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Panel discusses 'Passion of the Christ'

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Less than a week after "The Passion of the Christ" was released nationwide, Notre Dame students and faculty convened for a panel discussion entitled "Why All the Passion?" In a packed DeBartolo auditorium, theology professor Rabbi Michael Signer moderated a panel of Catholic and Jewish faculty members, who discussed the

controversial Mel Gibson film. Signer prefaced the discussion by saying the movie should be deeply analyzed.

"To have seen the film is far from having come to an understanding of the film," he said. "We need to come to grips with this powerful cultural force."

Panelists included Father Jerry Neyrey, a theology professor and Jesuit priest; Peter Holland, chairman of the film, television, and theater depart-

ment; Father John Steele, Morrissey rector and assistant director of campus ministry; Larry Cunningham, acting chairman of the theology department; and Frank Santoni, coordinator of ecumenical activities for campus ministry.

Neyrey blasted the film's gruesome violence as unnecessary and historically inaccurate.

"Gibson has sucked all the meaning out of [the Passion],"

he said. "This is excess. This is over the top."

He said the film's focus on physical torture is misguided, and that the real suffering of Jesus was the shame he endured.

Neyrey said that in the original Greek text of the Gospels, Jesus was crowned with acanthus, a weed — not with thorns.

"The Gospel writer does not

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Mooney gears for transition

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

While preparing for a smooth transition into office June 1, Saint Mary's President-elect Carol Ann Mooney continues to remain active both in the campus community and in setting personal goals.

"I am pleased and excited by what I am learning and look

forward to the time when it is possible to spend full time at Saint Mary's," Mooney said. "Right now, I have on-going duties at Notre Dame and need to attend to those responsibilities as well."

Mooney, currently vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame, visits the Saint Mary's campus two or more times each week. Every visit varies, Mooney said, though each has included private meetings with current President Marilou Eldred, the Administrative Council and other members of the College with whom she expects to work.

Mooney also met with several Saint Mary's College committees and has attended various student events since her Dec. 26 appointment. One of the most instrumental visits, she said, was spending two full days on campus when the Board of Trustees held its meeting last month.



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Professor reviews sex abuse

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

In connection with Friday's release of two reports pertaining to sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Church, the Diocesan Review Board recently awarded special commendations to eight of the nearly 200 U.S. Catholic dioceses. The work was done in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Saint Mary's Religious Studies professor Joe Incandela — along with several other members of the Notre Dame community — sits on the 11-member committee that makes up the Review Board.

"Our job is to review the past and present cases of sexual abuse and make a recommendation of what is to be done to Bishop [John] D'Arcy," Incandela said. "Ultimately, Bishop D'Arcy has the final say in what the course of action is going to be."

In the reports, D'Arcy and the Review board were complimented for their serious approach to the issues at hand.

"This commendation was given to the diocese based on the programs that have been implemented that ensure a safe environment for kids," Incandela said. "We are taking precautions, and we are in full compliance with the charter from Dallas."

The Diocesan Review Board formed in January 2003 to comply with the June 2002-issued Charter for the Protection of Young People.

"When I found out this board would be forming, I expressed an interest in being a part of it," Incandela said. "You're either part of the problem or part of the solution, and I wanted to be

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Cloning raises ethics questions



Protesters in Tokyo demonstrate against cloning restrictions on Jan. 19, 2003. The announcement that South Korean scientists have cloned a human have sparked renewed debate.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

When South Korean scientists announced last month that they had cloned an early stage human embryo, some hailed the success as the first step toward "the age of human cloning" and subsequent cures to debilitating diseases. But Notre Dame science and humanities professors said the announcement

also raises new moral and ethical concerns.

Lead researchers Wook Suk Hwang and Sin Yong Moon of the Seoul National University made the announcement Feb. 12 at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Their findings were published the following day in the journal "Science."

News of the cloning brought vocal but mixed

reactions from fellow scientists, politicians and religious leaders around the world — some wary of the implications of such a breakthrough, others cautiously optimistic that the technology can be used to treat diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes and Alzheimer's.

The scientists produced the clone by first collecting

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For break, 'Survivor Days' mean safety



Blrgit Heinisch and Pam Dorsey pick up care packages that Health Services is giving to students for safety over spring break.

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

In an attempt to prevent health problems that result from stereotypical spring break activities like binge drinking and sleep deprivation, several University departments have collaborated to organize "Spring Break Survivor Days." The event is sponsored by the Health Center, the University Counseling Center, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and RecSports.

Since Monday, the lobby of the Health Center has housed information presented in the theme of the popular "Survivor" television show. Wall displays exhibit vignettes

about healthy spring break activities that can help students be spring break "survivors," as well as stories about unhealthy behavior that will get them "voted off the island."

As a component of the program, students can enter a raffle for prizes and will receive free gift bags with items, such as sunscreen, that can help them have a safe spring break. Handouts with information about body image, alcohol abuse, sexual assault, sunburn and driving fatigue will also be available. Free food and "mocktails" — non-alcoholic fruit drinks — have been available throughout the week and will be served until

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INSIDE COLUMN

An unlikely superhero

I'm afraid of you. I'm afraid of you, and I don't even know who you are. Worse yet, you don't even know who I am. So why am I afraid? I have a dirty secret. I, your faithful Tuesday-night Viewpoint Copy Editor, have never written anything to be published. Nobody aside from my English teacher has ever seen anything I've written. We desperately needed an Inside Column for today, though, so here I am, an entire paragraph done, and I haven't even said anything. Hey, this is easier than I thought.

Alyssa Brauweiler

Viewpoint copy editor

With the first paragraph done, I find myself curiously short on column fodder. I can't use an entire column as an introductory paragraph, or the Assistant News Editor will have my head. What, then? And then, the Muse, that benevolent entity that watches over struggling copy editors everywhere, strikes me. It hurts. But more to the point, I've got an idea now. What if I write a whole series of columns, none of which has any concrete point? I could call it "Brain Smatterings," or something to that effect, and just write a whole lot of nothing. There wouldn't even be a whole lot of "brain" around to smatter, come to think of it.

I think this could work. I just write random, disconnected paragraphs and nobody notices it. Everyone is too dazzled by my creative writing prowess — usually hidden behind the meek exterior of a copy editor — to notice that I have yet to say a single thing worth reading. It's like I'm related to Superman. I'm not cool enough to be a super hero, but darned if I can't be that weird cousin that nobody talks about, right?

And hey, now that I've established familial ties with another group of people, I kind of have two identities, just like Clark Kent. The only question I have is: Will FAFSA help me out any more now that I'm two people? I mean, Mom and Pop Kent don't pull in much cash out in the boonies. I'd need some pretty substantial scholarship help. It's only fair, right? I mean, it's not like I made up a whole new identity just so I could get more money out of good ol' Uncle Sam, right? I logically stated that I must be two people, and my second self was heretofore unacknowledged. What a shame.

This little endeavor is fast becoming more of an anti-column than anything else. All right, raise your hand if you're still reading. If you've been foolish enough to venture this far, you may start wishing that those proverbial hundred monkeys with their hundred typewriters (who, no doubt, could churn out a column far better than this one, if given the opportunity) would come and bash me on the head a hundred times. Each. Then my brain really would be smattered.

At least I would have injected a little creativity into the assassination process, though.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Alyssa Brauweiler at abrauweil@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH MALE ACTOR WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO WIN THE OSCAR FOR "BEST ACTOR?"



Alejandro Williams

Sophomore St. Edwards

"Johnny Depp, definitely."



Joanna Basile

Sophomore Pangborn

"Johnny Depp, but for 'Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.' I'm obsessed with him."



Laura MacLean

Sophomore Farley

"Jesuszilla, son of Godzilla."



Mayra Gomez

Junior Pangborn

"John Cameron Mitchel from 'Hedwig and the Angry Inch.' He rocked the house!"



Nick Shepard

Sophomore St. Edwards

"Johnny Depp, because he is so cool."



Vince Lyzinski

Sophomore Keenan

"Steven Segal, because if he hasn't won one yet, he should. Or a lifetime achievement award."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A panel discussion Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium focused on "Iraq One Year Later: What Have We Learned?" Four expert faculty members, Keir Lieber, Martha Merritt, George Lopez and Daniel Lindley were panelists and led dialogue at the event.

OFFBEAT

Teacher bets student to jump out window

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A high school student jumped out a second-floor window to win a bet with a teacher, who has been disciplined, officials said. The teen was not injured.

Miami Beach High School science teacher Yrvan Tassy Jr. has been reassigned to a non-teaching job while police and school officials investigate the incident.

Tassy's class was discussing evolution last week when the student, who was not identified, talked about jumping out the window to

prove his point, police said.

The teacher bet him \$20 that he would be injured in the jump, according to police reports.

The student then jumped out the window, landing on his feet in a patch of dirt and grass, police said. He returned to the classroom and asked Tassy for his money. Tassy said he would bring it the following day, students told police.

Police seize truck with 900 pounds of pot

INDIANAPOLIS — Police who pulled over a pickup truck because its load was blocking the view of a tem-

porary license plate in the rear window discovered it was carrying 900 pounds of marijuana.

"It was piled up in big bags," said Indiana State Trooper William Etter. "Once you first stopped it, it was obvious — you could smell it."

The marijuana was compressed into about 900 bricks and wrapped in plastic, police said. The pot nearly filled the bed of the truck, and a drug-sniffing dog responded immediately to the scent, police said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "Dr. Strangelove" will be shown today in the Kroc Institute Auditorium in the Hesburgh Center at 7 p.m. There will be a brief introduction by Professor Dan Lindley highlighting how the film's lessons about nuclear proliferation and nuclear accidents remain timely. This Stanley Kubrick film is the American Film Institute's third best U.S. comedy ever and the American Film Institute's 26th best U.S. film.

Irish Idol 2 auditions will be held tonight from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Crowley Hall of Music.

Mitchell Scholarship information sessions will be held today at 10 a.m. in DeBartolo 217 and at 11 a.m. in DeBartolo 116. Anyone interested in applying for the Rhodes, Marshall, or Fulbright at some point in the future is encouraged to attend. A representative of the program will be on hand to provide details and answer questions.

Werewere Liking and the Ki-Yi Mbock Dance and Song group will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Come hear Fran Day, who's son's fiancée was killed in the Sept. 11 WTC attacks, relay her story: how her family reached out from their sorrow to work for peace. The event will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Anthony Travel brings students to destinations

By LAUREN SIEGEL
News Writer

As midterms conclude and spring break draws near, many students take advantage of warmer climates, sandy beaches and sparkling waters. For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, Anthony Travel — with agencies on both campuses — provides an ideal source to ensure a little fun in the sun.

Both the Saint Mary's office, located in the Haggard Student Center, and Notre Dame's, located in LaFortune, house agents ready to help students find an affordable "hot spot" that can be booked individually or as a group.

In previous years, Cancun and the Bahamas have been the place to go, said Marcia Fewell of Saint Mary's Anthony Travel. But she said the hot spot varies from year to year.

"Most students are going on the Nordic Empress, which is a Royal Caribbean Cruise," Fewell said. "Anthony Travel had booked over 60 cabins for Spring Break and we have filled them all."

"It was at a great rate," she said of the cruise, which will depart from Tampa and make stops at Grand Cayman, Cozumel and Belize.

According to Kayleen Carr of the LaFortune branch, Acapulco is the popular destination of Notre Dame students.

"Students want to go to a place that is sunny and hot to escape the South Bend weather," she said.

Carr said the yearly change of a prime location is most likely due to the fact that students often choose to travel in large groups.

"One person decides where they want to go, and there is a domino effect," she said.

Fewell said another reason for the change in location is price. Saint Mary's senior Jessica Holloway agrees.

"You go to the fun spot that is cheaper," she said.

Having Anthony Travel on both campuses also allows Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to vacation together conveniently.

"An eighth of the students who go through us for spring break are mixed groups of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students," Carr said.

While some students spend months planning exotic Spring Break vacations, others do not.

"I am lucky that I can get a break from the South Bend weather and go home to Florida. It's great," said Saint Mary's sophomore Megan Carroll. "I don't have to pay any extra money to stay in a beautiful place because my hometown is considered a vacation spot."

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Senate gun control bill fails

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans scuttled their election-year gun legislation Tuesday after Democrats succeeded in winning approval of amendments to extend an assault weapons ban and require background checks on all buyers at private gun shows.

The 90-8 vote against the bill handed Democrats and gun control advocates an unexpected victory in the GOP-controlled Congress. It all but eliminated any chance for gun legislation this year.

"Twenty-four hours ago, I knew of no one who would have said we would be sitting where we are right now," said Mike Barnes, president of the Brady Campaign gun-control group. "The NRA's highest legislative priority was just defeated."

Beginning in September, the gun industry can resume making, importing and selling military style semiautomatic weapons that were outlawed a decade ago. Nonetheless, Democrats say they now have the Senate on record as supporting the assault weapons ban by a 52-47 vote even though Republican leaders have vowed they won't allow the House to consider it this year.

"Now we know we have our vote and we will come back," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "If we can't get it done by Sept. 13, then you can be sure it's going to be in the presiden-

tial campaign as a bona fide issue as to whether the American people want AK47s, street sweepers and Uzis sold once again."

The National Rifle Association, a political juggernaut because of its four million members, e-mailed senators in both parties just before the final roll call urging them to vote against the bill after Democrats succeeded in adding the gun-control measures to the GOP-written legislation.

A week ago, the bill preventing lawsuits against gun manufacturers and distributors because of gun crimes had 75 senators ready to vote for it.

"While we will continue to work to save the U.S. firearms industry, we have said from the start that we would not allow this bill to become a vehicle for added restrictions on the law-abiding people of America," NRA Vice President Wayne LaPierre Jr. wrote in the e-mail. "Given this fact, we oppose final passage ... and will fight this issue another day."

Republican senators said they also may attempt to revive the gunmaker-immunity bill. "We will see if we have enough time to get it out this year," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the bill's sponsor who was forced to vote against his own legislation because of the Democratic amendments. "I learned years ago, 'Don't pass a bad bill.'"

Democratic senators were grudgingly prepared to accept the gunmaker immunity bill if

they could get their two amendments along with it.

"The immunity bill was a terrible bill," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "We're better off at the end of the day than we were at the beginning of the day."

Several Republican senators voted for one or both of the gun show and assault weapons ban amendments, enabling minority Democrats to change the GOP's bill. At their weekly caucus luncheon, Republican senators were told to sit tight until the NRA decided whether it would support the bill with the two Democratic amendments.

After waiting for a couple of hours, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of the maverick Republicans, said he was told the NRA wanted a no vote. "I voted yes," he said, beaming.

On the final roll call, only two other Republicans voted for the bill: Sens. George Voinovich of Ohio and Richard Lugar of Indiana. Democrats who voted for the final package were Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Sens. Mark Pryor of Arkansas, John Breaux of Louisiana, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas.

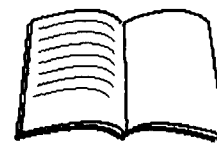
Underlining the importance of Tuesday's events to next fall's election, presidential contenders John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina broke away from the campaign trail to cast their first Senate votes of the year in support of the Democratic amendments.



Happenings

March 3, 2004

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March 25

Rabbi Michael Lerner to Discuss the 'Politics of Meaning'; the Election and Faith

Rabbi Michael Lerner, founder/editor of Tikkun magazine and leading American intellectual, will speak on "The Politics of Meaning," a concept that he used for the title of his 1995 groundbreaking book.

Rabbi Lerner, one of the most important religious persons of our time, will speak on

Volunteer Opportunities

Tutors are needed to work with Washington High School students Monday through Thursday from 3-4 p.m. in the school's library.

Daytime tutoring times are also available. Please contact Ann Power for more information

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the challenges that people of faith face in this election year.

Rabbi Lerner is author of a number of books, including *Jews and Blacks: A Dialogue on Race, Religion and Culture*, *Healing Israel/Palestine: A Path to Peace and Reconciliation*, and *The Politics of Meaning: Restoring Hope and Possibility in an Age of Cynicism*. According to former U.S. senator Paul Wellstone, "Lerner's ideas ought to inform our contemporary political discussion."

According to Rev. Jim Wallis, "Michael Lerner is one of America's most important spiritual teachers, a contemporary prophet whose insightful and visionary thinking has already had a profound impact on American culture and thought."

Don't miss this exciting event.

When : Thursday, March 25 at 5:00 pm

Where : 101 DeBartolo Hall

Applications for Teamwork for Tomorrow Due March 19

Teamwork for Tomorrow is an after-school mentoring program that serves in two sites; one site serves a predominantly Hispanic community and the other an African-American community.

Both sites run four hours a week. For more information,

please visit the Teamwork website at www.nd.edu/~teamwork or email Sarah Finch, recruitment coordinator, at sfinch1@nd.edu.

Applications for fall 2004 are available on the website and due by March 19.

Ganey Award and Grants

Ganey Award Nominations Due March 22.

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting nominations for the Ganey Award, a monetary award of \$5,000. Nominees should be regular faculty who have completed one or more research projects that address a need of a South Bend area community based organization. To Learn more, go to the CSC website.

Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2004.

Ganey Mini-Grant Applications Due March 22

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting applications for two mini-grants of \$5,000 each. Awarded in two phases, the mini-grants support joint faculty-student-community research partnerships that address a social challenge articulated by a community organization. The purposes of the mini-grants are to foster faculty-student-community partnerships that result in measurable, positive impact in the South Bend area; reflect the investment of faculty expertise in the local community; and offer students community-based learning opportunities that promote civic responsibility. To Learn more, go to the CSC website.

The proposal should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2004.

September 11 Families for Peace Speech Held March 4

A member of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows will speak on working for peace in a post-September 11th world. The event is sponsored by the ND

Peace Fellowship.

When: Thursday, March 4 at 5:00 pm

Where: Center for Social Concerns

Cloning

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donated human eggs. Each egg contains what is called a haploid nucleus, composed of half the chromosomes found in somatic or body cell nuclei. During fertilization, this nucleus fuses with that of a sperm cell to regenerate a complete genome.

The Korean team instead removed the haploid nucleus and replaced it with one from a surrounding cumulus cell using somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) technology.

The cell divided and grew until it became a blastocyst, an early stage of embryonic development, at which point the researchers harvested a pluripotent embryonic stem cell line.

The results are significant because the derived stem cell line can potentially develop into almost any tissue within the body through the use of therapeutic cloning. The same technology, however, could conceivably be used in reproductive cloning to generate a human clone.

"I think this opens up a new set of issues," said Phillip Sloan, chairman of the Program of Liberal Studies and a specialist in the history and philosophy of life science.

The announcement raises ethical concerns about the morality of creating an embryo for the sole purpose of harvesting tissue and fears that the scientific community may be unable to control the direction

of the research.

"I'm certainly a person who is pro-science and pro-scientific research, but I think there are limits the scientific community needs to impose on itself," Sloan said. "What is the line that separates the kind of cloning that has been developed by the Korean team for medical benefit and a subsequent growing of embryos to a later stage of development to harvest other parts for medical use?"

The advancement could also lead rogue scientists to pursue reproductive cloning — an unlikely but possible consequence of the new technology, said Harvey Bender, a biology professor and director of the Human Genetics Program at Notre Dame.

"Is there going to be some unscrupulous, idiot dictator that would use it to copy himself? It's possible," Bender said.

"It would be excruciatingly expensive to use this willy-nilly for reproduction," he said, adding that the low success rate of the process — about one in 20 in the Korean research — presents additional difficulties.

But the issue raises more practical moral questions, as well. The cloned blastocyst, for example, represents a sort of curve ball to moral ethicists. Because the cells contain no genetic contribution from either a sperm or an egg, some could question whether it was even an embryo at all according to the traditional definition.

"In the case of the Korean cloning, there is no dad or mom. There is no fertilization

in the historical sense," Bender said. "It's a new wrinkle for [moral ethicists] to grapple with."

The news, Bender said, also brings exciting new possibilities for medicine.

"[The goal is to] develop specific tissues to overcome deficiencies in patients suffering from [diseases like] diabetes and Alzheimer's. The idea is replacement tissue rather than replacement people," he said. "There are hundreds of patients with hemoglobin problems — to be able to overcome that is very exciting."

Still, Sloan cautioned, the announcement may push future research down a slippery slope. After Dolly the sheep was cloned in 1997 the assumption — at least within the United States and European Union — was that human cloning would not be pursued, he said. Now it has been done, raising possibilities of harvesting tissue from later stage embryos or even reproductive cloning in the future.

And while Sloan said he prefers that the scientific community implement some form of internal regulation, more announcements like that from the Korean team could prompt outside intervention.

"The ball is in the scientists' court right now," he said. "If there isn't sufficient self-regulation and a recognition of the moral questions now raised by humanists, then it is [likely] that external legislation will be needed."

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Mooney

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In addition to increasing her familiarity with the College, Mooney also sees the importance in broadening her understanding of the presidency itself. In early February, she attended the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities' annual meeting to learn more about prominent issues facing today's Catholic higher education institutions. She also plans to attend two summer seminars designed specifically for new presidents as they transition into office.

Despite means of preparation, Mooney said it is too early to begin thinking about what changes need to be made at Saint Mary's.

"I think it is very unwise for someone to enter into a new community and attempt to make changes before having the opportunity to get to know the community from the inside out," she said. "I have the advantages of being an alumna and of having lived and worked in close proximity to the College for a long time, so I will begin my presidency with a strong knowledge base."

"But," Mooney added, "I need to be careful not to assume that Saint Mary's is the same as when I was a student or that what I have

read in the newspaper or learned through the grapevine provide a broad or deep picture of the current reality at the College."

Upon entering office, Mooney said her first priority is to increase her depth of knowledge about the Saint Mary's community. She credits her regular visits to campus as having provided her with information about what faculty, staff and students consider to be the next steps taken.

Mooney said her top priority as president is to ensure that Saint Mary's will continue to attract "talented young women." Focusing on individual attention and preparing students for a challenging future are two aspects that Mooney plans to maintain at the College. These aspects must remain faithful to the mission set by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, she said.

"Saint Mary's is an educational institution so, first and foremost, we must continue to provide an excellent academic experience and constantly strive to improve and fine tune it," Mooney said. "Our goal is to be excellent in everything we do, and my job is to help keep us on that course and make it possible to achieve the next level of development."

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part of the solution. I wanted to try to do something to advance the Church to do the right thing."

Incandela said he believes that some people fail to give Bishop D'Arcy and the dio-

cese the credit they deserve for what has been accomplished.

"I believe that Bishop D'Arcy responded in a compassionate, pastoral manner to the victims that have come forward," he said. "As far as the Charter goes, we are ahead of the curve in the country, and we're only going to progress forward."

Members of the Notre Dame community that are a part of the Review Board include Susan Steibe-Pasalich, assistant director of Notre Dame Counseling Services, and graduates Lisa Everett, Frank Byrne and Ann Firth.

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Survivor

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9 p.m. tonight.

According to Pat Brubaker, assistant director of Clinical Services, the need for such an informational program has been apparent for years at Health Services and the Counseling Center.

"We found that when spring break was over, there was a huge increase in needs related to unhealthy behavior," Brubaker said. "We decided to get into preventive medicine."

Brubaker said a census was taken to determine the most common student needs that arise as a result of spring break. The response is those issues currently targeted with the Survivor event.

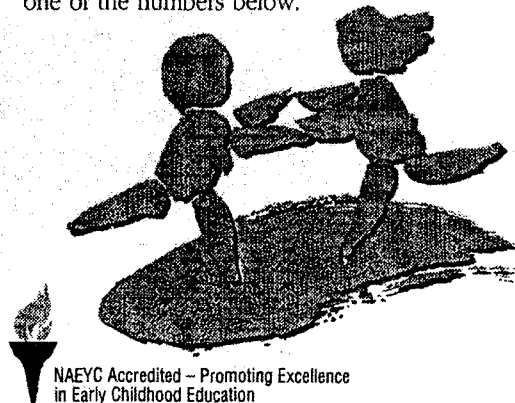
The pre-spring break health event debuted last year, and Helen Bowden of the Counseling Center said it resulted in a decrease in the number of students that returned from break with illnesses and other problems.

"We want students to 'survive' spring break healthy and safe," Brubaker said.

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ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering children for the 2004-05 School Year and the 2004 Summer Day Camp. ECDC at Saint Mary's College enrolls children ages 3 through 5 during the school year and 3 through 9 during the summers. ECDC at Notre Dame enrolls children ages 2 through kindergarten during the school year and 2.5 through 9 during the summer. For more information and ECDC Parent Tours, please call one of the numbers below.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebel leader takes charge in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rebel leader Guy Philippe declared himself the new chief of Haiti's military, which was disbanded by ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and pledged Tuesday that rebel forces will disarm.

Philippe then said he would arrest Prime Minister Yvon Neptune on corruption charges.

He said he was "not interested in politics" and was ready to follow the orders of interim President Boniface Alexandre, chief justice of the Supreme Court, who was installed Sunday.

China to legalize property rights

BEIJING — Communist China is changing its constitution to embrace the most basic tenet of capitalism, protecting private property rights, for the first time since the 1949 revolution.

China's parliament is meeting in an annual session starting Friday to endorse the change, already approved by Communist Party leaders who tout privatization as a way to continue the country's economic revolution and help tens of millions of poor Chinese. It will bring China's legal framework in line with its market-oriented ambitions by providing a constitutional guarantee for entrepreneurs, once considered the enemy of communism but now pivotal in generating jobs and wealth.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mayor charged in gay weddings

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. — The village's mayor was charged Tuesday with 19 criminal counts for performing marriage ceremonies for gay couples.

Jason West was charged with solemnizing marriages without a license, a misdemeanor under the domestic relations law, according to Ulster County District Attorney Donald Williams.

Although West could face a maximum penalty of a year in jail, Williams said a jail term wasn't being contemplated at this point.

West performed wedding ceremonies for 25 gay couples Friday, making him the second mayor in the country to perform same-sex marriages. More than 3,400 couples have been married in San Francisco.

GOP senators drop gun bill

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans scuttled an election-year bill to immunize the gun industry from lawsuits Tuesday after Democrats amended it to extend an assault weapons ban and require background checks on all buyers at private gun shows.

The National Rifle Association began pressuring senators to vote against the bill after Democrats won votes on the two key gun control measures. The 90-8 vote against the bill virtually ends any chance for gun legislation to make through Congress this year.

Democrats won close votes on their amendments to change the Republican legislation, a strategy aimed at pressuring the GOP-dominated House to accept the restrictions to gain passage of the gunmaker-immunity bill.

STATE NEWS

Students begin lunchtime walks

GARY — Children are walking away from the vending machines as part of a new program at Gary's elementary schools.

As part of the "Walk for Good Health" program that began Monday, students are encouraged to walk for 30 minutes during their daily lunch hour. The program is sponsored by the school district, area ministers and the Urban League of Northwest Indiana.

About 475 students took part in the program's first day at Locke Elementary School. All 20 Gary elementary schools are expected to participate.

Urban League Chairman Oliver Crawford developed the concept about six months ago to help reduce child obesity.

IRAQ

Terrorists kill 143 on holy day

Suicide attacks hit Shiite religious sites; U.S. officials probe al-Qaida connection

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Suicide bombers carried out simultaneous attacks on Shiite Muslim shrines in Iraq on Tuesday, detonating multiple explosions that ripped through crowds of pilgrims. At least 143 people were killed and 430 wounded — the bloodiest day since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Unofficial casualty reports, however, put the toll in Baghdad and Karbala as high as 223.

U.S. officials and Iraqi leaders named an al-Qaida-linked militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, as a "prime suspect" for the attacks, saying he seeks to spark a Sunni-Shiite civil war to wreck U.S. plans to hand over power to the Iraqis on June 30.

But some Shiites lashed out at U.S. forces. Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani, blamed the Americans for not providing security on the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

The blasts fanned fear and anger at a time when leaders of the Shiite majority are pressing for more power in a future government after years of oppression under Saddam. The attacks forced the delay of a milestone in the path toward the U.S. handover — the planned Thursday signing of an interim constitution approved by the U.S.-appointed Governing Council.

"What we've seen today in these attacks are desperation moves by al Qaeda-affiliated groups that recognize the threat that a successful transition



Zuma

Several bombs exploded Tuesday in the Shiite Muslim holy city of Karbala, killing scores of pilgrims and wounding hundreds more. The suicide attacks coincided with similar blasts in Baghdad and Pakistan.

in Iraq represents," Vice President Dick Cheney told CNN.

The devastating explosions came on the climactic day of the 10-day Shiite mourning festival Ashoura commemorating the 7th century martyrdom of the prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein.

The bombings also happened about two hours before an attack on a Shiite procession in Quetta, Pakistan, that killed at least 42 people — including two attackers — and wounded over 160.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims from Iraq, Iran and other Shiite communities were massed around the golden-domed Imam Hussein mosque in the holy city of Karbala and

the Kazimiya shrine in Baghdad when the explosions went off about 10 a.m.

In Karbala, women tripped over their long, black robes as they ran. Police wept at the sight of the mangled and torn bodies of pilgrims, their blood pooling in the streets.

"I was walking away from the tea stand, when I heard someone shouting 'Allahu Akbar.' I turned my head and saw a tall, bearded man," said Ali Haidar. "A split second later, he exploded, his clothes flying upward. The sound was deafening. Bodies, feet, arms were everywhere. Pieces of flesh flew at me."

In Baghdad, wooden carts for ferrying elderly

pilgrims were used instead as impromptu gurneys, stacked with the wounded and dead. Torn bodies were sprawled across the mosaic-walled courtyard inside the Kazimiya shrine, and thousands of shoes — left at the shrine's doorstep as the faithful prayed inside — were blown across the square.

"I heard a deafening explosion and bodies began to fly and land next to me," said Amar Dawas, sitting atop a pile of tangled mattresses, head down and scratching his left heel.

"There were also hands and legs which we had to bring down from the roof," said the 24-year-old worker, whose white T-shirt was stained with blood.

Kerry seals nomination, Edwards out

Associated Press

ATLANTA — John Edwards, whose Southern charm and oratorical flair transformed the Democratic presidential contest, finally gave in to the inevitable math of the primary contest on Tuesday, bowing out with the same unbridled optimism that has characterized his candidacy.

"We have been the little engine that could," the North Carolina senator told supporters as he signaled he was abandoning his challenge to front-runner John Kerry. He planned to formally announce he is dropping out of the race on Wednesday in Raleigh, N.C.

Edwards won his native South Carolina and managed to come from the backfield in a once-crowded Democratic race with a string of strong second-place finishes to be the last major challenger to Kerry.

Edwards congratulated Kerry in a speech to supporters, signaling that Democrats would present a united

front against Bush in the fall.

He called his Senate colleague from Massachusetts an "extraordinary advocate for jobs, better health care, a safer world."

"These are the causes of our party, these are the causes of our country, and these are the causes we will prevail on come November," Edwards said.

He credited Kerry with running "a strong, powerful campaign."

In a telephone call to Kerry, Edwards implied that he would drop out and told Kerry he wanted to sit down and talk with him about unifying the party, said Kerry spokesman David Wade. The two also talked about how they "rode out the tough times" and the contributions and sacrifices that their wives had made throughout the campaign, Wade said.

Kerry, in turn, credited Edwards for bringing "a compelling voice to our party, great eloquence ... and great promise for leadership for the

years to come."

Edwards appealed to independents and other potential swing voters who could be instrumental in a close contest in the fall. Although he made millions as a plaintiff's trial lawyer before running for the Senate for the first time in 1998, Edwards emphasized his humble origins as the son of a textile mill worker who had lost his job when his factory closed.

That, and his ability to clearly lay out issues, enabled Edwards to connect easily with most audiences. His campaign pitch that there are two Americas — one for the rich and powerful and one for everybody else — resonated with audiences.

Several Democrats said Edwards' campaign skills and performance should earn him consideration as Kerry's vice presidential running mate.

Edwards did not specifically address his status in his Tuesday night speech to supporters, but left no doubt that he was dropping out.

Passion

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see it as a painful imposition upon Jesus," Neyrey said. "It was mockery."

He also criticized the film's lack of attention to Jesus' ministerial life.

"Little or nothing is said about imitating Jesus in discipleship," Neyrey said.

Holland said the film was remarkable because of its focus on visual images.

"We go to see a film; we don't go to hear a film," he said. "One of the primary effects of having the movie in Aramaic and Latin is to make sure we're just watching."

Holland, who is Jewish, also addressed the controversy surrounding the movie. Some prominent Jewish leaders have denounced the film and its director, saying "The Passion" is meant to inflame sentiment against Jews.

"Did I see the film to be anti-Semitic? No," Holland said. "Do I think the film could be used anti-Semitically? Absolutely. I worry about what power this film will have."

Signer said the film contains inaccurate representations of the high priest and other officials in the Jerusalem temple.

"I think the film is anti-Judaic in that it exaggerates the divisions among the Jewish people," he said. "Caiaphas and those who surround him look like caricatures from Der Stürmer," an anti-Jewish newspaper in Nazi Germany that gained notoriety for its cartoons of Jews.

"Gibson continues to testify that he is not an anti-Semite," Signer said. "As a Jew witnessing that film, I think his actions and his pictures speak louder than his words."

Cunningham said the con-

cerns about anti-Semitism are overblown.

"In this country, this film is not going to trigger anti-Semitism, except in those people who are predisposed to be anti-Semitic," he said. "But [Gibson] certainly deals out some stereotypes."

Cunningham warned that the movie should not be taken as the definitive version of the Passion narrative.

"This is one way of understanding the Passion, but it's not the only way," he said. "There are many different ways."

Steele said the film's perspective springs from Gibson's practice of Catholicism.

"What we know about Mel is that he's a Tridentine Catholic," he said. "The primary theology of the Tridentine Mass is that it's a sacrifice."

Gibson is a member of the conservative Tridentine branch of Catholicism. Followers still attend Mass in Latin and reject the reforms instituted in the 1960s by the Second Vatican Council.

Steele said that by having the Roman characters speak Latin rather than Greek, Gibson is taking subtle jabs at the modern Catholic Church.

"It should have been in Greek and Aramaic, but he's engaging in an argument between Tridentine Catholics and the rest of us," Steele said.

Santoni said Catholics should intelligently discuss the movie, rather than letting it speak for itself.

"It's a great conversation starter, but make sure it's just that," he said. "It's just the beginning. It is our responsibility to continue the conversation."

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Court strikes down FCC rules

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court on Tuesday struck down rules designed to foster competition for local telephone service, handing a major victory to Verizon, SBC, BellSouth and Qwest.

A three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously overturned the rules adopted last August by the Federal Communications Commission. The judges said the FCC acted improperly by leaving it to state regulators to decide whether to spur competition between the former Bell companies and others wanting to provide local phone service.

It is the third time courts have invalidated FCC attempts to write rules for local telephone service competition. The judges decried the FCC's "apparent unwillingness to adhere to prior judicial rulings."

The court put its decision on hold for 60 days to hear motions to reconsider its decision.

Congress mandated in 1996 that the FCC write rules to

encourage competition with the former Bell phone companies, which have held a near monopoly in local markets. In a bitterly contested 3-2 decision last August, the FCC voted to let state regulators require Verizon, BellSouth, SBC and Qwest to lease parts of their networks to competitors like AT&T and MCI at low prices.

The idea was that competitors couldn't afford to build their own networks, but allowing them to use existing infrastructure would make it attractive to get into local markets. The former Bell companies say that left them at a competitive disadvantage and took away the incentive to build better networks.

The court said the responsibility for encouraging competition rested with the FCC, not the states. "It is clear here that Congress has not delegated to the FCC the authority" to pass the responsibility elsewhere, the court said.

The FCC commissioners who backed the new rules — Republican Kevin Martin and Democrats Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein — said they

would appeal to the Supreme Court.

"In the past, the Supreme Court has made clear that the FCC has significant discretion in ensuring that the local telephone markets are open to competition," they said in a joint statement.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell, who was on the losing side of the decision to enact the rules, praised the court's decision and said he already has ordered the FCC staff to begin work on new rules.

He said the court "restored the opportunity to bring about new advanced services and true competition that will bring consumers choice and innovation" because new companies would have to offer something different, rather than sell the same local service on the same phone lines as the Bells do.

Verizon also welcomed the decision. "Today's court decision is an important step toward getting the telecommunications industry back on a sound footing," said Mike Glover, the company's senior vice president and deputy general counsel.

Nuclear weapon talks progressing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — North Korea agreed in the latest nuclear weapons talks to consider a U.S. demand that it dismantle its programs based both on plutonium and uranium, the chief U.S. negotiator told lawmakers Tuesday.

"The North Koreans came

to the table denying a uranium enrichment program," Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

But, in a reversal, he said, "It was clear by the conclusion of the talks that this is now very much on the table."

Kelly cited the developments in Beijing as evidence of "a very different, promising atmosphere" in the latest round of negotiations.

As Kelly spoke, Secretary of State Colin Powell avoided specifics but offered an upbeat assessment of the talks and said cooperation at the negotiating table with South Korea and other allies was unprecedented.

In a speech to an Asian studies group, Powell said North Korea can expect good relations with its neighbors in the North Pacific once it ends its program and embraces a policy of political and economic openness now sweeping the area.

While the Bush administration has ruled out concessions to North Korea as a payoff to end its nuclear weapons program, Powell said without elaboration: "We want to help the people of North Korea, who are in such difficulty now."

Referring to the U.S. partners in the six-nation talks that recessed last week in Beijing, Powell said the United States, South Korea, Japan, China and Russia "have made it clear to North Korea that a better future awaits them, that none of these nations is intent on attacking them or destroying them."

There was a good deal of progress at the latest round, Powell said. "We haven't gotten where we need to be," he said, "but what I am especially pleased about is that we have institutionalized now the process with working groups and we're already getting ready for the next meeting."

Only Monday in Seoul, however, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun spoke of creating a foreign policy more independent of the United States. "Step by step, we should strengthen our independence and build our strength as an independent nation," he said in a nationally televised speech.

On Tuesday, the new South Korean foreign minister, Ban Ki-moon, met with President Bush and Powell at the White House. U.S. officials provided no account of the meeting.

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NYSE	6,717.13	-49.43
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POUND			0.5436
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IN BRIEF

WorldCom ex-CEO to stand trial

NEW YORK — Former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers was indicted on federal fraud and conspiracy charges Tuesday, accused of orchestrating the biggest accounting shell-game in corporate history. His chief financial officer, Scott Sullivan, will testify against him in a plea deal.

The charges push Ebbers, who amassed a personal fortune exceeding \$1 billion while building the giant telecommunications company now called MCI, into the swelling ranks of corporate chieftains facing criminal prosecution and possible jail time for financial misdeeds.

Economy continues to gain steam

WASHINGTON — The economy is in recovery, a trio of reports released Monday suggest, with manufacturing activity and consumer spending on the rise and construction spending solid yet slightly lower.

High energy prices and slow job creation are areas of concern for economists, but overall they remain upbeat about the nation's financial condition.

The nation's manufacturing sector grew for the ninth consecutive month in February, the Institute for Supply Management reported Monday, but the expansion was at a slightly slower pace than expected.

\$300M EU sanctions hit U.S. firms

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union sought to pressure the U.S. Congress into quickly changing its export subsidy laws by imposing sanctions Monday which could total \$300 million in key industrial sectors by the end of the U.S. election year.

The 15-nation EU said it had run out of patience with the United States for failing to repeal the Foreign Sales Corporation legislation two years after the tax breaks it offers to exporters were ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization.

The sanctions will hit an array of industries, ranging from jewelry to textiles and agricultural goods. Since the sanctions are gradual, they will increasingly hurt as time ticks down to congressional elections in November.

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Stewart lawyer wraps up case

Defense attorney says Martha is innocent; prosecutor blasts 'phony cover story'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The government has wrongly accused Martha Stewart of participating in a laughable "confederacy of dunces," her lawyer said Tuesday in closing arguments at her federal stock trial.

Lawyer Robert Morvillo tried to turn to his advantage a key part of prosecutors' case — that Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic told inconsistent stories about a supposed plan to sell her ImClone Systems shares.

"Nobody could have done what Peter Bacanovic and Martha Stewart are alleged to have done and done it in a dumber fashion," he said.

Stewart and Bacanovic gave investigators different times for when they decided they would sell her ImClone shares when the price fell to \$60.

Stewart placed the conversation in October or November 2001, Bacanovic in late December.

"What you have here is the conspirators forgetting to tell each other the crucial element of the conspiracy — when did it take place?" Morvillo said.

Stewart faces four federal counts and Bacanovic five related to the sale of about \$225,000 worth of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before the stock tanked on news that the government declined to review the firm's cancer drug.

Jurors are expected to begin deciding the case Wednesday.

While Stewart is not charged with insider trad-

ing, the government says she lied to investigators about the sale by concocting a cover story — that they had struck a deal before Dec. 27 to sell Stewart's shares when ImClone stock dropped below \$60.

On Monday, prosecutor Michael Schachter called that story "phony," "silly" and "simply an after-the-fact cover story."

"Martha Stewart probably thought she would never get caught," Schachter said during closing arguments. But she "left behind a trail of evidence."

Schachter said that trail included contradictory statements, an altered phone log and the testimony of Bacanovic's former assistant, Douglas Faneuil.

Faneuil, the star prosecution witness, testified that at Bacanovic's request, he told Stewart that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal and his family were dumping the stock.

But Bacanovic's lawyer attacked Faneuil's credibility for more than two hours Monday, saying his cooperation deal with the government to avoid prosecution gave him "an incredible motive to lie."

As he continued closing arguments Tuesday, lawyer Richard Strassberg suggested that Bacanovic would also have turned against Stewart if he were actually guilty of the accusations against him, because the government's real target has been Stewart all along.

"He's here because he's not a liar," lawyer Richard Strassberg said in his clos-



EPA

Embattled homemaking tycoon Martha Stewart arrives Tuesday at federal court in New York to stand trial on charges of obstruction of justice.

ing argument. "And so his life is on the line here, ladies and gentlemen, before you."

Strassberg also stressed Bacanovic's reputation as a trustworthy, meticulous broker and said Bacanovic never would have risked his career for the Stewart trade, which earned him just \$450 in commissions.

Taking such a risk "makes no sense," Strassberg said.

After U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum dismissed the

top count against Stewart, securities fraud, last week, jurors were left with charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and lying to investigators.

The remaining counts against Stewart carry up to 20 years in prison, although federal sentencing guidelines could mean a sentence of just a year or so if she is convicted on all counts. The charges against Bacanovic carry 25 years, but the guidelines would similarly reduce his sentence.

APPAREL

Blue jean maker slips into the red

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Troubled Levi Strauss & Co.'s losses continue to mount amid sloppy accounting practices that forced the long-struggling jeans maker to erase a big chunk of its previously reported profits.

San Francisco-based Levi's said late Monday that it lost \$245 million in its fiscal fourth quarter ended Nov. 30. That contrasted with a \$21 million profit during the comparable period in the previous year. Fourth-quarter sales declined 5 percent to \$1.2 billion.

It capped the seventh consecutive year of declining sales for Levi's, whose revenue peaked at \$7.1 billion in fiscal 1996. For all of 2003, the company lost \$349 million on sales of \$4.09 billion compared with a 2002 profit of \$7 million on sales of \$4.15 billion.

Last year's sales erosion was worse than those figures made it appear. Levi's said its 2003 sales would have

decreased by 6 percent if not for favorable currency fluctuations.

Levi's is privately held, but files its financial results with the Securities and Exchange Commission because some of its debt is publicly held.

Monday's bad news wasn't confined to the company's 2003 results.

Levi's also revealed that accounting problems first disclosed in October forced the company to adjust its previously reported results by a wider margin than management originally warned.

Prodded by an extensive audit, Levi's restated its results for a 10-quarter period dating to the start of its fiscal 2001. The revisions wiped out 2001 and 2002 profits totaling \$75 million and widened the company's losses during the first half of 2003 by \$62 million.

Levi's traced the \$137 million reversal of fortune to a tax deduction for losses on plant closures that was mistakenly claimed twice on its 1998 and 1999 returns.

The shoddy accounting isn't related to allegations of financial chicanery raised in a wrongful termination lawsuit filed last year by two former tax managers. The former employees, Richard Schmidt and Thomas Walsh, allege Levi's created illegal tax shelters in foreign countries and falsified financial statements dating back to 1997.

Levi's continues to vigorously deny those allegations, Phil Marineau, the company's CEO, said in an interview Monday.

The accounting blunders drew a rebuke from the company's independent auditor, KPMG, which cited management for "material weaknesses in internal controls."

Levi's has changed chief financial officers since the accounting problem cropped up, replacing Bill Chiasson with Jim Fogarty in December.

Fogarty joined Levi's as part of a turnaround firm, Alvarez & Marsal, hired to help save the 151-year-old company.

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Du Lac, spring break, and 'Dave'

After fantasizing all winter about slender, bikini-clad vixens basking in the scorching Caribbean sun, delicately oiling their gentle skin while slowly applying chapstick to their soft, crimson lips ...

Where was I going with this? I don't even

remember. The point is, Spring Break 2004 is finally upon us, and in the tradition of classic television masterpieces like "MTV Spring Break 2001," "MTV Spring Break 2002," and "Bosom Buddies," many Notre Dame students will be packing up their green T-shirts and shower sandals and heading for a hedonistic, Flex Point-free world of decadence and debauchery where the only currency is plastic beads and the only source of salivary nourishment comes in a shot glass.

However, not every Domer shows up at Miami Beach or South Padre Island expecting to be rolled up into a human taco with a half-naked 14-year-old named Staci. Believe it or not, not every Domer even stamps her passport with cities like Cancun or Mazatlan in the hopes of donning a dripping whipped cream bikini in front of thousands of horny onlookers.

On the contrary, at least one Notre Dame student, hypothetically using the pseudonym Domer Dave, will certainly attend this spring's festivities with the full intentions of abiding by the divinely-mandated covenant that binds all Domers to the moral standards of the University — du Lac. This is Domer Dave's heart-wrenching story.

Upon stepping onto the blistering, vomit-stained sand of a Cancun beach, Domer Dave's mind could not stray from a single phrase that was implanted in his head with the per-

sistence of an Ace of Base song.

"These policies and procedures apply to all students ... whether the behavior occurs on or off campus." Yes, he thought to himself, I will remain loyal to du Lac throughout Spring Break.

Moments later, his friends emerged bearing gallons of the sweet ambrosia of the Mexican gods, better known as tequila. However, just as Domer Dave was preparing to quench his longing with a serving of the golden nectar, he recalled, "Intoxication by any student, regardless of age, whether in public or private, is prohibited." Instantly, he turned his back on this vile temptation and instead extinguished his thirst with a raspberry iced tea.

Later that day, Domer Dave and his posse came across a rabble of unconscious females that clearly appeared to be about as sober as the Bush twins. As they approached the voluptuous mound of vulnerability, one of the young temptresses awoke from her drunken stupor and confronted the horde of pleasure-seekers. Upon seeing the cheap green beads hastily strewn about Domer Dave's neck, she proceeded to unlace her already-revealing, leopard skin bikini top, but luckily another passage from the sacred text prevented the eager Irishman from extending his jittery hand. "Sexual conduct, including unwelcome touching ... is a serious violation." Reflecting on these words, he remorsefully pulled away from a score so easy that it would have made a University of Colorado football player jealous.

As night approached, the thankful gang of Notre Dame men returned to their hotel with their fortunate discovery of semi-conscious females, and for the rest of the evening, they made Turtle Creek seem like a Buddhist temple. Domer Dave had never enjoyed himself more, and was quite relieved upon realizing that du Lac failed to mention anything about

eating the worm at the bottom of the bottle. As he gleefully tilted his head and digested the legless annelid, the clock ominously struck two, and as if in a hypnotic trance, he fell into a Druid-like chant of "Visiting hours for guests of the opposite sex are not to begin before 9 a.m. on any day and are not to extend beyond 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights." Immediately, with all the candor and spunk of an R.A., he ushered the unwelcome females out of his hotel room and breathed a hearty sigh of du Lac relief.

As his friends stormed off in complete contempt, Domer Dave suddenly found himself alone with one stunning beauty who clearly appeared to have overworked her liver over the course of the night. With the hotel room to themselves, she slyly manipulated him into derobing and slipping under the covers with her, and Domer Dave soon became privy to her hedonistic intentions.

As he, too, prepared to give new meaning to his "Here Come the Irish" T-shirt, he dejectedly recalled du Lac's message, "Because a genuine and complete expression of love through sex requires a commitment to a total living and sharing together of two persons in marriage, the University believes that sexual union should occur only in marriage."

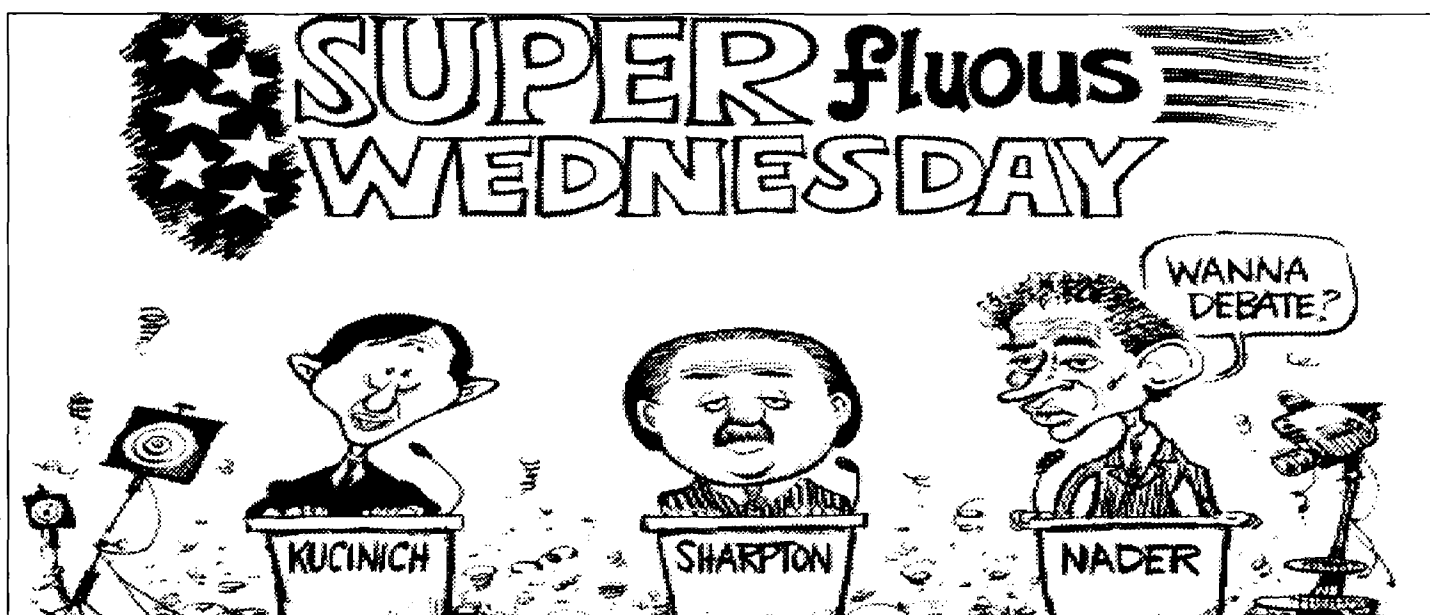
Reflecting on these words, the eager young man dropped to his knee and cried out, "Naked chick in my bed, will you marry me?"

And the moral of this story? Have a fantastic, du Lac-free Spring Break! Just try not to pull a Britney Spears and get hitched in the process.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Anthropology is the most humanistic of the sciences and the most scientific of the humanities."

Alfred L. Kroeber
second Ph.D in anthropology in the United States

Break the habits of everyday life

It's a Monday morning on the campus of Notre Dame, and I'm walking to class thinking about which classes I don't want to go to and the work that I should have done weeks ago. I'm in no particular hurry, even though the rain is steadily piercing the material of my gray hooded sweatshirt, and I'm relieved that there are only a few days before Spring Break and the Mexican sunshine. I've got a hat on, and it suddenly appears to me that the most interesting things at the moment are the characterless side-walk and the easiest way to keep from walking in the lakes that have accumulated on South Quad.

Adam Cahill

A Domer's Outlook

I have a few more minutes before class, and I tend to walk more slowly to reflect on things happening in my life when I have time. But the slower I walk, the more I look around and see hundreds of people, just like me, hustling toward their next class, oblivious to all the potential friends they are walking by.

Why is it that I never say hello to any of these people? They dress like I do, go to the same school as I do, party like I do; well, maybe not party like I do. But if you are like me, you tend to shy away from any potentially awkward situation because you're scared of the perception of being the random person on the quad who said hello to a complete stranger and welcomed possible embarrassment. Or even worse, you could be labeled as that strange person who stalks rather than goes to class each day, which would in turn become suicide for your reputation. No, I suppose it's safe to say that most of the time I

choose to forgo the raised eyebrows and the wordless question of "Who is this guy?" in favor of my cold and gray, yet nonetheless comforting, side-walk.

Their silent rejection, without even trying to get to know the person that I am, is hard to bear. The fact that you know there are only good intentions behind the smiling face that you hope to get a warm welcome from is not enough, in most cases, to get you beyond the deer-in-the-headlights look of fear and uncertainty. And even if you do say up front that all you want is another friend, it is automatically assumed that by friend you mean "friend." And when that assumption is made, it's as if you've contracted a serious case of the plague and have been black-listed from certain circles of existence. Of course, though, there is the saving

grace of the friendships that you already have. Every once in a while, you see a familiar face, smile and say the standard, "Hey, how are you," maybe throw in a "You feeling alright" or "Keep it real," and then move on. But what of the unfamiliar faces? What would happen if I just said "hello" to a new person each day? It could change a lot in the grand scheme of things. Or it could just be a new and interesting way to make the trek to class each day. But the greater question is not what the result of the introduction is; it is why we choose to let our fears of embarrassment and acceptance ruin any chance we have of meeting people that could potentially turn out to be great friends. Shouldn't it be worth the risk of embarrassing yourself by throwing in

the towel and finally admitting, "OK, yes, I want to meet you?"

It should be worth the threat, especially during a time of your life that warrants meeting new and interesting people.

So what's wrong with that? Why can't we just go up to someone without having to overcome the social stigma of an ulterior motive? And on the flip side, if we are ever the recipient of such an introduction, most of us assume the worst.

Why is that?

The reason: fear. We live in a society today that presumes the worst, expects the nightmares we see on the nightly news, and demands a written contract of good intentions before we begin to trust anyone.

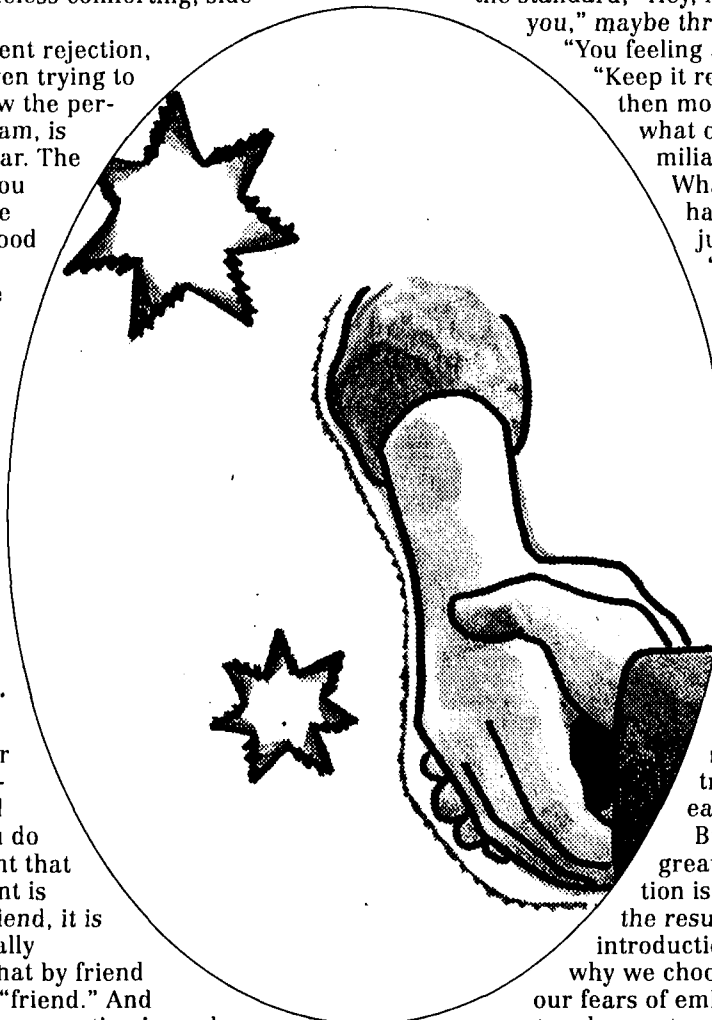
And of course, some instances promote that kind of behavior because we have been hurt by those we have trusted in the past. It is called a defense mechanism. Simply put, the past will always continue to haunt the future. And it gives us all the more reason to buckle down and continue to shun people because they are unfamiliar and therefore are untrustworthy.

So, how do we cast aside this socially debilitating trend? Either I need a friendlier face or a new approach.

Either way, we need to loosen up, cut through the confines of our social groups and open up to one another. I'm not sure how, but I'd be open to any suggestions that you might have.

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GUEST COLUMN

Gays have the right to marriage

I've heard arguments from people opposed to gay marriage, but I am still not convinced. Most of all, I cannot understand why President George W. Bush, with as much power and time he has in office, refuses to understand something fundamental about human beings who also deserve America's "defense" and "protection." But to instead threaten them with a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, as he did last Tuesday, is a flagrant violation of civil rights and an insult to the integrity of this country. It's wrong. One argument against gay marriage is that the family is the basic unit of the traditional social fabric. But this is 2004. We've redefined reproduction with contraception, alternative methods of fertilization and adoption.

Daniel Avissar

The Chronicle

The availability of disease prevention has increased to just about every corner store (the knowledge of which President Bush seems intent on keeping out of public schools). The feminist and civil rights movements have helped open doors to all kinds of social liberation. The rising divorce rate not only attests to the limits of marriage, but it is also proof that the fundamental unit of the social fabric, the heterosexual family, is changing drastically. So if the social fabric is changing, and we are so advanced, then why should we not have the right to marry who we want, when we want and if we want?

Another argument is that gay marriage does not function within the parameters of "legal" marriage, in that the purpose of "legal" marriage is to legitimize children. But because this is obsolete in the case of homosexuals, it would be absurd to use the legal definition as an excuse to deny them the right to marry. Therefore, not only should homosexual marriage be protected by the Constitution, but to

prohibit it would also be unconstitutional. President Bush's threat to work "the constitutional process" based on his ideas of "the sanctity of marriage" will conflict heavily with the First Amendment, which states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

The 14th Amendment makes the Bill of Rights applicable on the state level, and because the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996 is in technical violation of both of these amendments (its definition of marriage as the "legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife" is in and of itself undeniably based on traditional religious practice), the states therefore have the constitutional right to veto this act. As a suggestion, perhaps President Bush needs to focus less on the definition of marriage, and more on the definition of "activist judges," "the people" and "irony."

But I also refuse to believe that all those who are against gay marriage are against homosexuality in general. President Bush himself told us that he believes, "We should respect individuals as we take a principled stand for one of the most fundamental, enduring institutions of our civilization," while taking a clear stand on the issue. Some people, while accepting that consenting adults have the right to do what they want to do, are simply not comfortable with seeing it "being flaunted." Perhaps this is because they are uncomfortable with public displays of affection in general, or that the concept of homosexuality is so alien that it is difficult for them to understand or maybe they are simply homophobic. But the myth that gay people are all as flamboyant as the guys on "Queer Eye" needs to be dispelled.

Furthermore, sexuality is something that a person is born with — not a "decision" as President Bush inferred last Tuesday. Most gay people will tell you that they have always been gay, but have faced an unbelievable amount of social pressure to stay "in

the closet." These social pressures were made prevalent even by President Bush's speech last Tuesday night, where the same words he used to refer to homosexuality as a threat to the social fabric were used to refer to terrorism as a threat to homeland security: "Our nation must defend the sanctity of marriage," "America will ... defend the security of our country." It is irrational and cruel to think that the two are equally dangerous.

A couple committed to spending their lives together is very different from a group of men committed to hijacking four commercial airlines full of hundreds of innocent people and suicide bombing them into buildings full of more innocent people. I have friends who saw people jumping out of the top floors of the World Trade Center, and you want to tell me that a gay couple produces the same effect?

I believe that every human being has basic wants: to be loved, to have enough to feed themselves and their families and to live life with as little inconvenience as possible. People don't really care about hurting one another if they are just left in peace with their wants fulfilled. As far as I understand, this is the basis of all human relationships, including marriage: A strong relationship is not built solely on love, but also on respect and the willingness to sacrifice pride for companionship. As people, we have to make sacrifices. For those of us who oppose gay marriage, I suggest we show some respect, swallow our pride and let us all be civil with one other. There is no reason why homosexuals should be denied the right to legal marriage.

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DVD REVIEW

Don't pass it off as a 'romantic comedy'

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene DVD Critic

Lost in Translation documents the experiences of two Americans in Japan, where the culture shock forces them both to look at their lives a little differently. Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson) is a recent Yale graduate and wife of two years who is struggling to find her calling in life and finding that she and her husband (Giovanni Ribisi) might not have been the best match. Bob Harris (Bill Murray) is a moderately successful actor who says he's in Japan for a few reasons: "Taking a break from my wife, forgetting my son's birthday and getting paid two million dollars to endorse a whiskey when I could be doing a play somewhere." Sounds like your typical love story, right?

It shouldn't come as much of a surprise that writer and director Sofia Coppola (*The Virgin Suicides*) won this year's Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay. The dialogue is superb. There isn't a single line in the film that sounds awkward or in any

way unnatural. The themes are dealt with tastefully and the points driven home without being overdone. Coppola should be applauded for creating a romance that is surprisingly original among a seemingly endless drone of formulated cheese.

The beautiful imagery will both shock and inspire you. The skyline shots of Tokyo are simply amazing, and Charlotte's curious explorations provide a provocative glimpse of the country and its culture. These days, too many American films that take place in cities outside of the United States either depict the culture in a disgustingly American way or ignore it entirely. It is obvious that Coppola's intention was to go against this trend, and she certainly succeeds at doing so. She must have spent a great deal of time in Japan prior to making this film.

Lost in Translation is neither pro-Japanese nor anti-Japanese, but it strives to portray Japan as a place that, as Bob says, is "very, very different." It is left up to the viewer to judge for him or herself one way or the other.

Bill Murray puts on a performance that was worthy of an Oscar nomination, and for many he was the pick to win Best Actor. One opinion as to why Sean Penn was picked over him is that Bob Harris' character is too similar to Murray himself. Johansson (*The Horse Whisperer*, *The Man Who Wasn't There*) is

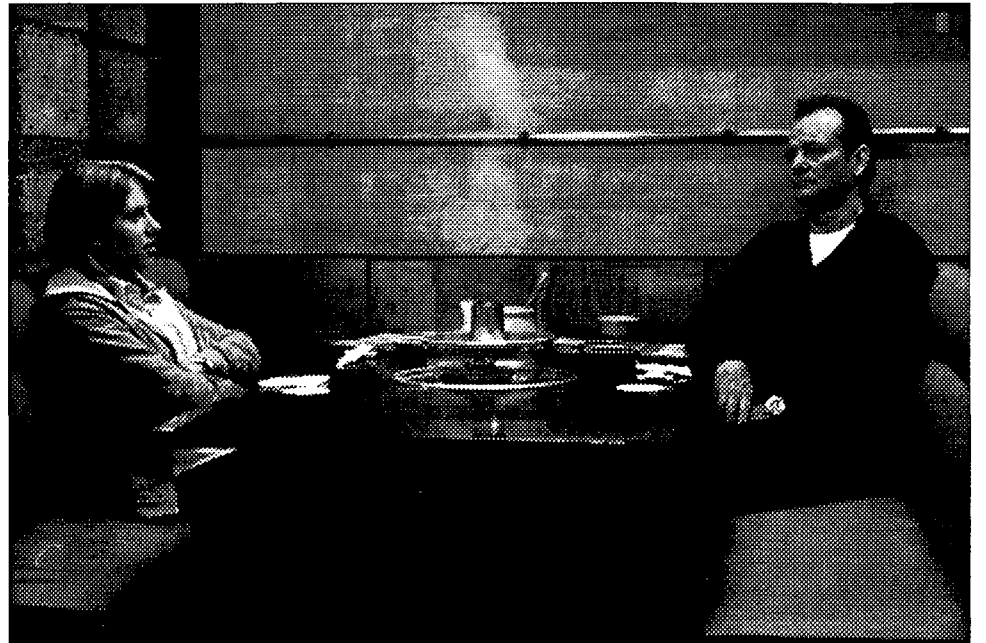


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Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson) and Bob Harris (Bill Murray) enjoy some quiet time together in a restaurant in Japan in the comedy "Lost in Translation."

extremely impressive to watch. She plays Charlotte with such gracious realism that it takes a great deal of effort on the part of the viewer to avoid falling in love with her. Giovanni Ribisi (*Boiler Room*, *Saving Private Ryan*) also plays his role wonderfully as Charlotte's husband, John, the photographer who gradually alienates his wife as he becomes more and more full of himself and his work.

The video and audio qualities of the DVD are both fantastic, as can be expected from most DVDs these days. A few deleted scenes are available, but nothing terribly exciting. In the

actual film, Bob Harris appears on a Japanese talk show called Matthew's Best Hit TV. On the DVD, one of the bonus materials allows you to watch the talk show as it would have been broadcasted, which is actually really funny. There is also an interesting conversation with Murray and Sophia Coppola that gives their personal insights into the film.

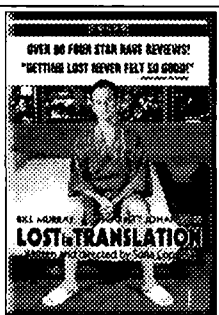
Lost in Translation is a highly recommended addition to your DVD collection.

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Lost in Translation

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MOVIE PREVIEW

'Elephant': A film you won't soon forget

By MEEG CONROY
Scene Writer

It's been almost five years since the tragic events in Littleton, Colo. at Columbine High School, but the memory and impact of those events still live on. Through similar events depicted in both books and films, society continues to deal with the issue of school violence. In

2003, director Gus Van Sant released *Elephant*, a film commenting on high school violence that won the best picture and best director awards at the prestigious 2003 Cannes Film Festival. His film brings the audience back to high school to try to understand how and why we react to violence. Van Sant looks at how explanations are made and scapegoats created.

Elephant is set in a small high school

located in Portland, Ore., where Van Sant lives. Completely furnished with the archetypal jock, nerd, popular girl and goth, the film brings the audience back to the pressures of high school. We can remember the same jocks with letterman jackets, the same nerds with TI-83 calculators, and the same girls dressed in the latest fashions. Maybe a little less familiar to some are the quiet, distant students — the kids who always kept to themselves, living in a world as dark as their exterior. In *Elephant*, Alex Frost and Eric Deulen exhibit these qualities.

Within the plot's 48 hours, Van Sant looks at the social and family lives of Alex and Eric. The film unfolds on an ordinary day, filled with the usual class work, gossip and socializing common in high school. The film observes its characters from a removed distance and for each student we meet, high school is a different experience.

Van Sant forces the audience to consider the common motives of "violent children" such as poor parenting, neo-nazism and violent video games. The audience is challenged to decide why these boys kill — and, on a larger scale, why anyone kills. The film does not try

to boldly provide a single answer for the problem of school violence but rather deals with the issue through multiple perspectives.

This film helps audiences reevaluate school violence and its ongoing impact on society. Although Columbine may have occurred over 4 years ago, issues of school violence continue to persist across the globe, the country and even in South Bend, raising various questions. And as Van Sant suggests with his film, there may not be a definitive answer. It's usually impossible to allocate just one cause for violent actions. Humanity, as Van Sant shows, is unpredictable. The only things that can be attributed to all issues of school violence are their destructive psychological and emotional power and the need to prevent them.

Elephant runs 81 minutes and will be shown at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening in Carey Auditorium, located in the Hesburgh Library. This film is part of the ND Cinema series and is sponsored by the Film, Television and Theatre department.

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The social and family life of Alex (Alex Frost) forms one of the focus points for director Gus Van Sant's film 'Elephant,' which explores violence in schools.

MOVIE REVIEW

Humor takes a vacation from 'Club Dread'

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Movie Critic

It seems that the comedic inspiration behind 2001's *Super Troopers* went on vacation for the production of comedy troupe Broken Lizard's much-anticipated follow-up, *Club Dread*.

The plot of *Club Dread* comes out of a B-movie basement. A group of partiers arrive for a weekend of R&R — and T&A — at the never-ending booze fest Pleasure Island run by the Jimmy Buffet-esque Coconut Pete. But when employees start turning up dead with cryptic messages etched into their flesh, the staffers realize that they must find the killer before it's too late. Booze, boobs and blood follow — but not many laughs.

J a y Chandrasekhar, Steve Lemme, Kevin Heffernan, Paul Soter and Erik Stolhanske, the five members of Broken Lizard, met at Colgate University, where they started a comedy sketch troupe called Charred Goosebreak. After college, the group made a short film for an NYU film student. In 1996, the group made their first feature length film, *Puddle Cruiser*, which went on to become an official selection at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival. The group's second film, 2001's shoestring-budget cop spoof

Super Troopers, was discovered by Fox Searchlight pictures at that year's Sundance Film Festival and received limited national distribution, inspiring a cult following as well as pulling in over \$18 million at the box office. Banking on the indie success of *Super Troopers* the group got a real budget from Fox and began work on *Club Dread*.

Though much anticipated by fans, *Club Dread* is an unfortunate overhyped follow-up to the underappreciated *Super Troopers*. One of the major problems with *Club Dread* is that moviegoers have seen this movie twice before and have seen it done better. *Club Dread* doesn't muster either the screwball zaniness of slasher spoofs like the

Scary Movie series or the self-reflective ironic wit of the *Scream* series. *Club Dread* is somewhere in between, sometimes going for the gross-out gag and sometimes for deliberate absurdity.

Club Dread isn't brimming with the all-too-quotable lines that made *Super Troopers* a college stoner-cinema favorite. In part, this is due to the who-done-it storyline that actually requires a bit of attention from the audience and is partly due to a less than compelling script.

Unlike the *Scary Movie* series, *Club Dread* is partly a real horror movie, including a number of jump-out scares



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Penelope (Jordan Ladd), Lars (Kevin Heffernan) and Jenny (Brittany Daniel) attempt to escape from their murderous pursuer in the new film "Club Dread."

and graphic images. In one scene, a decapitated head bleeding from the eyes is found revolving on a turntable while creepy, distorted music plays over the speakers. It's hard to go from that image to laughing at one-liners. The result is a half-campy, half-morbid movie that leaves the audience unsure of whether they should be laughing or not — most will choose the latter.

The Broken Lizard boys do, however, manage to demonstrate that they are versatile comic actors. Each member of the group takes a severe turn from the roles played in *Super Troopers* and

turns in a unique performance.

In the end, *Club Dread* looks like a cookie cutter Hollywood comedy, almost completely lacking the quirky, intensely self-serious sense of humor that rocketed *Super Troopers* to indie success. Hopefully it will be chalked up as a symptom of a burgeoning comedy troupe's growing pains as they expand into full-fledged Hollywood production and corruption.

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DVD REVIEW

Beating the conventions of a genre

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene DVD Critic

Oh, the irony of movies. Only in the entertainment industry will we ever find loveable criminals. Over the past decade, various criminal roles have been brought to the silver screen. John Cusack was great as a hitman in *Grosse Pointe Blank*. Steve Martin and Michael Caine were terrific con artists who the audience loved in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. The list goes on and on.

Somehow, Hollywood always makes us root for the bad guy, something that can be hard to do. It is hard because real life pervades into the movie. The con viewers were just laughing at hits home suddenly as they recall a time someone when took advantage of them. If you've ever met a con artist, I sympathize. If you've ever met a hitman, I'll send flowers.

However, there is a trick that Hollywood uses to make the viewer sympathize with the criminal, and that is to make him a reluctant one. The latest foray into this cliché is Ridley Scott's *Matchstick Men*.

Nicolas Cage, a man known for playing reluctant criminals, plays yet another in this con movie. The cons in this movie seem to be recycled from other movies. The whole father-daughter relationship shown in this movie has been done before. On the surface, this entire movie seems to be just an exercise on how to base a film on a criminal's life — which is why I find it really surprising just how much I enjoyed the movie.

Cage turns in a phenomenal role as the quirky conman Roy. His nervous twitches really endear him to the viewer. His quirks also allowed another staple of the genre to enter the fold, which would be Roy's psychiatrist, played by Bruce Altman in a very standard performance.

However, what really makes this movie special is its use of the typical Hollywood conventions. It takes everything that is expected from the viewer and then plays these expectations for a huge twist at the end. The twist, although quite obvious after the fact, is appropriate and helps the viewer to sympathize with Cage's character. The ending may leave some people unsettled, but nevertheless it ties everything together in a logical manner.

Video and sound were both up to the industry standards. They did not stand out in any particular way for either being really good or bad, so in a way they accomplished their goal. This movie was not one based upon fancy special effects or moody backgrounds; it was a character-based

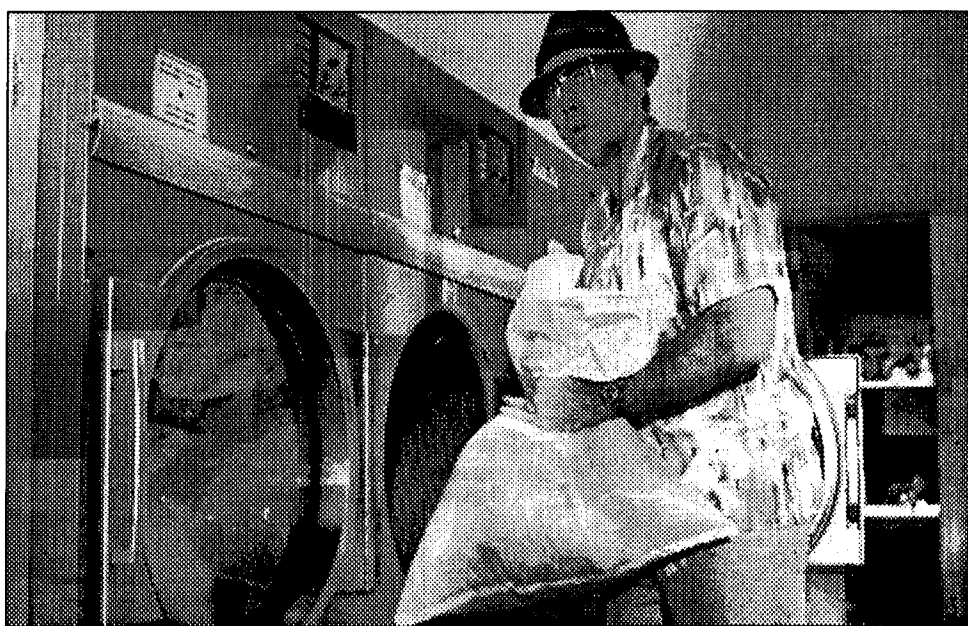


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Quirky conman Roy Waller (Nicolas Cage) attempts to pull off yet another lucrative swindle in director Ridley Scott's comedy "Matchstick Men."

movie, one that accomplishes its goal well.

The special features follow the theme of the movie by ripping off the viewer. It comes with a feature called "Tricks of the Trade," which is not about how to con people but rather about how the film was made. There is also a commentary track featuring the director and two writers. Sadly, there was no track featuring Cage, the other stars, or all the other things that people have come to expect from a DVD — no deleted scenes, bloopers, interviews, etc. I suppose it makes sense, as the making of the documentary was 71

minutes long and the movie was almost two hours long; the space on the disc was probably running short.

Matchstick Men plays with the conventions of the genre and subsequently turns out to be a decent film in the end. All of the actors do a great job of building sympathy for their characters. If you have spare time during break, go outside and get a tan. If it's raining, however, consider checking this movie out.

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Matchstick Men

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49ers release Garcia, allow Owens to seek trade

Receiver pursues trade after missing contract deadline

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Terrell Owens has been given permission by the San Francisco 49ers to seek a trade after the four-time Pro Bowl receiver forgot to become a free agent.

San Francisco general manager Terry Donahue also will try to trade Owens, who missed a deadline last month to void the final three seasons of his contract. He still is under contract to the 49ers, pending a grievance filed by his agent, David Joseph.

"I think it's very improbable that he would be back," Donahue said Tuesday. "Both parties have agreed to pursue a trade very actively in the next 72 hours."

Donahue dismissed a report that the 49ers would accept a draft pick at the end of the first round in exchange for allowing Owens to become an unrestricted free agent.

Owens caught 80 passes for 1,102 yards and nine touchdowns last season — his lowest totals since 1999. He has been selected to the last four Pro Bowls while feuding with teammates, coaches, the 49ers' front office and the media.



The San Francisco 49ers released Pro-Bowler Jeff Garcia on Tuesday, ending his five-year tenure with the team.

Quarterback let go after five-year tenure with team

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Quarterback Jeff Garcia was released by the San Francisco 49ers on Tuesday, ending his five-year tenure with the team.

The 49ers also released two-time Pro Bowl guard Ron Stone in an attempt to get under the salary cap.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowler, was unable to agree on a restructured contract with the 49ers, who wanted to reduce his salary from the \$9.9 million he was scheduled to earn in 2004.

Instead, San Francisco will save \$1.7 million against the salary cap by dropping Garcia, a local product who holds the franchise's single-season record for passing yardage. He has been the 49ers' starter since 1999, but Tim Rattay is expected to take over next season as San Francisco clears room under the salary cap.

The 49ers waited until the last possible day to make their decision, since Garcia was due a \$500,000 roster bonus Wednesday — the first day of the free agent signing period.

General manager Terry Donahue delayed his expected Monday announcement to hold a last-ditch negotiation session with Garcia's agent, Steve Baker.

"We made this decision based primarily on cap ramifications," Donahue said. "The reality of it is we're going along with a plan we've established. In our view of things, we took the long-term view. This isn't anyone's fault, there are just things we've got to do."

Garcia was about to enter the fourth season of a six-year contract. Instead, he becomes one of the most attractive free agents on the market.

Rattay, Garcia's longtime backup, probably will lead a rebuilt San Francisco squad that will bear little resemblance to the team that won the NFC West and reached the conference semifinals in 2002.

"As we see it, the future looks really bright," Donahue said. "This team now belongs to [Rattay], the job is his to keep."

Four-time Pro Bowl receiver Terrell Owens is all but certain to depart, while running back Garrison Hearst and offensive lineman Derrick Deese also have been waived. More veteran starters, including safety Zack Bronson, are expected to be released soon — and others will leave as free agents.

Manning agrees to contract with Indianapolis Colts

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts agreed Tuesday to a \$98 million, seven-year contract that includes an NFL-record \$34.5 million signing bonus.

The deal will drop the NFL co-MVP's salary cap number to \$8.3 million, saving the team more than \$10 million and giving the Colts more flexibility to sign players when the free-agency period opens Wednesday.

"I'm happy to be a Colt for life," Manning said after signing the deal Tuesday afternoon. "Everybody's happy, and like I said, I'm just relieved it's over with."

Two days after the Colts lost to the Patriots in the AFC championship game, team owner Jim Irsay promised to make Manning the highest-paid player in NFL history.

Manning's entire bonus is guaranteed, and he can earn another \$19 million in roster bonuses.

But on a day that the four-time Pro Bowler signed the richest contract in team history, Manning refrained from discussing how he felt about being one of the NFL's highest-paid players. He said he didn't even like the word money.

"I've never felt comfortable talking about it and I'm going to continue that policy," he said.

Irsay had hoped an agreement could have been reached earlier.

The deal came just hours before the Colts may have been forced to make some tough decisions about their own players. Team president Bill Polian said last week that if Manning didn't agree to a new deal that there would "major revisions" involving the roster.

Indianapolis also was racing against a

Wednesday deadline to comply with next year's salary cap of \$80.6 million.

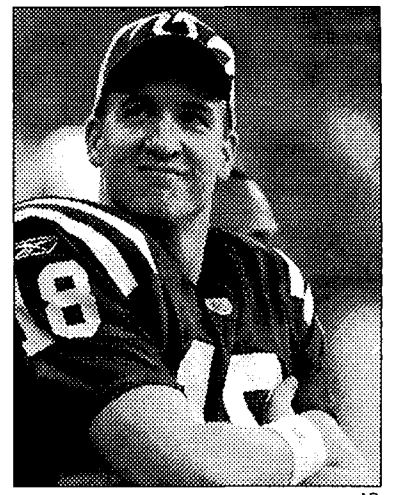
"There was a lot of pressure because we're getting close to the Super Bowl," Irsay said. "If you don't get it done, we're going in a dramatically different direction, and our chances are reduced."

By agreeing to a deal before March 17, the Colts can remove the exclusive franchise tag they put on Manning last week. If they had to keep the tag, it would have cost the Colts a league-record \$18.4 million against the cap.

Last week, Polian set a Monday deadline for finishing Manning's deal and Tuesday morning, the two sides agreed to the deal.

"Now we can look ahead and start talking about the draft, getting a couple guys in here that they're interested in that I'm kind of curious about myself," Manning said.

Polian was expected to talk at a news conference later Tuesday afternoon.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning settled on a seven-year contract on Tuesday with the team.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Saint Joe's finishes with flawless record

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Un-de-feat-ed!

Jameer Nelson scored 25 points and Chet Stachitas added a career-best 16, leading second-ranked Saint Joseph's to an 82-50 victory over St. Bonaventure in the Hawks' final home game Tuesday night.

"They're far from finished. We got nine games left," Hawks coach Phil Martelli said.

Only the Atlantic 10 tournament stands in the way of a perfect season for Saint Joseph's (27-0, 16-0 Atlantic 10). The NCAA considers conference tournaments part of the regular season, though no one associated with the school seemed aware of the fact. The A-10 tourney starts March 10.

That didn't stop the frenzied fans at Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse from chanting: "Un-de-feat-ed!" They started with 3:27 left and kept going. Then they started yelling, "We want Stanford!"

No team has entered the NCAA tournament unbeaten since UNLV in 1991. Top-ranked Stanford (25-0) has two games remaining before it starts the Pac-10 tournament.

"It's been a special season, but we have unfinished business here," said Nelson, who learned after the game that his No. 14 will be retired.

Patrick Lottin and Ahmad Smith each had 10 points for St. Bonaventure (6-20, 2-13), which has lost 11 straight.

The 3,200-seat Fieldhouse, which included hundreds of standing-room-only fans, was jammed with crimson-wearing rowdies who refused to give up their tickets for any price.

The excitement surrounding the game engulfed this tiny campus. Fans lined up 4 1/2 hours before tipoff to get into the arena, and some began tailgating two hours earlier.

Extra lights were put up in the cramped gymnasium, and nearly two dozen seats were lost because of makeshift construction to accommodate TV. The university considered moving the game to another site, but Nelson wanted to celebrate Senior Night at Hawk Hill.

Nelson and three other seniors were honored in pregame ceremonies. After the game, Martelli announced Nelson's number will be retired on April 23.

"One day his records will be broken, but no one will ever wear the No. 14 again," Martelli said. "He's the greatest player to ever wear a Saint Joe's uniform."

A priest grabbed the microphone with more than three minutes to go and implored the crowd not to rush the court after the game so Nelson, Martelli and senior Tyrone Barley could address the fans. They listened and stayed in their seats.

"These nets will come down," Martelli said, concluding his speech. "We're practicing for Dayton. We're practicing for the Meadowlands. We're practicing for the Alamodome. We will get it right."



Led by Jameer Nelson, Saint Joseph's finished the regular season undefeated Tuesday.

No. 6 Pittsburgh 88, No. 12 Providence 61

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Pittsburgh looked nothing like it did in its last game. Not even close.

The sixth-ranked Panthers did everything well, even shooting free throws, to beat No. 12 Providence and move into a tie for first place in the Big East.

Just two days after a 49-46 overtime loss to Syracuse that snapped their 40-game home winning streak, the Panthers were an offensive machine, while still playing the defense they are known for.

"I can't say enough about how our guys responded and stepped up," first-year coach Jamie Dixon said. "Obviously we played a very good game against a very good team and executed everything we had to."

There wasn't much to complain about.

"We always think we can play better," Dixon said. He smiled and added: "We'll look at the tape and find something we didn't do right."

Pittsburgh (26-3, 12-3) moved into a first-place tie with No. 7 Connecticut and both have one game remaining. The Panthers are home for Villanova on Saturday, while the Huskies are at No. 24 Syracuse on Sunday. They have both clinched byes into the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

No. 17 Wisconsin 68, Michigan State 64

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Wisconsin kept Michigan State's Big Ten championship banner rolled tight.

Devin Harris scored 18 points and Clayton Hanson made a key 3-pointer in the extra period to give the 17th-ranked Badgers a win over the Spartans in overtime.

The Badgers (20-6, 11-4 Big Ten) kept their hopes alive for a third straight conference championship on a night the Spartans (17-10, 12-4) could have clinched at least a share of the title in their regular-season finale.

Michigan State had a championship banner ready in the rafters — near Wisconsin's bench — but the Badgers didn't let it unfurl.

"I never saw it," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said.

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Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Pittsburgh	12-3	25-3
Connecticut	12-3	24-5
Providence	11-4	20-6
Syracuse	10-5	20-6
Seton Hall	9-6	19-8
Boston College	8-6	19-8
Rutgers	7-7	16-9
NOTRE DAME	7-7	14-11
West Virginia	6-9	14-12
Villanova	6-8	14-14
Virginia Tech	5-9	12-13
Georgetown	4-10	13-12
Miami	4-11	14-15
St. John's	1-13	6-19

Women's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Connecticut	14-2	24-3
NOTRE DAME	12-4	19-9
Villanova	12-4	22-9
Miami	11-5	22-5
Boston College	11-5	21-6
Virginia Tech	10-6	21-5
West Virginia	10-6	19-9
Rutgers	10-6	18-10
Georgetown	7-8	13-14
Seton Hall	6-10	14-13
St. John's	4-12	10-17
Syracuse	3-13	8-20
Pittsburgh	2-14	6-20
Providence	0-16	4-23

Men's Hockey CCHA Standings

team	conf.	overall
Michigan	18-7-1	23-10-1
Miami	16-7-3	19-11-4
Michigan State	16-8-1	20-13-1
Ohio State	15-11-0	20-14-0
Alaska Fairbanks	14-13-1	15-16-1
NOTRE DAME	13-10-3	17-11-4
Western Michigan	12-12-3	16-15-4
Northern Michigan	11-13-2	16-14-4
Bowling Green	8-13-6	10-16-9
Ferris State	10-15-1	15-15-3
Lake Superior	6-15-8	8-17-7
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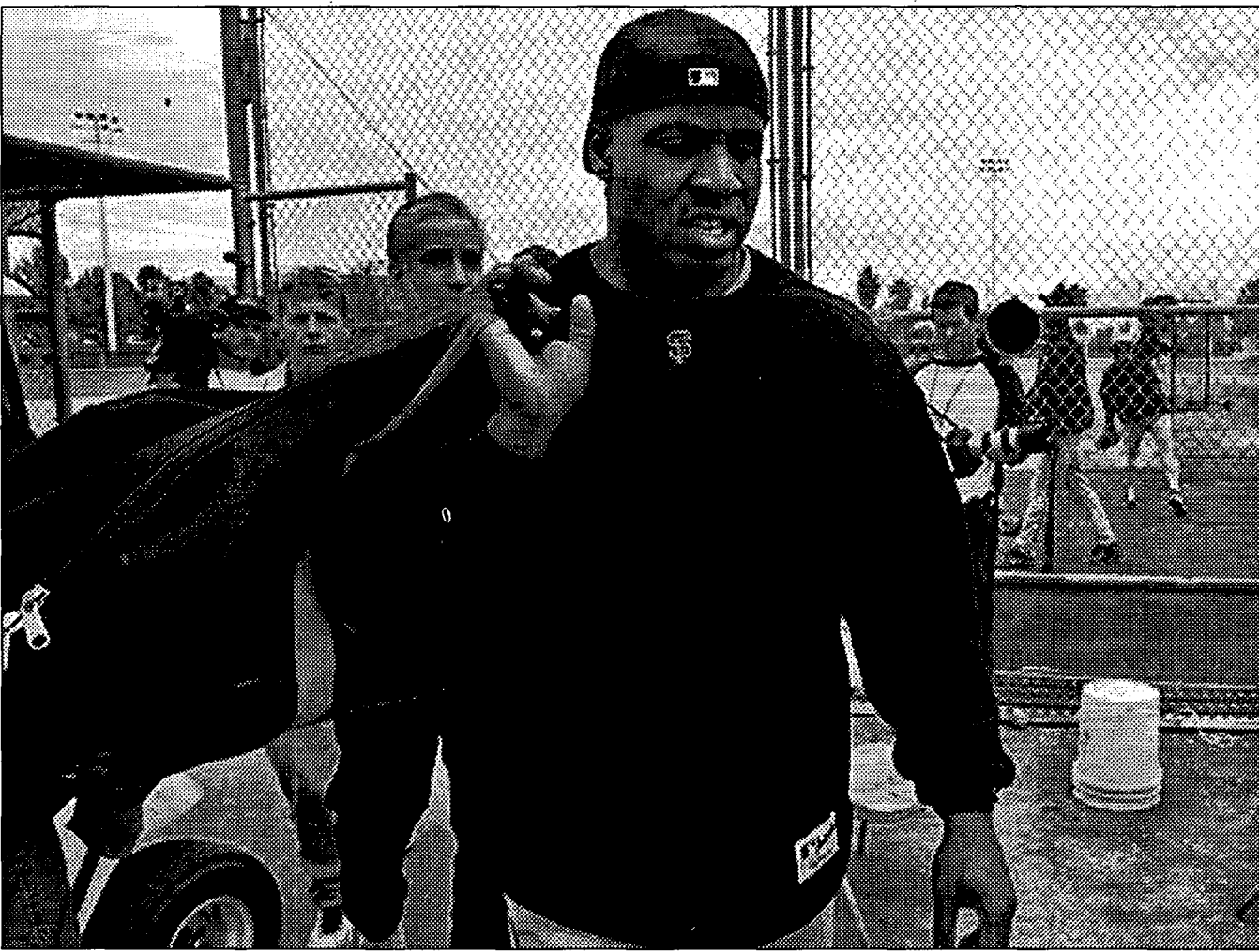
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MLB



MORRY GASH/AP

Barry Bonds refuses to speak to the waiting media as he leaves the Giants' training camp on Tuesday. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that Bonds received steroids from a nutritional supplement lab.

Bonds implicated in steroid distribution

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds walked silently through the San Francisco Giants' bustling clubhouse. Asked about a report that he had received steroids and human growth hormone from a nutritional supplements lab implicated in a drug-distribution ring, Bonds softly replied: "Get out of my locker."

Similar scenes were repeated Tuesday at other major league teams' sites. From Florida to Arizona, the focus at spring training was on steroids again.

Citing information it said was given to federal inves-

tigators, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday that Bonds was given the substances by his personal trainer — who got them from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

According to the newspaper, investigators also were told that steroids were given to New York Yankees stars Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield, three other major leaguers and one NFL player.

Trainer Greg Anderson gave the players the drugs from BALCO, according to information given to the government and shared with the newspaper. The report did not say how fed-

eral investigators received the information.

Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have repeatedly denied using steroids, and last week Bonds said baseball could "test me every day if they choose to."

All testified last year before the grand jury that indicted Anderson and three others in the alleged steroid-distribution ring.

THG, one of the steroids in the investigation, was not made illegal until recent months, and while the possession and sale of human growth hormone without a prescription is a crime, its personal use is not.

Steroids were not banned by major league baseball until late 2002 and testing with penalties didn't begin until this month. Human growth hormone is not banned by baseball because there is no test for it, according to Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations.

Still, major league baseball was concerned about the implications of the newspaper report.

"We are very distressed about any situation that calls into play the integrity of our players," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

IN BRIEF

Bryant returns for hearing

EAGLE, Colo. — With his accuser's testimony delayed, Kobe Bryant returned for a closed-door hearing Tuesday in which attorneys were expected to argue over whether his statement to police should be barred from his sexual assault trial.

The 19-year-old woman accusing the NBA star of rape had been scheduled to testify, but the judge late Monday said he will reconsider whether the defense will be allowed to ask detailed questions about her sexual past. Her testimony was postponed until a March 24 hearing.

Bryant, 25, has said the two had consensual sex. The Los Angeles Lakers' All-Star could face four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of the felony sexual assault charge.

The accuser was still expected to be a key part of Tuesday's hearing: Defense attorneys Hal Haddon and

Pamela Mackey were expected to summon acquaintances to discuss her sexual past to lay the groundwork for the next hearing.

But first, arguments were scheduled on whether Bryant was illegally questioned by investigators July 1, the day after the alleged assault at the posh Vail-area resort where he was a guest and the woman was an employee.

Cincinnati's Schott dies

CINCINNATI — Marge Schott, the tough-talking, chain-smoking owner of the Cincinnati Reds who won a World Series and was repeatedly suspended for offensive remarks, died Tuesday. She was 75.

Schott was hospitalized about three weeks ago for breathing difficulties and repeatedly needed treatment for lung problems in recent years. Christ Hospital spokeswoman Dona Buckler did not release a cause of death.

Schott kept a low profile after she

sold controlling interest in the club in October 1999. She remained a limited partner in the team's ownership group, but had no say in the team's operations.

She loved to mingle with fans and gave generously to charitable causes, but got in trouble because she couldn't watch her words. She reportedly used racial slurs to describe her players and repeatedly praised Hitler despite admonitions to keep quiet.

"I guess I always thought of her as a tragic figure," former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent said. "I think she tried very hard to do the right things for baseball, but she had some enormous limitations and she had some difficulty overcoming them."

Her outspokenness as the Reds owner became her legacy and her downfall. "I think people are remembered for the good things they do when they're gone," Reds shortstop Barry Larkin said.

Fencing

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exploits of the Notre Dame fencing team have gone largely unnoticed. The lack of attention gets frustrating for seniors like Danielle Davis.

"I think sometimes people don't understand the sport that well," she said. "They take for granted how much work we put into it and how hard it is to be the national champion in fencing."

Freshman foilist Frankie Bontempo hoped that coming to a school with a track record of success like Notre Dame would provide him with a more knowledgeable fencing environment.

"I figured that most people would make an effort to go out and watch just because it's like a big dynasty that we have," he said. "The fencing team is always really, really good, so I

kind of expected that more people would have gone to see it or know a little bit more about it."

Even the more knowledgeable fans like senior Sarah Fournie do not have much of a grasp beyond the basics. "I know that there are three kinds: epee, foil and saber," she said. "They're hooked up to these electric wires so that every time they get touched it makes a light go off. [I know] slightly more than average, just from knowing [the manager]."

What makes this general lack of awareness even more perplexing is the popularity of the fencing elective included in the physical education program.

"It was one of those things [I'd] never tried and being from the West Coast fencing isn't that big of a thing," sophomore Dan Carey said. "It was a new challenge [but] I loved every minute of it."

However, Carey said the appeal soon wore off, saying, "[I

follow it] a little bit, just the articles that I read and just through The Observer basically."

The lack of exposure to fencing appears to be one of the biggest hurdles in overcoming various preconceptions. Bontempo felt some enthusiasm sprouting among his friends who came to watch the Irish fence in their lone home bout of the season on Jan. 31.

"I thought people were really surprised about what they saw," he said. "Once they saw it, they were all pretty excited about what was going on once they started to actually understand it a little bit."

But even fencing at home was not enough to stimulate a fencing revival.

Another factor working against the fencers is that their sport does not have a substantial following in America compared with other sports. Most fencers hone their skills at pri-

vate clubs, outside of the public eye. And most of what the public eye ever sees is dramatized in Hollywood.

"I think it is an interesting sport," Keough junior Joe Harmon said, "but more in James Bond [Die Another Day] — it was kinda cool."

Irish fencing, despite all of its success — the women are ranked No. 1 — still remains in the shadows. The Irish would have a chance to emerge from that darkness as they host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships at the Joyce Center on Saturday; however, the hosts will be without a large student contingent to help kick off their postseason bid for a repeat title, as the student body will be gone on spring break.

But for these fencers, going alone is the way it has always been.

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Hollowell

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couraged early on and we captains always try to give them encouragement and keep them going."

As a high school scholar-athlete at Roncalli High in Indianapolis, Hollowell participated in football, wrestling and track and field. As co-captain of his school's football team, Hollowell helped lead Roncalli to an undefeated state championship his senior year.

Other honors Hollowell collected during high school included advancing to the semi-state round in wrestling and being named the city pole-vaulting champion in his senior year.

His freshman year, Hollowell advanced all the way to the finals before losing to Josh Coleman. In a previous round, Hollowell had defeated team captain and former champion Matt Fumagalli.

"My loss freshman year was tough," Hollowell said. "But it got me motivated for the next year. If I had won, it would have maybe gotten to my head."

"It kept me intense, focused and motivated to get after it the next year."

During his sophomore year, Hollowell again fell short of the championship, losing to eventual champion T.J. D'Agostino in the second round. Again, Hollowell was further motivated by the loss and was determined not to fall short next year.

All that preparation and hard work finally paid off in Hollowell's junior year, as he was named captain for the first time.

"Being a captain for the first time was great," he said. "There is a level of respect from the guys that can make you pompous if you aren't careful, but it is an awesome honor if you take the job with humility."

In addition to his first time as team captain, Hollowell finally got his championship as well, defeating Bill Wuest in the final round.

"It was a great feeling," Hollowell said. "At the same time, though, it wasn't the most euphoric of experiences. Even though I like my championship jacket, five years from now that won't be what I remember about the Bouts."

"What I'll remember is going down to practice every day, hearing the crack of the punching bag and seeing my friends and cracking a few jokes. That's what I'll remember most."

Although having to live with the fact that he will be unable to defend his title is difficult for Hollowell, he won't complain. He hopes to take his degree in Environmental Science and Technology and eventually become either a high school teacher or coach, or perhaps enter medical school following his years at Notre Dame.

Hollowell said that his time with Bengal Bouts has made a big impact on his overall work ethic and outlook on life, even when he leaves the ring.

"There's no doubt that the Bouts build character," Hollowell said. "They teach you how to respond to challenges, how to prepare and how to respond to adversity and hardship."

"Plus, there's the camaraderie and friendship that you get, you see these guys every day and you really care about them and become close friends. That sort of thing is something you can't learn in a classroom."

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Seniors

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underclassmen and brought this team together.

"This is a group that has been just tremendous," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after

Thursday's practice.

"They have provided tremendous dedication, great work ethic, positive attitude, commitment — everything you could ask for, they've got it. We have been so fortunate to have this group and their leadership."

Anne Weese was playing at a community college in the middle of Kansas two years ago before transferring to Notre Dame. She made the Irish squad halfway through last season and gained her first start Tuesday night against Syracuse. Her layup with .3 seconds left got the crowd on its feet for the first time all game.

Weese has given the team a veteran on the bench, someone the younger players could look up to for advice.

Jeneka Joyce has played through just about every nagging injury a player can have during her career for the Irish. Even after leg and ankle injuries forced Joyce to miss her junior season, the 3-point specialist was determined to come back this year and help Notre Dame any way she could. She's knocked down over 40 percent of her 3-point attempts as the primary outside threat for the Irish.

Monique Hernandez didn't play for much of her sophomore and junior seasons — she actually left school for a time last year — before returning to this year's team. Her scrappy play and hustle has helped earn Hernandez 14 starts this season.

Two-time captain Le'Tania Severe has been a mainstay at the guard position for the last four seasons, leading on and off the court — with her play and attitude. She is the calming force on the court and has the ability to occasionally give the team an offensive spark.

This group of seniors doesn't have a Jacqueline Batteast-type player — someone who is relied on every night for 15 points and 10

rebounds. But these four have each brought their own contributions in work ethic, defense and hustle.

Tuesday night, in an otherwise boring and uneventful game against dismal Syracuse, the Irish seniors played in their last regular season home game. Notre

Dame will host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, which gives the Irish senior class at least one, and maybe two, more chances to play at the Joyce Center.

The seniors will be looked upon to lead this team into the later rounds of the NCAA Tournament — a place where all four have been before.

Whenever the season ends, Irish coach Muffet McGraw will find someone to replace the stats that each senior provided to this year's team.

But she'll be hard pressed to find four players that will mold a team like Weese, Joyce, Hernandez and

Severe have this season and throughout their careers.

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Irish coach

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B-ball

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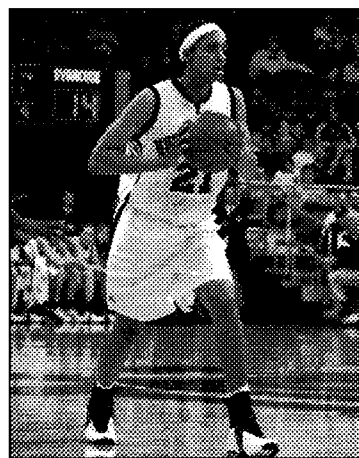
With the win, Notre Dame finished the regular season undefeated at home and finished second in the Big East Conference.

But on a night that honored the four Irish seniors, Notre Dame didn't win pretty.

"I thought that was a difficult game to play with the pace of the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We wanted to control the tempo and I thought offensively we really tried and they pretty much stuck to their tempo."

Seniors Weese, Le'Tania Severe, Monique Hernandez and Jeneka Joyce started for the Irish. Weese, a fan favorite, scored two points in eight minutes of action and was greeted warmly by the Joyce Center crowd each time she entered the game. Severe scored 12 points, including 8-for-10 from the free throw line. Hernandez played a tough, hustling game, scoring six points to go along with six rebounds and five assists. Joyce, battling injury, only saw 12 minutes of action.

Other than the seniors, the Irish were led by junior Jacqueline Batteast, who recorded her 10th double-double of the season with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman defensive specialist Breona Gray added a career-high 11 points on 4-for-4 shooting.



MEG DAVISSON/The Observer
Jacqueline Batteast recorded her 10th double-double of the season with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"I thought Breona gave us a great lift off the bench," McGraw said. "She came in and hit some shots when nobody was able to make a basket at key times. I was really pleased with her offensively. I thought Breona did a great job."

Both teams struggled to score from the start. Syracuse shot an abysmal 16.7 percent, including 1-for-12 from beyond the arc in the first half. Notre Dame shot only 38 percent (8-for-21) from the field in the first half.

"It took us a while to get into gear," McGraw said.

But when the Irish finally got it going, they were able to pull away from the Orangewomen, as they went on a 15-8 run to go ahead 41-24 in a game that they never trailed. They also held the Orangewomen scoreless

for the last 4:06 of the game.

Gray was able to help hold the Orangewomen's leading scorer, Julie McBride, to 12 points on 6-for-18 shooting. The rest of the Orangewomen shot only 22.4 percent, which is a season low by an Irish opponent.

With the win, the Irish will have a No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament this weekend and a bye in the first round.

"Now to look at the standings and say we finished second, I think we're in a pretty good place right now," McGraw said.

**NOTRE DAME 54,
SYRACUSE 33**
at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (19-9, 12-4)
Batteast 5-16 3-6 13, Weese 1-4 0-0 2, Severe 2-3 8-10 12, Joyce 0-2 0-0 0, Hernandez 3-5 0-0 6, Powers 0-0 0-0 0, Borton 1-2 2-2 4, Duffy 0-1 0-0 0, Gray 4-4 3-5 11, Flecky 1-2 0-0 2, Erwin 1-3 0-0 2, LaVere 1-6 0-0 2.

SYRACUSE (6-20, 3-13)
Wegrzynowicz 0-7 0-0 0, Nwagbo 2-10 1-1 5, Kohn 1-7 0-0 2, McBride 6-18 0-1 12, Harbut 1-7 2-3 4, Coleman 1-4 1-2 6, Norton 2-5 1-2 6.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	26	28	54
SYRACUSE	14	19	33

3-point goals: Notre Dame 0-4 (Joyce 0-2, Hernandez 0-1, Batteast 0-1), Syracuse 1-16 (Norton 1-2, McBride 0-7, Wegrzynowicz 0-3, Kohn 0-3, Coleman 0-1). **Fouled out:** None. **Rebounds:** Notre Dame 44-12 (Batteast 11), Syracuse 37-15 (McBride 8). **Assists:** Notre Dame 13 (Batteast 5), Syracuse 4 (Harbut 2). **Total fouls:** Notre Dame 12, Syracuse 19.

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BASEBALL

Gaston honored for stellar weekend debut

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Sean Gaston isn't off to a bad start with the Irish.

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association named the freshman catcher the National Co-Hitter of the Week for his 10-of-12 hitting performance in Boca Raton, Fla., last weekend.

"I never would have thought this would have happened this fast in my career," Gaston said.

Gaston also collected six RBIs, scored

seven runs and stole two bases in two games in his first weekend of collegiate baseball action.

"It was a pretty awesome start to a college career," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "If he gets 10 hits out of every 12 at bats, I'm going to go out on a limb and say that's going to be a pretty good career."

Gaston, currently the Irish backup at catcher behind senior tri-captain Javi Sanchez, was 4-for-5 with an RBI and three runs scored Saturday against Florida Memorial in his first game. In Notre Dame's come-from-behind 19-7

victory over Minnesota Sunday, Gaston led the way for the Irish by hitting 5-for-6 with a pair of doubles, three runs scored and three RBI.

In that game, Gaston became the first Irish freshman to get five hits in a game since 1994. He also became the second freshman to earn Big East Player of the Week honors.

"I'm not surprised at all that he got off to a good start," Mainieri said, "but I'm surprised that anybody would go 10-for-12. That's ridiculous."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish dominate Spartans

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bobby Bayliss described his team's play with one word — "great."

After a pair of close losses last weekend, the men's tennis team bounced back to crush rival Michigan State 7-0 in the season's last home match.

"For several guys, it was the best match of the year," he said. "I'm pretty ecstatic."

Senior tri-captain Luis Haddock and the freshman doubles tandem of Ryan Keckley and D'Amico had all suffered injuries recently and were questionable for Tuesday's match.

"[D'Amico] had shin splints, his forearm was sore and during the match, his hip was bothering him," Bayliss said. "But somehow he was able to summon the ability to play his best."

The Irish came out strong in doubles, sweeping all three to clinch the point, and never looked back. At No. 3, the Stephen Bass-Eric Langenkamp duo remained undefeated with four wins. D'Amico and Keckley clinched the point for the Irish at No. 1, and Haddock and fellow senior tri-captain Matthew Scott put up a 9-7 win for the Irish.

"We really set the tone in doubles, and it carried over to singles," Scott said. "It was nice to see us win out and use our momentum."

Keckley was the first off the courts at No. 5, despite his questionable status due to a quadriceps injury, recording a 6-1, 6-3 win.

Senior tri-captain Matthew Scott, who has seen significant playing time at No. 1 this season, was next, with a 6-1, 6-2 win at No. 2. Haddock clinched the match for the Irish at No. 1, winning 7-5, 7-5 after missing the last three matches due to injury.

Bass remained consistent with a 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 4 and Eric Langenkamp won 6-0, 7-6 (7-0) at No. 6. D'Amico was the only three-set match, coming back from losing the first set to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3.

"I'm glad we're going to end up winning," Haddock said of the shutout, his last match at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Bayliss said it is unlikely that the match with Kentucky canceled earlier in the season will be rescheduled.

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SINGLES

No. 1: Luis Haddock (ND) d. Andrew Formanczyk (MSU) 7-5, 7-5.
No. 2: Matthew Scott (ND) d. Cameron Marshall (MSU) 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Brent D'Amico (ND) d. Chris Mitchell (MSU) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 4: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Eric Simonton (MSU) 6-4, 6-4.
No. 5: Ryan Keckley (ND) d. Joseph McWilliams (MSU) 6-1, 6-3.
No. 6: Eric Langenkamp (ND) d. Michael Flowers (MSU) 6-0, 7-6 (7-0).

DOUBLES

No. 1: D'Amico/Keckley (ND) d. Marshall/Simonton (MSU) 8-3.
No. 2: Haddock/Scott (ND) d. Formanczyk/Mitchell (MSU) 9-7.
No. 3: Bass/Langenkamp (ND) d. Flowers/McWilliams (MSU) 8-3.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Competition intensifies during semi-final matches

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

135-pound class

Action kicks off tonight at 6:30 with the first fight of the 135-pound weight class. No. 1-seeded junior Jon Valenzuela will meet a serious challenge in senior Pedro Alves. Alves' dismissed his quarterfinal round opponent, Tim Jaeger, in two rounds.

In the second 135-pound bout, sophomore Bobby Schmitt takes on senior Lawrence Hofman. Both have already beaten ranked opponents in the tournament this year. Schmitt overcame third-seeded Andrew McGill and Hofman beat No. 2 seed Michael Feduska on Monday. Both wins came in split decisions, and this fight should be a close one.

145-pound class

Two experienced, skilled fighters meet in the first bout of the 145-pound division. Luke Dillon, who received the lone bye for the division, beat James Russell on Monday in a unanimous decision. Dillon takes on fellow senior Mark Pfizenmayer, who used his reach advantage to secure a unanimous-decision win over Ed Liva Monday. Neither of the veterans have advanced to the finals.

Todd Strobel has been impressive in his first Bengal Bouts, beating Matt McConnell in the preliminaries and edging Chip Marks in Monday's quarterfinals. He will face his most difficult opponent, Paul Robinson. Robinson has been tough as he moved through the early rounds and stands firmly in the way of Strobel's finals hopes.

150-pound class

Freshman Jordan Runge has proven he is a contender thus far in the tournament by beating junior Kevin Rycyna and senior David Harmon. He faces one of the best in the bouts, senior T.J. D'Agostino, who danced his way past

freshman Clayton Lougee Monday.

In the other semi-final, junior captain Galen Loughrey established himself in last year's tournament as a superb defender, rarely taking an uncontested shot to his head. He faces Jon Pribaz, an opponent who has shown he can capitalize on an open punch opportunity. Pribaz floored his opponent, Jon Brewis, just 40 seconds into round one on Monday with a left hook that is the strongest punch of the tournament thus far. Loughrey has put in extra time working with left-handed fighters to prepare for the fight.

153-pound class

Ryan Duffey is looking for his second career trip to the finals this year, but junior Bobby Gorynski currently stands in his way. Last year, Duffey lost a split decision to law student Paul Harris in the 145-pound finals. On Monday, Duffey defeated sophomore Michael Dolan and Gorynski earned a win by beating Nathan Schomas.

Tim Huml and Corey Harkins received first-round byes and showed spectators why with convincing unanimous decisions victories on Monday night. Huml beat senior Don Zimmer and Harkins defeated sophomore Joe Rehmann. Both have similar styles and should match up well in tonight's semifinal.

155-pound class

Junior captain Nathan Lohmeyer was relentless in a unanimous decision victory over sophomore Paul Hagan on Monday night. Lohmeyer is the No. 1 seed in the 155-pound division and that victory was his first fight of the tournament. He faces sophomore Mark Basola, who beat senior Sean Tucker in the quarterfinals. Both fighters are seeking their first career trips to the finals.

Both junior Mike Panzica and senior Brandon Gasser beat tough opponents in the quarterfinals to advance to the semis — Panzica won against veteran

Ted Volz and Gasser held off the rushing freshman Adam Burns. A win for Gasser would mark his second trip to the finals in the Bengal Bouts.

160-pound class

Colin Kerrigan looks to secure his second career trip to the finals. Last year, Kerrigan won his first championship in the 155-pound division. Tonight, the experienced junior takes on senior Alex Roodhouse. On Monday, Roodhouse defeated freshman Nathan Dyer in two rounds and has fought well in the early matches of the tournament.

Senior Bill Phillip faces his last chance to make it to the finals, but must overcome junior Justin Alanis to do so. Phillip has been one of the premier fighters in this year's bouts, beating senior Peter Boldin and sophomore Brian Flaherty. Alanis has looked strong with an impressive win in the prelims, beating Charlie Gough on Monday.

165-pound class

The matchup between Alex Fergus and Ross Bartels is the first of two great fights in the division. Fergus is the defending 165-pound champion and looked good in his win over Jesus Bravo on Monday night. Bartels defeated law student Billy Hederman and freshman Preston Carter, establishing himself as a strong contender for the title. Both fighters' long reaches and similar fighting styles should make for an excellent fight.

Craig Thompson used his jab well in defeating sophomore Alex Borowiecki on Monday. He will have to utilize that same potent jab in his fight against senior captain Pat Dillon. Dillon was assertive and comfortable in his first appearance in this year's tournament, beating the brawling Pat McMorrow Monday. In order to qualify for finals, he will need to stay defensively focused.

170-pound class

Senior captain Tommy Demko is a skilled fighter who has fallen just short

of the finals in his career. Matthew Smith, a law student, hopes to make that happen again. Demko, who earned a unanimous-decision victory over freshman Brian Sefton Monday, should match up well with the taller Smith.

Senior James Ward will face Brian Nicholson in the next 170-pound bout. On Monday Ward overcame a skilled senior in John Wahoske and Nicholson beat a stiff competitor in Matt Knust.

180-pound class

Junior captain Jim Christoforetti faces a tough opponent in senior Denis Sullivan. Both are skilled veterans with several years of experience and this fight is guaranteed to be excellent.

Eric Callahan will meet senior fellow senior Larry Rooney in the second bout of the 180-pound class. Both are great fighters, making the 180-pound class one of the toughest in the tournament.

Light heavyweight class

Senior captain Billy Zizic established himself as one of the best with his performance on Monday night. He faces sophomore Brian Bylica, who overcame Padraic McDermott Monday by unanimous decision.

Sophomore Chris Cavanaugh faces one of the best natural fighters the Bengal Bouts has seen in years in Johnny Griffin, a first-time fighter who moves with years of experience.

Heavyweights

Captain and returning heavyweight champion Stefan Borovina makes his first appearance in the tournament tonight. Borovina faces fellow senior Doug Pope to start off the heavyweight division.

On Monday, Nathan Schroeder won the lone quarterfinal heavyweight match, overcoming Mike Tennant. Tonight he faces Daryl Burton, who faced Borovina in last year's finals and seeks to reach the finals again this year.

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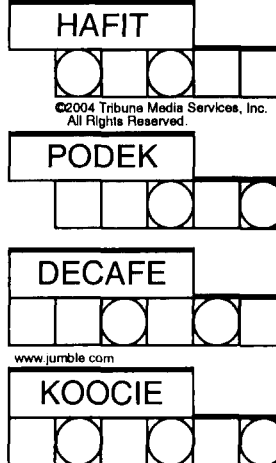
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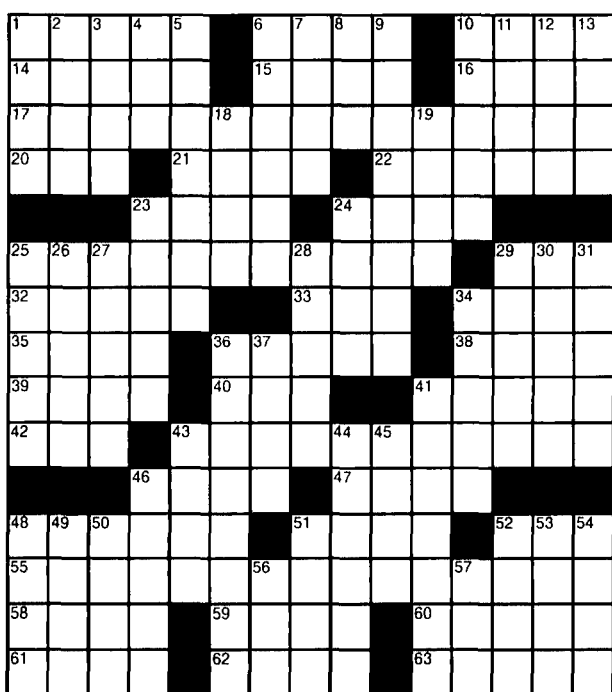
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Nerd
 - 6 "When it's ____" (old riddle answer)
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 - 14 Midway alternative
 - 15 Fix up
 - 16 In ecstasy
 - 17 See 36-Across
 - 20 Modern termini?
 - 21 Lcky stuff
 - 22 No-goodnik
 - 23 Smoked delicacies
 - 24 One of the Gulf States
 - 25 See 36-Across
 - 29 Ridge in Washington
 - 32 Feet, of sorts
 - 33 Take in
 - 34 Helen, to Menelaus
- DOWN**
- 35 Ancestry record
 - 36 Clue for 17-, 25-, 43- and 55-Across
 - 38 Weight
 - 39 Impart
 - 40 Shine, in ad-speak
 - 41 Jack ____ ("24" agent)
 - 42 Relative of -trix
 - 43 See 36-Across
 - 46 Starlet's dream
 - 47 Winner of a posthumous Pulitzer
 - 48 Sydney señorita
 - 51 Son of Seth
 - 52 Jazz grp.
 - 55 See 36-Across
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 - 59 Actress Skye
 - 60 Steve of country music
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 - 62 Did a sendup of
 - 63 Golden Hind captain



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- 31 Big-city newspaper department
- 34 One known for spouting off
- 36 Many a dictator's problem
- 37 Balm ingredient
- 41 Like holy water
- 43 Onetime White House pooch
- 44 Prohibited
- 45 Wide-eyed
- 46 Mark McGwire's position
- 48 Much-used pencil
- 49 Engine attachment
- 50 Abbé de l' ____ (pioneer in sign language)
- 51 German article
- 52 Writer Ephron
- 53 Like some mail
- 54 To ____ (exactly)
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Happy Birthday: You can have the best of both worlds if you are prepared to work hard this year. You have the stamina coupled with brilliant ideas; now all you have to do is believe in yourself and forge ahead. You're the only one holding you back. You must get motivated and take a confident approach to all that you want to accomplish this year. Your numbers: 8, 14, 28, 35, 37, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have a problem with your lover if you forgot to do something you promised to do. Channel your energy into making things better. Don't get angry without due cause. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will need to pick up additional knowledge. Go to the source in order to get the most current information. You will be able to ask for a raise or put your name up for a promotion. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Too much too fast. Take your time. You don't have to make decisions now. Don't let others push you into doing things you would rather not do. Blow-ups in your domestic scene are apparent. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should take some time out and re-evaluate your emotional situation. You may want to confide in someone you respect and trust who will give you a better understanding. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money-making opportunities are present. Make your decision quickly if you don't want to miss out. Problems with equipment may set you back if you have neglected maintenance. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone around you may not want to do you a favor. Empty promises will lead only to frustration. It is best to do things yourself rather than depend on someone else. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disharmony in your personal life will make it difficult for you to get things accomplished. It is best to pamper yourself and not worry about what you are supposed to be working on. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Legal problems may surface if you forgot to tend to some small but important details. You will have to backtrack if you wish to clear these matters up once and for all. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let someone take advantage of your good nature. You must not allow others to railroad you into spending money or making promises. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may get your dander up due to a misunderstanding. Find out more before you decide to disown the party involved. Chances are you will be wrong and owe an apology. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your deep need to learn all you can about something you have recently become interested in will lead you into a relentless search for truth. You may even question your own direction in life. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look into all the financial ventures presented to you today. One will be a real money-maker. You should confine yourself to deals where you don't have to rely on someone else. ***

Birthday Baby: You will need to pay close attention throughout your life to what others are doing and what they need. If you can offer a helping hand to others, you will get all the help you need in return.

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FENCING

Faceless champions



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Few students acknowledge the accomplishments of Maggie Jordan and her fencing teammates, even though the Irish won a national title a year ago.

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

For over a year now, the super-sized numeral atop Grace Hall has remained an illuminated fixture in the night sky of Notre Dame. It serves as a beacon of achievement, proclaiming to the Irish faithful that one of their teams is the best in its field.

But despite the notoriety of igniting the No. 1 and maintaining a spot atop the polls, the

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Perfection

Irish lock up flawless home season in ugly Senior Night win

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

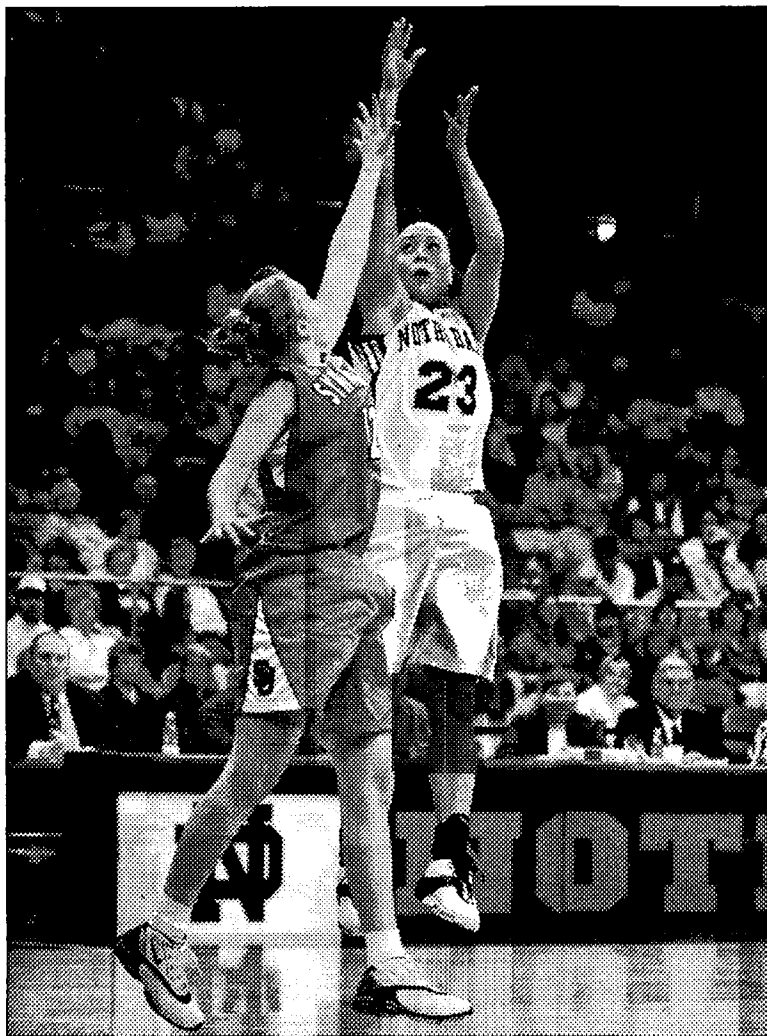
Poor shooting and a slow tempo can spell doom for a women's basketball game, and Tuesday night's game seemed doomed after 39-plus minutes of dull basketball.

Cue Irish senior Anne Weese. With .3 seconds remaining in the game, Weese laid the ball up and in while falling underneath the basket to send the Irish fans out of their seats for the first time all night.

"I don't really know what happened on that last play, but the ball went in, so that was exciting," Weese, a walk-on, said of her only basket of the game.

In their senior night and final regular season home game, the Irish (19-9 overall, 12-4 in Big East play) prevailed against Syracuse

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MEG DAVISSON/The Observer

Monique Hernandez launches a 3-pointer during Notre Dame's 54-33 win against Syracuse Tuesday. In her final regular season game at the Joyce Center, Hernandez scored six points.

Seniors leave their mark on teammates, not the stat book

There are no All-Americans in Notre Dame's senior class.

Just like there are no Big East first- or second-team candidates, and no consistently dominating players.

This group won't be remembered for having the most skill or talent, but rather for providing the leadership — in different ways — that has helped make Notre Dame a serious threat to travel deep into the NCAA Tournament. Each of the four seniors has provided something different that has molded and shaped the



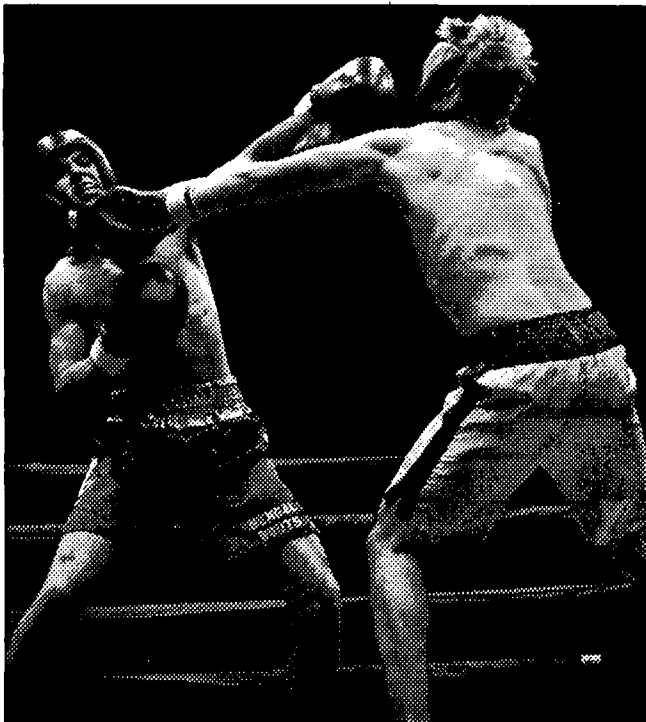
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Sports Editor

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BENGAL BOUTS

Sitting this year out



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Tommy Demko, left, trades punches with Brian Sefton Monday. While Demko fights, co-captain Tony Hollowell has to miss the bouts because of injuries.

Injuries keep Hollowell from boxing, but haven't knocked out his spirit

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

For 140-pound weight division captain Tony Hollowell, this year's Bengal Bouts will be the first time he watches as a spectator.

Hollowell, currently a Stanford resident assistant, did not participate in the Bouts this year because of a concussion he suffered a week before the physical. It has been a difficult experience for Hollowell to accept the fact that he can't fight this year.

"It was kind of a shock," Hollowell said. "You go out there and watch the competition, and you just kind of get thoughts going

through your head to where you wonder if you could win another title now that your competition is a year older and better.

"There's always that nagging feeling that maybe you've left some unfinished business."

Despite the fact that he has been unable to fight in the ring, Hollowell has continued with the rest of his normal captaincy duties.

"It's sort of nice to just watch the other guys and hope they do well," Hollowell said. "As a captain, you really want to go out there and get these guys to appreciate the sport."

"A lot of guys get dis-

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FOOTBALL

Assistant flying to NFL's Eagles

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

Trent Walters, who has coached the Irish secondary since Tyrone Willingham was named head coach, resigned Monday to take an assistant coaching job with the Philadelphia Eagles, the NFL team announced Tuesday.

Neither Walters nor Willingham could be reached for comment, and it's not clear when the Irish plan to name a replacement.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Walters coached for eight years with the Minnesota Vikings and spent a year with the Cincinnati Bengals in 1984. But 27 seasons of Walter's long coaching career have been spent at the college level.

With the Irish, Walters coached cornerbacks Shane Walton and Vontez Duff, both who reached All-American status.

He will join a team that has reached the NFC Championship game the last three years. Walters may also have to coach against his son, Troy, who is a receiver for the Indianapolis Colts and who played for Willingham at Stanford.

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SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

BASEBALL

Freshman catcher Sean Gaston's spectacular college debut, when he went 10-for-12 from the plate over the weekend, earned him national hitter-of-the-week honors.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Semifinals 6:30 p.m.

Only 44 boxers remain from the original field of 135. Tonight, that field will be whittled to the 22 finalists.

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The Irish crushed the Spartans, even though three of Notre Dame's top players were injured.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saint Joseph wraps up perfect season

The Hawks blew out St. Bonaventure to lock up the first perfect regular season in college basketball since 1991.

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NFL

While one quarterback — the Colts' Peyton Manning — signed a record-sized contract, another — the 49ers' Jeff Garcia — was released by his team.

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