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STUDENT SENATE

Funding removed from Office of President

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate passed a reallocation of \$11,400 from the Office of the Student Body President back to the Financial Management Board by a vote of 17 to 6 with two abstentions at its weekly meeting Wednesday.

The FMB held two separate spending reviews in December and January to "assess how clubs and organizations spent the money allocated to them last March," and to "give FMB an idea of what to allocate in its upcoming budget meeting," according to a letter to the Senate from the FMB.

In its assessment, the FMB decided that a total of \$11,400 was not needed by the Office of the President and could be better used by other clubs. The reallocated money will be given to the Student Union board, the Hall President's Council, the Class of 2004 and the Class of 2006. In its

letter, the FMB stated that each organization "have events planned for the rest of the semester that need funding."

"The FMB felt that these events would benefit more students than some of those planned by the Office of the President, and that was their reason for reallocating the money," the letter continued.

Members of the Office of the President contested the reallocation during the meeting.

Although he was not present, student body president Jeremy Lao sent a letter to the Senate asking senators to leave \$10,000 of the money FMB wanted to take. He cited three major events planned by the Office of the President — the Alcohol Awareness Campaign, Student Appreciation Week and the End of the Year Mass — as the reasons why the office needed the money.

"All of the events are named and the expenses already planned," Lao said in his letter. "I give my office the full faith and

confidence that these events will not only be executed, but will also be planned to the best of our capabilities."

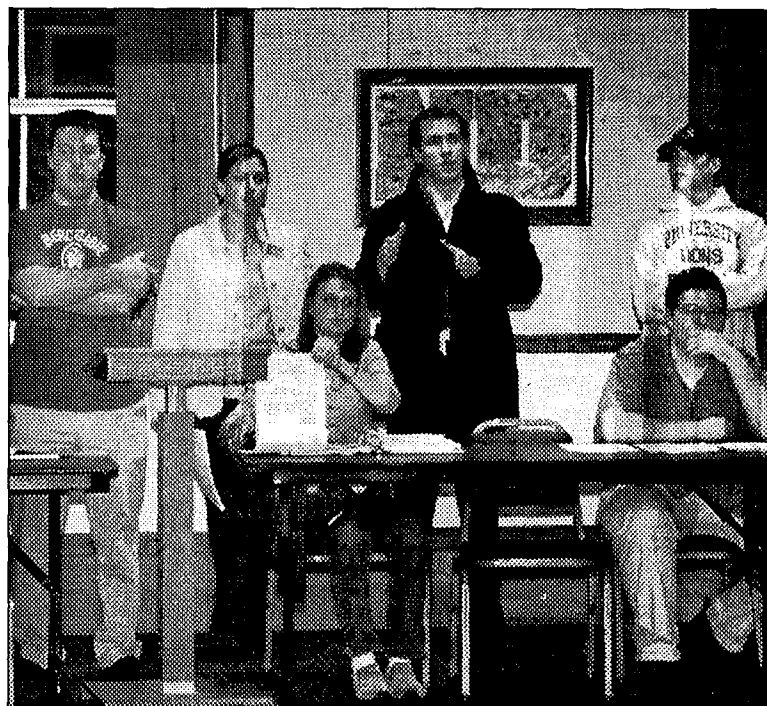
"I have confidence in our staff as well as in our office leadership to get the job done," Lao said.

Student Union treasurer Don Norton attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the FMB's decision. He cited the lack of preparation by the Office of the President as one reason the FMB decided to reallocate the money.

"We have given the Office of the President a good three chances [to show us a budget] ... I told them this is the decision we've come to," Norton said. "As a board, we thought it was the best decision ... other groups seemed better prepared to spend the money."

Chief of staff Patrick Corker spoke on behalf of the Office of the President, and he tried to explain the delay in presenting the FMB with a budget, citing the turnover

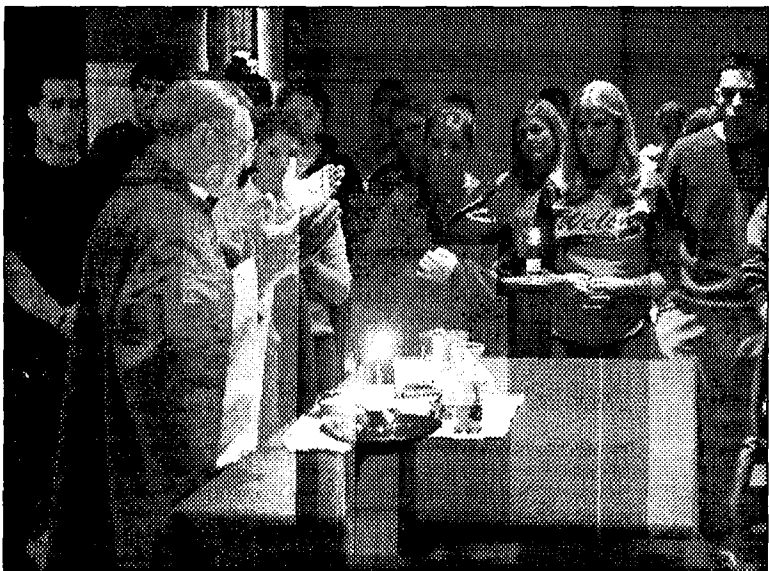
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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Members of the Student Senate meet Wednesday. The senate passed a resolution to remove \$11,400 from the Office of the President.

ND students continue to flock to Mass University ranks higher than BC, GU in mass offerings



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Father Greg Green presides over an Ash Wednesday mass in Welsh Family Hall. Notre Dame leads Catholic universities in average number of Masses said each week.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series exploring Mass at Notre Dame.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Boston College has 36. Georgetown has 42. Notre Dame has 175. And this is one set of numbers has nothing to do with sports.

Rather, it lists the average number of Masses said each week at the nation's top three Catholic universities, with Notre Dame holding the indisputable lead of twice as many as its rivals — combined.

This disparity has nothing to do with a competition to be the most "Catholic" college, though lower percentages of Catholics at Boston College and Georgetown

(self-identified as 70 percent and 50 percent, respectively) might be a factor. It is instead a testament to the strong faith community that is distinctly Notre Dame, uniquely woven from the chapels in each individual dorm and the symbolic Basilica that stands at its heart, to the Masses held everyday in Malloy Hall and the Mendoza College of Business.

"Though Mass has always held a strong position within the Notre Dame community, I think in recent years it has grown stronger. I think there are more undergraduate students who want to make deep faith and spirituality a part of their four-year experience here," said Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry.

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Panel debates gay marriage

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

A panel discussion on the highly controversial issue of same-sex marriages was held Wednesday evening at the Eck Visitor's Center just one day after President Bush announced his goal to create an amendment banning gay marriage in the United States.

The debate, titled "The Future of Marriage: Should Sexual Orientation Matter? Is Marriage the Government's Business?" attracted a large crowd to the Eck Visitor's Auditorium

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SMC student gov't announces class election results

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The results of the Saint Mary's election for class officers were announced Wednesday after all-day voting Tuesday on PRISM.

Students had the opportunity to vote only for the candidates representing their respective classes, and student government

officials said the voter turnout was on par with what was expected, with 53 percent of the class of 2007 voting, 30 percent of the class of 2006 and 50 percent of the class of 2005. This is the second year that Saint Mary's has used online voting, which has caused increased voter turnout compared to past years.

"I think in the next couple years you should see Saint

Mary's student government become efficient at alerting the campus that an election is going on and having a higher voter turnout," student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said.

Claudia Toth was named president of the Class of 2007, winning 63 percent of the votes. Kathleen Kindt will serve as vice president, Kristen Bogdanowicz as secretary and Deanna

Shorsten as treasurer.

"Our immediate goal, as we take over, is to first establish our class board for the following school year," Toth said. "From there, we want begin thinking of activities and events that we can plan for our class for next year."

The runner-up in the Class of 2007 election, receiving 33 percent of the votes, was the McIlduff/Littell ticket. Four per-

cent of the class abstained.

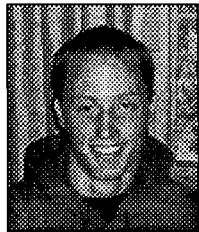
Despite running unopposed, the Class of 2006 Lerner/Palasky ticket had to receive a majority of the votes in order to be named class officers, and the candidates did so, winning 67 percent of the vote. Danielle Lerner was named president of the Class of 2006, Liz Palasky will be the vice

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INSIDE COLUMN

Where's the meat?

I'm sure all the freshmen around campus were thrilled to enter the dining halls yesterday and discover that meat items were all of a sudden non-existent. Welcome to Notre Dame dining halls during Lent, the place where for every Friday, plus Ash Wednesday, the meat disappears and several different kinds of shrimp suddenly appear like the fish of Capistrano.



Mike Harkins

Better get used to it — popcorn shrimp one day, Cajun shrimp the next, then buffalo shrimp — by the end of Lent you'll never want to eat shrimp again.

I'm sure someone always has some complaint about the dining hall not having meat at this time of year, and it may be a tired subject if you're not a freshman, but it's all I could think about while meeting with a study group in LaFortune, right next to Subway, with a menu full of sandwiches staring back at me.

Now I know this is a Catholic institution, yet I'm a little confused as to why the dining hall does not provide at least some kind of meat. Not only are there a lot of people here who don't make the decision to give up meat on Fridays; the whole idea of not eating meat during Lent is that we are making a choice to give something up to prove to God that we are can resist such pleasures. The purpose is to try to show that we are disciplined enough to deny ourselves of a material desire that isn't sinful — eating meat — so that we can become trained to resist things in our lives that actually are sinful.

Yet the dining halls are making these decisions for everybody on campus, whether they're Catholic or not. Maybe it's just me, but it seems that if the dining hall isn't going to offer us meat anyway, no one is really making the personal choice to abstain from it. What's the sacrifice if it isn't available anyway? When I was sitting at a booth next to Subway this Ash Wednesday, I truly felt like I was giving something up. At the same time, I realized how many students here don't follow the tradition and were ordering up their meatball subs anyhow.

And since when was Notre Dame such a hard-core Catholic institution? In the past month the campus has hosted the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival. Is it really that crazy to allow meat in the dining hall on Friday during Lent?

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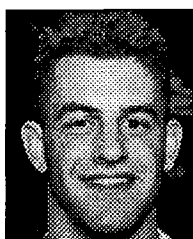
QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU PLANNING TO SEE MEL GIBSON'S "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST?"



Luis Chirboga

Junior
Dillon

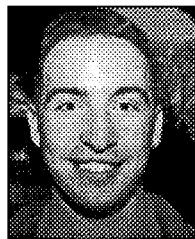
"I'm definitely going this weekend."



Ben Zerante

Sophomore
St. Edwards

"Yes."



Kevin Walsh

Sophomore
Fisher

"Yes!"



Laura Maclean

Sophomore
Farley

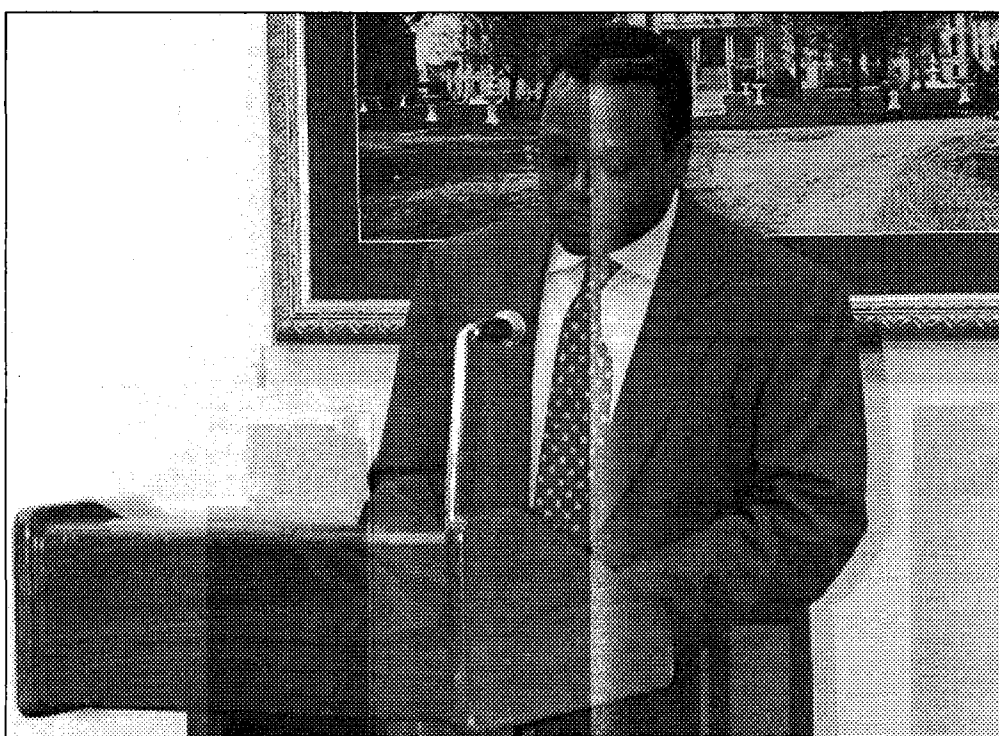
"Yeah, but I probably won't be having popcorn with that."



Alvaro Guevara

Sophomore
Zahm

"Si."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Simon Gikanki, Hayden Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, delivered a lecture titled "Colonialism in Reserve: Englishness and the Politics of Culture" in McKenna Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

Ravi Radhakrishnan of the Department of Chemistry at New York University will deliver a lecture titled "Fidelity in DNA Replication and Repair: A Story of DNA Polymerases." The lecture will take place this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo room 138.

Simon Gikandi, Hayden Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, will lecture on "States in Limbo: Engaging Creole Modernism" today at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

SUB Movies presents "Love Actually" this weekend in 101 DeBartolo. The film will be shown Thursday at 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Admissions is \$3. Attend the movie and enter to win a 27" TV/DVD/VCR combo.

The Guthrie Theatre of Minneapolis will perform "Othello" at the O'Laughlin Auditorium in Saint Mary's Moreau Center tonight at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Saint Mary's box office.

The annual BP meal auction will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Huddle. Donate money to charity and go to dinner with your favorite campus celebrity.

Legends will host Senior Night tonight. Members of the class of 2004, come bond with your classmates and enjoy great music and drink specials. The fun starts tonight at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

School's sex column offers 'How To' guide

PHOENIX — Top administrators at Northern Arizona University will meet with the school's publication board next week to discuss a controversial sex column that appeared in the student newspaper.

Student writer Claire Fuller authored a Feb. 12 column for The Lumberjack that offered a graphic "how to" guide on performing a sex act.

"I was appalled by the content of that article," said NAU Provost Liz Grobsmith, who said she would attend the March 5 meeting of the pub-

lication board. "It wasn't considered that a lot of people who read the paper are young and minors, and this is very inappropriate content."

She said the university president's office received many calls from people "deeply offended" by the article.

Rob Breeding, faculty adviser for The Lumberjack, said he was aware of the column before it was published.

Dog is found alive month after boat sinks

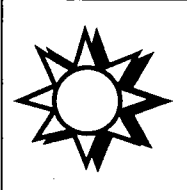
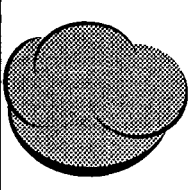
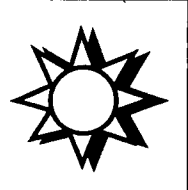
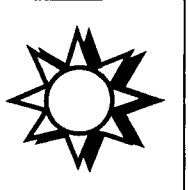
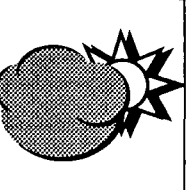
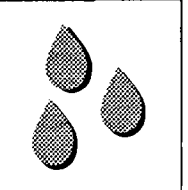
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A Labrador retriever has been found alive on an isolated cove of a Southeast Alaska

island more than a month after its owner was given up for dead when his boat sank in rough seas.

Two local fishermen found the dog named Brick on Heceta Island several miles from the accident. The men had known the dog's owner, Greg Clark, who went down with his boat in late January.

Brick swam to the men's boat and was hauled aboard — underweight, with an injured leg, fur matted with tree sap, but wiggling with joy, according to friends of the fishermen.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Alumni Association recognizes Conley

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Kevin Conley, a Stanford Hall senior, was named the University Alumni Association's Distinguished Student for 2003-04. The award is given to a Notre Dame senior who shows excellence in academics and service to the community and Notre Dame.

Conley was nominated by Navy ROTC, of which he is a member.

"I was pretty honored," Conley said. "I was not expecting it."

He was honored by University President Father Malloy during a ceremony and reception in the Main Building rotunda on Tuesday afternoon along with Kathleen Margaret Fox, recipient of Distinguished Graduate Student Award.

"I had a moment to thank everyone [during the ceremony]," Conley said.

Conley is a double major in political science and preprofessional studies. He carries a 3.94 grade point average. After graduation, the Panama City, Fla. resident plans to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine. Eventually, Conley

said he hopes to make a career of practicing medicine as an officer in the Navy.

"I would like to get into diplomacy [following retirement from the Navy]," Conley said. "And eventually, one day, maybe run for office."

Conley has served as Stanford Hall president and hall senator and currently is an RA. He was also chair of the Student Senate

Residence Life committee and member of the Steering and Academic committees.

Conley has also been an active participant in several campus organizations and projects that promote community

service. He was involved in "There are Children Here," a project run by retired Notre Dame professor Jim Langford that seeks to bring inner city children to a farm outside of South Bend for recreational activities and the Trident Naval Society, the Navy service club, among others.

Conley was awarded a Community Service Ribbon by the ROTC for volunteering at least ten hours every semester.

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"I was pretty honored ... I was not expecting it."

Kevin Conley
Notre Dame senior

BP prepares for auction

Event offers meals with campus 'celebrities'

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

According to campus lore, the women of Breen-Phillips hall know a thing or two about meals. Tonight from 8 - 11 p.m in LaFortune, they will put that knowledge to use when the dorm will hold its 20th annual meal auction, giving students the chance to bid on dinner with Notre Dame celebrities.

Sophomore Kate Fitzpatrick, who is coordinating the event, said BP will donate all proceeds to the American Diabetes Association. She said her dorm's residents expect an even higher turnout than last year.

"Last year, we raised almost \$3,000, and we're hoping to hit the \$5,000 mark [this year]," Fitzpatrick said. "That's why our slogan is 'bigger and better.'"

She said the realization of that goal depends on the participation of people at Notre Dame. "We think we'll get a good turnout from our dorm, but we're trying to extend it to the whole campus," Fitzpatrick said. "We're really trying to overtake the campus with our pink advertising."

Each participant has committed to furnish a meal for two to 12 guests. Some meals

will be homemade — like computer science professor Ramzi Bualuan's Lebanese cuisine. Others will be at area restaurants, including LaSalle Grill and Siam. Still others will be held on campus: the high bidder for dinner with Father Mark Poorman will dine with 11 guests in the University's inner sanctum — the officers' meeting room on the fifth floor of the Main Building.

Fitzpatrick said volunteers have come from all corners of the University to participate in the charitable endeavor.

"We have athletes, we have people from the 'Men of Notre Dame' calendar, we have well known professors, we have [Irish men's basketball coach] Mike Brey," Fitzpatrick said.

Other notable names include anthropology professor James McKenna, band director Ken Dye, vice president for residence life Bill Kirk and leprechaun Mike Macaluso.

Fitzpatrick said dinner with Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre

Dame, will likely be the most popular item up for bidding.

"[He] is really our big campus celebrity," Fitzpatrick said. "We're hoping he'll go for a lot since he's such a well-known and well-respected person."

Last year's top draw was a meal for four with Irish head football coach T y r o n e Willingham, which fetched \$115 per plate.

In all, 33 meal packages with space for 130 diners will hit the auction block. Bids will be accepted on a per-plate basis. Fitzpatrick said bidders can also participate in a silent auction for gift certificates donated by area restaurants.

Fitzpatrick said the success of the event depends on student turnout, and she encouraged students to attend the auction.

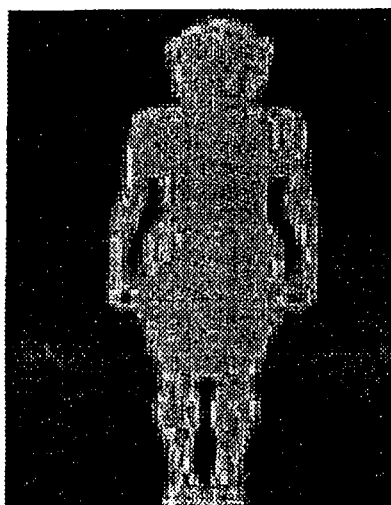
"It's a great event, and it all goes towards a great cause," she said. "And, you get a great meal out of it."

"Last year we raised almost \$3,000, and we're hoping to hit the \$5,000 mark [this year]. That's why our slogan is 'bigger and better.'"

Kate Fitzpatrick
event coordinator

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SMC gears up for visits from area high school students

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The Saint Mary's campus will host a different kind of freshmen and sophomores today and Friday, as 22 ninth and tenth grade students from area high schools participate in the "My First Day in College" program.

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the program is designed to give these young women — from high schools including Clay, Riley and Washington — a glimpse of college life, said Marie Willis, assistant director of multicultural affairs.

"We want to create a relationship with them and provide them [with] opportunities," Willis said. "They need

to know that they can be part of a college community."

The Office of Multicultural Affairs matched the students with Saint Mary's volunteers by judging each party's academic interests. The high school students will stay with the Saint Mary's women overnight and attend their classes as guests on Friday morning.

"One of the things I think is really good about this program is that we have them go through classes. A lot of pre-college programs don't offer that opportunity," Willis said.

She also believes that the personal relationship between the students will benefit not just the younger woman, but also their collegiate mentors.

"If a [high school] student's not sure college is an option

for her, the relationship with the Saint Mary's student can be really beneficial to her," Willis said. "The Saint Mary's students benefit from the fact that they can give something back. I think sometimes college students like it because it's different. It's outside the Saint Mary's bubble."

Willis said that many of the 26 Saint Mary's women who offered to host a high school student have been through similar programs in the past.

The program, which was also hosted in November, includes not just classes and a

stay in a dorm room, but many other opportunities available only in a college setting.

Tonight, the movie "Real Women Have Curves" will be shown in conjunction with Counseling and Career Development. It will be followed by a discussion on body image and eating disorders. Students may also choose to attend the Patriot Act lecture sponsored by Peacemakers, Justice Education and the Student Diversity board. They may also participate in a Saint Mary's scavenger hunt.

Friday's activities will include classes, a campus tour, admissions office visits and a panel discussion. The panel, composed of Saint Mary's students, will discuss college life with the visiting high school students.

Willis hopes the girls' stay at Saint Mary's will give them a taste of college.

"We want them to know how different this is from high school," she said.

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Mass

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Warner estimated that 75 to 80 percent of the Catholic student population attend Mass on a regular to occasional basis — compared to an estimated 40 percent at Boston College, according to associate campus minister of liturgy Ellen Modica.

The strong desire to participate in religious services evident in the undergraduates carries on beyond a student's time on campus, Warner said. Citing a UCLA study of students from 25 Catholic educational institutions 10 years after graduation, he said that 77 percent of Notre Dame graduates from the class of 1992 continue to go to Mass on a regular basis one decade later. The average of the other 24 institutions was 22 percent.

According to the annual American Council on Education survey of first-year students, 41 percent of Notre Dame freshmen said that religion was an important factor in their choice of school.

"I had to decide between University of Arizona and here, and one of main reasons I chose Notre Dame is that I really wanted to be in a community where we did have Masses every day. I love it here, being able to walk downstairs and go to Mass," said Katie McGuckin, a freshman who lives in Lewis.

The estimated participation percentage can be called into question, however, as many freshmen also attested to going to Mass less than they did when they were at home, if they attend mass at all.

"I go to Mass about once every two weeks ... which is less than I go when I'm at home, because my parents aren't there telling me to go, and after Saturday night, sometimes I sleep in a little late," said Fisher freshman Mike Barrett.

Stanford freshman Eamon Murphy attributed his lower attendance at Mass to the personal freedom college provides.

"I just don't feel compelled to go to Mass anymore," Murphy said. "It seems like now it's my choice, and I don't feel like I need to go all that often."

Moving off-campus brings the issue of participation into sharper focus, as students are placed in a position where religious services are far less convenient and accessible than they are in residence halls.

"When I lived on campus I went

every week, so now I definitely go less, and while it has more to do with personal reasons, I guess one of the reasons is also that I don't really know of any churches off campus, and I like going with other people my age," said off-campus senior Elizabeth Asher.

Asher also explained that those seniors who went to Mass regularly while undergraduates still go every week, while those who went every once in a while have almost stopped going.

Paula Giver, parish manager at the Little Flower Catholic Church, said that students are in the minority at Masses, despite the fact that the church is situated close to the College Park Apartment complex. She added, however, that there are some students who make it to morning Mass.

Though some students choose not to attend, it cannot be debated that the celebration of Mass is an integral part of the Notre Dame community. All 68 weekly dorm Masses put students in the pews. There are about 60 Holy Cross priests fully-engaged in ministry on campus and The Princeton Review ranks Notre Dame as the number five school in the country where "students pray on a regular basis."

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BP Meal Auction.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Militants gun down Iraqi official

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen assassinated the deputy police chief in the northern city of Mosul on Wednesday, and militants warned of further attacks on Iraqi security forces and Kurdish militiamen, accusing them of protecting "infidel" Americans.

In Baghdad, attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a major Shiite Muslim shrine overnight, officials at the shrine said. The RPG punched a hole in an outer wall of the Kazimiyah shrine in a northern neighborhood of the capital, but caused no injuries.

The attack on the shrine came on the fourth day of the Islamic month of Muharram, a sacred period when thousands of Iraqi Shiites and Iranian pilgrims have converged on Kazimiyah, where two Shiite saints are buried, and other Shiite shrines in cities of southern Iraq.

N. Korean nuke talks continue

BEIJING — South Korea on Wednesday offered the North compensation for giving up its nuclear program and the United States said it had "no intention" of invading the reclusive nation as six-country talks on Pyongyang's atomic ambitions convened.

The North's chief delegate, Kim Kye Gwan, said he would be "maintaining our principles" hours after his country issued a last-minute demand for compensation for shutting down the program.

Washington's delegate said nothing but a wholesale elimination of the nuclear activities would do.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kerry prepares for Bush battle

CLEVELAND — Fresh from three more easy victories in the Democratic presidential race, John Kerry looked to a fight with President Bush over jobs lost to foreign countries.

Kerry defeated Sen. John Edwards by large margins in Utah and Idaho, and also won in Hawaii, where Edwards ran third. That gave Kerry 18 wins in 20 contests.

The two leading candidates bypassed the three states to focus on the huge delegate prizes at stake when 10 states vote next week on Super Tuesday.

Existing home sales slip in Jan.

WASHINGTON — Sales of previously owned homes fell in January as much of the country was hit by unusually bad winter weather.

Existing home sales dropped by 5.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.04 million units, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. That compares with a revised 6.37 million in December, a lower level than initially reported.

Last month's sales activity was 2 percent above the 5.92 million pace in January 2003. The record was set in September 2003, with a 6.68 million rate.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman sentenced in baby's death

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman who admitted that she was drunk when her 7-month-old son drowned in a bathtub during a party was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison.

Before she was sentenced, Karina Hall-Eaglesfield, 23, told a judge she regrets that her drinking led to the August 2002 death of her son, Sebastian.

The toddler drowned during a party that Hall-Eaglesfield and the child's father, River Hathaway, were hosting at their home.

"I never thought my drinking would do anything like that," she said.

Judge Patricia Gifford told Hall-Eaglesfield, who had pleaded guilty to reckless homicide, that drinking is no excuse for her son's death.

"As a result of your choice, your child is dead," Gifford said.

HAITI

Marines escort foreigners out

Rebels to refrain from striking Port-au-Prince as pressure builds against Aristide

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — U.S. Marines escorted foreigners out of the country amid widespread looting Wednesday, but the rebel leader said the insurgents want to "give a chance to peace" and indicated his troops would hold off attacking the capital.

Pressure mounted for an international intervention and for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to step down.

A U.N. Security Council meeting on Haiti was scheduled for Thursday. President Bush said the United States is encouraging the international community to provide a strong "security presence," and France said a peace force should be established immediately for deployment once a political agreement is reached.

Foreigners tried to flee the country, some guarded by U.S. Marines, and looting erupted in the capital. Aristide supporters set dozens of flaming barricades that blocked roads throughout Port-au-Prince, and shots were shattered. Panic overtook the city, though there was no sign of the rebels.

The rebels have overrun half of Haiti including its second-largest city, Cap-Haitien, where their leader, Guy Philippe, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they were taking a wait-and-see approach to proposals to send international peacekeepers.

"If they do not attack the Haitian people, we won't attack them," he said. "If they come to help us to remove Mr. Aristide, they will be welcome."

Philippe estimated his



A U.S. marine guards the American embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The Pentagon deployed marines to escort foreigners out of the country as anti-government rebels strengthened their grip on half of Haiti.

rebel force had grown from a couple of hundred to 5,000 with new recruits and more ex-soldiers joining the 3-week-old popular uprising to oust Aristide, and said they were ready to fight.

Asked when they planned to move on Port-au-Prince, he said: "We're ready. We just want to give a chance to peace," indicating they would hold off. "We're ready to talk to anyone. The only one the country doesn't want is Mr. Aristide."

As the rebels plotted their moves, leaders of Haiti's political opposition rejected an international peace plan that diplomats had billed as a last chance for peace, and asked the international community to help ensure a "timely and orderly" departure of Aristide.

French Foreign Minister

Dominique de Villepin urged the "immediate" establishment of an international civilian force.

"This international force would be responsible for guaranteeing the return to public order and supporting the international community's action on the ground," Villepin said. "It would come to the support of a government of national unity."

Jamaica's U.N. ambassador, Stafford O. Neil, said at the United Nations it might be possible to dispatch a small "interposition force" to keep the rebels and Aristide supporters apart.

One U.N. diplomat noted the rebels can come to Port-au-Prince only by two roads, so placing such a force would be relatively easy and would buy time for a political solution.

De Villepin said he was to meet Friday in Paris with representatives of the government and the opposition. Opposition leader Mischa Gaillard, however, said it was unclear when they would be able to leave Haiti because of the political chaos.

The roadblocks across Port-au-Prince were intended to stop the rebels who began the uprising Feb. 5, but militants at the barricades also used guns and stones to stop cars and loot them of handbags, luggage and cell phones. Police did not intervene.

Looters struck two warehouses in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, stealing \$200,000 worth of medical equipment and food from one and \$300,000 worth of tropical wood from the other.

Study finds HIV-resistant protein

Associated Press

Scientists say they have discovered why some monkeys are resistant to infection with the AIDS virus — an exhilarating find that points to a new and highly promising strategy for blocking HIV in people.

The discovery capped a more than 10-year search for the answer to the mystery of what stops the virus cold in certain primates.

Carl Dieffenbach, director of basic science research for AIDS at the National Institutes of Health, said the finding could lead to drugs to treat AIDS infection or a vaccine to prevent it.

"This will go immediately in about 15 different directions," Dieffenbach said. "This has been an amazing year in basic research and now we've got this. We're very rich with results and we've got a lot to work on."

The discovery was reported by Dr.

Joseph Sodroski and his team of Harvard University researchers at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. It was published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Normally, a virus spreads through the body by entering cells, hijacking their machinery, and using it to make new copies of itself.

But monkeys have a protein called TRIM5-alpha that is somehow able to stop the virus from shedding its protective coat after it enters a healthy cell. The shedding of the coating is poorly understood but considered essential to the infection cycle.

Humans have their own version of TRIM5-alpha, but it is not as effective as the monkey version in countering HIV. However, researchers may be able to design a drug that makes it work better, Sodroski said.

"This is really important because it will help build a basis for hammering

the virus before it gets started," said Paul Luciw, a University of California at Davis microbiologist who specializes in AIDS research.

Stephen Goff, a Columbia University biochemist and HIV expert, said: "A lot of labs are going to be working on this as soon as this paper comes out."

Sodroski said the same mechanism may even work against other viruses.

"What we're really uncovering is the first example of a natural system of defense that may be operating against other viruses besides HIV," he said. "We're looking at 'Example 1' here, and I highly doubt it will be the only example in nature."

"It's got great potential," said Scott Wong, an Oregon Health & Science University molecular biologist who leads AIDS research on monkeys at the federal regional primate center in Oregon.

Senate

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when Lao took office in January as a failure in communication.

"I only received one e-mail about the fact that they needed this spreadsheet about three weeks ago," Corker said. "It did take time, and it got there later than it should have, there's no question, but I think there are extenuating circumstances."

"I don't think we could have come up with this [budget] any sooner. I should have been made aware sooner and given more time," he said.

Norton, however, said there could not be any more time taken to deliberate the issue.

"The longer we delay ... the less people can plan for anything," he said.

In the end, the Senate voted by secret ballot to give the money back to the FMB for reallocation to other organizations.

In other Senate news:

♦ The Senate's academic committee presented a letter regarding distance learning to be sent to Notre Dame faculty, department chairs and administrators asking for names of those interested in learning more about the technology. Senators voted to table this letter until next Wednesday's meeting.

♦ Student body vice president Emily Chin reminded senators that they need to hold information sessions in their dorms for any students interested in running for the Student Senate. All new senators, she said, must be elected to their positions by March 19.

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Elections

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President, Nichole McCloud, secretary, and Kellye Mitros, treasurer.

Lerner said she hopes to send a survey to the class regarding Junior Mom's Weekend and the Junior Dance. She believes that the input she receives about these larger events will help with planning and give the students what they want. Lerner also hopes to begin to organize the Senior Mentor program, through which juniors will be paired with seniors; in turn, the seniors can help the junior student with things such as employment and internships.

"I am really excited and looking forward to next year," Lerner said.

Jaqueline Cuisinier was named senior class president, with 50 percent of the votes. Abby Ragan will serve as vice president, Beth Bennett, secretary, and Jodie Emerick, treasurer.

Their opponents, the Casciari/Michalak ticket, received 40 percent of the total vote.

Cuisinier said she hopes to put together her senior board and begin planning events such as a housewarming party for the new on-campus apartments, tailgates and Senior Dad's Weekend.

"We are very honored and extremely excited to represent our class. The four of us plan to work with the class in order to make our last year at Saint Mary's the best it could possibly be," Cuisinier said.

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Vlerah, Blake keep off-campus students informed

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

While off-campus students usually cite reasons such as freedom and fun as motives for their departure from school property, some said they lose the connection with the school they have come to love when they leave campus.

Saint Mary's senior Abby Van Vlerah and Notre Dame senior Sarah Blake try to aid students who face this problem. As the off-campus representative and the off-campus president respectively, Van Vlerah and Blake said that they try to inform the off-campus community of happenings at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

"My duty is to coordinate events to help unite the off-campus population," Blake said. "My primary responsibility is to make sure that off-campus students are fairly represented."

Van Vlerah described her own role somewhat differently.

"My job is to keep students who live off campus connected with the Saint Mary's community," Van Vlerah said. "I send out an e-mail newsletter weekly that highlights the events that are going on throughout campus."

Both Van Vlerah and Blake said that part of their jobs is to plan events specifically for off-campus students.

"We have off-campus student lunches in the off-campus lounge," Van Vlerah said. "Last semester I organized a raffle, but unfortunately my budget isn't big enough to do everything I'd like to do."

Blake has planned events such as Masses, dinners, a party at Legends and an upcoming meal at BW 3's. "I have an off-campus listserv that I use to communicate all off-campus events

to the students," Blake said. "I also use the listserv to pass on information that comes to me through other sources. When I plan events, I pass out flyers to help publicize."

Van Vlerah said that, despite the information, students are not as informed as she would like them to be.

"We try to publicize in places that all students go, like Madaleva and Haggard, but it's hard to get the information up in a central location where everyone can see it," she said. "Regardless of whether or not you live off campus or on campus, you're still bombarded with information. There are a lot of events available if you seek them out."

Blake said off-campus students are relatively informed about events that happen throughout campus. "Everyone gets class e-mails and reads The Observer to get information," Blake

said. "Also, word of mouth definitely spreads news of activities."

Notre Dame junior Elizabeth Roach lives off campus this semester, but despite that fact, she still feels involved in the information loop.

"I feel informed of on-campus events and things through the listserv," Roach said. "Plus, I'm on campus for classes everyday, so I see the flyers and things."

Saint Mary's sophomore Rachael Berg also believes the information she receives is efficient.

"I have a lot of friends that still live on campus, so they keep me pretty up to date with everything that's happening," Berg said. "For the most part, I get to the events I want to from the information I receive, but it's also my job to seek out that information, as well."

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WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

MINISTRY CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

A panel of alumni and alumnae reflect on the integration of faith and social concerns into life beyond Notre Dame.

Sunday, February 29

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Center for Social Concerns

Pizza will be served.

Speakers

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Parish Minister and Author
Columbus, OH

Erica Dahl-Bredine '87

Mexico Country Program Manager
Catholic Relief Services, Tuscon, AZ

Amy Zajakowski-Uhll '87

Therapist, Cathedral Counseling Center and
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Chicago, IL

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Theology Teacher, Loyola Academy and
Former Campus Minister, Loyola University
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		Composite Volume:	1,342,768,768

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NASDAQ	2,022.98	+17.54
NYSE	6,670.27	+15.39
S&P 500	1,143.67	+4.58
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,658.13	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,507.80	+10.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SIRIUS SAT RADIO (SIRI)	+10.37	+0.28	2.98
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.67	-0.18	26.70
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+2.30	+0.53	23.58
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+1.44	+0.42	29.62
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	-1.04	-0.05	4.75

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.12	-0.06	48.93
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.35	-0.14	40.15
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.60	-0.18	29.73
3-MONTH BILL	0.00	0.00	9.38

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.23		34.58
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+5.50		404.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.05		96.15

Exchange Rates			
YEN			109
EURO			0.8003
POUND			0.5342
CANADIAN \$			1.336

IN BRIEF

Stewart defense lasts one hour

NEW YORK — Lawyers for Martha Stewart presented a defense of less than an hour Wednesday, calling a single witness to raise questions about what the homemaking icon was asked in her first interview with investigators.

Steven Pearl, a lawyer, testified about notes he took during the interview on Feb. 4, 2002 — a session in which the government claims Stewart told a series of lies about the day she sold ImClone Systems stock.

One accusation is that Stewart falsely claimed she did not know whether there was a record that stockbroker Peter Bacanovic had left her a message on Dec. 27, 2001, the day she sold.

CalPERS drops support of Eisner

LOS ANGELES — Embattled Walt Disney Co. CEO Michael Eisner lost the support Wednesday of the nation's largest public pension fund, a big Disney investor that called the company's performance "dismal."

The California Public Employees' Retirement System said it would withhold its votes for Eisner's re-election to the company's board.

CalPERS is the 29th single largest shareholder of Disney, with 9.9 million shares.

Its statement came hours after Glass Lewis & Co., a San Francisco-based research firm that advises institutional shareholders, recommended that holders of Disney stock withhold their votes for Eisner.

Feds search ITT headquarters

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal agents on Wednesday searched the headquarters of ITT Technical Institutes and some campuses of its chain of technical schools in eight states. Shares of its parent company, ITT Educational Services Inc., plunged 33 percent.

ITT Educational Services said the investigation involved grand jury subpoenas of records concerning student placement, retention, graduation, attendance, recruitment, grades, graduates' salaries and transfers of students' credits to other colleges.

Law enforcement officers did not allow students, staff and faculty to enter about 10 of ITT's 77 campuses in 30 states, ITT spokeswoman Nancy Brown said.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Passion' opening draws crowds

Controversial Mel Gibson film earns over \$10 million in advance ticket sales

Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — The people streaming out of the movie theater looked as if they'd just attended a wake — and many said they felt as if they had.

Red eyes and muffled crying were common as Christians and the merely curious flocked to theaters nationwide for the Ash Wednesday opening of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ."

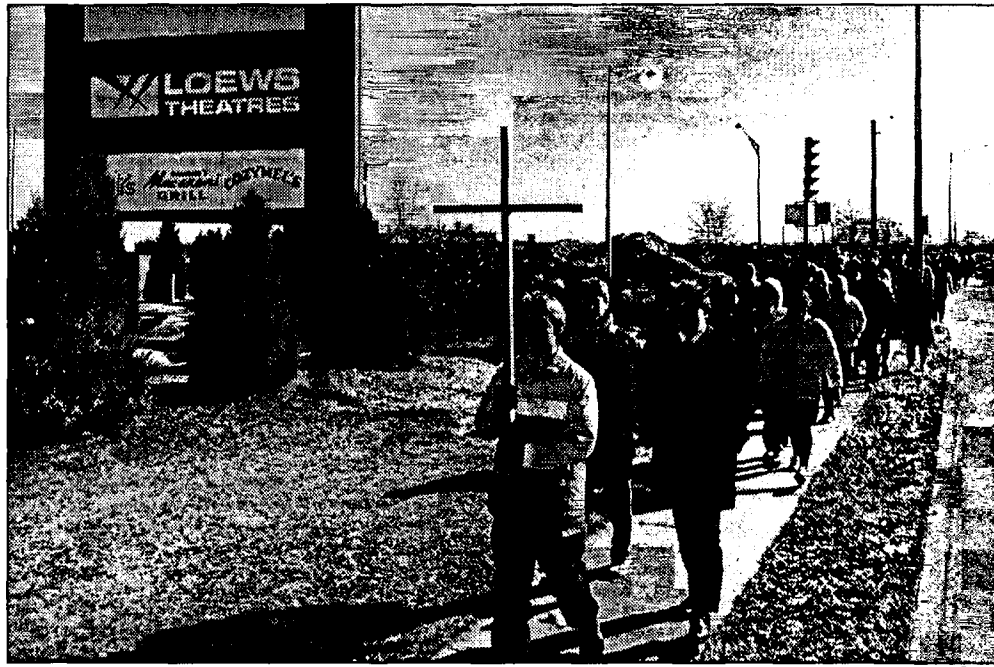
"It's a little bit more brutal than you would think," said a sobbing Kim Galbreath, 29, as she left a theater in this Dallas suburb. "I mean, there were times when you felt like it was too much. But I dare anybody not to believe after watching it."

In Los Angeles, Joseph Camerieri said Gibson's much hyped epic about the torture and Crucifixion of Jesus left him shocked and physically weak.

"I think if you're a Christian, it will increase your faith tenfold in what Christ has done for you," the 39-year-old paralegal student said after a midnight showing. "If you're not a Christian, you'll probably treat others with more love."

"The Passion" opened in more than 3,000 theaters — an unusually large release for a religious film with English subtitles to translate the Latin and Aramaic its characters speak.

Directed, produced and co-written by Gibson, the film has received mixed reviews from critics. Some have praised Gibson's commitment to his subject: The Oscar-winning "Braveheart" director says the movie is both an



Matthew Donnellan, a student at Kellenberg Memorial High School in New York, carries a cross during a procession to view "The Passion of the Christ." The film opened Wednesday in more than 3,000 theaters Wednesday.

attempt to render the Gospels faithfully and a personal vision. Others see it as excessively bloody, obsessed with cruelty and unfair in its portrayal of Jews.

About 50 people in the central Pennsylvania community of Bellefonte attended a showing after midnight. Viewers groaned as Jesus was nailed to the cross, and soft cries could be heard during more than an hour of Jesus' torture, Crucifixion and death. In the end, as Jesus rises from the grave, some in the audience quietly celebrated.

"To me, that was the important part," said Aaron Tucker, an English major at Penn State. "I'm like, 'Oh, victory!' There's more to this movie than just the violence. It's about triumph."

In New Jersey, 90-year-

old Edna Oatman of Pleasantville dressed in her Sunday best for her first visit to a movie theater since "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" in 1982.

"If you read the Bible story, you know that Jesus died for the whole world, not just Christians," said Oatman, who saw the film Wednesday morning. "Maybe this will get people going to church."

"If you intellectualize this movie, the message is one of love. But emotionally, if anyone is on the border of hating Jews, this will push you over," said Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg, chief rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Edison, N.J. He also teaches Holocaust studies at Rutgers University.

"With all the publicity, Mel Gibson is laughing all the way to the bank," Rosenberg said after seeing the film. "Theaters are

going to be packed, and his pockets will be lined."

Following months of hype, curiosity about the movie seems almost insatiable. Advance ticket sales hit \$10 million, distributor Newmarket Films reported this week — evidence of the skilled marketing campaign and word-of-mouth buzz as the film was screened for private, often conservative Christian audiences.

Newmarket opened the film on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the Catholic Church's period of penitence, sacrifice and reflection before Easter.

Churches from coast to coast reserved entire theaters for opening day, while the National Association of Evangelicals, which represents more than 50 denominations with 43,000 congregations, helped sell tickets on its Web site.

U.S. ECONOMY

Greenspan wants cuts in benefits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, stepping into the politically charged debate over Social Security, said Wednesday the country can't afford the retirement benefits promised to baby boomers and urged Congress to trim them.

He said that unless Congress acts, soaring budget deficits from out-of-control entitlement programs could lead to a "very debilitating" rise in interest rates in coming years.

Democratic presidential candidates denounced his proposals, and President Bush and other Republicans sought to distance themselves from the Republican Greenspan.

The central bank chairman also repeated his view that Bush's tax cuts should be made permanent to bolster

economic growth. He said the estimated \$1 trillion cost should be paid for, preferably, with spending cuts so the deficit would not be worsened.

As for specifics on trimming Social Security, Greenspan told the House Budget Committee that one possibility would be to switch to an alternative measure of inflation for annual cost-of-living adjustments. Instead of relying on the Consumer Price Index, he suggested switching to a new chain-weighted CPI that gives lower inflation readings and thus would mean smaller payment increases.

Greenspan, who turns 78 next week, also suggested tying the retirement age for full benefits to longer lifespans with the age continuing to rise. The 65-year age for retiring at full benefits started increasing last year and now stands at 65 years and four months. It will increase to 67

over the next two decades and then stop rising.

Greenspan said his comments simply voiced views he has held since he chaired a blue-ribbon commission two decades ago. But the remarks set off a political storm.

Democratic front-runner Sen. John Kerry said the way to address the deficit was to roll back tax cuts for the wealthy and "the wrong way to cut the deficit is to cut Social Security benefits. If I'm president, we're simply not going to do it."

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., called it "an outrage" for Greenspan to call for cuts in Social Security while at the same time endorsing making Bush's tax cuts permanent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, went even further and called for Greenspan to resign as Fed chairman, saying his comments were "a disgrace."

SWITZERLAND

Air traffic controller stabbed to death

Associated Press

ZURICH — An air traffic controller who ordered a passenger plane into the path of another aircraft over Germany — a crash that killed dozens of Russian children — was stabbed to death Wednesday in front of his wife.

The attacker was a heavily built man aged 50-55, possibly Eastern European, with graying hair and a three-day stubble. He showed up at the controller's home Tuesday night, spoke briefly to the controller in broken German, killed him, and fled on foot.

Beyond that description, police said they have no leads on the killer but are investigating a possible link between the stabbing and the crash 19 months ago that killed 71 people. The accident was blamed on the controller, a 36-year-old Danish citizen who has never been named by authorities.

"There wasn't much said," District Attorney Pascal Gossner told The Associated Press. He declined to say what words were exchanged between the killer and victim, because it is part of the investigation.

He also said there were other people there at the time of the murder, but would not say if they included the couple's three children. The controller died at the scene,

police said.

"We are looking at all sorts of aspects," said Gossner of possible motives — including that the murder was connected to the July 1, 2002, crash over southern Germany, an area run by Swiss air traffic.

At the time, the controller was on duty alone in the Zurich control room, because a colleague was taking a break. He gave only 44 seconds' warning to the Bashkirian Airlines plane and a DHL cargo plane that they were getting too close.

The controller told the Russian plane to descend, countering the jetliner's onboard collision-avoidance system which was demanding it climb, according to preliminary accident reports.

The pilot followed the instructions of the controller — sending the jetliner straight into the DHL cargo plane, which also was descending in accordance with its collision-avoidance equipment.

Those killed in the crash included 45 prize-winning Russian schoolchildren, bound for a vacation in Spain.

German authorities have yet to release their full report on the accident but said they would not be hampered by the controller's death as he had already been interviewed extensively. The Dane was placed on medical leave after the crash. He was later allowed to return to work but

given other duties.

In an interview with a German magazine two weeks after the accident, he expressed his sorrow for the crash. "As an air traffic controller, it is my task and duty to prevent such accidents," he told Focus.

Skyguide, the Swiss company the controller worked for, said it was appalled by his murder and that its employees "were in shock."

The company received no threats after the collision, Skyguide chief Alain Rossier told a news conference, and investigators were trying to establish whether the controller received any threats personally.

At the time, Swiss President Kaspar Villiger canceled plans to attend a funeral for the children killed in the crash, because officials in the Russian city of Ufa said they could not guarantee his safety.

In response to the stabbing, Skyguide reduced by 40 percent the number of planes it allowed into the airspace it controls to give other controllers time to come to terms with the killing. Of 28 employees scheduled Wednesday, seven were too upset to work, a spokesman said.

The employees and the controller's family are receiving counseling, and Zurich state police have helped organize protection, the company said.

FRANCE

Third generation cell phones offer video

Associated Press

CANNES — Now that a new wave of "3G" cell phones equipped for streaming video and multimedia content is finally arriving in Europe, the industry is focusing on the next big unknown: what services users will pay for, and how.

The mobile phone services on display this week at the 3GSM World Congress industry show in this French Riviera town has ranged from video games to tennis to the hit reality TV show, "Big Brother."

Alcatel SA, the French producer of telecommunications equipment, announced a deal with cable channel Eurosport to develop sports TV for mobiles and offer it to wireless operators later this year. Eurosport already broadcasts in 18 languages, and business development director Arjan Hoekstra said it was well placed to pipe sports coverage to mobile phones around the world.

"It's a question of whether the consumer's ready to pay for it," said Hoekstra. "Nobody really knows — but we certainly hope so."

Although some multimedia services based on third-generation wireless technologies, also known as 3G, have been introduced in Japan and South Korea, many innovations in the pipeline will be tested on real consumers for the first time in Europe — offering a flavor of what's over the horizon for U.S. consumers.

Eurosport is closely following the example of a 3G operator called 3, which recently began selling downloads of Premiership football highlights to British fans. The same operator has also been streaming live 24-hour coverage of "Big Brother" to its Swedish subscribers since last month, selling 60,000 sessions in the first two weeks.

"I don't think you're going to watch an entire tennis match

on your mobile phone, but you will watch the highlights and maybe the interviews with the players afterward," Hoekstra said.

Alcatel also announced a deal Tuesday with software developer VRTV Studios in multimedia messaging services, or "MMS" — the multipurpose sequel to short messaging services, or SMS, which has proven hugely popular in Europe.

Instead of thumbing out a text message as with SMS, users can send messages with various forms of content such as pictures, video, animation, music and voice-overs.

"Every user can become a publisher of content via a simple MMS," said Patrick Parodi, head of the Alcatel subsidiary running the program.

Others are putting their money on mobile games as the next big earner to supplement operators' subscription revenues.

Paris-based Sofinnova Partners, which manages 500,000 euros (\$635,000) in high-tech investments for pension funds and insurers, has placed 33 million euros over two years in Esmertec, which makes components used by phone makers to make their handsets compatible with games and other applications written in Java code.

Sofinnova associate Olivier Chapel said that as Java progresses from high-end to mid-priced phones, it will tap massive "latent demand" for games in the 12-25 age group — an underestimated market until SMS and ringtones took off.

"Nobody believed in that business, but it has developed very fast because the demand was there," Chapel said.

Analysts say the content market will get a further boost when wireless payment technologies enable mobile users to buy their games, videos, or music from vendors without the wireless operator as intermediary.

Debate

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while panelists discussed the validation of legal endorsement for marriage in America. Moderated by Notre Dame Law Professor Gerard Bradley, the panel included Alan Sears, Andrew Koppelman and Paul Griffiths. Each member gave 20-minute dialogues outlining their opinions on the issue.

Sears, who is President, CEO and General Counsel of the Alliance Defense Fund, began his discussion by noting that it was Ash Wednesday, a day of penitence and an apt time for a debate to take place.

"This is a critical issue in our culture," he said.

Sears made various references to the Catholic teachings to substantiate his support for maintaining the current state of marriage.

"[God] made the male and female, and the two shall be become one," he said. "Law regulates marriage. It does not create it ... God himself is the author of marriage," Sears said.

Sears defended his opposition of same-sex marriages by arguing that their legalization would result in the deconstruction of marriage.

"It's like trying to draw a square circle," Sears said.

He explained that homosexual conduct is harmful to society and that same-sex marriages will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Same sex marriage is contrary to the definition of structure in the constitution ... [to create] a society with

stable, nurturing context for children," he said.

Andy Koppelman, a professor of Law and Political Science at Northwestern Law School who supports same-sex marriages, argued that there are really two issues in this debate: a religious one and a secular one.

Koppelman made the analogy that allowing a same-sex marriage is like making a business proposal: How can we maximize efficiency and satisfy people's preferences while protecting the third party of children, he asked.

"It is good for children to grow up in stable, loving households ... There is no evidence that children raised by same-sex couples are worse off than heterosexual couples," Koppelman said. "Religious and secular can be kept apart. Americans tend to run them together ... When the word 'marriage' is used, passions run very high."

A recent poll showed that 64 percent of Protestants and 50 percent of Catholics disapprove of state recognition of same-sex marriages, Koppelman said. He explained that this is because Protestants generally view their sacrament through the civil union while Catholics are more concerned with the sacrament of marriage.

Koppelman argued that gays and lesbians, like heterosexuals, want to find satisfaction of marriage.

"Gays don't want second class status," he said. "This is a stigma of exclusion that the constitution prohibits."

Koppelman explains the importance of a generational gap concerning this issue. While most Americans oppose

same-sex marriages, many 18- to 29-year-olds are in favor of it.

"Conservatives are fighting a losing battle," Koppelman said.

Paul Griffiths, the chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago, argued that America was a "pagan" society that must exercise prudence when it comes to homosexual marriages.

Griffiths presented his thesis that the Church should begin to disentangle its practice of sacramental marriage from civil law governing sexual relationships.

An intimate relation between civil law and sacramental marriage is not possible, he said. Griffiths defined the sacrament of marriage in terms of Catholic doctrine, describing the purpose of marriage as being the unity of man and wife, having children and creating a mini-relationship between Christ and the Church on earth.

"Marriage is between man and woman," he said. "It is incoherent to suggest otherwise ... Marriage is not a contract. Nothing that is a sacrament is a contract," Griffiths said.

He further argued that the idea of fidelity and commitment in marriage is no longer the norm in the United States.

"The norm is through and through pagan," he said.

Wednesday night's discussion was hosted by the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy and the Thomas White Center on Law and Government.

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*Reflections from
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This Thursday
6:00 pm
Center for Social
Concerns Lounge

Pizza will be served.

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HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATES

States can deny money to divinity students

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States don't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, a departure from the court's trend of allowing more government support for religion.

States can deny taxpayer-funded scholarships to divinity students, even as they hand out money to students pursuing other fields, the court said.

"Training someone to lead a congregation is an essentially religious endeavor," the court said. "Indeed, majoring in devotional theology is akin to a religious calling as well as an academic pursuit."

The 7-2 ruling was notable for its author: Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, ordinarily a supporter of the idea that there is not a high wall between church and state.

The court majority parted company with the Bush administration, which had argued that the state of Washington engaged in religious discrimination when it yanked a scholarship from a young divinity student five years ago.

Joshua Davey won the small merit scholarship but then lost it when he told officials at Northwest College in Kirkland, Wash., he planned to use the money to pursue a theology degree. He could have kept the Promise Scholarship had he planned to major in anything else.

"That a state would deal differently with religious education for the ministry than with education for other callings," is not evidence of hostility toward religion,

Rehnquist wrote for himself and all but the court's two most conservative members.

Instead, it is in keeping with the nation's long tradition of welcoming the free expression of religion while frowning on government endorsement of it, Rehnquist wrote.

Like 36 other states, Washington prohibits spending public funds on this kind of religious education. Bans on public funds for religious education, often known as Blaine amendments, date to the 19th century, when anti-Catholic sentiment ran high.

The Washington ban "does not deny to ministers the right to participate in the political affairs of the community," the court majority said. "And it does not require students to choose between their religious beliefs and receiving a government benefit. The state has merely chosen not to fund a distinct category of instruction."

The Davey case is a follow-up to the court's major ruling two years ago that allowed parents to use public tax money to send their children to religious schools. A ruling in Davey's favor would have made it easier to use vouchers in many states, because it could have overturned provisions in state constitutions like the one at issue in Washington.

The Constitution's First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Davey case posed an unusual test of those two, potentially competing, guarantees.

Rehnquist made short work of that thorny issue.

"The state's interest in not funding the pursuit of devotional degrees is substantial and the exclusion of such funding places a relatively minor burden on Promise Scholars," Rehnquist wrote. "If any room exists between the two religion clauses, it must be here."

Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer agreed with Rehnquist.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"Let there be no doubt: This case is about discrimination against a religious minority," Scalia wrote for the two.

Davey continued his education without the subsidy. He did not choose to enter the ministry after graduation, and is now in law school.

"The indignity of being singled out for special burdens on the basis of one's calling is so profound that the concrete harm produced can never be dismissed as insubstantial," wrote Scalia, the father of a Catholic priest.

Had the court ruled the other way, it could have erased many legal or constitutional barriers to state funding of religious activities in areas far beyond education.

President Bush's faith-based initiative, which is stalled in Congress, would let more religious groups compete for government money for things like social services, so long as their services are available to anybody in need. Opponents suggest the government would wind up underwriting religious proselytizing.

State Dept. reports on human rights problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — China has been "backsliding on key human rights issues," the State Department said Wednesday in a report that also accused Russia of manipulating elections and making threats against opposition parties.

"We saw many developments covering the whole range from the dramatically uplifting to the disappointing," the State Department said in its annual report on the state of human rights worldwide. The report covers developments in 2003.

Among the most positive developments last year were the rescue of Iraq from "years of grave human rights violations by Saddam Hussein's regime" and the adoption of a new constitution in Afghanistan through a democratic process, the study said.

On China, the report said 2003 began with hopes that "incremental but unprecedented progress" the previous year would continue.

Instead, the study said, the situation deteriorated. It cited arrests of democracy activists and individuals who discussed subjects on the Internet deemed sensitive by the government.

Chinese authorities in Tibet carried out executions without due process and engaged in torture and arbitrary arrest, the report said.

The Bush administration traditionally seeks a resolution critical of China at the annual meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Last year was an exception because of progress on the rights front in China.

But Assistant Secretary Lorne Craner, the State Department's top human rights official, said Wednesday that such a resolution may be introduced at this year's meeting, starting next month.

"We're heading in that direction," Craner told reporters.

The report said the Russian government manipulated the October presidential elections in Chechnya and parliamentary elections held in December.

"Both failed to meet international standards," the report said. It added that the last major non-state television network disappeared from Russia last year because of government pressure.

The report also alleged that the government carried out criminal prosecutions and threats of prosecutions against major financial supporters of opposition parties.

On other countries, the report said:

There were "serious human rights abuses" committed by Israeli security forces against Palestinian detainees. These units used excessive force, including the shelling, bombing and raiding of Palestinian civilian areas. But Palestinian security services and the Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization participated with civilian and terrorist groups in violent attacks against Israelis, both military and civilian. There was no reference in the report to the controversial security barrier Israel is constructing on Palestinian territory.

North Korea "is one of the world's most militarized states." Abuses included "instances of extrajudicial killings, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention, and denial of due process."

The Iranian government's poor human rights record worsened, and it continued to commit serious abuses, including "summary executions, disappearances, torture and other degrading treatment."

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Pentagon says military sexual assault declining

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sexual assaults in the military have been cut in half in recent years, the Pentagon said Wednesday, responding to criticism from lawmakers who say the Defense Department is not doing enough to address the issue.

"No war comes without costs, but the costs should be borne out of conflict with the enemy, not by egregious violations by some of our own troops," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel, said new figures show the rate of sexual assaults against women in the military fell from 6 percent to 3 percent between 1995 and 2002.

"It's still too high, there's still a long way to go, but it's down substantially from where we were," Chu told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

He said the most progress needs to be made in providing care to victims.

Pentagon officials said there have been 106 reports of sexual assault of troops deployed in the Middle East — including Iraq and Afghanistan — over the past 14 months.

In the Army, there have been 86 reported cases. Investigations have concluded in about half and 14 court-martials have been filed. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr. said investigations are harder to conduct when done in the midst of a military operation.

One of those cases involved Barbara Wharton's daughter. She was stationed with the Stryker Brigade outside Iraq last November when she was knocked unconscious by an unknown attacker, after getting off guard duty in the early morning hours.

Wharton's daughter awoke stripped, bound and gagged. Doctors determined she was raped, but Wharton told the committee in a statement that minimal effort was taken to find her daughter's attacker. Her daughter was moved out of her unit, her requests to meet

with a psychologist rejected and she eventually attempted suicide.

Wharton said her daughter was returned to the U.S., but felt "abandoned" by her commanders.

"Just because I came back with all four limbs intact, they're treating me like I'm faking," the daughter said, according to Wharton. "I feel like my chain of command betrayed me. I gave four years to that unit and I feel like it kicked me in the teeth when I was down."

Christine Hansen, executive director of the Connecticut-based Miles Foundation, a support group for military victims of domestic and sexual violence, said 68 women, most of them officers, contacted her organization with stories of sexual assaults at the hands of fellow members of the military. At least 13 had also reported the assaults to military officials.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has asked for a review of sexual assault policies and the victim support network throughout the department. He asked for a report by the beginning of May.

One change under review is having standard policies on sexual assaults in all the military branches and providing uniform services to victims, Chu said.

The inquiry was prompted by stories in The Denver Post that thousands of sex offenders in the military had escaped punishment and numerous women's claims of sexual assault and rape were dismissed or mishandled by commanders.

The allegations were similar to stories told by Air Force Academy cadets, which prompted a purge of the academy's commanders and sweeping changes. An Air Force investigation identified 142 reported cases of sexual assault in a 10-year period.

The Air Force also dispatched a task force to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, to probe claims of between 20 and 25 sexual assaults in the 2002-03 federal budget year.

Clear Channel limits indecency

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest radio station chain announced new rules to limit indecency Wednesday in the latest example of the broadcast industry's efforts to address criticism of what airs on TV and radio.

Under pressure from regulators and lawmakers, some TV networks are delaying live broadcasts to delete offensive material and doing more to let parents know how they can block specific programs. The National Association of Broadcasters says it will hold a conference on indecency next month.

The rules issued by Clear Channel Communications came on the eve of the second congressional hearing this month on broadcast indecency. John Hogan, president of Clear Channel Radio, is scheduled to testify along with top officials from TV networks.

Congress is considering increasing the maximum fine for indecency from \$27,500 to \$275,000, a move that the Federal Communications Commission endorsed even before the tumult over singer Janet Jackson's exposed right breast during the nationally televised Super Bowl halftime show.

"In the history of broadcast indecency, there have been these moments where it makes headlines," said Jeremy Lipschultz, a professor of communication at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "In the short term, broadcasters become much more careful. You're going to see people playing it safe. The long-term problem is the same one we've had, which is it's very difficult in the end to precisely define

what is indecent or not."

Under FCC rules and federal law, radio stations and over-the-air television channels cannot air material containing references to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., when children may be tuning in. The rules do not apply to cable and satellite channels and satellite radio.

Chris Murray, legislative counsel for Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine, said broadcasters worry that Congress, angered over indecency, might also move to overturn FCC rules relaxing media ownership rules, including one that makes it easier for companies to own newspapers and broadcast stations in the same community.

"The broadcasters are quickly and visibly cleaning up their act on indecency because they know if Congress gets real game on smut, they won't stop there," Murray said.

Paul Levinson, chairman of the department of communications and media studies at Fordham University, said the government's efforts smack of censorship.

"Media is supposed to be independent of the government," Levinson said. "For the government to step in and threaten media, and then for the media to go and do what the government wants, completely distorts our democratic process and our freedoms."

Clear Channel's new policy includes companywide training about indecency, possible fines against DJs, and automatic suspensions for anyone accused by the FCC of violating indecency rules on the air, company officials said.

The initiative came one day after the company fired the DJ known as "Bubba the Love

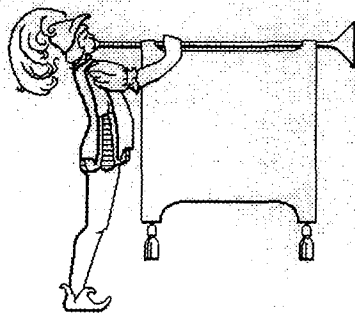
Sponge," whose show drew an FCC-record fine of \$755,000. The program aired in four Florida cities and included graphic discussions about sex and drugs "designed to pander to, titillate and shock listeners," the FCC said.

"Clear Channel is serious about helping address the rising tide of indecency on the airwaves," said Mark Mays, president and chief operating officer. "As broadcast licensees, we are fully responsible for what our stations air, and we intend to make sure all our DJs and programmers understand what is and what is not appropriate."

Mel Karmazin, president of Viacom Inc., discussed indecency issues during a conference call last week with officials and station managers of the company's Infinity Broadcasting radio subsidiary. Infinity, which owns 120 stations, asked them to increase efforts to avoid indecent programming, such as using a seven-second delay on shows with live talk, spokesman Dana McClintock said.

Infinity in 1995 paid the largest cumulative fine to date, \$1.7 million, for various violations by radio host Howard Stern.

Responding to a query from the FCC, CBS and Fox TV have said they would run advertisements touting the V-chip, technology built into a TV set to prevent children from watching certain shows. Both networks also said they were airing live programs on time delays, displaying ratings for their programs on their Web sites, reviewing their standards and practices, and reminding affiliate stations that they can reject network programs unsuitable for their communities.



Announcing the Year 2004 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2004 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

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considerations...

Decisions, Decisions

Make the Choice Take the Leap

by Rev. Jim King, c.s.c.

Director of Vocations, Congregation of Holy Cross

There was a *Time* magazine article more than twenty years ago where the author, Richard Schickel, referred to "that common cold of the male psyche, fear of commitment." It's not at all clear that the virus strikes only males, but it's our experience in dealing with men considering a vocation to the priesthood that the thought of making a long-term commitment scares many into avoiding choice-making altogether.

We put a high premium in our society upon maintaining our independence, yet that is a very modern notion. It wasn't so long ago that people who hadn't married by their mid-twenties were considered to be "bachelors" and "spinsters," odd ducks who were fundamentally deprived by not having said the words "forever" to someone or something, whether to a spouse or to a religious vocation. We now have a better understanding that some people actually have a vocation to be single, but it's also true that more people drift for a long time avoiding the choices that free them to discover their purpose as people of faith.

The gospels and New Testament letters are very clear. There is no great value accorded to the concept of independence American-style, yet in his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul speaks emphatically that Christ came to free us: "For you were called for freedom. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love." (*Gal 5:13*) We often use the words freedom and independence interchangeably as if they are synonyms, but real freedom has a spiritual dimension and comes only from taking a leap of faith and making commitments rather than avoiding them.

People often ask priest how we can be celibate as it is seen as depriving us of the intimacy of marriage and children, and, typically, we answer something to the effect that the vows, including poverty and obedience as well, free us to serve everyone. It's what St. Paul was getting at in his letter. If we want to be truly free, then we should give our lives over to whatever or whomever allows us to love the most. Whatever we choose, whether marriage, priesthood, religious life, or remaining single is going to entail letting go of something that we also want. Yet at some point we do have to *choose*.

There was probably no commitment so binding as the one made by Peter, Andrew, James, and John when they left behind their fishing business and families to become apostles. St. Paul described apostleship as being a "slave" to Jesus Christ, yet none of them would ever have fulfilled their own deepest desires had they stayed in their boats.

It isn't that a person needs to jump into a permanent commitment right out of college. In fact, the people who want to slow things down and do a year or two of service first are probably onto something. Most people don't know what they really want at the age of twenty-two. It's a good idea to take some time to discover what we really have deep inside of ourselves to give to others, and for many it sets a clear direction for the rest of their lives.

And, it's also a good idea to think of Lent as something more than a time to give up candy, ice cream, or booze and use it intentionally for purposes of vocational discernment. A lot can get clarified if we use every one of these days to put ourselves in the presence of Jesus and ask what we really really want because we will certainly get different answers when we sit with him then when we ask the question independently of Him.

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The oldest hatred

Anti-Semitism is the world's oldest hatred, and it is with us still.

A little more than a year ago I wrote about the Library of Alexandria, the greatest library of the ancient world. It was in the Great Library that Euclid wrote his geometry, Archimedes discovered principles that would form the basis of classical science and a team of 72 rabbis translated the Pentateuch into Greek.

When the Library was destroyed long ago, countless irreplaceable works of literature, philosophy and history were lost to us forever. I chose to write about this because the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina had recently opened on the site of the original Library. Built with the support of UNESCO, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina was, I suggested, a beacon of hope in a world scarred by the genocide and tyranny of the Twentieth Century.

I have been forced to reconsider my optimism after reading that the Library recently displayed an Arabic translation of a book called The Protocols of the Elders of Zion as a Jewish holy text. On the very site where over two millennia ago the Jewish scriptures were translated into the common tongue of the day, one of the most virulently anti-Semitic texts ever written — which has been described as "a warrant for genocide" — was now being presented as a Jewish holy book, equal to the Torah.

The Protocols were written in czarist Russia, but the book is most infamous as a seminal text of Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda. It purports to be a document detailing the secret plans of a cabal of Jewish elders to gain control of the world. The text is a crude forgery, discredited long ago, and its contents are outlandish even by the stan-

dards of conspiracy theories. But despite all this, it is believed by many millions of people in the Muslim world — it is of course a simplification to speak of "the Muslim world," but no more so than speaking of "Europe." As Orwell noted, "One of the marks of anti-Semitism is an ability to believe stories that could not possibly be true."

I am not suggesting that Islam is inherently anti-Semitic. On the contrary, for much of Islam's history, Jews suffered considerably worse persecution and discrimination in Christian Europe than they did in Muslim countries. It should also be noted that many of the anti-Semitic themes that are so common in countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia are European imports. One common claim, known as the blood libel, is that Jews use Christian blood to bake matzah for Passover and it has its origins in medieval Europe. One of the many books in circulation that repeats this libel, "The Matzah of Zion," recently went into its eighth edition in Syria. Until recently its author, Mustafa Tlas, was the Syrian Minister of Defense.

One gauge of the depth of anti-Semitism is the extent of its acceptability — the extent to which even senior statesmen and other public figures can make slanderous and hateful claims about Jews with impunity.

Although not of a comparable scale, there are also disturbing signs in modern Europe, where surveys continue to report widespread anti-Jewish prejudices and where in many countries there have been upsurges in the amount of violent assaults on Jews and arson attacks on synagogues. Last year the chief rabbi of France, Joseph Sitruk, felt compelled to suggest that Jewish men should not wear their skullcaps in public so as to "avoid becoming a target for potential assailants."

Last November in the city of Terre Haute, here in Indiana, a Holocaust

museum was partially destroyed in an arson attack, and there have been similar attacks made on synagogues in San Francisco and Alameda, Calif., and Syracuse, N.Y. Many sources also report a significant increase in violent assaults against Jews, as well as reports of ethnic slurs and verbal harassment.

One of the false lessons we sometimes draw from the history of the Holocaust is that anti-Semitism has its natural home on the political Right — we infer this in part because we are largely ignorant of the history of Italian fascism, which was ultranationalist but not anti-Semitic.

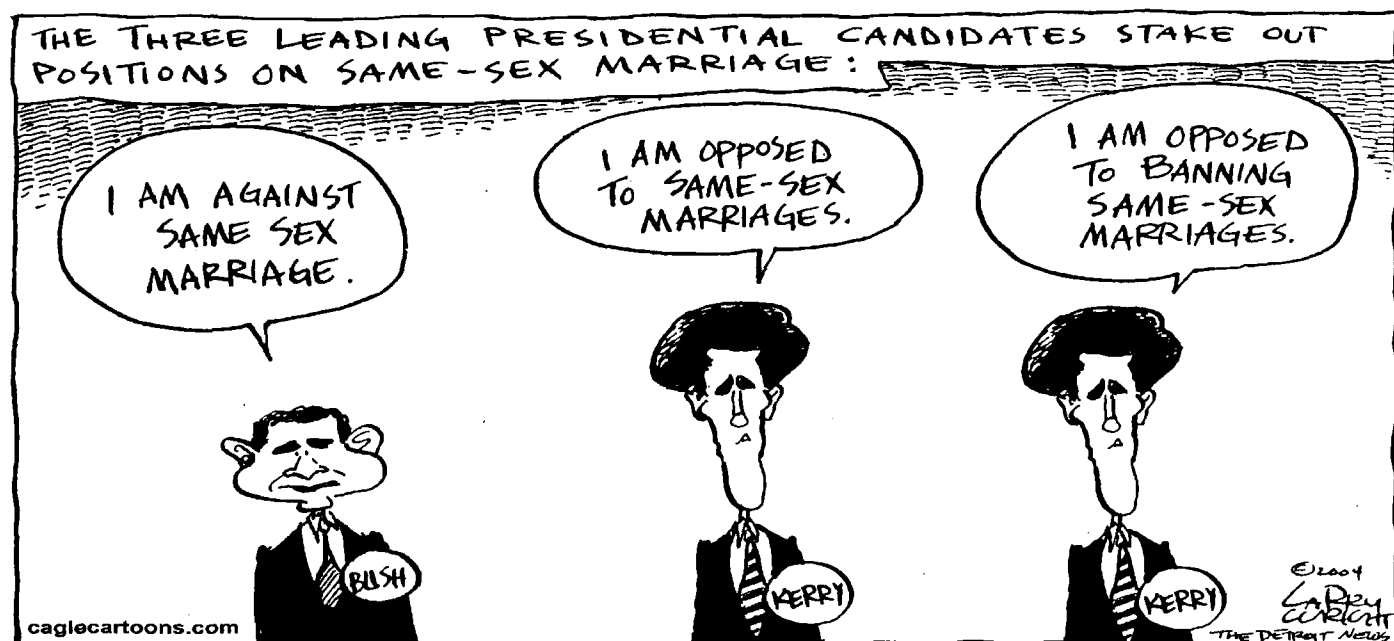
Nothing compares to the Holocaust in the extent of the evil perpetrated on the Jewish people, but nevertheless the sad fact is that history has shown that virulent forms of anti-Semitism are capable of being grafted onto almost any ideology. August Bebel, a friend of Karl Marx, once called it "the socialism of fools." In the century that followed, there was no shortage of fools. Last year, copies of The Protocols were sold at a number of prominent anti-war rallies.

The rule should be simple: We should show no more tolerance for anti-Semitism amongst those we consider our political allies than anti-Semitism amongst our political opponents. Indeed, when we notice that the conspiratorial theories about the malignant influence of Jews within the government are currently a theme found on both the Left and the Right, we should probably recognize the limited usefulness of those terms for establishing who our political allies are.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously."

Hubert Humphrey
politician

Bush's plan a rotten tomato for migrant workers

A hometown friend of mine was mistaken for a migrant worker at the local hospital when he mentioned he had been in North Carolina for the past few months. "Aye Paisanito," or "little migrant worker," said the emergency room nurse without a moment's hesitation while she scribbled in his chart. He laughed, but he wasn't shocked.

In the border town of Laredo, Texas, the people aren't supposed to — and often don't — have the opportunity to go off and have adventures. For many of us, North Carolina means working in the fields because that's what the many people huddled in the back of the truck next to us are going to do.

So now Bush, with convenient election timing, has called for a major overhaul of U.S. law and plans to give legal status to millions of illegal workers, many of which cross through my city every day and Hispanics are supposed to give him the vote. Not likely; at least not anytime soon. Surprised?

On one hand, the Bush plan to give legal status to illegal workers has its bright side. Many Mexicans attempt to cross the dangerous Rio Grande daily, braving a river teeming with tricky undercurrents, biohazardous waste and multi-tailed fish. If Bush's plan were to be put into action, many lives would be spared.

The border patrol will be able to rest a little easier without having to deal with the enormous number of people who cross illegally, even though they'll still have to go through individual documentation of commuters, not to mention the increased traffic congestion at the bridge that will make my highway a living nightmare.

My schoolmate who got caught smuggling illegal migrant workers into the country may also be happy to hear about Bush's new and "great" idea, as will the maids that work at many of the houses in the neighborhood, even though their employers may not be too thrilled about the extra expense — not that they'd actually pay it.

The foolish man that inserted his foot into his mouth and sat next to me on the plane last summer complaining about Mexican Americans will be pissed.

But I doubt the migrant workers that make up the majority of illegal workers will come any closer to getting the basic respect they deserve.

Firstly, the conditions for these workers won't necessarily be improved by the Bush plan. The fact that the migrant worker is horribly exploited by cheap labor isn't exactly groundbreaking news, but people must take into account that this is not the only exploitation that the workers suffer. Even though the Bush plan would ensure minimum wage and fix the cheap labor problem, it wouldn't change the other ways in which the workers are demeaned.

While the Bush initiative may ensure the workers with minimum wage, they are still readily exploited through a language barrier, lack of education and a make-no-objection mentality that makes the migrant worker the ultimate victim. Under Bush's plan, the migrant worker must be sponsored by a company — that is, must be claimed as a worker which would give the company just as much bargaining power over the worker. The worker doesn't really gain any more power as a legitimate employee than an illegitimate one.

Bush's plan also specifies that workers can apply for guest worker status at a U.S. company only if it is proved that no U.S. citizen is there to take the job. It seems odd to prove something like that and all too easy to manipulate that sort of information. If what Bush is trying to do is put Americans that are worried about their jobs at ease, it doesn't seem to be working. The unanswered questions just underline the anxiety that many already feel about voting for Bush.

Additionally, legal worker status would only be granted for a period of three years initially. But what happens when this period is up? If after this term the worker must leave and the company must find a replacement, both the worker and the company would lose. Now, for a migrant worker, it would seem more practical to continue in illegal status, avoiding documentation that would make them traceable and force them to leave the country after three years than acquire legal status. Bush hasn't specified, but there are definite questions that remain.

The bottom line is that Bush would have to make some detailed outlines of his plan before Hispanics and all concerned can feel comfortable voting for him. If Bush really wants the Hispanic vote, the plan must include a more sound way to combat the exploitation of the migrant worker — that and he must change to the Democratic ticket. As of yet, the realization of either of these seems unlikely.

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The Warm Gun

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eating religiously

I realize that it is the Lenten season for Catholics, but it seems that the University has forgotten that a large population of the students here are not Catholic.

When I walked into the dining hall on Ash Wednesday, I was offended and angry to find that absolutely no meat products, save for fish, was being offered at the dining halls. Chicken patties had been replaced by grilled cheese, taco meat was replaced by shrimp and the sandwich bar only had peanut butter and jelly. Laughably, even the bacon bits from the salad bar had been removed, which do not contain any real meat products.

While I understand that this is a Catholic university, the Notre Dame administration has crossed the line into fascism by forcing their views upon us. I can understand if the dining halls had more non-meat selections to cater to the Catholics on all the Fridays from now until Easter, but to absolutely remove meat from the dining halls at these times is a violation of my right to choose.

My shock at not finding meat at the dining halls was shared by many — Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Even my fundamentalist Catholic friends agreed that the University should offer meat to its non-Catholic students; and not surprisingly, many of my Catholic friends do consume meat products other than fish on Ash Wednesday.

The administration has been going down a slippery slope and forcefully exercising its iron fist more and more. Not only has it prohibited many Mardi Gras celebrations — as previously mentioned in Viewpoint — but it now has crossed the line into controlling our food consumption, forcing us into practicing its Catholic beliefs.

That is simply too far.

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Defending the minority

I wish to express my disappointment at the harsh attacks made upon my classmate Mr. Ryan Iafigliola regarding his views on drinking. I, too, am a non-drinker and agree with him that it can, at times, be difficult to live in such a way.

We are treated, not by all, but at least by some, as if we have a "social defect," some diseased area of our brain that prevents us from "living it up" and "having the full college experience." There are drinkers I know who would love to get me drunk, even though they know how I feel about it.

The defenses of drinking offered by Miss Caitlyn Smith in her letter are almost entirely flawed. First, the relationship between the Bible and wine is not an explicit endorsement of drinking by any and all. Jesus' purpose in performing the miracle at Cana was not simply so his friends, who were probably all responsible adults, could get drunk. It was to show, in part, who He was.

Additionally, there are stories in the Bible, such as when Lot is made drunk by his daughters who then sleep with him (Genesis 19: 30-38), where drunkenness and alcohol in general contribute to immoral behavior. As for wine in Mass, may I note that when consecrated, it is no longer wine, but the Blood of Christ Himself. It is the transformation of the wine that makes it sacred. I would hope that all Catholics, whether at this institution or any other, would remember that fact.

Second, when referring to Plato and the philosophy of Socrates, I would note that just because the ancient Greeks acted in a certain manner does not mean that we are right to act in the same way. Slavery was an accepted practice in ancient Greece. Should we therefore bring back slavery, simply because they practiced it? Additionally, I doubt that Ms. Smith would advocate that President Bush and Congress get drunk while running our government in order to improve decision making.

Although Mr. Iafigliola may have been generalizing to some degree, his assessment is certainly true in some cases. I would not be surprised to find that someone I know who drinks does so because of personal, emotional or psychological problems. While all drinkers may not be in this situation, there are most certainly some who are.

Furthermore, no person whether a heavy drinker, mild drinker or non-drinker, will deny that "getting fat, puking, poor decision making and increased chance of physical or sexual assault," are potential consequences

of drinking.

Notre Dame may not explicitly endorse drinking, but at the same time it does not enforce most of its policies on alcohol. Read pages 88-90 of du Lac, think about what happens almost every weekend on this campus, and you will be unable to deny this fact. The banning of hard alcohol does nothing but force students who wish to get smashed to drink larger quantities of beer instead of smaller quantities of hard alcohol. Though the administration does not encourage it, there is a tacit acceptance of the pervasive drinking culture on this campus.

Mr. Matthew Wormington's assertion that the numbers given by Mr. Iafigliola are invalid is easily proven false. Do the math. There are around 8,000 undergraduates here at Notre Dame. Twelve percent of 8,000 students is 960. This means that roughly 7,000 people on this campus do drink. If there are around 2,000 people per class, this easily covers three out of the four classes, as well as half of another. The cited facts and figures demonstrate that even if only underage classes are considered, non-drinkers are still a minority, and a shrinking one at that. A word of advice to Mr. Wormington: Next time you explicitly state that you are breaking Indiana state law, remember the fifth Amendment.

When underage people choose to drink, they are essentially saying that the law only applies to them when they feel it should. I have heard it said, "Well, I'm just as mature as a 21-year-old, probably even more so, so I should be able to drink." Such an attitude sets a dangerous precedent. By this rationale, if I feel that laws against murder are below me, then it shouldn't matter if I violate them. After all, it's just a "personal choice."

Maybe it's just me, but it's usually not the sober people who are involved in illegal or immoral activities on this campus. If my personal choice results in me being a better human being, then perhaps I have the right to claim some moral high ground. I, for one, choose not to drink and encourage others not to because I believe it is the wiser course of action. I would be shirking my duty as a loving Christian if I did not try and help my fellow human beings live the best life possible. If I am being judgmental in expressing that opinion, so be it.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Kanye West, the future of hip hop

By **ARIENNE THOMPSON**
Scene Music Critic

Kanye West is a breath of fresh air in an increasingly stale industry where cars, sex and bling reign supreme. West's eagerly anticipated debut album, *The College Dropout*, is fun, creative and at times irreverent, blending his top-notch skills as Roc-A-Fella's in-house producer with his talents as a decent MC. His role as a producer however, is the one that paved his way to success and notoriety in the hip-hop world. With an impressive clientele list that includes labelmate Jay-Z, Monica, Talib Kweli, Mos Def, Ludacris and Britney Spears, West is as much in demand as some of the hottest producers around like the Neptunes and Timbaland. Although he certainly delivers for others, as evidenced by the Alicia Keys' smash "You Don't Know My Name," West proves that he did indeed save some of his best beats for himself.

Throughout *Dropout*, West reveals his appreciation for classic R&B, sampling heavily from the songs of established stars like Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and Luther Vandross. Fortunately, West possesses the skills and judgment to know just how much of a sample is needed and, in turn, how to tweak it for his specific musical needs. Unlike other chronic samplers whose cringe-inducing songs verge on criminal (think P. Diddy, Jennifer Lopez, etc.), West is

smart and innovative, using, for example, Chaka Khan's hook from "Through the Fire" to buttress his current hit "Through the Wire," which he vocalized with a wired jaw.

Playing with notions about higher education, opportunity and social mobility, West also manages to deliver some of his political and cultural views among his solid production and lyrics. On the furious and lazy "Spaceship," West complains about a job at the GAP over a sample of Marvin Gaye's "Distant Lover." He laments about workplace racism, declaring, "If my manager insults me again I will be assaulting him ... / Take me to the back and pat me askin' me bout some khakis / But let some black people walk in I bet you they show off / they token blackey / O now they love Kanye let's put him all in the front of the store." The humorous and cheeky "The New Workout Plan" satirizes so-called "video hos" and groupies, while "Jesus Walks" and "We Don't Care" question the state of a world mired in poverty, terrorism and racial inequality.

These successes notwithstanding, West is at his best on the standout track "Two Words," featuring Mos Def, labelmate Freeway, and the Harlem Boys Choir. Backed by a superb beat and swelling vocals, West boasts that he is the "most imitated, Grammy nominated ... / Two words, Chi town, raised me, crazy / So I live by two words, ... pay me."

He also shines on "Last Call," which is essentially a thank you note to his label Roc-A-Fella. He discusses his accomplishments and goals, saying "I went to the malls and I balled too hard / Oh my God is that a black card / I turned around and I replied why yes / But I prefer the term African American Express / Brains, power and muscle like Dame, Puffy & Russell / Your boy back on his hustle you know what I been up to / Killin' y'all ... on that lyrical [tip] / Mayonnaise color Benz / I push miracle whips."

Besides the usual rapper-to-rapper collaborations, *Dropout* features an unexpected musician who contributes to about half the album. Israeli artist Miri Ben-Ari, dubbed the "Hip-hop Violinist," is inventive and fresh, infusing the album with sounds and musical patterns that no doubt help distinguish *Dropout* from other hip-hop albums. West also teams up with noteworthy and skilled MCs like Jay-Z, Common, Talib Kweli and Twista.

The College Dropout

Kanye West

Roc-A-Fella

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In all, West's debut effort is clever and capable, presenting his talents as a rapper-producer and highlighting his consciousness and concerns as a young adult. He only narrowly escapes being bogged down by the tiring, incessant skits that have become standard on hip-hop albums by making his interludes funny and bold. Despite this near-flaw, West is golden and is certainly giving his colleagues and fellow Roc-A-Fella members M.E.M.P.H.I.S. Bleek, Freeway and Cam'Ron something to think about. As these three try to keep their careers afloat, their label and the world recognize that Kanye West is the future, leaving little room for mediocrity and even less time for them to play catch-up.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Irish band releases thrilling debut

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Thrilling: A word any new band wants to be described as. But why wait for the critics to call you that? Better yet, just make it the name of your band! The new Virgin Records band The Thrills seems to have adopted just that strategy in choosing their extremely suggestive name. However, the question looms: Are they what they suggest?

Ironically enough, their first album, *So Much for the City*, is a slower sound overall, with a few mildly upbeat songs dispersed throughout the album. A "thrilling" rock track would be expected but is not found, although this is not a detriment to the album. While the name may suggest the spirit of the band rather than their style of music, no one is asking for any

changes to be made. The five-piece, Dublin-based band seems to be of a different yet thrilling nature.

The majority of the band members were friends from adolescence, and after a couple of years of learning and practicing music, the band took a four month vacation to San Diego, Calif. in the summer of 1999. It was their love of the '60s West Coast music that led them to San Diego, and once they arrived they found sofas that they pulled onto the beach and wrote their album. The California influence is obvious, if not the focus, of their album. Of the 11 songs, eight are blatantly related to, if not about, California, the beach and the sun. Thus The Thrills cover three of many young adults' favorite things — not bad for subject matter.

Influenced by The Beach Boys, ESP, Burt Bacharach, as well as "The Virgin Suicides" and "West Side Story," and also their Irish descent, The Thrills produce a unique and interesting sound on *So Much for the City*. As for their creative name, The Thrills claim it was "inspired in equal parts by Phil Spector's



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Irish band The Thrills displays its various California influences, including the Beach Boys and other '60s West Coast bands, on its impressive debut album.

Sixties girl groups and Michael Jackson's greatest LP." These guys do not fit into any box rock and roll has come across before.

Throughout their album, the songs are interesting and musically unique for our time. The influence of the Beach Boys is very apparent, but the overall sound is much stronger than the melodies of the Beach Boys. With stronger drum and bass presence, the catchy melody is sung by the gentle voice of lead singer Conor Deasy. There is a lot of Beach Boys-esque echoing in choruses and such, and overall it really works. Keys are integral to *So Much for the City*, as is the often plucking sound of a gentler guitar that has been seen in much cur-

rent rock music. There really is not a song worth skipping on the entire record. Some of the stronger songs are "Santa Cruz (You're Not That Far)," "Don't Steal Our Sun," "Big Sur" and "Your Love is Like Las Vegas." Some of the songs even have a bit of a country twang to them, like "Say It Ain't So," and many of the songs have a harmonica sound added to the melody.

So Much for the City is a good album done by a very unique band. The Thrills have produced an album perfect for spring break and even better for these cold weeks leading up to it.

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So Much for the City The Thrills

Virgin Records



ALBUM REVIEW

Mason Jennings keeps it real

By JULIE BENDER
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Trying to describe Mason Jennings' voice is nearly impossible. Lots of words come to mind — clear, authentic, straightforward, folksy, nonchalant, hill billy — but none of these quite captures the sound and presence that leaves his voice resonating long after the song is done. The word that comes the closest is antique, and antique is

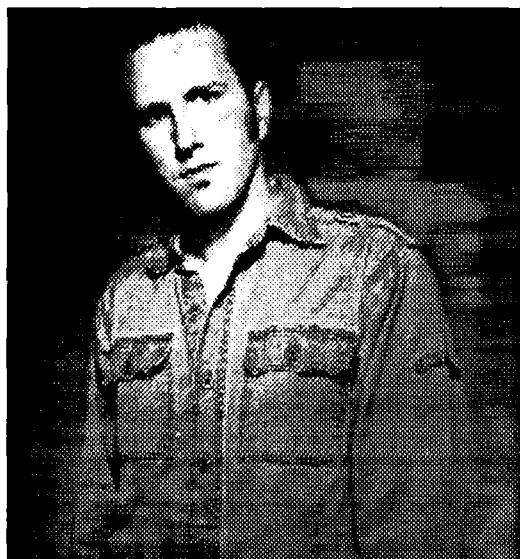


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Mason Jennings has managed to build a large fan base without much publicity.

a good word to describe the whole of Jennings' fourth album, aptly titled *Use Your Voice*. Jennings follows his own advice, and his voice becomes the spice and life of every song on the album, resulting in a spare yet melodic collection of ten songs that ranges from the political to the personal.

On the grand-scale of musicians, Jennings is still small-time, but his loyal fan base stretches the globe. On his own record label, Jennings has managed to sell close to 100,000 albums through word of mouth, touring and the Internet. In Minneapolis, the city he calls home, Jennings is often regarded as the next Bob Dylan or Johnny Cash, both of whom happen to be two of his biggest influences. Of his latest album, Jennings says on his website, "I was really influenced by Johnny Cash's *American* recordings and Bob Dylan's *Blood on the Tracks* — I love the no-frills sound on those records and that recording style makes the songs stand out and it sounds real to me."

"No frills" is a good way to describe *Use Your Voice*. The album is a very simple construction of guitar, bass, drums, an occasional harmonica, and of course, Jennings' voice. The lack of production on this album was an intentional decision for Jennings who has toured with Jack Johnson, and is currently touring the west coast. As he says on his website, "Sometimes I feel that people don't think you're a good musician if you're not polished or on

the radio. And that makes me sad because I believe that a lot of people I admire, like Johnny Cash, John Lennon or Bob Dylan, probably wouldn't get a record deal today mainly because they sang from their hearts

and not to get on the radio or anything like that. They just wrote songs for themselves, and that was my vision behind *Use Your Voice*: to sing from my heart."

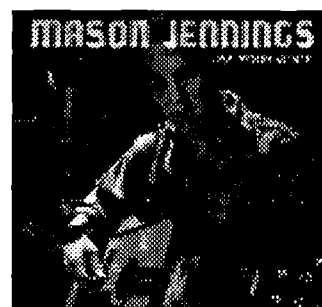
Without restriction on his music from a record company, Jennings is truly able to sing from his heart, with his voice and knack for melody helping him out. One of the best songs on the album is "Ballad for Paul and Sheila," a eulogy for former Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone, who died with his wife in a plane crash last October. Jennings was on tour when he heard about the Wellstone's death and was deeply affected by it, causing him to write this song. Over gentle guitar picking Jennings' sings, "Hey Senator, I wanna say / all the things you fought for did not die here today / hey Senator, I'm gonna do / all the things I can to live my life more like you lived."

The rest of the songs on the album tend

Use Your Voice

Mason Jennings

Bar/None Records



to stay away from political themes, and instead deal with lovesick confusion, workingman blues, homesickness and happiness. The opening track, "Crown," blows in with a steady beat and a bluesy harmonica with Jennings singing about his ambivalence toward a former lover who broke his heart. "Empire Builder" features Jennings' voice swinging like the hammer he uses during working days on the railroad. "Keepin It Real" is an uplifting number with Jennings' voice brimming with spirit. "There ain't no rust on the happiness bus."

Although mainstream fame isn't something Jennings is seeking, his music, lyrics and vocals are of a quality deserving recognition. His own lyrics describe his musical philosophy best: "In our hearts we're keepin' it, keepin' it, keepin' it, keepin' it real."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Shinedown has a bright future

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Scene Music Critic

Jacksonville, Florida has a checkered past, at best, when it comes to producing quality music. It has generated one of the most creative and influential bands in the classic rock genre: Lynyrd Skynyrd. However, it also gave the world one of the most annoying and unoriginal flash-in-the-pan bands with Limp Bizkit. Now, it appears as though Jacksonville is ready to redeem itself with their newest hometown hero — Shinedown.

Shinedown was formed in the early months of 2001, after lead singer Brent Smith left his former band on the eve of their own record deal. The next year saw Smith join guitarist Jasin Todd, bassist Brad Stewart, and drummer Barry Kerch to form Shinedown. It did not take the boys long to hone their skills and consequently gain the chemistry needed for a successful band. Shinedown came together quickly, and it took less than a year for the labels to begin knocking on their door as they were signed in early 2002.

Shinedown has a wide spectrum of

Leave a Whisper

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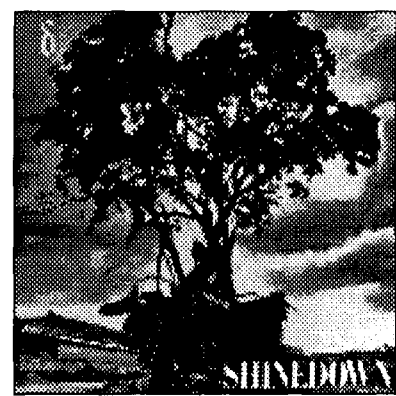


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Upcoming Florida-based band Shinedown displays a wide variety of influences, including classic rock icons Lynyrd Skynyrd and Led Zeppelin.

influences that range from fellow hometown sons Lynyrd Skynyrd to Led Zeppelin. Consequently, the sound that makes up Shinedown's freshman release, *Leave A Whisper*, is more mature than what most radio stations are currently cranking out. Shinedown manages to mix a thunderous guitar with passionate vocals not seen since Black Sabbath.

Leave A Whisper begins with Shinedown's radio debut, "Fly From the Inside," which serves as the perfect track to introduce listeners to their sound. The song manages to express everything Shinedown does well on a single track. "Fly From the Inside" begins with a simple guitar that is joined by bass and drums until they fade and the guitar is left. It is this timing of the instruments and Shinedown's ability to play off

one another that sticks out as one of their greatest attributes. However, many bands possess this quality yet get lost in a pack of music groups. Undoubtedly, it is the vocals of Smith that takes Shinedown from a good band to a great one.

Leave a Whisper has a plethora of songs that combine great musicianship with poignant vocals. This ability can be seen in such songs as "Burning Bright" and "45," in which intricate instrumentation is combined with power cord-driven rock, and singing is blended with passionate howling not seen since the prime of Ozzy Osbourne. It is these songs that prove the future of this young band is as bright as their name.

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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Demon Deacons rally, overcome 17-point deficit in OT win

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Justin Gray scored a career-high 31 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:22 left in overtime, and No. 11 Wake Forest rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat Florida State 90-87.

Chris Paul had 21 points, six rebounds and eight assists for the Demon Deacons (18-6, 8-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won their fifth straight game and avenged last month's loss to the Seminoles.

Tim Pickett scored 16 of his 23 points in the first half for the Seminoles (18-10, 6-8), who have lost four of six. Florida State has lost 23 straight road games in conference play, extending a streak that began in March 2001.

The win keeps the Demon Deacons in third place in the ACC, which has five teams ranked in this week's Top 25.

Trailing 60-45 after a 3 by Pickett midway through the second half, the Demon Deacons closed the second half with a 30-15 run, including nine straight points at the end of regulation. The Seminoles, meanwhile, committed turnovers on their last six possessions against Wake Forest's pressure defense.

Gray hit the tying free throw with 1:19 left to send it to overtime tied at 75.

Once there, he made the biggest shot of the night, taking

a feed from Taron Downey and draining a 3 from the left wing for an 86-83 lead.

The Demon Deacons never trailed again, getting a slam from Eric Williams off a feed from Paul just before the shot clock expired for an 88-85 lead with 15 seconds left. Nate Johnson's driving layup cut it to one with 4.7 seconds left, but the Demon Deacons pushed the lead back to three with two free throws by Paul with 4.3 seconds left.

Von Wafer's desperation 30-footer at the horn hit the front of the rim, giving the Demon Deacons the comeback win despite 20 turnovers.

The Demon Deacons shot 53 percent and had 15 points off turnovers after halftime. Florida State shot 50 percent in the first half, but went just 8-for-22 in the second.

No. 9 Kentucky 92, Tennessee 60

Kelenna Azubuike scored 17 points and No. 9 Kentucky went 11-of-19 from 3-point range in a victory over Tennessee.

Kentucky (20-4, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) clinched its 14th consecutive 20-win season and completed a regular-season sweep of the Volunteers (13-11, 5-8), who have lost nine of their last 12 games.

Antwain Barbour scored 16 points and Cliff Hawkins added 15 points and seven assists for Kentucky, which is one game

behind No. 7 Mississippi State in the overall SEC standings.

All five Kentucky starters scored in double figures as the Wildcats posted their largest winning margin of the season and their highest point total since a 101-72 win over Eastern Kentucky on Dec. 23.

Kentucky also matched its highest 3-point output of the season.

The Wildcats made 11 3-pointers against Eastern Kentucky. Kentucky entered the game 10th in the SEC in made 3-pointers per game at 5.4. Azubuike and Barbour each went 3-of-4 from 3-point range.

Kentucky shot 59 percent from the field, its third-best outing of the season.

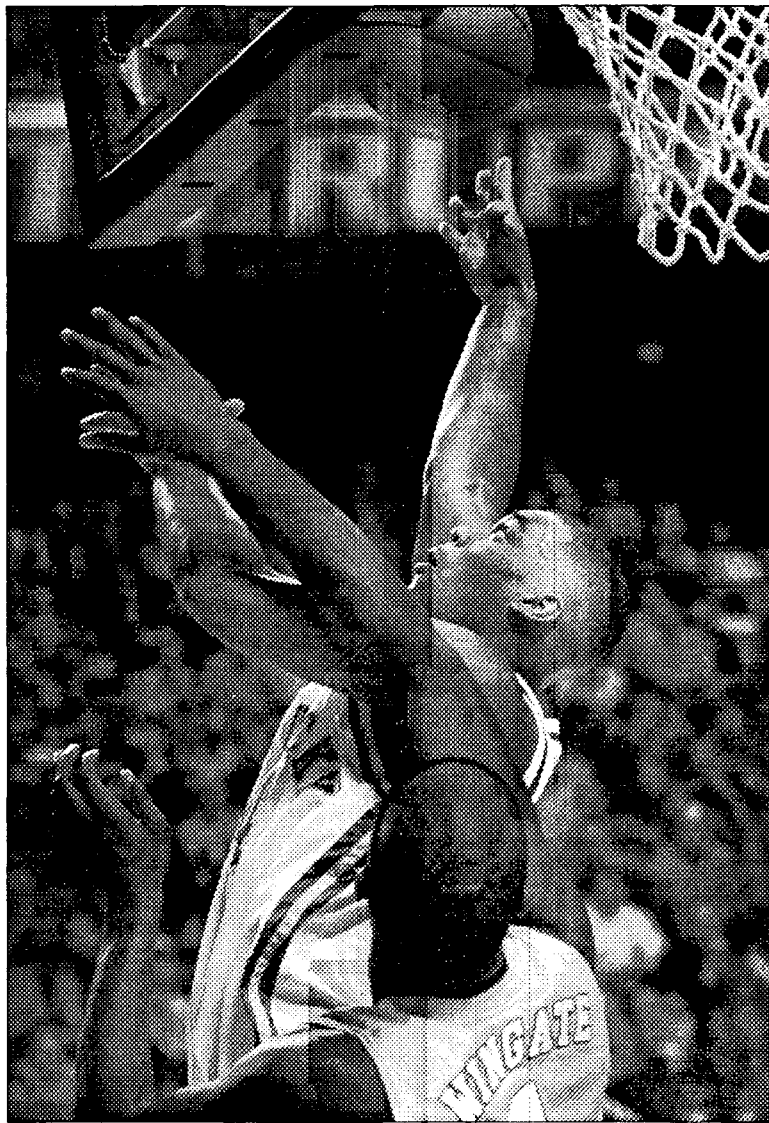
Tennessee fell to 1-8 in road games this season. All eight of those losses have been by double figures.

Scooter McFadgon, who scored 33 points in the Volunteers' first game this season against Kentucky, led the Volunteers with 18 points and Stanley Asumnu added 13.

Tennessee scored the first five points before Kentucky seized control with a 17-2 run, during which Barbour scored nine points.

The Wildcats led by as many as 18 points before settling for a 44-29 halftime lead.

Tennessee came no closer than 13 points in the second half. Kentucky outrebounded the taller Volunteers 40-27.



Kentucky's Chuck Hayes battles to get a shot off over Tennessee's Major Wingate during the first half Wednesday.

WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies captures 11th straight Big East title

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Top-ranked Connecticut won its 11th straight Big East regular-season title with a 79-38 victory over woeful Providence.

Ann Strother had 10 points, Jessica Moore added 10 rebounds and Diana Taurasi had a season-high 10 assists for the Huskies, who were playing for the first time since regaining their No. 1 spot this week.

Connecticut (23-2, 13-1) made its 12th straight victory an easy one with an early 30-0 run that featured five 3-point-

ers and 76-percent shooting.

The Friars (4-21, 0-14), were held scoreless for nearly 13 minutes in their 14th straight defeat.

Coach Geno Auriemma emptied his bench in the first half. All 12 UConn players scored in the game.

The Huskies, who led 45-16 at the break, have won 18 straight against the Friars, who dressed just eight players. Coach Susan Yow dismissed two players on Feb. 6 for undisclosed reasons and her short bench was no match for the

deep and talented Huskies.

Providence has not beaten UConn since 1993, and since then the Huskies have won four national titles and hold the record for most weeks (94) at No. 1.

The biggest disparity was inside, where the Huskies outrebounded the Friars 46-27 and had a 40-8 scoring edge in the paint.

Taurasi was stunning, with her teammates finishing off many of her flashy no-look, behind-the-back passes. She played just 23 minutes and fin-

ished with six points.

Jama Gilmore led the Friars with eight points.

No. 9 Kansas St. 68, Iowa St. 33

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kendra Wecker had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and ninth-ranked Kansas State beat Iowa State 68-33 Wednesday night for its ninth straight victory.

The Wildcats (22-3, 13-1 Big 12) started the second half with an 18-2 run to an insurmountable 49-24 lead.

They made 4-of-5 3-pointers during the surge and got their

31st straight regular-season victory at home.

Iowa State (13-12, 6-8) came back from a 19-point deficit in the first half, but couldn't mount another rally. Katie Robinette led the Cyclones, who had won three in a row, with 20 points.

Nicole Ohlde added 12 points for Kansas State, and Laurie Koehn and Brie Madden had 10 apiece.

Iowa State was only 1-of-11 to start the second half, and finished up shooting 25 percent.

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MEN'S GOLF

Tiger survives scare, beats Rollins in first round

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Tiger Woods never had the lead until it mattered Wednesday, making birdies on his final two holes to survive a scare from John Rollins in the Match Play Championship.

Facing a first-round elimination for the second time in three years, Woods twice made knee-knocking pars to stay in the game, pulled even with an 8-iron from 171 yards that plunked down 18 inches behind the cup on No. 17, then won the battle of wedges on the par-5 closing hole.

By the time Woods holed a 20-foot birdie putt for a 1-up victory, Rollins already had taken five shots.

"That was tough," Woods said. "I feel bad for the way he ended up."

Woods wasn't the only player who survived a thriller.

A record-tying six matches

went extra holes, none more riveting than Darren Clarke holing an eagle chip from just short of the 18th green to square his match with Eduardo Romero. They each made par on the next six holes, and Clarke closed him out on the 25th hole when the Argentine made bogey.

Given the wacky history of this event, the big surprise was that there wasn't many.

Retief Goosen (No. 5) was the only top-10 seed to head for the airport Wednesday afternoon, blowing a 2-up lead and losing to John Huston on the 17th hole.

Davis Love III had to go 18 holes to hold off Briny Baird, but other top seeds — Vijay Singh, Masters champion Mike Weir, Phil Mickelson and Kenny Perry — had a much easier time advancing to the second round of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

For the longest time, it appeared as though Woods might not stick around.

Rollins, who got into the \$7 million World Golf Championship when three players withdrew, never trailed despite only making one birdie.

Woods had good looks at birdies on four straight holes, starting at No. 7, but missed them all. The longer the match went, the more confidence Rollins had.

"I should have taken control of the match," Woods said.

Instead, he hooked his tee shot out-of-bounds on the 11th hole, and Rollins' birdied the par-3 12th for a 2-up lead.

Woods got it back with a par on the next hole, but had to scramble to stay in the match.

It all turned on the 17th.

Woods' towering 8-iron landed 18 inches behind the cup, hopped forward and spun back 2 feet from the hole.

Rollins knew he had to make his 45-foot birdie, and ran it 10 feet by for a meaningless three-putt.



Tiger Woods shakes hands with John Rollins after defeating Rollins 1-up in their first round match.

NHL

Sather resigns as Rangers coach, remains president/GM

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The losing, the chants and the lack of effort from the New York Rangers convinced Glen Sather it was time to start making changes — beginning with himself.

Sather stepped down

Wednesday as coach of the Rangers, staying on as president and general manager and signaling that more changes lie ahead as the March 9 trading deadline nears.

"There isn't anyone in the organization that has a no-trade in his contract, so I think when we get down to that stage

we'll make some decisions," Sather said.

"We're going to spend the next couple weeks evaluating where we're going to go and how we're going to get to where we decide to go. When the deadline comes around, you'll probably have an idea."

New York likely will miss the

playoffs for a seventh straight season despite the highest payroll in the NHL. Brian Leetch, Bobby Holik and Andrei Kovalev are among the Rangers with the most trade value, and Eric Lindros and Mark Messier are approaching the end of their contracts — if not their careers.

Assistant coach Tom Renney was promoted to interim coach, and assistants Terry O'Reilly and Ted Green will remain on the staff.

With 20 games remaining, the Rangers are in 12th place in their conference, 14 points behind the eighth-place New York Islanders.

"We've got a long way to go in a lot of areas to get back to respectability, let alone trying to make a playoff run," Messier said.

The 60-year-old Sather has been booed recently by disgruntled fans, and chants of "Fire Sather!" have become common at Madison Square Garden.

"The chanting at the Garden was distracting to the players, they seemed to get uptight. You hear something like that as soon as you make a mistake, and instead of getting better, you get worse," Sather said. "I think that's part of the reason I stepped down."

The New York Post reported that Sather met with team owner James Dolan on Tuesday and decided to relinquish his coaching responsibilities. Renney said Sather first mentioned the possibility of stepping down about a week ago.

On Jan. 26, Dolan gave Sather a vote of confidence despite the team's struggles.

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MLB

Reviving Pitchers: Braves have the magic

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Hey, are you a pitcher who's down on his luck?

Can't seem to find the strike zone? Had a few injury problems? Wondering if your career might be over?

Well, it might be time to check out the Atlanta Braves, who have made a habit of reviving struggling pitchers' careers.

From John Burkett to Mike Hampton to Jaret Wright, the Braves have shown a magic touch. This is definitely the place to be if your ERA starts to resemble Yao Ming's height.

From pitching coach Leo Mazzone's perspective, it all starts in spring training, where the Braves held their first full-squad workout Wednesday.

Pitchers don't have to go to the outfield to shag flies during batting practice.

Once their work is done, they're free to leave. That's led to a standing joke: Don't get between a pitcher and the golf course after he's done throwing.

"It's all about the pitchers around here," Mazzone said. "They are first-class citizens, and they get treated that way."

For Wright, coming to the Braves was a chance to rekindle a once-promising career. Only 21 when he started Game 7 of the 1997 World Series for Cleveland, two operations left the right-hander scraping rock-bottom.

Wright was 1-4 with an 8.74 ERA for lowly San Diego when the Braves claimed him off waivers late last season. He pitched well in relief, made the postseason roster and now has a chance to be in the starting rotation. He's a big supporter of Mazzone's pitching mantra: Have command of the fastball and change speeds.

"That fits in well with what I've always thought," Wright said. "I just never tried to make it too complicated. A lot of guys make it real complicated and wind up getting away from what they do best."

Burkett is perhaps the best advertisement for the Braves' rejuvenating qualities. He was cut by Tampa Bay at the end of spring training in 2000 — not exactly indicative of a career on the upswing. Picked up by the Braves, he made the All-Star team a year later.

Now retired, Burkett fondly remembers starting for the Braves on opening day in 2001. Greg Maddux was injured late in the spring, but manager Bobby Cox didn't want to juggle his entire rotation. So he simply moved Burkett — projected as the No. 5 starter — into the lead spot.

"I really appreciated that," Burkett said in a telephone interview. "I wanted to do well for Bobby."

Then there's Hampton, whose career fell apart — as so many do — in Colorado's thin air. After two miserable years with the Rockies, he was traded to the Braves before last season.

Talk about a turnaround. Hampton regained command of his sinker and helped the Braves win their 12th straight division title, going 14-8 with a 3.84 ERA.

"Last year, I worked out the

kinks with Leo," Hampton said. "Now, it's just about getting to work."

Mazzone, the pitching coach since 1990, gets much of credit for Atlanta's success on the mound. He's certainly been blessed with plenty of talent, including Cy Young winners Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine.

But it's Mazzone's work with those guys on the fringes — the fifth starter, the middle reliever — that makes him especially valuable. The names change from year to year, but Atlanta keeps coming up with productive pitchers from the least likely places.

Such as retirement. Chris Hammond left the game for 2 1/2 years, but his return with the Braves produced some astonishing results in 2002: 7-2, 0.95 ERA.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Top conferences prosper

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Saint Joseph's and Gonzaga have made a strong case for the nation's mid-major programs.

But even in a season where some of college basketball's top conferences — notably the Big Ten and Pac-10 — have been mediocre, there appears to be little change in the NCAA's tournament selection process.

When the 65-team field is announced March 14, the six power conferences — the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference — are again expected to dominate the selections.

And the process seems to favor them.

"It depends on the league and the individual work the institution has done," NCAA selection committee chairman Bob Bowlsby said Wednesday.

"Our job is to take the 31 automatic qualifiers and the 34 best at-large teams we can find."

Almost annually, the vast majority of those teams come from the big six leagues.

The committee took 27 teams from those conferences in 2002 and 30 last year. The number could increase again, with some projections showing eight teams from the SEC, as many as seven from the ACC and six from the Big East.

But Bowlsby believes the significant success of the mid-majors this year will make the selection committee's task even more difficult.

Second-ranked Saint Joseph's (24-0) and fourth-ranked Gonzaga (23-2) lead the way and No. 16 Southern Illinois (23-2) and No. 24 Utah State (22-2) aren't far behind.

Other worthy candidates include Air Force (19-5),

which is fighting for its first tournament berth since 1962, and Xavier (16-9).

"It seems to me that we have more teams under surveillance than in previous years," Bowlsby said.

"I think a lot of teams can play and a lot of players can play."

Will it make a difference? Maybe.

Bowlsby, Iowa's athletic director, insisted the committee will look at the same criteria it usually does — schedule strength, conference and non-conference records, home and away records and the Ratings Percentage Index.

Inevitably, those factors seem to favor the stronger conferences, particularly the RPI.

"It is kind of an element of a self-fulfilling prophecy once you get into conference play," Bowlsby said. "But it's a mistake to use the RPI as a precision instrument."

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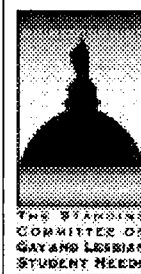
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Softball USA Today/NFCA

	team	record	points
1	UCLA	13-0	597
2	Arizona	16-0	576
3	California	13-0	555
4	Washington	11-2	506
5	Oklahoma	12-2-1	500
6	Georgia	9-2	465
7	Michigan	8-2	422
8	Stanford	11-2	422
9	Alabama	9-3	407
10	Louisiana-Lafayette	13-1	400
11	Florida State	12-1	362
12	LSU	12-3	331
13	Tennessee	13-2	285
14	Nebraska	6-4	273
15	Texas	8-4	208
16	Fresno State	5-2	201
17	Oregon	8-4	180
18	Arizona State	15-6	139
19	Iowa	3-2	123
20	South Carolina	2-0	117
21	Pacific	12-2	114
22	South Florida	15-2	93
23	Texas A&M	8-7	75
24	Cal State Fullerton	3-6	75
25	Oregon State	15-6	71

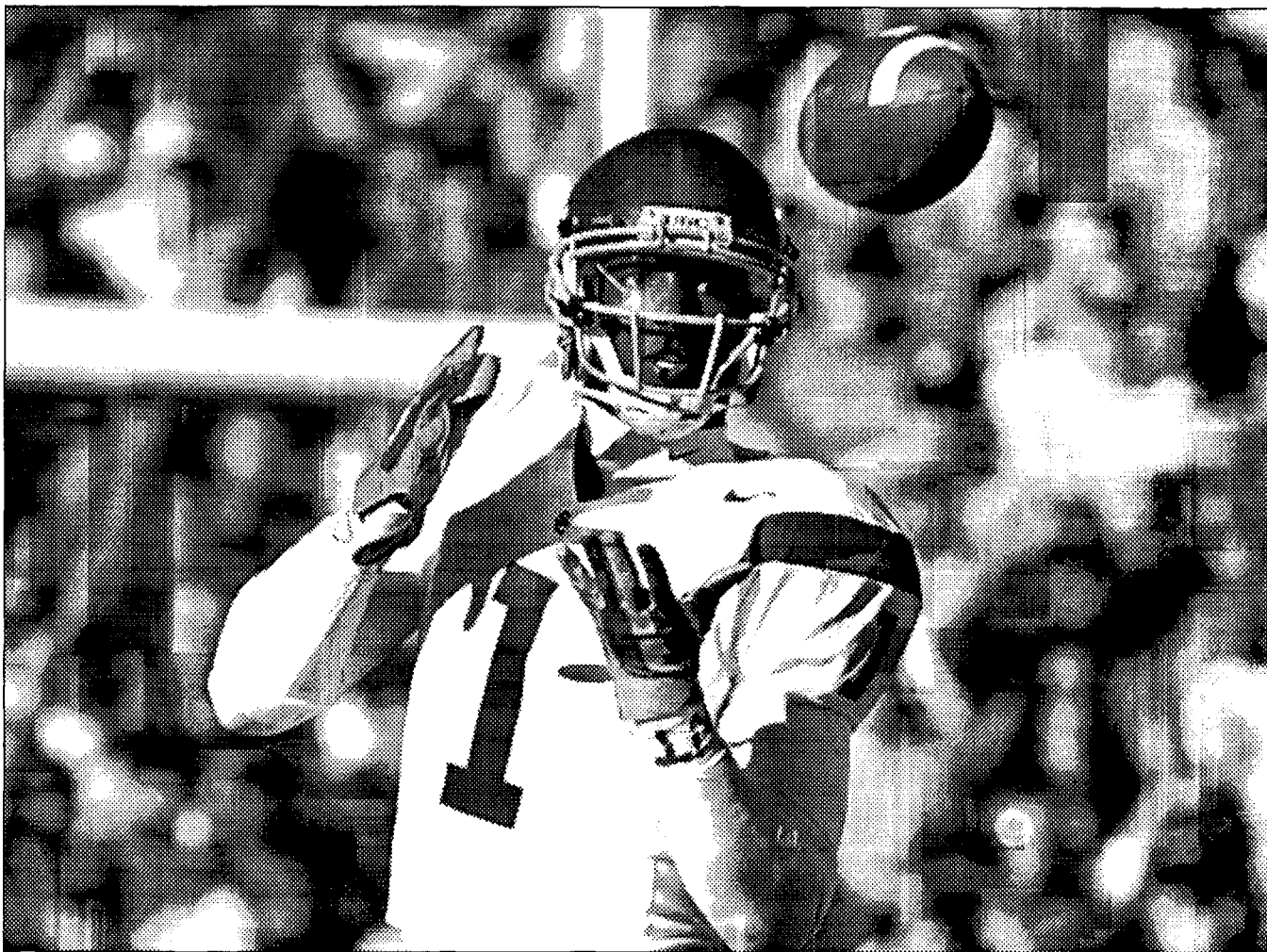
IWLCA Womens' Lacrosse

	team	points
1	Princeton	296
2	Maryland	270
3	Virginia	268
4	Duke	260
5	Loyola	229
6	Georgetown	221
7	Dartmouth	207
8	James Madison	174
9	Ohio State	157
10	Penn State	138
11	North Carolina	135
12	Boston	121
13	Syracuse	109
14	Stanford	99
15	Cornell	89
16	Vanderbilt	88
17	NOTRE DAME	72
18	Yale	56
19	Old Dominion	51
20	Johns Hopkins	48

Baseball America's College Rankings

	team	record	previous
1	Rice	2-1	1
2	Louisiana State	2-1	2
3	Miami	2-1	3
4	Stanford	3-0	4
5	Georgia Tech	2-0	5
6	Texas	3-0	6
7	South Carolina	3-0	7
8	Long Beach State	2-1	9
9	Tulane	2-0	10
10	Auburn	3-0	12
11	Clemson	0-0	11
12	Baylor	2-1	13
13	Arizona	2-1	15
14	Cal State Fullerton	1-2	8
15	Wichita State	0-0	14
16	Arizona State	2-1	16
17	North Carolina	0-0	17
18	Mississippi	0-0	18
19	NOTRE DAME	0-0	19
20	Florida	1-2	20
21	Texas A&M	3-0	21
22	Florida Atlantic	4-0	22
23	Nebraska	0-0	23
24	North Carolina State	1-0	24
25	Florida State	1-0	25

NFL



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Mike Williams reaches for a pass in USC's 45-14 win over Notre Dame last fall. The sophomore declared himself eligible for the draft Wednesday.

Bailey, Portis almost done; Williams enters draft

Associated Press

The Champ Bailey for Clinton Portis deal is almost done, barring a breakdown in contract talks between Bailey and the Denver Broncos.

Still, the proposed Washington-Denver trade that has been discussed all week shared top billing Wednesday with Mike Williams' decision to leave national champion Southern California and enter the NFL draft.

The New England Patriots, meanwhile, said that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady underwent a minor procedure on his throwing shoulder.

The team said the prognosis was good.

Another proposed deal moved forward, too: the swap of Keyshawn Johnson from Tampa to Dallas for Joey Galloway. That trade was contingent on the Cowboys and Bucs adjusting the contracts of the wide receivers, whose teams have become disenchanted with them.

Galloway talked Wednesday with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden. Talks between Johnson and Dallas coach Bill Parcells weren't necessary — Johnson played three seasons for Parcells with the New York Jets.

The Redskins and

Broncos have agreed in principle to the Bailey-Portis trade, with the Redskins throwing in a second-round draft pick to get the third-year running back, who rushed for 1,591 yards last season.

But like the Dallas-Tampa Bay trade, the deal won't be a sure thing until Bailey, a Pro Bowl cornerback in four of his five seasons with Washington, agrees to a new contract with the Broncos.

"It's hard for us to really say this is done, that is done, because some of the stuff is still up in the air," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said.

Williams could provide a

windfall for some team picking in the top half of the April 25 draft.

The 6-foot-5, 230-pound wide receiver, a sophomore, is the first underclassman to declare for the draft since a judge in a case involving Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett invalidated the NFL rule that made players ineligible until they had been out of high school for three years.

In the view of NFL scouts, the 20-year-old Williams is a rare example of a young player who can make the jump, although there are questions about his speed.

IN BRIEF

Infamous foul ball getting explosive Chicago send-off

CHICAGO — This ball is going, going ... Ka-BLAM!

In an event applying the gloss of Hollywood and P.T. Barnum to the "curse" of the Chicago Cubs, the foul ball that couldn't be caught in October's playoffs will be obliterated by a special-effects expert on live television Thursday night.

The ball-bashing, taking place with spring training just underway, is being done to bring some closure to one of the most painful losses in the Cubs' doleful history.

Grant DePorter, who helped buy the ball at a December auction for \$113,824 on behalf of Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, has lined up three hours of music, comedy and celebrity appearances leading up to the climactic event — everything short of Steve Bartman, the hapless fan who deflected the ball during Game 6 of the NL championship series.

Milwaukee's T.J Ford out for two to three weeks

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee point guard T.J. Ford is expected to miss two to three weeks because of a bruised spinal cord.

Ford was carried off the court on a stretcher after falling hard during the fourth quarter Tuesday night against Minnesota.

The rookie spent the night at St. Luke's Medical Center. Further evaluation, including an MRI, found Ford sustained a mild bruise, the Bucks said Wednesday.

Strawberry resigns from Yankees post

TAMPA, Fla. — Darryl Strawberry resigned as a player development instructor with the New York Yankees on Wednesday to spend more time with church-related activities.

"Because of the commitments that I have to my church, which includes considerable travel, I do not feel I can fulfill my obligations to be with the Yankees at this time," Strawberry said in a statement.

"I must therefore leave my position as a player development instructor. While I truly love baseball, my focus and passion now are outreach to the community and youth evangelism."

The eight-time All-Star, who has overcome a drug addiction, prison term and cancer, was hired last November. He was going to work with the major league team during spring training and with minor leaguers the rest of the year.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Marquette at South Florida 7 p.m., ESPN2
Valparaiso at Duke 9 p.m., ESPN2

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Blues at Avalanche 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Bulls at Wizards 7 p.m., FSN
Spurs at Mavericks 8 p.m., TNT

NBA

Nets' 14-game streak ended

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Troy Hudson filled the shoes of Sam Cassell just fine, helping end the New Jersey Nets' winning streak at 14 games.

Hudson, making his first start of the season in place of the injured Cassell, scored a season-high 29 points as Minnesota beat New Jersey 81-68 on Wednesday night, handing Nets coach Lawrence Frank his first loss.

Hudson, the streaky shooter who has been hampered all season by a sprained ankle, erased any hope for Frank's 14th consecutive win with 12 fourth-quarter points. Hudson and Fred Hoiberg scored Minnesota's first 20 points of the quarter, and the Wolves used a 15-0 run to open a 75-58 lead.

Hoiberg started the quarter with a 3-pointer and two foul shots before Hudson took over. He nailed a turnaround jumper from the perimeter, scored on a drive and hit another long jumper to bring the crowd to its feet.

Hoiberg then brought another roar from the crowd with a 3-pointer to make it 69-58. Hudson followed with two straight 3s, and the rout was on.

Kevin Garnett scored 18 points and Wally Szczerbiak, who missed 53 games with a plantar fascia strain, added a season-high 14 points.

Hornets 99, Clippers 93

Baron Davis' 26 points and nine assists led the New Orleans Hornets out of a two-game losing skid with a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Jamaal Magloire had 21

points and 14 rebounds, including a jump hook off an offensive rebound to give New Orleans a 91-85 lead with just under two minutes left.

Jamal Mashburn scored 20 for the Hornets, while P.J. Brown hit a pair of late jumpers and grabbed a key rebound with 28 seconds remaining as part of his 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Elton Brand led Los Angeles with 19 points, while reserve Chris Wilcox had 18, including a dunk that cut New Orleans' lead to 93-91 inside the final 30 seconds. But the Clippers were forced to foul, and Darrell Armstrong made four free throws in the final 20 seconds.

New Orleans turned up its defensive intensity in the second half, forcing 13 turnovers that led to 11 points.

Davis missed Wednesday morning's shootaround, and coach Tim Floyd said he was having stomach problems and might not play. But Davis started and was solid throughout, causing turnovers and turning them into points on half-court drives or crisp passes to open shooters. He also hit two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, one from several feet behind the arc.

New Orleans shot 53 percent in the first half, but turnover differential helped Los Angeles stay close. The Clippers, who average 16 turnovers per game, committed none in the first half while converting seven Hornets turnovers into 10 points.

Maggette's 3-pointer midway through the second quarter gave Los Angeles a 41-33 lead, but 3-pointers by Davis and Mashburn helped New Orleans cut its deficit to 47-45.

A short baseline jumper by Magloire, who had 15 points and nine rebounds in the half, gave the Hornets a 50-47 lead, and New Orleans led 50-49 at halftime after Quentin Richardson hit a layup for his 13th point of the half. Richardson finished with 18 points.

Bucks 106, Celtics 104

Walter McCarty's 3-pointer was waved off at the buzzer, the referees ruling it came too late as the Boston Celtics lost to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Michael Redd scored 26 points and Desmond Mason added 21 for Milwaukee, which won back-to-back road games for the second time this season.

Boston lost its seventh straight game and has dropped 13 of 14.

After the Celtics took a 101-100 lead on a three-point play by Mark Blount, Milwaukee responded with baskets by Keith Van Horn, Damon Jones and Redd to take a 106-101 lead. Ricky Davis followed with a basket and free throw to pull the Celtics within two.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 21 points before fouling out with 2:49 remaining. Blount chipped in 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Trailing 40-28 after one quarter, the Bucks went on a 12-0 run to start the second quarter behind six points from Erick Strickland. Mason led Milwaukee with 13 second-quarter points on 6-of-7 shooting.

Brandon Hunter scored a career-high 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Chucky Atkins added 14 points and eight assists for Boston.

NHL

Chicago takes 1-goal win from Columbus

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Tuomo Ruutu had two goals and an assist and Kyle Calder added the winning score and two assists, leading the Chicago Blackhawks to a 4-3 win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Wednesday night.

Columbus scrambled back from a 3-1 deficit to pull even early in the third period. But Calder redirected Ruutu's slap shot from the top of the right circle with 3:50 left.

Stephane Robidas added a short-handed goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, who are averaging four goals over their last six games.

David Vyborny and Anders Eriksson each scored a goal and had an assist for Columbus, which lost its fifth in a row. Tyler Wright added the other Blue Jackets goal and Rick Nash had a career-high three assists.

The Blue Jackets tied it at 3 on Wright's power-play goal 5:09 into the final period.

Columbus weathered a four-minute double-minor for high-sticking on Eriksson midway through the period before Calder got his 18th goal.

Craig Anderson, who shut out the Blue Jackets 7-0 in January, covered Vyborny's tip off a pass from Nash with 30 seconds left.

The Blackhawks scored six seconds into a Columbus power play in the opening period. Chicago won the face-off after a bench minor for too many men on the ice, with Robidas skating to the right point before firing a shot that deflected off the skate of the Blue Jackets' Andrew Cassels. It was Robidas' third goal of the season and extended his points streak to three games.

Columbus, which tied a season high with 42 shots, pulled even moments later when Nash fed Vyborny for a one-timer from the high slot.

Cassels, activated earlier in the day after missing 22 games with a broken foot, picked up an assist.

Chicago answered on Ruutu's 11th. He slammed in a long rebound of Calder's shot off goaltender Marc Denis.

Ruutu's second goal made it 3-1 early in the second period. He skated past two defenders to beat Denis, who had lost his stick earlier when Calder collided with him.

Eriksson ran his points string to four with his sixth goal, one under his career high. His shot from the left circle appeared to be redirected by Nash, who came into the game tied for the NHL lead in goals with 33. Nash was first credited with the goal before it was given to Eriksson after a review.

Devils 8, Sabres 2

Martin Brodeur became the first NHL goaltender to win 30 games in nine straight seasons and the New Jersey Devils made it easy for him.

The Devils had their highest-scoring game since October 2000 with a win over the Buffalo Sabres.

Brodeur (30-17-10) had to make only 20 saves in moving ahead of recently retired Patrick Roy for consecutive 30-win seasons.

The Devils won their third straight and moved within four points of first-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division. New Jersey has played two fewer games.

The eight goals were their most since beating Montreal 8-4 on Oct. 6, 2000. Their previous high this season was seven against the Rangers last Saturday.

Patrik Elias, Jay Pandolfo and Brian Gionta scored twice apiece, while Brian Rafalski and Jeff Friesen also scored.

Elias added three assists. In the last three games, he has a team record six goals and five assists for 11 points.

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The 2004 summer session will begin on Monday, June 21 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 6 (final exams). Some courses—primarily in science and languages—will begin and end before or after these dates. The *Summer Session Bulletin* contains complete schedule information. The *Bulletin* is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Monday, February 2. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the *Bulletin*, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).

Notre Dame continuing students—undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2004 who are eligible to return in the fall—must use Web Registration (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses according to the add and drop dates printed with each course. The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on IrishLink for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (selection) are available at <http://registrar.nd.edu>. Course call numbers are published in the *Bulletin* and at the Summer Session Web site.

Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 17, through the course add and drop dates published in the *Summer Session Bulletin*. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

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NFL

Jamal Lewis indicted on federal drug charges



Jamal Lewis carries the ball for a touchdown on Dec. 28 against Pittsburgh. He was indicted Wednesday on drug charges.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who had the second-highest rushing total in NFL history last season, was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges.

The Atlanta native is accused of trying to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000 — just before he signed a six-year, \$35.3 million contract with the Ravens.

No drugs were ever purchased, according to the indictment.

The running back's attorney, Ed Garland, said his client was innocent and would turn himself in on Thursday.

"Mr. Lewis wants everybody to know that he did nothing wrong," Garland said. "He was not part of any drug deal and any contention that he was is false."

Lewis is charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the first count, according to U.S. Attorney William Duffey.

The indictment came out of a drug investigation that has led to 30 convictions and helped dismantle a cocaine-trafficking ring in the city, Duffey said. He refused to say whether Lewis was tied to that drug ring.

In an affidavit, FBI special agent Hoyt Mahaley said that an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone on June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis' friend. The conversation was recorded, according to the agent.

"The cooperating source told Lewis that he/she was willing to sell the narcotics to Lewis' associates for a price that Lewis can tax," meaning the price could be marked up for a profit,

Mahaley said in the affidavit.

"Lewis responded 'Yeah,'" the agent said.

Hours after the call, Lewis and the friend, Angelo Jackson, met with the informant at an Atlanta restaurant, the affidavit said. There, Lewis and Jackson asked the informant how much cocaine the informant was capable of distributing, the affidavit alleges.

Jackson and the informant met again on July 12, 2000, at a gas station in suburban Atlanta, the affidavit said. During the meeting, they discussed drugs, but no purchase was made.

Lewis wasn't at the gas station. His attorney, however, said Lewis was at the restaurant, but not for the reason alleged in the indictment.

Jackson was also indicted and arrested Wednesday. He faces the same counts and a third for attempt to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.

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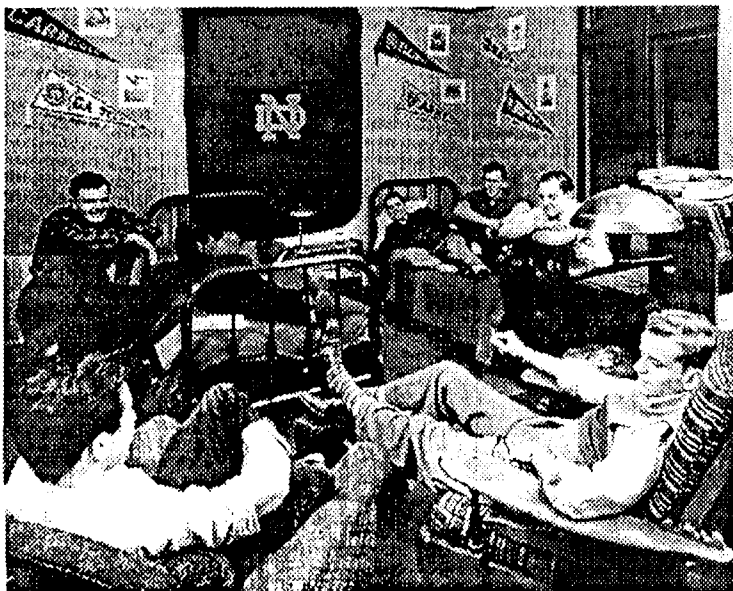
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Player of the year finalists announced

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Indiana guard Bracey Wright and Duke guards Chris Duhon and J.J. Redick are among 16 finalists for the Adolph F. Rupp Trophy for college basketball player of the year.

Duhon and Redick were joined by North Carolina State's Julius Hodge to give the Atlantic Coast Conference three finalists.

The Big East also had three finalists — Connecticut's Emeka Okafor, Syracuse's Hakim Warrick and Providence's Ryan Gomes.

Other finalists announced Wednesday were Josh Childress

of Stanford, Ike Diogu of Arizona State, Andre Emmett of Texas Tech, Matt Frieje of Vanderbilt, Francisco Garcia of Louisville, Devin Harris of Wisconsin, Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's, Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State and Blake Stepp of Gonzaga.

The award is presented by the Commonwealth Athletic Club.

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Michael Schmitt. Schmitt, of Stanford Hall, recovered from an early knockdown to come back and win a split decision over Sorin resident Larew.

Next up was a battle between off-campus senior Larry Hofman and Keenan freshman Kenton Villano. Hofman was the victor in a unanimous decision.

145-pound division

The first of seven bouts in the 145-pound weight class led off with freshman James Russell against sophomore Richard "Fletch" Cea. Cea, from Morrissey, came up short as Zahm's Russell won in a split

decision.

A freshman versus senior matchup followed as off-campus senior Mark Pfizenmayer faced Alumni freshman Kevin "K-Mart" Martin. Pfizenmayer won in a unanimous decision.

Ed "Eddie Money" Liva, a sophomore from Dillon Hall, faced off against off-campus senior Matt Welsh in the next bout of the night. Welsh was the taller opponent with a longer reach, but Liva emerged victorious in a unanimous decision.

The third freshman-senior battle of the night took place next with the elder Chip Marks meeting Will McAuliffe. Marks, an off-campus senior, won in a unanimous decision over the Keenan freshman McAuliffe.

The fifth 145-pound fight

involved Zahm junior Matt McConnell and sophomore Todd "The Vortex" Strobel. Strobel, of O'Neill Hall, won by technical knockout with 1:26 left in the third round.

A couple of tasty nicknames met in the next bout of the night. Off-campus senior Joe "Iron Chef" Schmidlin defeated Stanford sophomore Phil "Big Mac" McNicholas by technical knockout in 1:19 of the second round.

Freshman Mike Burke faced senior Paul Robinson in the 10th bout. Robinson, of Zahm, beat Dillon's Burke in a unanimous decision.

150-pound division

Two freshmen kicked off the 150-pound class as Keough's Clayton Lougee went toe-to-toe

with Matt Cavo of Alumni. Lougee won the back-and-forth fight in a split decision.

Next up was off-campus senior David "Hormone" Harmon facing Alumni sophomore Nick Weiler. "Hormone" Harmon was the victor in a unanimous decision.

Keough's Jordan Runge faced Kevin Rycyna of Alumni Hall in the 13th bout of the evening. The freshman Runge pulled off a minor upset by defeating the junior Rycyna in a unanimous decision.

O'Neill's Brian Tyrrell was the second freshman in a row to win as he defeated Dillon sophomore Will Bezouska in a unanimous decision.

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Results

Hay def. Curinka
Schmitt def. Larew
Hofman def. Villano
Russell def. Cea
Pfizenmayer def. Martin
Liva def. Welsh
Marks def. McAuliffe
Strobel def. McConnell
Schmidlin def. McNicholas
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to win the match.

Zimmer will be up against Tim Huml in the next round of the tournament.

Joe Rehmann, a sophomore from Dillon, came out on top after an even, hard-fought match against Morrissey freshman Bryan Grissinger. The fight went back and forth, but Rehmann controlled the ring and was able to land more punches in order to win with a split decision.

Rehmann will face Alumni senior Corey Harkins in the next round.

155-pound division

After an impressive, hard-hitting match in the 155-pound division, Zahm sophomore Paul Hagan came out victorious over Alumni junior Kevin Loria. Hagan knocked Loria to his knees on one occasion and won the match in a unanimous decision.

Hagan will continue on to fight O'Neill junior Nathan Lohmeyer in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

A unanimous decision in the Mike Peters versus Sean Tucker matchup disguised how close the fight between the two competitors actually was. Tucker, a senior from Keenan Hall, won the match by a few punches after dominating the first round.

Peters, a sophomore from Knott Hall, looked to make a comeback in the following two rounds, even after getting knocked down midway through the second, but he ran out of time at the end. Tucker will be up against Mark Basola next.

Siegfried senior Ted Volz dominated his bloody match against Alumni sophomore Mike Rooney with his constant strong jabs.

Volz's consistency made the difference, and he won in a unanimous decision after controlling the ring and landing more combinations throughout the match. He will fight Mike Panzica in the quarterfinals.

Adam Burns, a freshman from Zahm, defeated Mike Gigante of Stanford in a one-sided, decisive match. Although he lacked the finesse of some of the older fighters, Burns came out strong and barely let Gigante get a shot off at all.

With Gigante struggling, the referee stopped the bout early and Burns came out victorious. Burns will face Brandon Gasser in the next round.

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BENGAL BOUTS 170 LBS-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Big men set for challenge tonight

By HEATHER VAN
HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The larger fighters will get things going tonight in the Joyce Center in the 74th Annual Bengal Bouts.

In the 170-pound division, junior John Baker faces off against freshman Brian Sefton. Baker, a Fisher resident, is in his third year of boxing. The winner between Baker and Sefton, a Keough resident, will face senior captain Tommy Demko.

In the next bracket, junior Jeff Schaal faces a tough opponent in senior Patrick McGarry. McGarry, from Zahm, is in his third year of the bouts, while Schaal, a Morrissey resident, is in his first year of Bengal Bouts. The winner of that bout faces the winner of the Bill Bordogna-Matthew Smith matchup.

Bordogna, a resident of St. Edward's, is in his first bouts as a sophomore. Smith, a law student, is also in his first bouts.

In the next bout, senior James Ward squares off against Keough freshman Stephan Humphrey. Ward has an edge, as these are his third bouts. The winner will face the winner of Jeff Robinson, a law student, and John Wahoske. Wahoske, a senior, is in his fourth bouts, while Robinson is boxing in his first Bengal Bouts.

In the final bracket of the 170-

pound division, Brian Nicholson drew Nick Nanovic. Nicholson, a law student, enters his first Bengal Bouts, while Nanovic, a Dillon senior, fights in his third bouts. The winner faces the victor of the Alex Harty-Matt Knust matchup.

Harty, an O'Neill freshman, will have to makeup the experience gap against the senior Knust, who enters his fifth Bengal Bouts.

The favorite to win the division is Demko, who gets a bye in the first round, and is fighting in his fourth Bengal Bouts.

180 pounds

In the first round of the 180-pound division, sophomore Zahmbie Pat Brown faces Keough freshman Adam Frisch. Brown lost in the first round last year, but he will be hungry for revenge to earn the right to face junior Jim Christoforetti, who received a first round bye.

Nick Curcio and Denis Sullivan will duke it out next. Curcio, a freshman, will have to deal with Sullivan's experience advantage. The winner of this bout will take on the winner of the Nick Klein-Brent Burish fight.

Klein, a Morrissey sophomore, is the underdog in a matchup of old and young. Burish, an MBA student, is in his fifth bouts.

In other action, Patrick Merrell and Josh Noem will fight to face senior Eric Callahan, who received a first round bye. Merrell, an O'Neill sophomore,

has one year of Bengal Bouts experience under his belt, whereas Noem enters his third year of fights.

In the final fight of the 180-pound division, Knott resident Robert Lochridge squares off with dorm rival Siegfried's Chris Henschen. Lochridge, a second-year fighter, will have to take advantage of the junior's inexperience, as Henschen enters the fights for the first year. The winner of this bout earns the right to face senior Larry Rooney, who also earned a first round bye.

Light Heavyweights

In the final division of the night, a battle of Michaels will start off the action. Mike Abel, a Stanford junior, will take on Michael Denkelwaller. Denkelwaller enters his first bouts. The two compete for the right to face William Zizic, a senior who received a first round bye. Zizic is the favored fighter and is also one of the five captains.

The only other preliminary fight in the 10-man division takes place between freshman Eric Retter and senior Mike Ragsdale. The battle of young versus old should prove to be interesting, and the winner moves on to face O'Neill sophomore Johnny Griffin.

The bouts start at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish ready to face undefeated Illini

Defending national champion and No. 1 Illini host "Ace the Irish" night

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

On paper, the Irish look to be in for a fight.

Notre Dame has the task of taking on the defending national champions Illinois, who are undefeated at 10-0 on the season.

The Irish will also have to travel to Champaign, Ill. to face the Illini, where they have not lost a match since 2002 at the hands of the Irish.

Illinois looks to be pumping up for the matchup with Notre Dame; the Illini are sponsoring "Ace the Irish" night, during which fans will have the chance to win raffles every time the Illini ace a serve.

The Illinois pep band will also be on hand for the contest.

The No. 1 Illini boast five ranked players, led by senior Phil Stolt at No. 20.

The No. 42 Irish played through multiple injuries last weekend, pulling out 5-2 wins over Northwestern and Southern Methodist. Senior Luis Haddock is doubtful for today's match with a pulled groin, and junior Brent D'Amico has had shin splints since the weekend's matches. Freshman Barry King was unable to play singles last weekend because of a sore arm.

Head coach Bobby Bayliss has been reworking the doubles combinations, looking for the most potent combination of individual talents.

Despite theng of players due to injury, the match should be a way to assess the team's progress.

The Illini have won 42 straight games and are three wins away from the national record, set by Stanford.

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the first 10 points, extending its lead to 20 with 17:58 left. The Irish continued to play pressure defense and dominated in transition and off of turnovers. Notre Dame outscored Miami 44-12 in points off of turnovers.

The Irish bench also added 40 points, while the Hurricanes bench scored just two. Notre Dame is now 12-0 at home this season.

"That was a really important game for us," McGraw said. "We were excited to play at home, and when the crowd is behind us, we do play so much better."

Miami shot the ball poorly to start the game and spiraled downward from there. As Notre Dame built a bigger lead, the Hurricane players lost focus and made poor decisions.

"We were disappointed in the way we played tonight," Miami coach Ferne Labati said. "When things didn't go well and the shots weren't falling early on, I think [we] got frustrated and we lost focus."

Notre Dame locked a first round bye in the Big East Tournament with the victory and has just two games remaining against Rutgers

and Syracuse.

"We seem to be peaking going into the Big East Tournament," McGraw said.

Notes:

◆Hernandez was incorrectly introduced as Joyce in the pregame player introductions.

◆Two of Miami's five losses have been against Notre Dame this season.

◆The win is Notre Dame's seventh this season against a ranked opponent. The Irish are now 7-3 in games against top 25

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NOTRE DAME (18-8, 11-3)

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MIAMI (20-5, 9-5)

Knight 2-6 0-0 6, Wilkins 1-7 1-2 3, Broussard 5-12 4-9 14, James 6-13 4-5 17, McCormick 6-11 1-2 16, Marincic 1-2 0-0 2, Dhahabu 0-0 0-0 0, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Hayek 0-0 0-0 0.

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NOTRE DAME	45	48	93
MIAMI	29	29	58

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7-13 (Duffy 3-3, Joyce 2-7, Powers 1-1, Batteast 1-2), Miami 6-18 (McCormick 3-5, Knight 2-4, James 1-8, Broussard 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 8-30 (Batteast 10), Miami 13-34 (Wilkins 10). Assists: Notre Dame 28 (Severe 9), Miami 15 (Knight 5) Total fouls: Notre Dame 18, Miami 21.

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Providence, Pittsburgh or Seton Hall. But it wasn't.

The Irish blew out a top-25 team that had only four losses coming into the game, with none of those losses coming by more than nine points. Miami was tied for fourth in the Big East, but that changed the minute they set foot on the court of the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame ran circles around No. 21 Miami. Senior Chanivia Broussard, who averages 14.6 points per game, turned the ball over 13 times, while junior point guard Yalonda McCormick turned it over 10 times. Talk about double-doubles.

Meanwhile, Irish junior Jacqueline Batteast had a double-double of her own with 23 points and 10 rebounds, in addition to mention six steals.

Notre Dame did what they had to do to win and more. They beat a good Miami team at their own game, as the Irish were the ones scoring in transition for most of the contest.

Everyone was in on the action, unlike the Connecticut game when Batteast took over the game. Instead, everyone with a Notre Dame jersey on made a significant impact on the court. It was the epitome of a team win.

Even the Joyce Center crowd didn't know what to think of the blowout — they just watched in awe as the Irish kept building a greater lead.

But for Notre Dame, it couldn't come at a better time. After



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Irish guard Megan Duffy tries to drive with the ball against a Miami defender in Notre Dame's victory Wednesday.

coming off a tough road stretch that saw the Irish play down to the level of their opponents (they only beat Pittsburgh, who is 2-12 Big East, by four), Notre Dame couldn't have picked a better time to play like they know they can.

So with two regular season Big East games remaining before the conference tournament, the Irish hope that their intensity and desire can carry over to the road Saturday at

Rutgers. And, now that they know how to play their game, Notre Dame should have no problem making a good showing in their final games.

It just took them 93 points to realize what they can do.

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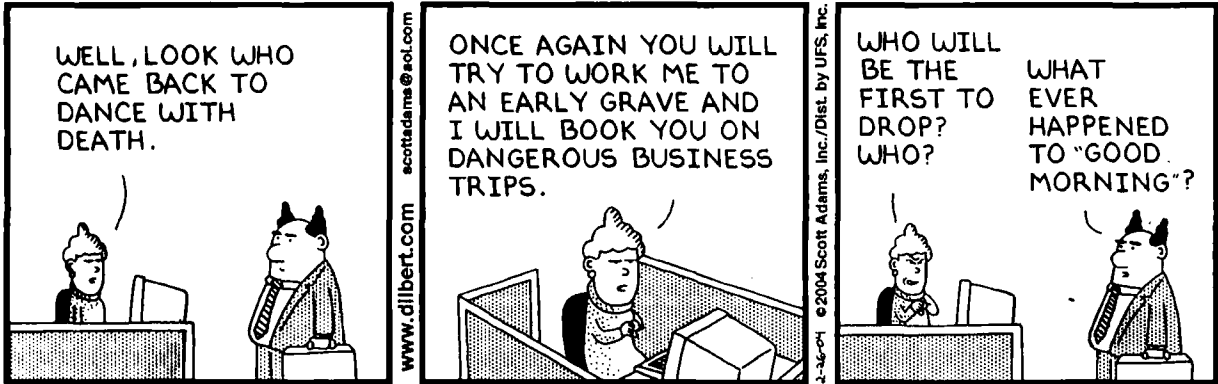
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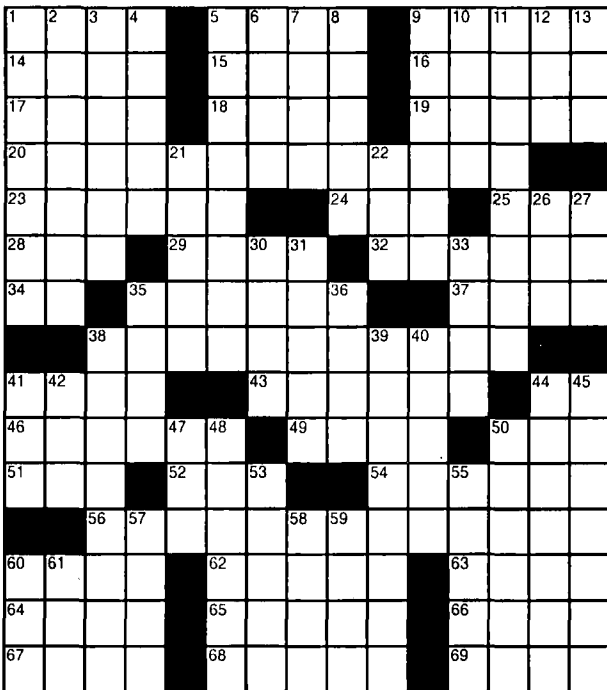


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 - 25 Whomps, briefly
 - 28 Old Mideast combine: Abbr.
 - 29 John Dean, to Nixon
 - 32 Sure way to lose money
 - 34 "Goshi!"
 - 35 Ruined
 - 37 A star may have one
- ACROSS**
- 1 Retreat
 - 2 Passage between buildings
 - 3 Bingo announcement
 - 4 "Toodles!"
 - 5 Mirage
 - 6 Magician's sound effect
 - 7 Draped dress
 - 8 Things to be read
 - 9 Om, e.g.
 - 10 Cream ingredient
 - 11 Malodorous pest
 - 12 Coded message
 - 13 Language suffix often seen in crosswords
 - 13 Compass dir. often seen in crosswords
 - 21 African grazer
 - 22 Put words in someone's mouth?
 - 26 Anthem contraction
 - 27 Platform place: Abbr.
 - 30 Is hip to
 - 31 1995 country hit "Someone ___ Star"
 - 33 "Dagnabbit!"
 - 35 Latched
 - 36 Affectedly daintily, in England
 - 37 Extinct Namibian shrub genus: Var.
 - 38 Coordinated effort



- Puzzle by Patrick Merrell
- 39 Like some seats
 - 40 First
 - 41 Trip producer
 - 42 W.W. II Pacific battle site, for short
 - 44 Appropriate
 - 45 Blazing
 - 47 Cat
 - 48 Desired - response to "Take my wife ... please!"
 - 50 Open-sided shelter
 - 53 Perfume source
 - 55 Noted archer
 - 57 What a germ may become
 - 58 Good sign
 - 59 Ticks off
 - 60 Hearst kidnapping
 - 61 Dear

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EUGENIA LAST

Celebrities born on this day: Michael Bolton, Tony Randall, Johnny Cash, Victor Hugo, Fats Domino, Jackie Gleason, Godfrey Cambridge, Mitch Ryder

Happy Birthday: Uncertainties will surround you if you aren't precise in your communications. Tell it like it is. You need to get straight answers, and you must get promises in writing. Don't be led astray by silver-tongued talkers. It is up to you to make your own decisions and to follow your own dreams. If you are too willing to give of yourself to others, you will fall short of your expectations. Your numbers: 3, 11, 17, 25, 31, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your domestic chores out of the way. You will not be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that your mate intends to dump on you. Try to stay calm and refuse to be provoked. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed. Turn things around: Put on your favorite outfit and get out. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be too emotional about occurrences at work. Try to keep your nose out of other people's business. Your own job will be questionable if you don't focus on doing your best. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be hard to get along with today. Your mood swings will drive everyone crazy. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone else how to run their life. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up-to-date. Arrange to make payments that won't break your budget. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should get out and do things that will bring you satisfaction and enhance your reputation. Problems involving children may throw you for a loop. Try to deal with these calmly. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You won't have much patience with others. Your inability to live with disharmony may be the reason for your decision to move on or make the changes necessary in your life. *

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have an excellent memory when it comes to dealing with those who are being evasive. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to debate. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sudden reversals of fortune will occur if you have been delving into risky financial ventures. You may want to leave your credit cards at home and leave your cash in the bank. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect to have disagreements with your partner if financial abuse has left you in a tight spot. You may have to put limitations on others' spending habits, which won't sit well with them. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Colleagues may cause a problem for you at work. Be careful not to let them be privy to your personal involvement or your thoughts about co-workers. Gossip will backfire. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Children will need your help today. Don't hesitate to offer assistance at the school if your children are involved in an important project. You can get into shape if you work out regularly. *****

Birthday Baby: You have a quick and versatile mind. The more willing you are to push yourself, the more successful you will be. Your disappointment with other people's weaknesses will set you off and hold you back if you waste your time trying to persuade them to see things your way. Follow your own path and don't be sidetracked by those with less ambition.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Blown away

Irish offense bowls over No. 21 Hurricanes 93-58

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

The Hurricanes were in the eye of an Irish storm Wednesday night.

When Katy Flecky drained a free throw with 2:23 remaining, Notre Dame led by its biggest margin of the game — 40 points — and Miami's players could only look on in disbelief as the Irish blew out the Hurricanes 93-58 at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast led the Irish (18-8, 11-3) with 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Courtney LaVerne added 13 bench points on 6-of-7 shooting to lead Notre Dame to its best performance of the season.

"I'm really pleased. I think that's maybe the best game we've played all year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought we came out ready, start to finish, for 40 minutes and played great on both ends of the floor. I was really pleased with the intensity and the focus."

Miami entered Wednesday's game averaging over 74 points per game and had won four straight. But the Hurricanes (20-5, 9-5) had no answers for a stifling Irish defense that forced 37 turnovers and held

Miami under 60 points for the second time this season.

"We expected them to turn the ball over a lot," McGraw said. "I thought they had a lot of trouble against the zone."

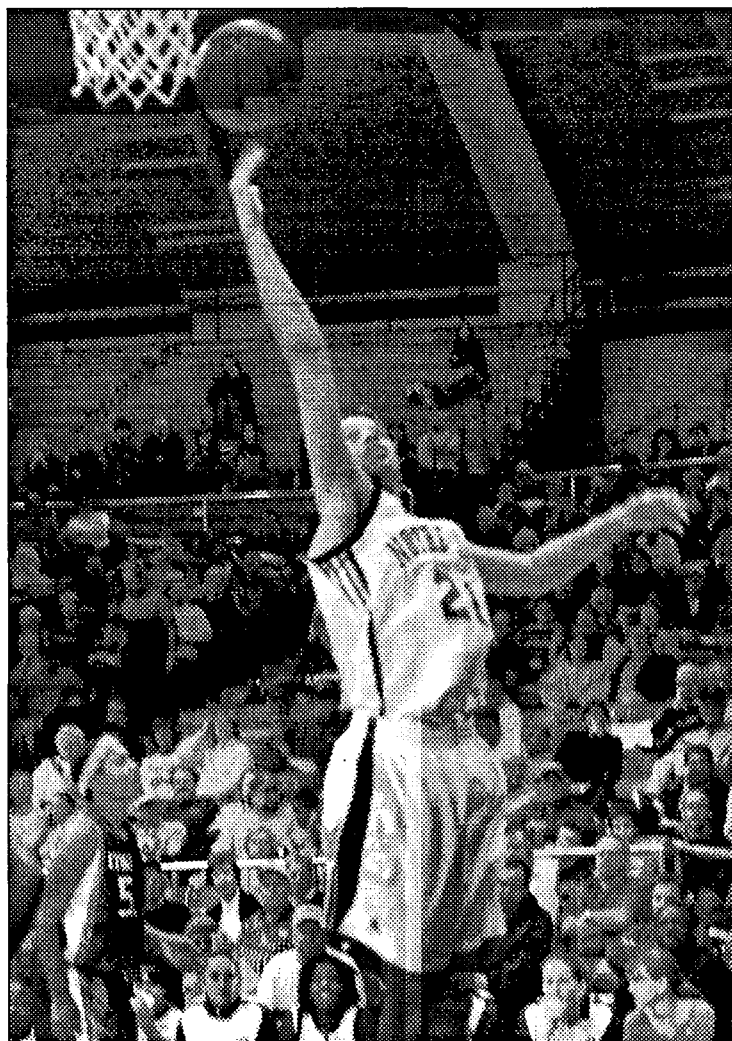
Miami forward Chanivia Broussard lead the Hurricanes with 13 turnovers, which is a new record for an individual opposing player. Hurricane forward Yalonda McCormick added 10 turnovers and 16 points. Guard Tamara James lead the Hurricanes with 17 points, but made just 1-of-8 3-pointers.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame's offense exploded for 93 points — the largest output of the season. Coming into the game, the Irish averaged 65.2 points per contest. Notre Dame guard Monique Hernandez scored 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting and Megan Duffy hit all three of her 3-point attempts to add 10 more. Every player on the Irish bench scored in the game.

Notre Dame never trailed and went on a 37-22 run — after leading 8-7 — to take a 45-29 halftime lead. Batteast had 13 first half points, while Jeneka Joyce added eight points with two 3-pointers.

Notre Dame began the second half by scoring seven of

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HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer
Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast attempts a layup in Notre Dame's 93-58 win over Miami at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

Irish show potential in 35-point victory over Hurricanes

Wednesday night, the Irish gave fans a glimpse of just what they are capable of.

They played their best game of the year at a time when they had to. Notre Dame couldn't go wrong and Miami couldn't do right.

Heather Van Hoegarden

Sports Writer

The Irish forced 37 turnovers and held the usually fast-breaking Hurricanes to four points on the break.

But that wasn't the most staggering statistic. Notre Dame's bench scored almost as many points as the entire Miami team, dropping 40 to Miami's two.

Wednesday night was an indication — an indication of just how good this team can be. The Irish first gave a glimpse Jan. 13 when they beat then-No. 4 Connecticut.

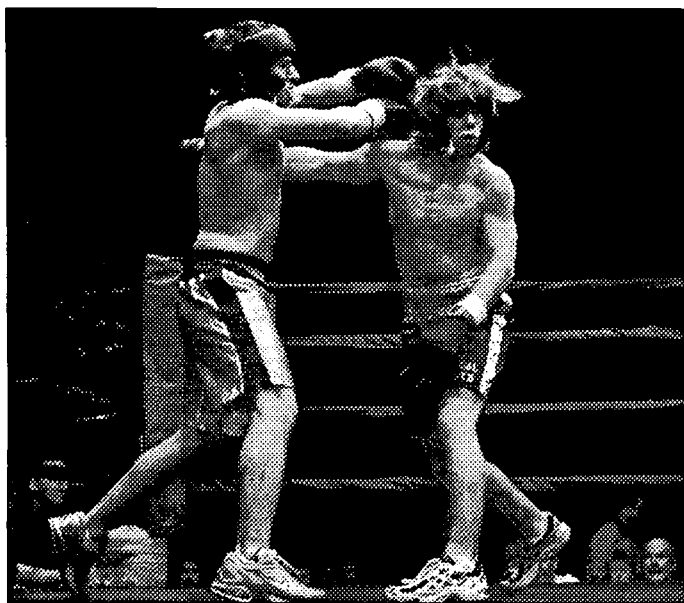
And, against Miami, Notre Dame was not to be stopped. They shot a staggering 57.9 percent and put up 93 points — 35 more than the Hurricanes.

The win would be one thing if it was against a team like

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BENGAL BOUTS 140-POUNDS — 150-POUNDS

Preliminary rounds begin



TIM KACMAR/The Observer
Richard Cea, left, lands a punch on James Russell in first round action of the Bengal Bouts Wednesday.

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Gloves hit heads and noses bled as the 74th annual Bengal Bouts began Wednesday night in the Joyce Center.

The Bouts, which raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, began with the preliminaries of the 140-pound weight division as freshman George Hay of St. Ed's Hall defeated sophomore Marty Curinka of Zahm in a unanimous decision.

The second fight was between sophomores James Larew and

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BENGAL BOUTS 153-POUNDS — 155-POUNDS

'Doctor' Dolan lands unanimous decision

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

The 153-pound division got under way with off-campus senior Matthew "Chainsaw" Jensen against Dillon sophomore Michael "Doctor" Dolan. Dolan defeated his upperclass opponent by unanimous decision.

After an exciting preliminary match in the 153-pound division, Nate Schomas, a senior from O'Neill, defeated Brad Amiri, a junior from Alumni, in a unanimous decision.

Both competitors came out of the gates swinging and throwing many punches, but Schomas' relentless attacks

and fast flurries were too much for Amiri, who seemed to tire toward the end of the fight. Schomas, a football walk-on, will go on to face Bobby Gorynski in the quarterfinals Monday.

Senior Don Zimmer dominated his match against Brian Garcia from beginning to end, causing the referee to end the bout early.

Although Garcia, a sophomore from Sorin, had an obvious reach advantage, Zimmer was able to control the ring well and get inside. Once inside, Zimmer stunned his opponent with strong combination after strong combination

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame at Illinois

Today, 4 p.m.

The Irish are set to take on No. 1 Illinois in Champaign, Ill.

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BENGAL BOUTS

The preliminary rounds of the 74th Annual Bengal Bouts continue today with bouts in the 170-pound — Heavyweight divisions.

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NFL

Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges for helping a friend buy cocaine in the summer 2000.

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PGA

Tiger Woods needed a pair of birdies on the last two holes to come from behind for a 1-up victory in the Accenture World Match Play Championships.

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NHL

New York Rangers head coach Glen Sather stepped down from his post Wednesday, but he will remain with the Rangers as president and general manager.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

A wrap up of Wednesday's college hoops action, including Wake Forest's come-from-behind overtime victory over conference rival Florida State.

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