the various churches sit down at a common table to discuss matters vital to each faith, it can be much the same. Catholics say one thing, Methodists say another. Jews have a different view. Muslims have their own. It is like talking in different languages to each other within

For this reason, we should not be afraid to experience the "culture shock" of other religions.

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

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

Julie A. Ferraro's column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The Maximum Living Wage, Part II

The task of this column is to examine the role of larger institutions in the form of support is positive and necessary. In Socialis.

311 The larger institutions have difficulty discerning and responding to the unique interaction of associations and institutions that fosters active participation in economic life. The purpose of the company is not the maximum living wage, but the maximization of profit and the training of the unemployed so that, too, they may find fulfillment in active participation in economic life. This would be an instance of the preferential option for the poor in the form of an affirmative action hiring policy that favors persons who do not have time at the work of the job interview. In the calculation of the maximum living wage, therefore, income and wealth and differences, by themselves, are not sufficient to makeative or moral arguments. To put it another way, unlike in Marxist analysis, to make money — and even to make a great deal of it — is not an intrinsically evil act.

However, when one combines the factors of income and wealth differences with the inconvenience of active participation such as that described above in the part of the wealthy, conclusive judgments are merited. Persons who work hard, the minimum living wage would be a maximum wage on the part of the wealthy, as long as the use of money is directed at securing and responding to the unique needs. The Second Vatican council has explicitly supported state expropriation of private property. Pope Paul VI writes, "If certain landed estates impede the general pro-welfare or for charitable reasons, they are excessive.

The third objection is that because capitalism is self-interested, the act of any capitalist has the effect of benefiting others. Now we are back to William Simon's "tired not a sin." In the terminology of contemporary moral theory, this is 24-feet, if doing something noble, it is a particularly insidious form because it attempts to sell a service or idea, and it is debatable whether it succeeds even on its own terms.

In the absence of an already existing situation and society concerning the activity, the price is not a maximum wage; in South Bend, the policeman was required for a more fully guilty. Indeed, given excessive and extreme need in the world as a whole, the minimum (necessity) and maximum (subsistence) living wage would simply be a zero price.

Three objections might be raised concerning the minimum living wage. The first is that it does not take merit into account. The second is that the argument goes, whoever whatever they can earn. A response from the perspective of subsidiarity is that answer that there is in the maximum living wage, the concern is that the difference is that the merit — what one earns — derives from using for others all one's means of production. Here again, Catholic teaching is in keeping with our 2,000-year-old source: "Sell your possessions and give alms, provide yourself with purses that do not grow old, arrows to your bow, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:33-34).

Even here, there are guidelines: Care must be taken not to use the occasion to draw attention to oneself (Matthew 6:1-4 and one must give to those most in need. Not only the well-off have a proportion of their income to lose — itself a scandal — but, in the words of the French Socialists: "The philanthropy practiced by the affluent destroys the institutions in which we fulfill ourselves rather than the less well-off." (The Inexorable Link of Charity and Redemption, "Oeuvre" [February 1977]: 578). In Catholic teaching, we have the privilege and requirement of giving away wealth, but not anyone we please. This is because the wealthy is not ours in the first place; giving it away is giving their wealth back to them. Recall Paul VI's quote of Ambrose: "The greatest joy in making a gift of your own possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself.

The second objection is that capitalism is dynamic; if not, it is perverse with a maximum wage is impossible to reconcile. The objection against a maximum wage on the scale I had in mind, though I thought that the debate would begin to get substantive is that the $200,000 annual salary. I agreed (another $200,000 to the mar-

Todd David Whitmore

Nor do we need to grant moral seriousness to the "dialogue" or "conversations" on the minimum living wage, as long as the use of money is directed at securing and responding to the unique needs. The universal designation of goods requires that we consider all persons, and the above reasoning is that we would first need an ecclesi-
The 41st annual Collegiate Jazz Festival kicks off tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Stepan Center with the hometown band, the Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Father George Wiskirchen.

The festival features 14 collegiate bands, selected by audition, from all over the country, including the University of Michigan, Louisiana State University, Knox College and the University of North Florida.

The Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble will open the show with four songs of different jazz genres. They begin with "Bones for Basie," a medium tempo swing piece featuring the trombone section. Lane Weaver and Jeff Spoonhower play featured solos in this piece.

The ballad "Skylark," a jazz standard, is their next piece. It features Keith Syska with a mellow saxophone sound. "Skylark" is followed by "Settin' Calvin's Waltz," a gospel piece featuring Syska and perennial favorite Spoonhower. Guitar player Brendan Mowery also takes a solo.

The Ensemble closes with "Moanin,'" a gospel-influenced bop tune that features some group improv.

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday, the Judges' Jam begins. This year's judges are saxophonist Greg Tardy, trumpet player Michael Mossman, pianist Benny Green, drummer Jeff Hamilton and bassist Chuck Israels.

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

Mossman has been playing trumpet on the international scene since age 17. Born in Philadelphia, he attended Oberlin College and Conservatory and graduated with degrees in sociology/anthropology, orchestral trumpet and jazz composition. He took his master's from Rutgers and is active in music education.

Mossman played the Horace Silver Quintet for several years and has also played with such people and groups as Dizzy Gillespie, Slide Hampton, the Charles Mingus Orchestra and the Count Basie Orchestra. His most recent album, "Mama Soho," was released in June 1998.

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

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

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

The festival will run tonight from 7:30 p.m. until approximately 11:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a clinic in the Notre Dame band building at 10:20 a.m. Saturday. All other events take place in Stepan Center.

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

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**Gymnastics**

**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON**

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

The 17-year-old gymnast and her parents have reached a confidential financial settlement and ended a protracted legal battle against her father.

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

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

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

Miss Moceanu's parents placed their earnings in a trust fund, which they administered. She did not have access to the trust until she turned 35.

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

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

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White: Ban opposite-sex reporters from locker rooms

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

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

He added: “Women athletes also shouldn’t be forced to deal with male reporters while they’re changing.”

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

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

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

Leslie Hammond, an NFL spokeswoman, said the league’s open locker room policy is working. “They are professionals and they are doing their jobs,” she said.

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

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

He added, “Talk about taking the notion of ‘public figure’ to an extreme!”

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

White offered a solution. “It’s not as if players aren’t willing to talk to female reporters,” he wrote.

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National Football League

White: Ban opposite-sex reporters from locker rooms
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

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

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

They were right on the edge of going from unrelenting to unfair. And that left players walking the fine line between a choice but to play it straight — an 80 when the judges declared him disqualified after playing on the course, which was closed when play was suspended.

Defending champion Mark O'Meara and Nick Price were at 1-under.

They were among 33 players still on the course, which was closed with showers. All that did was water the azaleas, the rest of the day off.

If everyone else had such fight duty.

On a day that began under hot, hazy and hard conditions — the high was a suffocating 90 degrees — only Carlos Franco managed to get as low as four-under for the day. That flirted with two bogeys and a double bogey, and he landed on his feet at 72.

Of the 63 players who finished their rounds, only 16 broke par. The course was playing about one stroke easier than last year, but it was missing the howling, swirling winds from the first round a year ago.

Not that everyone found it easier.

Nick Faldo, a three-time Masters champion, showed how badly his game is suffering when he played the first 15 holes without a birdie and fell from four-under for the tournament to 1-over par when he found his fairway and contoured greens.

He was three-under after a birdie on the 17th when his drive found the fairway bunker, then he caught a plugged lie in the greenside bunker and three-putted.

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

Woods knows the feeling. His six birdies were more than anyone Thursday, but had it not been for a bogey on No. 8, when he took an eight.

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

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

Faldo was tied for the lead after four birdies on the front nine, but he was showing signs of struggling. He had to make two knee-knocking par putts on the 10th and 11th, took bogey on the 12th and then hooked his drive in Rae's Creek on the 13th.

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

The changes at Augusta were the most significant ever — tee boxes moved back on No. 17 and the par-five second hole, an elevated green on No. 10, new pine trees lining the fairways between No. 15 and the 17th. And because of the largest field in 33 years in part because of change in the qualifying system — the first two rounds were played in three-somes for the first time since 1962. Still, it always comes down to who can survive the slippery, contoured greens.

SPORTS

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

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

A grand jury already was investigating whether the IBF sold rankings and arranged fights in return for kickbacks, and it came under additional scrutiny from law enforcement agencies in New York after the Holyfield-Lewis bout. In the letter, WBC president Jose Sulaiman proposed the new system be implemented in time for the middleweight fight between John Ruiz of France and American challenger Keith Holmes scheduled for April 24 in Washington.

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

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Wood's elbow surgery a success

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Kerry Wood, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, underwent reconstructive elbow surgery Thursday, with Dr. James Andrews transplanting a ligament in what's known as the '14-constructive elbow.'

Wood's torn ulnar collateral ligament went unrepaired during the surgery, Wood's son debuts, coining the phrase: 'Yogi' ends 14-year-old exile from NY Stadium

NEW YORK

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

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HOUSTON
Jose Lima took care of Sammy Sosa, but he could not, however, handle Henry Rodriguez and Jose Hernandez.
Sosa scored three runs and went 4-for-5 as the Houston Astros defeated the Chicago Cubs 2-1 Thursday night.

In the first, after Lima started his first game for the Cubs, he allowed five hits in eight innings, striking out three.
Rod Beck gave a save in his first appearance of the season and 1-for-10 at the plate in the ninth for his first save.
Montreal took a 2-0 lead in the first when Guerrero hit a two-out RBI single and scored on Brad Fulmer's triple.
Guerrero hit another RBI single off Hershiser in the third.
He advanced to third on Fulmer's double off the center-field wall and both runners scored on Andrews' a two-run single.

Hershiser, signed as a free agent by the Mets on March 25, allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in four innings after allowing only three earned runs in 17 innings with the Cleveland Indians and Mets this spring.
Alfonzo's solo shot with two outs in the third brought the Mets to within 2-1.
Two great throws by Chris Widger saved Batista more runs.
Batista issued consecutive walks to Hernandez and Rickey Henderson to lead off the inning with Alfonzo batting.
Hershiser struck out far too far and Widger threw a wild pitch to strike out Orlando Cabrera at second to pick off Hershiser as Alfonzo faked a bunt on a first-pitch strike.
Henderson then threw out attempting to steal second.
One play later, when Lima walked, who fouled out to Batista's next pitch before driving his first homer of the season.

Hernandez doubled leading off the eighth.
After Batista struck out Alfonzo, Kline came on in relief and hit John Olerud with a pitch before getting Mike Piazza to hit back to him.
Batista then cleared the bases with a ground-rule double in the ninth.

Jose Lima to Kline.
Lima led the Astros with 34 home runs allowed last season.
Lima was 3-0 lifetime against the Cubs.
Lima delivered the opening pitch to Andrew Jones to start the third.
He is now 1 home run away from tying one of McGwire's many records from last season.

Four-run sixth
The Expos scored twice off Lima.
Lima had a perfect game in front of a near sellout crowd of 43,918 at Olympic Stadium for Montreal's home opener.

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

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

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY—Karl Malone scored 23 of his season-high 38 points in the second half as the Utah Jazz edged Golden State 92-85 Thursday night for their 10th consecutive victory over the Warriors.

The Jazz won their fourth straight game but never pulled away from a Warriors team playing for the fifth time in seven nights. Golden State led 81-80 on Bob McAdoo’s jumper with 1:17 left before ex-Rocket Mario Elie made four straight free throws in the final minute to clinch the victory.

Tim Duncan added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs, who have won 15 of their last 20 games. Ellis finished with 14 points, David Robinson had 13, and Avery Johnson had 10 points and 10 assists.

The Spurs held Houston to just two field goals for nearly six minutes to open the second half, while Duncan and Ellis each scored five points to give the Spurs a 49-29 lead midway through the third quarter.

Then the Rockets began chipping away. Olajuwon and Michael Dikembe each scored five points during a 15-5 Houston run, and Sam Mack’s three-pointer to start the final period keyed a 7-2 spurt that cut the Spurs’ lead to 77-71.

But a dunk by Robinson and a jumper by Johnson restored San Antonio’s double-digit lead with 6:05 left.

The Rockets, second in the league with three 20-point games in a row, were held to four points in the final period. San Antonio led 87-71 with 6:05 left, then stretched it to 92-77 with 2:23 remaining in the third.

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Lindros to undergo surgery today to drain lung fluid

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

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

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

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

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DeBartolo continues to be beset by woes

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Suspended San Francisco 49ers co-owner Eddie DeBartolo was sued by his own corporation and the football team Thursday, according to court papers. The company, valued at $94 million and hurting prospects for a new stadium, filed the lawsuit in San Francisco County Superior Court.

"The suit is said it is seeking repayment of the debt, cutting DeBartolo's management ties to the team, and ending any personal financial interest claimed by DeBartolo in the stadium project," the suit stated.

NFL spokesman Leslie Hammond said the league did not have any immediate comment on the suit.

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By BRIAN HOBBS

Irish build steam against Purdue

The Irish have their sights set beyond this weekend's meet at Purdue as they prepare for a pair of the nation's most prestigious meets.

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

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

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

Brigid O'Brien, 3,000-meter standout, understands that coach Tim Connolly is using the Purdue meet as a mid-season meet to carry his experienced athletes to one of the last ladder meets before the real deal in Villanova, Penn. High jumper Jennifer Taglia has sanctioned DeBartolo, saying he is guilty of conduct detrimental to the NFL for his involvement in the gambling case.

DeBartolo, who pleaded guilty in October to failing to report a felony in connection with the gambling fraud case, could be reinstated by the league if he satisfies the terms of his bail bond. Taglia has said DeBartolo retains the right to discuss some aspects of team operations with his sister and his husband, who is a vice president in the 49ers' front office. But any such discussions are to be strictly advisory and the Yorks are free to accept or ignore his advice.

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games of the day began, cramp­ing some teams’ style. Team Girth squared-off with the A- team in a wet showdown.

"The rain slowed things down a little," said Team Girth’s cap­tain Pat Mitsch. "It affected both teams’ play."

Despite adverse conditions, Team Girth put on a strong per­formance, defeating the A-team 21-15. Mitsch led the team with 12 rebounds.

Kiss and Tell and Kareem, Worthy, and 3 Others Who Play With a Magic Johnson, winning the prelim­nary round Bookstore Basketball matchup, 21-15.

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**Sports Briefs**

**Casting and Angling** — A clinic will be offered on Tuesday and April 20, from 6-7:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center and at campus lakes. There is an $5 class fee. Participants should register in advance at RecSports. Dan Bucha, certified American Casting Association instructor, will lead three evenings of half-casting, fly-casting, spinning and fishing. Equipment will be provided, but participants should bring personal equipment if possible. More information is available at RecSports.

**Kayaking** — Registration is being held at RecSports for four pool sessions and a one-day excursion. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday and April 19 and 22, at Rolfs Aquatic Center, from 7 to 10 p.m. Class size is limited. The cost is $15. Questions should be directed to the RecSports office at 631-6100.

Christmas in April Benefit Run will be held on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at LaSalle Park. The two teams will match up on the Stepan courts at 12:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, the first round.

"It’s going to be a tough chal­lenge, but it takes a lot of the pressure off of us and puts it on them," said captain Chris Jackson. "We’ve got nothing to lose and they have everything.

We’re taking the game seriously; we’ve got five guys that can do everything with a basketball."

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

Besides their strong attack, the
Hoyas also feature an extremely
deep midfield with 14 players
that have played in every game.
Greg Hochschmied, Mike
Henehan and Tyler Gamble lead
the unit with a combined 36
points. Forwards, including mid­
derfender Steve Dusseau, brother
of Irish co­captain senior Chris
Dusseau, who has played well for
the Hoyas, contributed four points
in four games.

The responsibility for shutting
down this high-powered attack
will fall onto the shoulders of co­
captain senior Chris Dusseau,
seven goals and not allow them
any

interesting scoring chances and give
us a break.”

Dusseau and sophomore
defenseman Tom Gazel lead
an Irish defense that has been
very streaky in the past two
weeks. In games against Hofstra
and Butler, the Irish were
behind before a late offensive
surge got Notre Dame back in
the game. The Irish cannot
afford to fall behind against the
Hoyas, however.

“The is something we want to
stay away from,” Anderson
said. “They have the capability
of blowing a game open if they get
up a couple of goals. We want to
go out to a good start and get
some good scoring opportunities
early. Then we can maintain our
game-plan of getting good pos­sions and controlling the ball.”

Senior preseason honorable
mention All-American goalie
Brian Hole and a physical Hoyas
defense stand between the Irish
and a shot at their first win of the
season.

“The Georgetown defense­
men are not a bunch of guys
that are going to come out and
take the ball away from you with
big defense calls,” Anderson
said. “They are going to be
aggressive with their bodies and
are going to be a very physical
team.

The Irish have the talent on
top of the physical play of Georgetown.

Ulrich leads the team in points
with 35 and stands at fifth in the
nation in assists per game with
2.88. Dusseau — a preseason
honorable mention All-American
— needs only one more goal to
get 100 in his career.

“We have to stop them in tran­
sition,” Anderson said. “We need
to make them work for their
goals and not allow them any
easy goals.”

Irish goaltender Kirk Howell
will also be called upon for
another strong game. Howell, a
junior and first-year starter, has
put together a solid season for
the Irish in the cage. His 8.49
goals against average is good for
15th-best in the nation.

“Our defense has been very
streaky in the past two weeks,”
Anderson said. “We are going to
be a very physical team.

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

If Notre Dame can hold onto
the ball and limit the Hoyas pos­sions, they will be able to con­
trol the pace and tempo of the

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

The Irish enter the weekend
with a 6-2 record and are the
highest scoring offense in the
NCAAs with 14.71 goals per
game.

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

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

Both will be eager to score on
the Irish in a 1 p.m. game.

With a 4-6 mark, the Pioneers
look to the .500 mark when
they leave South Bend, playing
Davidson on Saturday and the
Irish on Sunday.

The Irish will pay special
attention to Denver sophomore
Nicole Wittelsberger, who leads
the country in goals with 42
and is fifth in points per game
with 5.36.

The Denver Pioneers travel to
Notre Dame on Sunday to take
on the Irish in a 3 p.m. game.

While Denver’s Wittelsberger
is nationally ranked in two sta­tistical categories, Notre Dame
will guarantee a third-straight
winning season for Notre Dame.

Senior sensation Larel
O’Shaughnessy has notched
her third-straight double figure
in goals per game with 4.25 while
her 21 assists has her in the top
five.

Teammate Kerry Callahan, who
currently has a 22-game
scoring streak, is first in assists
per game with 2.71 and eighth
in points per game with 4.96.

Last weekend the Irish exe­
cuted the game plan they had
been practicing the whole sea­
son, building early leads in both
games and then letting the
defense take over the game and
preserve the win.

Two more wins this weekend
will guarantee a third-straight
winning season for Notre Dame.
Conference opponents await ND on East Coast trip

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

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

Notre Dame will take on Rutgers Saturday in New Jersey and then travel in Pennsylvania to take on Villanova on Sunday. The Irish (23-15, 2-0) will try to stay unbeaten in Big East play during these four games.

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

On Saturday, the Irish will play against Rutgers in a game that "is traditionally a tough one to win," Ust said. "Last year, we were just a little off and they won due to the lack of hitting."

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

Recently, "the best" has been a little unclear for the Irish. While the team has been on an offensive tear, it has also been on a pitching tear.

"It's the first time in several years that we've had a consistent pitcher," Ust said. "Both our starters have been consistent which is what we were hoping for."

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

The Irish will have to see how their pitchers throw to stay undefeated in Big East play. The Irish are 2-0 in the Big East this season.

The Irish have a tough schedule ahead of them, traveling east to play Rutgers Saturday and then travel to Pennsylvania to take on Villanova Sunday.

"I think our pitching will be the key to this weekend," Ust said. "Our pitchers have been consistent and we'll be looking for them to continue to pitch well this weekend."

As for the series between the Irish and the Panthers, the two teams are ahead of each other in the Big East standings.

"We have a very competitive weekend ahead of us," Ust said. "Each team has their strengths and weaknesses and we'll have to be ready for both."

Another key for the Irish this weekend will be the Sharron's pitching.

She was named Big East Player of the Week last week and has been consistent on the mound.

"We have a very competitive weekend ahead of us," Ust said. "Each team has their strengths and weaknesses and we'll have to be ready for both."
Final words on baseball's first trip into Cuba

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Columnist

O.K., I must admit it. Among the seemingly endless barrage of papers and tests that my professors have graciously given me. I have some time out for myself to think about something that’s been bothering me for a couple of weeks. For those of you who have been living under a stack of papers. I’ll quickly fill you in.

A week and a half ago, Major League Baseball visited that land filled with evil spirits, a place that many of us have long and grueling schedules. The next thing you’re going to tell me is that we boycotted the 1980 Olympics because we felt it was too cold in Moscow. Now don’t get me wrong, I felt it was too cold in Moscow. The choice of the Orioles to come to Cuba was a surprise to many of us. At least Albert’s ball might leave him without a hat.

But realistically, if you didn’t think this game would have significant political, then I’ll trade you a Brian Taylor rookie card for one of those Alex Rodriguez cards straight across. Everyone in America, minus a few Dias-haters, wanted to win that game to prove American superiority over the nation of Fidel.

We wanted to win the game and make some statement about the value of America. I don’t understand, then, why we sent the Orioles.

I mean, no offense to Orioles fans, but to send a team that historically overpowers and then under-achieves seems downright silly to me.

Call me crazy, but shouldn’t we have sent either a team like the Indians, Braves, and Yankees to dominate the game and prove that American baseball is the greatest in the world or a team like the Brewers, Marlins, or Devil Rays to lose miserably, and as a result, win, as a big will measure.

The choice of the Orioles brings up other questions as well. This is the team with Albert Belle in left field.

Wasn’t anyone just a little bit scared that Albert would respond to this like Castro’s characteristic steel-eyed glare, with his characteristic fastballs in the chest left field? We could have had another massacre similar to the Bay of Pigs on our hands.

Boy, was I happy when the Orioles traded Roberto Alomar to the Indians. At least Albert’s ball might leave him unconscious. I don’t think he’ll need to go to Cuba to find Alomar’s saliva.

Speaking of the danger involved in playing in Cuba, did Major League Umpires really think that they were hurting the teams by choosing not to participate?

Did they happen to forget the near-seat they threw in Game One of the World Series by apparently taking a nap during the game against the Orioles? Or how about Robin McWilliams of a home run against the Orioles? The magic number?

Or on a more personal note, when Jeffery Maier stole an out and the scores from the Orioles in 1969?

Did they honestly think that the Orioles were going to be less upset than they could’ve been? They were probably thrilled that Cuban umpires would be working the game despite the potential for bias.

On a different note, didn’t those Cuban umpires look like they were in a lot better shape than our American prototype? And didn’t that decision in leaving the umpires at home prove that we couldn’t leave Joe Morgan with them?

I think he had a hard time responding to one of Castro’s characteristic steel-eyed glare, with his characteristic fastballs in the chest.

Did we really want him to be the voice of such a historically superior team? Wasn’t he raised by many Jews literally. Did we really want him to be the voice of such a historically superior team? Wasn’t he raised by many Jews literally. Did we really want him to be the voice of such a historically superior team? Wasn’t he raised by many Jews literally.

Why couldn’t the U.S. in a gesture of good will, give the Cuban players some hats? Surely one of those multi-millionaires could have splurged and bought them some hats for their Cuban opponents.

I understand that Cuba’s rid- ed with poverty, but come on, Fidel, at least allow your players the self-respect of wearing wool hats.

Forgive me if I’m wrong, but hasn’t the U.S. been trying to assassinate Castro for like 50 years now?

I remember hearing someone quoted as saying, “Castro won’t last a week.” And Ron Paul wins three

But really, whether you agree or disagree with the CIA’s actions, the facts remain that there is not a man in the Western Hemisphere who’d rather get rid of. Wasn’t Bud Selig sitting next to him?

While he may not be on the CIA’s list, I’d argue that he’s much more of a threat to America as Castro. We could have hired two birds with one stone. They might not make snipers like they used to.

Or perhaps, Selig’s belief in the name changing of Castro’s car was a punishment wardrobe.

I’m a little confused as to why Castro filled the stadium when Jeffrey Maier stole an out and the series from the Orioles in 1969?

Finally, with all of the good that came out of this trip to Cuba, I also remember being so surprised at the crowd that brought to a people that often experience countless tragedies and hardships, I don’t understand how anyone can regret this trip or be against this game.

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


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Preliminary-round action underway in tournament

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

The bad weather hit just as the final

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Pittsburgh looks to change Irish luck

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

While gory comeback performances have been the name of the game for Notre Dame's baseball team, visiting conference rivals typically demand consistent momentum.

The Irish will try to combine guts and an energetic drive when they return to Big East action this weekend, hosting Pittsburgh to a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish 122-91 currently stand in first place in the Big East with a 9-1 conference record. The team has won 18 of its last 20 games, including sweeping two doubleheaders against Providence and Connecticut.

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

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Hoyas to challenge Irish streak

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

"They have a lot of experience," assistant coach Kevin Anderson said. "McCavera is excellent — one of the best in the country. They generate a lot of things through him. Urick is a

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Full Steam Ahead

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

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