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CSC cancels spring trip to Haiti

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The University has cancelled a planned humanitarian trip to Haiti as violent civil unrest intensified in the impoverished Caribbean nation, while other programs with volunteers from Notre Dame and the Congregation of the Holy Cross continue, albeit in a restricted role.

Over the last several weeks, anti-government rebels have seized much Haiti, forcing the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and plunging the island nation into anarchy.

Engineering professor Steve Silliman, who runs the Haiti Experiential Seminar, said the decision not to go was made in late January.

The program sends Notre Dame undergraduate students to work on water pumps in rural areas in Haiti for a week to 10 days. Silliman said most students work in Cap-Haitien, the country's second-largest city, but some participate in Leogane, about 20 miles outside the capital of Port-au-Prince.

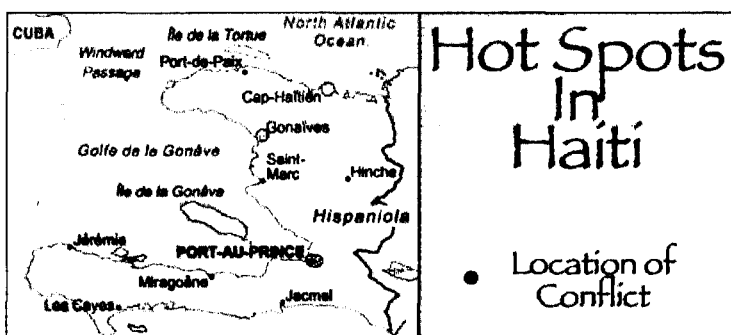
Silliman organized the first seminar in 1999, after discussing the possibility with other faculty

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Photo courtesy of Steve Silliman

Above, Notre Dame students spend time with Haitians during a previous trip to the island for a service project.



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Registrar clarifies policy

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Although the Office of the Registrar announced last fall that final grade reports would no longer be mailed home, which triggered a campus-wide sigh of relief, mid-semester grades will still be sent out next week, Registrar officials said Wednesday.

Associate registrar Lora Spaulding and grading and academic records specialist Jennie Brackett emphasized that the decision to make paper final grade reports available only upon written request did not affect mid-semester reports.

"Mid-semesters are going to go out regardless of whether or not you've filled out that request form," Brackett said. For students to understand this distinction, Spaulding added, it is important for them to realize that while final grades are factored into the student's University grade point average, mid-semester grades are not written in stone.

"It's up to the students on how they perceive how important that information is," Spaulding said. "Let them use their judgment if they want to take it seriously or not."

Brackett also pointed out that the mid-semester grades sent home — all grades for first-year students and deficiency reports for upperclassmen receiving D's and F's — are still addressed to the student.

"They're always sent to the student's attention — they're not directed to the parents," she said. "That's why we need

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ND: Satellite campus seems unlikely

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

The proposal to establish a Notre Dame satellite campus in an Indianapolis suburb is a very recent development with very remote prospects, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

Initiated Monday by Carmel mayor Jim Brainard, the plan

struck Notre Dame as an "entirely new proposal" Storin said.

"There really has been no discussion here within the administration," he said.

Brainard agreed that talks have been preliminary, but added that he "look[ed] forward to working with officials at Notre Dame" to advance the project. He said he would advocate an exten-

sion of Notre Dame's business school and an architecture laboratory for the new campus.

However, he said no time-frame had yet to be established, and declined to comment on how University officials reacted to his ideas.

"Until we get farther along, that's all I can say," he said.

Storin said that due to the family image and close cam-

pus atmosphere that Notre Dame tries to foster, the possibility of an extensive satellite was fairly unlikely.

"It would be, at most, a very limited facility if it ever came to fruition," he said.

Sheila Flynn contributed to this report.

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Class encourages entrepreneurship

Editor's note: This is the first in a Thursday series focusing on interesting classes in the Mendoza College of Business.

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Build a better mousetrap, and the world will beat a path to your door.

That's an old saying, often used to encourage budding entrepreneurs. But how can you do it with only \$20?

That's the question posed to students in Introduction to Entrepreneurship, a course taught by David Hayes, a faculty member in the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The course centers around the "\$20 Challenge," a program in which Hayes personally lends each student \$20, with which they have to start a business. Students can pool their money in teams of two or

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STUDENT SENATE

Senators elect 2006 class council



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Student body president Jeremy Lao addresses the Student Senate during a meeting Wednesday night.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

By a margin of 16 dorms to 12, the Miller-Zerante-Adams-D'Addabbo ticket was elected as the class of 2006 council over Ramanan-Mullins-Halleman-Short. The decision took place during the closed portion of Wednesday's Senate meeting, when the senators voted for the candidate who received the plurality of votes during Feb. 26's runoff election in their dorm.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Memorable movie lines

If you can't think of anything to say, an appropriate quotation from a humorous, well-known movie will almost always suffice. That's a rule I've always abided by, anyways, and it hasn't backfired too often.

Kate Gales

When I find a movie I like, I tend to watch it over, and over and over, until I can recite the script with the actors. It's not landing me in Hollywood anytime soon, but while I'm in South Bend I can give you "7 Situations In No Particular Order Where You Might Need An Appropriate Quote From A Movie."

7. Government class. You didn't do last night's reading and the professor calls on you for an opinion. Channel "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" by stating "Supreme executive power derives from a mandate from the masses, not some farcical aquatic ceremony!" Refuse to elaborate. You made your point.

6. You're in front of ResLife for just about anything. Are they more terrifying than meeting your future in-laws? Probably not. So reassure them that you "pass on grass" — just like Greg in "Meet the Parents" — and you should make it out alive. If you stick to your statement.

5. Your friend says something stupid. Roll your eyes and think of Babe Ruth smiling down from baseball heaven when you admonish him or her "you're killing me, Smalls!" from "Sandlot" ... classic.

4. You are the perpetrator of a hijacking. I don't recommend this, but since the future is unpredictable, you might as well get some mileage out of the infinitely quotable "Super Troopers"—"You boys like Mex-i-co?" My bet is yes. (Note: probably any situation can be remedied by the use of a quote from this movie.)

3. Your current love interest does something nice for you. "You know, there's a million fine looking women in the world, dude. But they don't all bring you lasagna at work. Most of 'em just cheat on you" — nothing says love like Kevin Smith and "Clerks."

2. You're running from the NDSP. The officer is on a bike. You're running and looking for motivation. Look no further than "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and the wisdom "If I get caught, it is not going to be by a guy like that." And run.

1. Some unfortunate situation occurs. Life has its ups and downs — "it doesn't mean that we too can't not die in a freak gasoline fight accident," in the words of the classic Derek Zoolander.

I hope these are able to help you out if you ever find yourself in one of these situations. This column is dedicated to Nick Steinmetz, a freshman from Stanford, who I've actually never met, but who sent me an e-mail after reading one of my columns helping me think of ideas. One good turn deserves another.

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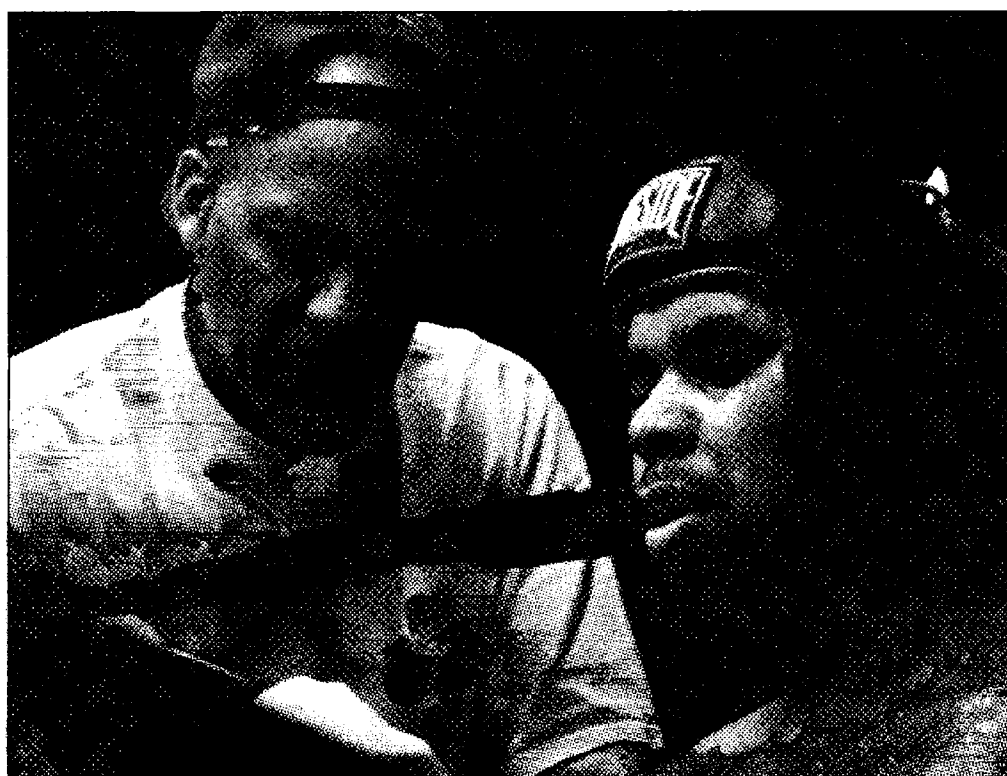
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR SPRING BREAK?



Misha Shemyakin <i>Senior Off-campus</i>	Frank Brannon <i>Junior Alumni</i>	Josh Odelson <i>Senior Alumni</i>	Bobby Gorynski <i>Junior St. Edwards</i>	Diana Dolinsky <i>Freshman Pangborn</i>	Jason Perkins <i>Senior Morrissey</i>
<i>"Cruisin' the Caribbean."</i>	<i>"Going home and babysitting for my parents who are going to Puerto Vallarta."</i>	<i>"Going to find monkeys in Costa Rica."</i>	<i>"Fine wine and beautiful women."</i>	<i>"Going to Jamaica."</i>	<i>"Going on tour with Voices of Faith."</i>



Notre Dame junior Darryl Burton takes a break in his corner and receives advice from his coach during Bengal Bouts Wednesday night at the Joyce Center.

OFFBEAT

One-handed golfer sinks 3 holes in one

VENICE, Fla. — A Florida golfer defied the odds, racking up three holes in one in the past six months, all while swinging one-handed. According to the National Golf Foundation, the odds of an amateur golfer hitting a hole in one are 12,600 to 1. The odds of what 68-year-old Bill Hilsheimer of Nokomis accomplished could short-circuit a calculator. His most recent was last week at the 157-yard, par 3 13th hole at the Bird Bay Executive Golf Course in Venice. In January, he aced

a 157-yard hole at the Gulf Gate course in Sarasota and in September, he had another ace on a 105-yard hole on a course in Ohio.

Not bad for a player who lost most of his right hand 59 years ago when he was run over by a train in Columbus, Ohio. Hilsheimer, who has a 15 handicap, doesn't use his right arm when he swings.

Rare 1866 silver dollar is found

PORTLAND, Maine — America's rarest silver dollar — and possibly its most famous stolen coin — was discovered in a box filled

with miscellaneous coins by a Maine librarian who wasn't even a collector.

The coin, thought to be one of only two 1866 silver dollars minted without the inscription "In God We Trust," is estimated to be worth at least \$1 million.

The "No Motto Dollar" was among thousands of coins taken during an armed robbery at a home in Coconut Grove, Fla., in 1967. Most of the best-known coins taken in the unsolved heist have been recovered.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Menachem Fisch of the Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas at Tel Aviv University, will deliver a lecture titled "Self-confronting: Philosophy and the Limits of Self-criticism." The lecture takes place today at 11:15 a.m. in DeBartolo room 214. It is sponsored by Notre Dame's History and Philosophy of Science Program.

Fran Day will present her "Sept. 11 Survivor Story," describing how her life as changed since that day in 2001 when her son's fiancée was killed in the World Trade Center. The presentation takes place this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

The class of 2006 will sponsor a reciting of the rosary at 9:30 p.m. tonight in the Coleman Morse chapel.

Come laugh with (or at) Notre Dame's funniest students tonight during Student Stand-up Comedy Night. The event starts at 10 p.m. at Legends.

Enjoy music and drink specials tonight at Legends during their senior night. The fun starts at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

The Omaha Theatre Company for Young People presents the play "How Anansi Came to America." The performance takes place Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. Call 284-4626 for ticket information.

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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College Republicans end hiatus

SMC club holds first meeting in over a month

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

After a brief hiatus, the Saint Mary's College Republicans is back in business. The club held its first meeting in almost a month last night, after taking a break from its scheduled weekly meetings to reformat and prepare for next year.

President-elect Michelle Fitzgerald emphasized how useful the break was for the club.

"We created an executive board to meet once a week outside the meetings to plan structure and discuss what we will be covering at the meeting," she said. "This meeting is important to gain focus for the club, to gain membership, and to embark on the new opportunities that we have for the club."

The St. Joseph County Women's Republican Club, which the Saint Mary's club forged a connection with this year, will provide some of these new opportunities. The club wants to get involved in politics on a local and possibly even

state level through such activities as phone surveys and campaigns.

"We see ourselves as a club not just for Republicans, but for political awareness in general," Fitzgerald said. "We plan on holding forums, speeches and panels for the Saint Mary's community as well as participating in activities outside the Saint Mary's campus."

On campus, the club plans to collaborate with other campus groups such as the College Democrats and Peacemakers to hold debates and inform students.

"I think this is a good signal. We're identifying younger students ... to get involved and provide future leadership."

Claude Renshaw
Club advisor

Fitzgerald said that the club is highly aware that most Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students get their only news from television and The Observer's "World and Nation" section.

"We definitely want to increase political awareness on the Saint Mary's campus - not just republican issues, but all issues that are being discussed nationwide," she said.

Claude Renshaw, a business professor and club advisor, said

that the members hope to accomplish this through several activities, including traveling to the state legislature in Indianapolis, attending the upcoming debates held by Congressman Chris Chocola and traveling to the Conservative Political Action Conference.

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Michelle Fitzgerald
Club president-elect

Renshaw was also pleased that the incoming and outgoing officers were using the end of this school year to prepare for the future of the club.

Current College Republicans president Jessica Millanes and vice president Vanessa Hetrick will both graduate in May. Fitzgerald and vice president-elect Lauren Fabina are underclassmen who intend to stay highly involved with the club until the end of their senior years.

"I think this is a good signal," Renshaw said. "We're identifying younger students, freshmen and sophomores, to get involved and provide future leadership."

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ND students, faculty to journey to Cuba

Special to The Observer

Some 20 students and faculty from the Notre Dame will travel to Cuba during spring break to examine the life and situation of the Catholic Church there.

Most of the students are enrolled in a Notre Dame theology course, "From Power to Communion," taught by Father Robert Pelton, professor of theology and fellow of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Father Pelton will lead the tour, scheduled from Friday to March 14.

Father Pelton led a similar trip to Cuba last year, when the visit was limited to the city of

Havana, but this year the Notre Dame group will visit a variety of sites throughout the island. Catholic Relief Services, which administers several projects in Cuba, will serve as a host and guide to the group.

Pelton, who directs the Kellogg Institute's Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), is a frequent visitor to Cuba and the author of numerous articles and books about the Catholic Church in Latin America. He will be accompanied on the trip by James McAdams, professor of international affairs and director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

NDPresents to host Cirque performance

Special to The Observer

NDPresents, the new arts presenter of Notre Dame, will host Cirque Éloize performing "Nomade" on March 22 at South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center.

Described as "modern nomads," the members of Cirque Éloize travel the

world entertaining audiences with an eclectic ensemble of virtuosic feats. "Nomade" is a nighttime carnival filled with song, dance and astonishing acrobatic feats. It features jugglers, rope climbers, a trapeze artist, a contortionist, acrobats, clowns and others.



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members.

"I had looked for ways to get involved in developing countries. The potential for interaction with [Haitian] society was spectacular," Silliman said. "Students are trained on how to fix hand pumps, which are the primary source of drinking water. More importantly, they teach groups of Haitian men how to fix their own hand pumps, and we leave parts and tools with those guys."

Silliman said participants include himself and up to 10 students, half of whom are engineering majors. Non-engineering students help put the technical work into a social context.

"The technology is actually extraordinarily simple," he said. "Making that technology work in a different society requires skills way outside the engineering experience."

In a typical trip, students spend the first day speaking with a local pastor and identifying a group of young men to train. The next day, the students train the men on the pumps' components. For the next few days, students repair wells and pumps as the locals observe, and then they

turn the project over to the Haitians, coming back to check on their work.

The aim of the program is to build a base of Haitian workers that can continue the repair efforts after the seminar has ended.

Silliman said he's encountered some difficulties during the program, especially in persuading the locals to accept pay for their continuing work.

"We have to get the villagers to talk about what they're going to get in exchange," he said. "It's not a money-based society. It's a barter-based society."

Silliman said he has received at least six e-mails this week from students who participated in the program in previous semesters.

"Everybody comes back just completely blown away by the experience," he said. "They're pretty well connected back there in their hearts and their minds."

Despite the cancellation, the students who planned to go to Haiti are still undergoing their training, and Silliman was optimistic that conditions will improve.

"We're still meeting two hours a week as if we were still going," he said. "The vast majority of [students] are looking to go next fall or sometime in the future."

The seminar is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns

and funded by a grant from a South Bend family.

Despite the cancellation, biology professor Father Tom Streit said dozens of volunteers from Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross continue their fight against filariasis, a mosquito-borne disease that leads to grotesque disfigurement.

"We have about 70 people working with us in Haiti, and they continue heroically," he said.

However, he added that personnel have recently been evacuated from the areas hardest hit by the violence.

"There are some areas where our work stopped the week before last," Streit said.

Streit left the country in late February, but he was optimistic that he and others will be able to return.

"We anticipate students going down [to Haiti] this summer," he said.

The project is a collaborative effort, including assistance from Emory University and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

The efforts center around St. Croix Hospital, an Episcopal institution in Leogane. In 2000, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave Notre Dame a \$5.2 million grant to fund anti-filariasis efforts in that city.

Streit said last year, volunteers administered medication to near-

ly 500,000 Haitians. The preventive drug, which is effective for a year, wards off new infections by the parasitic worm that causes filariasis.

Streit said the eventual aim of the project is to eradicate the disease.

"It's going to be exciting for Notre Dame to be part of such a historic achievement, and that is to eliminate [filariasis] forever," Streit said.

The only time such a thing has happened was in 1980, when the World Health Organization declared that smallpox had been eradicated.

Michele Sexton, a staffer in the biology department who has worked in Haiti, said she is optimistic that the deployment of peacekeeping troops will stabilize the troubled nation.

"I'm glad the Marines have gone in," she said. "Hopefully they'll be able to secure the roads and get the humanitarian effort there."

Sexton, whose fiancé is working in Haiti, said the struggle against poverty and disease must persist.

"It continues to be difficult there," Sexton said. "You have people who are worried about what's going to happen."

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Grades

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to have the deadline for grades prior to spring break, so students are aware of their status before they come back."

Timing is also crucial because the last day to drop a course is March 19, Brackett said.

"It is a good indicator for the student to know how they're doing at that point in the semester because the last day to drop is looming," she said.

While students may write off mid-semester grades as a wake-up call at best, they remain a daunting and essential task for the Registrar's office. Professors are required to submit all first year and all deficiency grades by Friday at 3 p.m., but it is up to the individual professor's discretion whether or not to post additional grades on IrishLink, Spaulding said.

The office will mail out the reports early next week.

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Senate

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Steve Miller, whose ticket garnered 48.2 percent of the vote in the runoff, expressed his excitement at the victory.

"My running mates and I are excited for the opportunity to lead the class council," Miller said following the Senate meeting. "We're looking forward to doing great things with programming. We're glad this whole process is over though, and

we're going to work on making the transition until April 1 as smooth as possible."

After the meeting was opened the public, Kaitlyn Redfield, chairman of the committee on gender issues, announced that the effort to establish a gender relations center has finally succeeded.

"They tried in '94, 2002 and many times in between," Redfield said. "The evidence was compelling, the research was perfect, and it was obvious that Notre Dame was behind its peers in regards to gender relations. There have been more

students, faculty and alumni behind this push than most other issues, so we're grateful that we saw it passed."

Redfield explained that the center will be a place where both men and women can come for information about sexual violence, and a resource center that focuses on a variety of issues including gender in careers, on campus, in Catholicism and sexual discrimination.

Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman named Heather Rakoczy, Pangborn Hall rector, director of the center at

Monday's Campus Life Council's meeting.

In other Senate news:

◆ Pat Corker announced that Alcohol Awareness Week, March 15 to 18, will feature a drunk driving simulator, a speaker delivering an underlying message of alcohol responsibility and T-shirt and refreshment giveaways. In conjunction with PILLARS, students are also encouraged to sign a spring break alcohol safety pledge.

◆ Senators were encouraged to tell

their constituents about the new ability to print from the dorms to computer clusters. Additionally, books checked out from the Hesburgh Library can be returned to any of the different campus libraries.

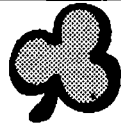
◆ Elections for next year's senators and other dorm positions are to take place by March 19, according to Emily Chin, student vice body president.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli gunship kills militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter strike killed three Hamas militants riding in a car Wednesday, the second such targeted attack in five days and a possible sign that Israel is stepping up its campaign against militants ahead of a planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Two missiles slammed into the car, triggering a fire that bystanders tried to put out with sand and their jackets. One man, using a blanket, lifted a charred body out of the car and heaved it onto a stretcher.

The Israeli military said one of those killed, 24-year-old Tarad Jamal, was behind several roadside bombings and rocket attacks on Israelis. The other two were identified as Ibrahim Deri, 34, and Amar Hassan, 21.

French Senate bans headscarves

PARIS — A law banning Islamic headscarves in France's public schools was adopted Wednesday in the Senate by a vote of 276-20.

The vote mirrored similar overwhelming support by the National Assembly, the lower chamber of parliament, which passed it 494-36 on Feb. 10.

President Jacques Chirac must now formally sign it into law within 15 days. He had said such a law was needed to protect the French principle of secularism.

The law forbids religious apparel and signs that "conspicuously show" a student's religious affiliation. Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses would also be banned, but the law is aimed at removing Islamic headscarves from classrooms.

NATIONAL NEWS

County performs gay marriages

PORTLAND, Ore. — A new front in the battle over same-sex marriage opened Wednesday in Portland, where county officials issued dozens of licenses to gay couples after deciding that Oregon law allowed the unions.

New York's attorney general, meanwhile, said gay weddings in that state are illegal, even though he personally would like to see the law changed. His opinion didn't deter a second mayor in the state from announcing not only that he would conduct gay marriages, but that he intends to marry his own same-sex partner.

Mayors and county officials in four states have allowed gay marriages, including thousands in San Francisco, which started the wedding march Feb. 12.

Pair plead guilty in missile plot

SAN DIEGO — Two defendants admitted their roles Wednesday in a plot to sell Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to the Taliban and al-Qaida, authorities said.

The pair admitted they planned to sell 5 tons of hashish and a half-ton of Pakistani heroin in exchange for cash and four shoulder-fired Stinger missiles, which they intended to sell to the Taliban. Such missiles can be used to shoot down airplanes, including commercial jets.

In a plea bargain, Ilyas Ali, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in India, and Muhamed Abid Afridi of Pakistan pleaded guilty to providing material support to terrorists and conspiracy to distribute heroin and hashish, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

LOCAL NEWS

Fort Wayne to 'save big money'

FORT WAYNE — A judge has cleared the way for the city to take possession of a mostly deserted shopping mall so it can be torn down to make way for a new Menard's home improvement store.

Allen County Circuit Court has set a value of \$3.44 million for the Southtown Mall property, Mayor Graham Richard said. The figure is based on the average of three independent appraisals ordered by the court.

Bush to face Kerry for 2004 bid

Senator from Massachusetts looks to unseat incumbent by winning key states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

President Bush versus John Kerry. What promises to be a contentious eight-month battle for the White House opened Wednesday with the incumbent buffeted by dangers in postwar Iraq and the loss of jobs at home, yet holding the upper hand on money and Electoral College math.

Partisans from both parties are already fretting over their candidate's chances.

"President Bush has the best odds, but incumbency has its disadvantages, too," said Tom Slade, former chairman of the Florida Republican Party. "There's four years of record to throw rocks at, and I've often debated with myself over which I would rather be — the incumbent or challenger."

"This election might settle that question," Slade said with a sigh, "for better or worse."

If so, it may be settled in Florida and 15 states that Bush won or lost by 5 percentage points or fewer in 2000 — the Midwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin; the Northwest's Washington and Oregon; Pennsylvania, Maine and New Hampshire in the Northeast; Western states Nevada and New Mexico, and the South's Tennessee and Arkansas.

Tennessee may be the only 2000 battleground that doesn't qualify. If Al Gore couldn't win his Republican-leaning home state, Kerry probably won't, Democratic and GOP strategists said.

Two states Bush won by just 6 percentage points — Arizona and West Virginia — could be more competitive this year.

"The Hispanic influence, as well as massive immigration from California,



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry participates in a town hall meeting Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. Kerry clinched the party's White House nomination.

has moderated the politics of this state," said state Sen. Ken Chevront, an Arizona Democrat.

In his first ad blitz, Bush is targeting the 16 battleground states from 2000 — minus Tennessee but plus West Virginia and Arizona. "We know this election is going to be decided in a limited number of states in the Electoral College and we've made decisions based on that," said Matthew Dowd, the campaign's chief strategist.

Changes in the Electoral Map favor Bush. The president won 30 states four years ago, worth 271 electoral votes in 2000.

Reapportionment has increased their value to 278, without a vote being cast.

Kerry's base consists of 11 states plus the District of Columbia won most easily by Gore in 2000, worth 168 electoral votes Nov. 2.

In addition to those Democratic strongholds, Kerry's strategists believe he can add Michigan, Washington state and Maine to pass the 200-vote threshold. Claimed by Gore in 2000, they may be the ripest Democratic targets among all tossup states, but Bush is competing hard for them.

The next tier of Kerry targets are even tougher:

Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Winning all six, no easy task, would put Kerry within striking distance of the coveted 270 electoral votes.

He would still need to win at least one of the most competitive states — Nevada, New Hampshire, West Virginia, Missouri, Arizona, Ohio and Florida are among the targets.

Other Southern tossup states may come into play for Kerry, but only if he's doing unexpectedly well everywhere else. Martha Dixon of the Democratic National Committee gave Bush a good shot in Arkansas.

HAITI

Rebel leader promises to disarm

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Rebel leader Guy Philippe said Wednesday his forces would disarm as U.S. Marines fanned out in the capital — rifles at the ready — to help bring order amid Haiti's bloody uprising.

Earlier, Washington warned the rebels, who overthrew President Jean-Bertrand Aristide after seizing the northern half of the country, to disarm and disband.

"Now that there are foreign troops promising to protect the Haitian people ... and they have given the guarantee to protect the Haitian people ... we will lay down our arms," Philippe

told a news conference.

In their first reconnaissance sweep since arriving Sunday, a convoy of Marines in Humvees and armored vehicles rumbled out of the presidential National Palace as troops on foot moved onto surrounding streets.

They patrolled an area stretching 30 blocks, pushing old burned-out cars from the road. The Marines met no resistance and then returned to the palace.

Despite the rebel vow to disarm, a gunbattle erupted Wednesday between rebels and militant Aristide loyalists in their stronghold, the seaside La Salines slum. The shooting started when rebels, who started

patrolling the city Tuesday, tried to disarm the militants.

There was no sign at the scene of the American and French troops, the vanguard of an expected U.N.-backed peacekeeping force. Marine commanders told a press conference they had 1,000 troops on the ground in Haiti. In addition, Chile said it was sending 120 special forces to Haiti, the first of about 300. France said it would have some 420 soldiers and police here by the end of the week.

Also Wednesday, U.S. Marines guarding the airport said they blocked rebels from chasing ex-Aristide officials into the main terminal.

Senate budget proposes to halve deficit by 2007

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Budget Committee began debating a Republican-written 2005 budget on Wednesday that claims to halve the record deficit in three years, even if Congress provides \$30 billion for Iraq.

The plan proposed deeper deficit reduction and lower defense and domestic spending than President Bush sought in his budget last month. The Senate's \$2.36 trillion election-year proposal parted company with him in other ways, too.

It ignores Bush's proposals to eliminate dozens of programs, to cut spending on water projects popular with lawmakers, and permit mineral drilling in a

major Alaskan wildlife preserve.

It also shows the effects of spending \$30 billion to maintain U.S. forces in Iraq. Bush's budget omitted that expenditure, even as administration officials conceded they would ask for up to \$50 billion after this November's presidential and congressional elections.

"We did think it was important to put a plug in for that number because it is a more realistic estimation" than leaving it out, said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla.

Even so, Nickles conceded to reporters that by the time the full Senate votes on his budget — probably next week — lawmakers likely will boost Pentagon spending to the levels Bush proposed. Domestic spend-

ing may rise as well, Nickles said.

The potential spending increases underscore the support from pro-defense conservatives and moderate Republicans that he will need to move the measure through the narrowly divided chamber.

Democrats criticized Nickles for not doing enough to reduce the deficit, arguing that his budget's \$144 billion in tax cuts over five years would enlarge the red ink. They also complained that by limiting its projections to the next five years, the GOP plan hid the dramatically worsening budget picture beyond when the baby boom generation starts to retire.

"We are plunging into deep debt and dangerous policies

without even a nod to the fiscal peril that stands before us," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

Reflecting the perils of an election year, the GOP plan shows little taste for taming the growth of benefit programs like Social Security, which consume two-thirds of the budget.

Nickles said overall savings from those programs would total \$21 billion over five years — a tiny fraction for programs that will spend more than \$7 trillion during that period. He proposed culling what he calls waste, fraud and abuse from Medicaid and from the earned income tax credit for poor working families, and raising customs fees.

Congress' budget sets overall tax and spending targets. Its

details are not binding when lawmakers later write bills governing revenues and expenditures. The president does not sign the congressional budget.

Nickles hopes to push his budget through his panel on Thursday. The GOP-run House Budget Committee plans to vote next week on its own, similar plan.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office expects this year's deficit to hit \$477 billion — a record in dollar terms.

The Senate fiscal blueprint envisions shrinking the red ink to \$338 billion next year and dropping it to \$223 billion by 2007 — less than half this year's expected figure. Those figures exclude the costs for Iraq.

Business

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three, but Hayes requires each project to generate a 700 percent return, meaning students have to turn \$20 into \$160 in just a few weeks.

Students can use their own personal resources, but may not contribute their own money to the business.

"They have \$20, and they're otherwise broke," Hayes said. "If they use their own assets, they have to charge themselves rent."

Hayes said he enjoys putting his own money at risk, because it inspires confidence in his students.

"I like doing it myself," he said. "It allows me to say, 'I'm putting faith in you.'"

At the completion of the course, students pay back the \$20 interest-free.

"I tell them I'm the least expensive banker they'll ever meet," Hayes laughed.

After writing business proposals, making cash flow projections and planning for contingencies, students are ready to jump into their own business. Hayes said the challenge allows students to combine small-business principles with hands-on experience.

"In addition to learning about the characteristics and behaviors of entrepreneurs, we get to do it," he said. "We see all the things that happen in the real world."

"We have partnerships that people regret ...and we have great surprises that the market just embraces."

In particular, Hayes singled out the highest-returning project to date, a calendar produced by former Irish basketball player Karen Swanson. In the fall of 2001, Swanson developed the

calendar, which features photos of women basketball players. Copies sold like hotcakes, leading to an astonishing 55,000 percent return, and allowing Swanson to donate \$4,000 to support the education of children orphaned by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Many students donate part of their profits to charities, though it is not a course requirement. Hayes said that students' projects have generated over \$60,000 in profits, and over 10 percent have been contributed to nonprofit organizations.

The program has become wildly successful. Hayes said that of about 150 projects over the five-year history of the course, only two have failed to hit the 700 percent target, and none have lost money.

"The average is always much higher than 700 percent, probably closer to 900 percent," he said.

Successful business begun in the course have run the gamut of commerce, from Tyrone Willingham-themed "Ty Ties" to massages.

Seniors Megan Horner and Margaret Mason are currently in the course. Their business centers around a campus-wide video game tournament, which will pit students against each other in Madden 2004 for prizes.

The students have spent the last week promoting the tournament, which will be held after spring break. Would-be digital gridiron stars pay a \$5 entry fee, and compete for a \$100 Best Buy gift certificate. The winner's dorm will also receive a \$75 prize. Sign-up sheets are posted in the lobby of each residence hall on campus.

"We're trying to make this a dorm pride thing," Mason said. "But off-campus students can do it too."

Mason said the games will be

held in at least two locations on campus, probably in dorm lounges.

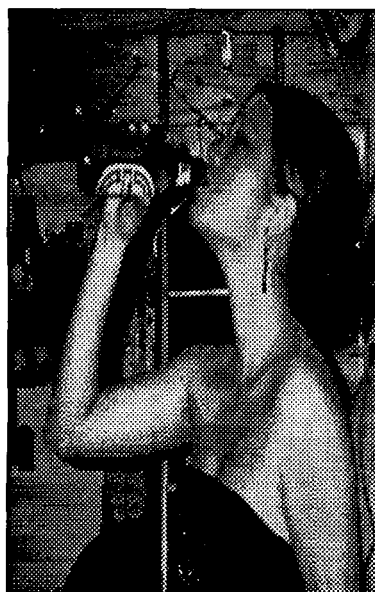
"We're trying to have a North Quad location and a South Quad location," she said. "Once we make the brackets, people will just go there and play."

Students unable to attend at the appointed time will be able to make up the game and report the results, similar to the procedure followed in the Bookstore Basketball tournament.

Horner said the event will likely appeal to men on campus, many of whom are avid video game players, but she welcomes female participants.

"Going into it, we knew our target market was going to be mostly limited to guys, but we'd love to have girls," she said. "But most girls play Mario Kart if they play video games at all."

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Major brewers to join forces

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Belgium's Interbrew and Brazil's AmBev shook up the global beer industry Wednesday with a blockbuster \$11.4 billion deal to form the largest international brewer by volume, surpassing U.S.-based Anheuser-Busch.

The companies insisted that their stock transaction is an "alliance" and not a merger because Interbrew and AmBev will operate independently in different hemispheres, maintain separate stock listings and name four directors each on a new InterbrewAmBev board.

Toys 'R' Us earnings slip in Q4

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Toys "R" Us Inc.'s profit declined 48 percent in its fourth fiscal quarter that covered a disappointing holiday sales season for the nation's second biggest toy retailer.

The Wayne-based company, which trails only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in toy sales, also announced Wednesday that it was selling 124 of its empty Kids "R" Us stores to Office Depot Inc. for \$197 million. Analysts said they expected a poor earnings report and that the news of the real estate deal was responsible for a boost in stock prices. In trading on the New York Stock Exchange, shares in the company were up \$1.09, or 7.1 percent, to close at \$16.39.

Fed: Economic recovery on track

WASHINGTON — Factories hummed and consumers kept cash registers busy in the first two months of this year, fresh evidence the economic recovery is moving ahead, according to a Federal Reserve report Wednesday. A separate survey of chief executives of the nation's biggest companies suggested hiring could start to pick up. One-third of the executives said they expected to increase hiring in the next six months, while 22 expected to cut payrolls and 45 percent expected no change, according to a Business Roundtable survey.

The association said that is the first time since the fall of 2002 that a larger share of executives planned to add to payrolls rather than cut them.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mouse's roar hits Disney boss

Eisner loses chairman job after shareholder backlash; former senator to step up

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Walt Disney Co.'s board voted late Wednesday to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, hours after shareholders delivered a stinging rebuke by withholding 43 percent of their votes for CEO Michael Eisner's re-election to the board.

Disney directors voted unanimously to make board member and former senator George Mitchell the company's new chairman and voiced their continued approval of Eisner's management and the company's strategy.

The change is effective immediately.

The board also rejected a renewed overture from cable television giant Comcast, saying it would serve no purpose to reconsider a merger offer already dismissed as too low.

Although the restructuring curbs Eisner's control of the company and satisfies the concerns of corporate governance groups who had called for the change, it won't satisfy the company's most vocal critics — ex-board members Stanley Gold and Roy E. Disney — who have vowed to continue their fight to oust Eisner.

Mitchell, a former senator from Maine, may also prove to be a controversial choice. Shareholders withheld 24 percent of their votes from his re-election Wednesday — the second-highest total after Eisner.

Mitchell has been criticized by Gold and Roy Disney as being too close to Eisner and not independent enough because his law firm has worked for Disney.

In its statement, the board said it understood

that investors were concerned about more than just the issue of separating the chairman and CEO positions.

"We are aware that some voted for an immediate change in management and in the board," the statement said. "However ... we believe the action we have taken today is in the best long-term interest of the shareholders of the company."

"It's not a surprise," said David Miller, an analyst at Sanders Morris Harris, who earlier in the day said the board would make such a move within 24 hours.

"It should satisfy at least a portion of the 42 percent of those who voted against Eisner."

Institutional Shareholder Services, a proxy advisory firm that had recommended its large investor clients withhold their votes from Eisner, said the Disney board's change was welcome, but not enough.

"If the Disney board believes this is the silver bullet to fix all the problems, they are sort of mistaken," said Cheryl Gustitus, an ISS spokeswoman.

Earlier Wednesday, the nation's largest public pension fund, which withheld its 9.9 million votes from Eisner, called for his resignation.

"This discontent is too wide and way too deep in the marketplace, and it has led us to believe that Eisner should go and the board should get quickly to work on planning for an orderly transition," said Sean Harrigan, president of the board of administration of the California Public Employees Retirement System.

The board's actions followed a nearly five-hour



Reuters
Disney CEO Michael Eisner speaks Wednesday at the company's annual shareholder meeting in Philadelphia. Later that day, Disney board members voted to split the jobs of CEO and chairman.

shareholders meeting marked by cheers and standing ovations for former board members Gold and Roy Disney, who have waged a bitter three-month campaign to oust Eisner.

The two hailed the vote and said it was a clear indication that Eisner should go.

The 61-year-old Eisner, who chaired the meeting, showed little emotion, even as Gold and Roy Disney took the stage.

His voice a bit hoarse, Eisner briefly defended himself, saying he enjoyed an "excellent relationship" with the dissident board

members until things soured.

"Stanley felt we weren't listening," he said. "We felt we were listening and not agreeing."

"I love this company," Eisner said. "The board loves this company. And we are all passionate about the output of this company."

Eisner acknowledged that the performance of Disney's ABC network was "disappointing," but he also told shareholders that Disney has "the management skills and creative talent to continue its growth path."

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Stewart jury begins deliberations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jurors in the Martha Stewart case ended their first day of deliberations Wednesday without reaching a verdict on whether the founder of a gracious-living empire lied about a well-timed stock sale.

Deliberations were to resume Thursday.

The jury received the case after 90 minutes of complex instructions from U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum.

After about two hours of deliberation, the jury of eight women and four men requested a readback of testimony regarding former brokerage assistant Douglas Faneuil, the government's star witness. They also asked to see charts detailing phone calls of the main players in the case

on the day of the stock sale.

Later in the day, jurors also asked for several pieces of evidence, including what the government claims is a doctored worksheet used to make a supposed stock sale agreement appear legitimate.

The combined charges against Stewart carry up to 20 years in prison, but she would probably get far less under federal sentencing guidelines.

However, if convicted on any charge, the 62-year-old Stewart would have to step down as chief creative officer of her media company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

Stewart and ex-stockbroker Bacanovic are accused of lying to investigators about why Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone stock on

Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a decision by the Food and Drug Administration to reject ImClone's application for a cancer drug.

Prosecutors contend Stewart sold her stock after Bacanovic tipped her off, through Faneuil, that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell his own holdings.

But Stewart and Bacanovic claim they had a standing agreement to sell Stewart's stock if the price fell to \$60. The supposed agreement is the cornerstone of their defense.

Stewart is charged with conspiracy, obstruction of justice and making false statements. Bacanovic is charged with making false statements, making and using false documents, conspiracy, perjury and obstruction of justice — charges that carry up to 25 years behind bars.



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ENGLAND

Coke questioned about water ads

Associated Press

LONDON — The Coca-Cola Co., world famous for its "real thing" sodas, is being questioned in Britain about using the word "pure" to advertise its Dasani bottled water.

Why? Because it's specially treated London tap water.

On Tuesday, British trading standard officials asked the borough where Coke's headquarters is based to look into the matter.

Coke, which sells a similarly made Dasani water in the United States, said it's confident it's abiding by the local rules.

"We work closely with all regulatory bodies and in this instance we are fully satisfied that we are compliant with all guidelines and regulations," the company said in a statement.

A Coke spokesman said on condition of anonymity that the complaint may have been made by its competitors in Britain's \$1.9 billion-a-year bottled water market.

Coke says its Dasani water is treated in a highly sophisticated filtration process, perfected by NASA to purify fluids on spacecraft.

But why, British newspapers such as The Daily Mail asked Tuesday, should consumers pay up to \$1.76 for 17 ounces of Dasani when it's based on London drinking water that costs 6 cents for the same amount?

The same purification process is used for the Dasani water that Coke has sold in the United States since 1999. Dasani is the second-best seller in the bottled water market there, behind a similar purified water product — Aquafina — made by Pepsi-Cola Co.

Britain's Food Standards Agency asked the borough authority where Coca-Cola's headquarters is based to look into whether the term "pure, still water" breached labeling guidelines.

Dasani, which was launched in

Britain last month, uses municipal water at Coca-Cola's factory in Sidcup, southeast London.

The soft drinks giant said a "highly sophisticated purification process" removes any impurities, such as "bacteria, viruses, salts, minerals, sugars, proteins and toxin particles" from the tap water.

The Food Standards Agency said Dasani may have broken guidelines designed to protect shoppers from misleading marketing.

"This bottled water does not appear to follow our labeling guidance on the use of the term 'pure,'" an agency spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity.

"Consumers may not realize that there are three types of water sold in bottles: natural mineral water, spring water and drinking water [which can be tap water]. If a product is not labeled as mineral water or spring water, it will, in fact, be bottled drinking water."

MEXICO

Fox says he'll push for migration accord

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox said he will encourage President Bush to keep promoting a migration accord, but he acknowledged that U.S. Congressional approval was still in the distance.

"We know it is going to take a long time, at least this whole year, before we reach an integrated agreement on migration," he said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Fox said guaranteeing progress on a migration accord would be his top priority when he meets with Bush on Friday and Saturday in Texas. He also said he would urge the United States to treat Mexican visitors in the same way it treats those from Canada.

"We want to ask for equal treatment, the same system," he said, without giving details. "We shouldn't be treated differently."

Currently, Mexicans must have a visa to vacation and work in the United States, while restrictions on Canadians are much lighter.

Fox said he would work to "further the agenda" on a migration accord, although he said he did not expect any conclusions.

"It's a key issue for both of our nations," he said. "It's very important for our economies. It is very important for economic growth and expansion."

Fox has pushed for an accord since taking office three years ago, but the issue was temporarily sidelined by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Mexico has increased security to combat terrorism, but Fox said Tuesday that officials had found no evidence that terrorists were operating from Mexico — despite U.S. concerns.

Even so, he said the country would continue to cancel flights and take other precautions when necessary.

"You don't always have to have all the evidence before taking action," he said. "We can't run the risk of a terrorist act in Mexico or a terrorist passing through Mexico

on their way to the United States."

Fox's government was criticized at home after it canceled several flights to Los Angeles and allowed FBI agents to work visibly at Mexican airports, in part because of U.S. warnings of possible terrorist attacks.

Because of the criticism, Mexico launched an investigation into whether the terrorist concerns were valid. Fox said nothing had been found.

He said U.S. officials had told Mexico they were concerned the planes could be used as weapons, but he indicated they gave few details.

The meeting at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, is the latest sign of mended ties between the two countries.

Mexico was Bush's first trip overseas as U.S. president, and he traveled to Fox's ranch in central Mexico. But relations between the two leaders were strained after Fox refused to back the Iraq war and canceled a trip to Texas to see Bush because the state executed a Mexican man.

In January, however, relations began to warm after Bush announced his new plan for a migration agreement that would give visas to Mexicans with U.S. jobs. During a meeting in January in northern Mexico, Bush invited Fox to his Texas ranch and Fox readily accepted.

Fox said he would discuss with Bush ways to make sure that North America — including Canada — can compete with Asia, especially the growing power of China. Mexico has lost thousands of jobs to its Asian rival.

He also said he didn't believe the United States had overstepped its authority in helping negotiate Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's removal from office.

Aristide has said American troops forced him to leave Haiti — a claim denied by Secretary of State Colin Powell and other American officials.

LESOTHO

Britain's Prince Harry helps AIDS orphans

Associated Press

MOHALES HOEK — Britain's Prince Harry, seeking attention Wednesday for parentless children with AIDS, planted a peach tree at an orphanage in this HIV-stricken nation.

Holding the hand of a 4-year-old orphan named Mutsu Potsane, the prince walked to a flower bed at the Mants'ase Children's Home where he planted the fruit tree. Mutsu helped the prince fill the hole. The orphanage is 60 miles south of the capital, Maseru.

The 19-year-old prince said his trip to Africa had been "fantastic" so far, adding he hoped his presence would bring recognition to the problems of this tiny mountain kingdom.

"Lesotho is not a country that is well-known, but it needs all the help it can get," Harry said.

The previous night, Harry attended a barbecue with the home's 25 residents. Some of whom have lost parents to AIDS.

"He's too nice," said 13-year-old Khotso Senoko, grinning. "We played with a ball."

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The spirituality of sexuality

Society gives our generation hot images that impress ideas about real, good sex. But people following these ideas may feel empty by what promises to deliver and eventually fails to provide happiness.

Our society's obsession with sex points to a deeper need for meaningful relationships. What is needed is intimacy, which could also mean "into-me-see," where people in a relationship see fully into one another.

To harmonize our hearts with our bodies, we need to strip down our culture's idea of sexuality and return to the naked truths of Genesis. Then we can explore ideas about the relationship that needs to be linked with sex.

In the beginning, man and woman were each created as "an image of the power and tenderness of God" (Catechism 2335). "A man will leave his father and mother to be united to his wife" (Genesis 2:24). They would become one not just in flesh, but also in heart and spirit.

In this union the heart opens up completely to expose our soul and deepest emotions. Sex acts as a personal way to communicate with our loved ones and serve their most intimate spirit and body. We show unconditional acceptance of their very person and life. It's a liberated expression: "I love you completely for who you are. I take your weaknesses, cares, heart and soul. I do this for you and for no other person."

Unfortunately, we can have sex but tragically miss its spiritual intimacy. In trying to satisfy a deeper desire of the heart, we may experiment with sex outside of its deeper relational context. Or, both inside and outside of marriage, we may use sex as a physical release with little genuine regard for the other person. In both cases, one person — most often the woman — is hurt in the experience.

People who have healthier views are those dating who can share physical and emotional intimacy without having sex. Whether we still have the gift of virginity or not, we can similarly build

a stronger love now for our future spouse by firmly honoring chastity. When married, spouses can earnestly say, "I loved you even before I knew who you would be."

Deeper views of sexuality are largely missing from our generation's environment. People of goodwill feeling hypersensitive about sexuality can suppress related discussion. The resulting void gets disastrously filled by forces that promise instantaneous gratification.

What we really need is godly discourse about intercourse. People must proclaim from the rooftops the special power of sex as a self-gift that involves the highest concern for the other person. Karol Wojtyla (now Pope John Paul II), who counseled many young couples in his early years as a priest, shares this view. In his book *Love and Responsibility*, he underscores the need for continuous sexual education with the purpose to "create the conviction that the other person is more important than I."

His focus is on a relationship where a man and woman belong to each other. The Catechism explains that "sexuality becomes personal and truly human when it is integrated into the relationship of one person to another, in the complete and lifelong mutual gift of a man and a woman" (2337). Consequently, the Church upholds sex as a rich gift for a committed couple in marriage. This gift of self is by its very nature unitive and life-giving as a couple shares in God's creative power through their children. As the Pope noted in an address, "the words of the spouses, their movements, their gestures correspond to the interi-

or movements of their heart ... Love unleashes a special experience of the beautiful, which focuses on what is visible, at the same time involves the entire person."

Studies show that the joy of sex is most alive for those in a close, married relationship. According to a survey of 3,432 Americans in a past cover story for U.S. News and World Report, "those who reported being the most physically and emotionally satisfied were the married couples."

The Church teaches that sex puts us in touch with an ecstasy that brings us only a few steps away from the

Kingdom of God itself. The experience becomes like a heaven-

ward prayer. The relationship echoes Jeff Buckley

lyrics when he sings,

"The holy dove was moving too and every breath we drew was

Hallelujah."

Our sexual

nature shouldn't be suppressed.

On the contrary, it needs to be

engaged with openness and

firms matched with a high

regard for relationship. In

developing this outlook, we will

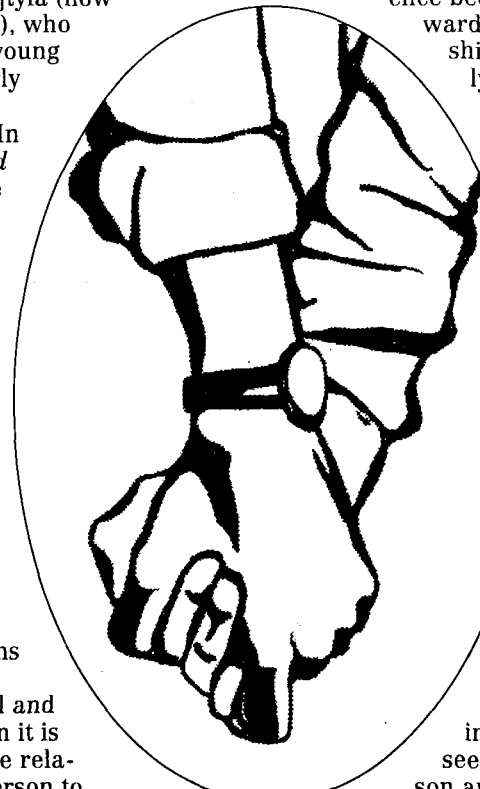
discover in our future not only

real, good sex, but more importantly the

rewarding gift of lasting intimacy where we

see fully into another person and cherish what we

find.



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Empowering dialogue found in 'The Passion'

I sincerely want to thank Saint Mary's students and faculty who took part in the discussion on "The Passion of the Christ" on Tuesday.

I have been teaching in the Religious Studies Department at SMC since 1970, and I've not experienced such an open and honest discussion in a large group. A considerable crowd stayed for an hour and a half in Stapleton Lounge, listening with attention and speaking intensely.

Four RLST faculty presented short statements about the film based on their academic specialties: Stacy Davis on the Hebrew Scriptures, John Fotopoulos on the New Testament, Sister Kathleen Dolphin on theological issues

and Sister Elena Malits on religion and film.

Comments from students frequently disagreed with the panel, but did so responsibly. Questions were genuine and often really insightful. An authentic dialogue was going on, with all parties respecting differences and seeking understanding. Whatever faults the Mel Gibson film may have, it can only be applauded for engendering this level of discussion. May we have more sessions like this.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
author

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Breaking everyday habits

Wednesday, a good man, Adam Cahil, lamented the way that everyday at Notre Dame you pass by hundreds of exceptional students without a second thought. However, I would like to take a minute to honor a few of those who broke this trend and have made my time at Notre Dame just a little bit crazier and therefore, just a little bit better.

Much like the Fresh Prince of Bel Air, my first story is about how my day got flipped, turned upside down, if you will. Allow me to present to you "that dining hall girl" (TDHG). Now we all know the drink lines at South Dining Hall can be mentally excruciating as you observe many of the not so exceptional Notre Dame students at work, but this time was different, this time was special.

While waiting for the "fancy" water machines, a voice randomly comments about how slow they are. Expecting to turn and see a familiar face, instead I was greeted by a complete stranger, it was TDHG. Rather than drop my tray and seek cover below the marshmallow counter, I embraced this "crazy" woman and we exchanged pleasant chit chat on a broad range of topics such as: Why are these machines so slow? Why do we believe the water is any different from that out of the little blue things? How do those things have enough pressure to blast your average dining hall cup into orbit if needed?

Coincidentally we both proceeded to the milk line and admired what quality dining hall machines — efficient, effective, just a pleasure to behold — those fine milk machines are. Once out of the drink line we exchanged pleasant adieus and were off our own ways.

What TDHG couldn't have known was if I would have thought she was a freak. She couldn't have known that I just had a pretty rough day, and I'm sure she didn't know just how much she turned my day around. From one crazy person to another, thank you TDHG, I thank

you from the bottom of my heart. Your courage and craziness has made my life better.

My next salute is to "that guy" (TG). A number of my friends and I had gone for late night cherry icees, and ran into a very funny and very cute cherry icee girl. When TG — quite possibly the nicest man alive — mentioned this to me, I recalled the cute and funny cherry icee girl of my sophomore year whom I let slip away. Unable to bear the thought of TG suffering such anguish, I convinced TG to go ask for a cherry icee and her phone number.

Politely he did. He was shot down swiftly, for this cherry icee girl was already involved. None of us were surprised, who wouldn't want to date this cherry icee girl. While TG may have struck out with the icee girl, he became a legend in the minds of an admiring few. Carry on TG, carry on.

Finally, I salute "that frosh-o girl" (TFG). TFG and I didn't even meet at an ice breaker, rather at one of those useless advisor meetings. I was late and a sweaty mess from my futile attempt at making the cross country team. Much like the Grinch, I shouldn't have been touched even with a thirty-nine-and-a-half foot pole. Unwavering, TFG struck up conversation and I proceeded to fail three times at pronouncing her name correctly. Still she pressed on, we did lunch, and four years later TFG is still my best friend.

Everyone talks about the horribly awkward moments we experience at Notre Dame, but I just wanted to applaud those brave and wacky people who make it all worthwhile. God bless you crazy people and best of luck bringing just a little more randomness into our lives.

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Liberating society

The California Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Catholic Charities, a non-profit Catholic organization performing charitable deeds nationwide, must provide

Staff Editorial

The Collegiate Times

Catholic teaching against contraceptive techniques.

Without a word of qualification, the Supreme Court has infringed upon the rights of religious organizations to follow and support the teachings for which they are responsible. This is an unparalleled violation of religious freedom, and has set a precedent from which courts around the country may find support for similar rulings against the rights of religious organizations.

The foundation for the court's 6-1 ruling comes from the absurd concept that Catholic Charities performs secular services such as providing low income housing, counseling and aid to immigrants and therefore is not a religious organization. How this court can label charitable actions as secular, despite their justification and requirement in deep-rooted tenets of Christian faith, is an enigma in defiance of basic common sense.

How the court can use such a preposterous argument to manipulate the actions of a religious group is an outrage flying in the face of the state's separation from faith. The fact of the matter is, Catholic Charities has been — and still remains — a religious organization. Albeit populated predominately by the lay, the group was founded in 1910 as a conference of national Catholic charities.

The contemporary group is funded by donations from a diverse group of donors, but finds a great deal of support from the Catholic Church. Catholics donate privately to the organization, while the Mass often includes collections designated for distribution to the group.

Consequently, the charity fund

benefits directly from an aspect of the Catholic liturgical service — the most fundamental aspect of Catholic practice.

Furthermore, the organization includes a division intended to organize the activities of member groups within the Catholic social teachings.

The group cannot be separated from its foundation in faith, and the court has succeeded in deliberately ignoring the relationship and rationalizing the fabrication of such a division.

The courts, and indeed the government, must recognize the rights of religious groups to teach and uphold beliefs within reasonable bounds — without the interference of the secular world. While Catholic Charities does indeed employ and minister to non-Catholic individuals, the court should not use this as justification for their impunity.

Neither set of individuals are forced to contribute or benefit from the fund and requiring the organization to defy its own religious ideology from which it is founded is an enforced hypocrisy tantamount to tyranny.

If this country is to meet the demands of what seems to be a large fraction of its populace, it will divorce religion from the state. In this event, it must not be a mere restraining order on religion, as the California Supreme Court has issued.

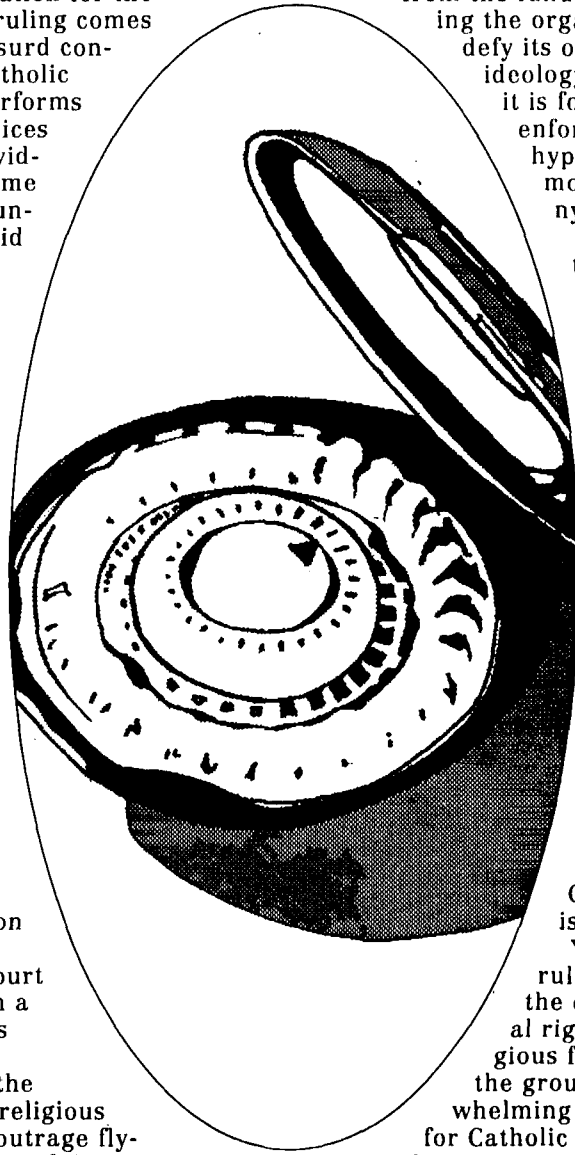
Yesterday's ruling snubs the constitutional rights of religious freedom on the grounds of overwhelming disregard for Catholic Charities' religious presence.

Moreover, the California court has purposefully declared that the government will wrongfully retain influence over religion when it interferes with secular social agendas.

This is a double standard that cannot exist in a truly free and liberated society.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



ALBUM REVIEW

Thursday declares war

By MICHAEL TENNANT
Scene Music Critic

Thursday's third full-length album brought with it the heavy burden of huge expectations from not only the band's fans, but also from similar bands hoping they would carve a path into the mainstream that others could follow. After releasing two albums, including 2001's hit *Full Collapse* under Chicago-based independent label Victory Records, the band signed with Island Def Jam Records, home to both Jay-Z and Bon Jovi. Even with the backing of a major label, these New Jersey punk/hardcore rockers refuse to forget

their roots.

On *War All the Time*, which was released in late 2003, Thursday stays true to the heavy yet emotional style that they are known for. The album is full of intense start/stop guitar playing interwoven around slower and deliberate melodies. Lead singer Geoff Rickly finds a near-perfect mix of low, quiet singing and loud emotional outbursts that should be described as screams, but often feel more like painful cries.

The album starts with the musical equivalent of a punch in the face, as the first track, "For the Workforce, Drowning" begins with an explosion of crunched guitar chords. This same intensity is carried

Rickly's unconventional and strained voice.

Lyrical, this album showcases a more mature Thursday than the one that recorded their previous two albums. The lyrics are very poetic, as was the case with *Full Collapse*,

but the songs on *War All the Time* have much deeper and usually darker meanings behind them. As the album title suggests, all the songs appear to revolve around some aspect of war. But this is not an album full of anti-war protest or pro-war rallying cries. Instead, Thursday uses war as a metaphor for battles in life, ranging from relationships to mindless violence and even suicide.

One of the best songs on the album, "For the Workforce..." talks about people drowning in the corporate nine-to-five existence, waiting for life to start. It also includes an excellent breakdown at the midway point, leaving just the skilled drumming of Tucker Rule and Rickly's vocals mixing with melodic guitar lines, all building up to the most intense moment on the album.

"Signals Over the Air," the first single from the album, also stands out. This song

about communication and sexual identity confusion contains the biggest hook on the album. Long-time Thursday fans might see this as the band walking dangerously close to the line of mainstream radio rock. In actuality, the moving yet also disturbing lyrics coupled with the skillful guitar work of Keeley and Padulla make this one of the best songs on the album.

With *War All the Time*, Thursday has put together a quality album. The unconventional start/stop rhythm of the driving guitars along with the painfully emotional lyrics create an album that pleads for one to listen with the same intensity that the band put into the record. This is not background music. What it is, though, is a great example of why the New Jersey underground scene is so proud of this band.

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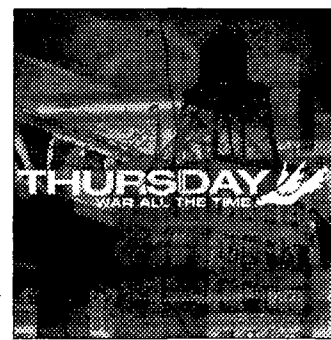
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Underground rock band Thursday recently released its major label debut, *War All the Time*, but the band retains its roots.

War All the Time

Thursday

Island Records



ALBUM REVIEW

New jazz album is 'strangely liberating'

By CHRISTOPHER KEPNER
Scene Music Critic

Strange Liberation pairs Dave Douglas' current working quintet with guest guitarist Bill Frisell. The leader expresses sheer joy at the opportunity to collaborate with Frisell, and claims that he has desired to do so since 1987. On his Web site, Douglas describes hearing Frisell and his band as a "revelation."

The music on this record is very modern in style. The tunes exhibit long, drawn-out themes for the most part, and the solos, especially Frisell's and Uri Caine's, can be anything but traditional at times. Some of the tracks on this album, most notably "Just Say This" and "Mountains From the Train," might even be classified as

tone poems.

Douglas, who plays the trumpet, has created a group with a very unique and refreshing sound.

Clarence Penn, who plays the drums, has the spectacular ability to recognize the time in all of its subdivisions and exploit them in such a way that the feel is always fresh and never tiresome for even a measure. Like a great drummer should, he takes control of the music and drives it to where it wants to go based on the feeling of the other players. His fills are simple and tasteful, and his brushwork is incredible.

Frisell is a star whose playing shines on pretty much every album on which he appears, and *Strange Liberation* is no exception. He carves out his own little niche nicely in a group that has played together extensively without

him. His signature bluegrass twang comes out at just the right moments, and his harmonics and palm mutes fit so well that you could go as far as to call them necessary to the music. Frisell has an extremely creative sense of melody when

improvising. He weaves in and out of the chords with a master's touch and stays right in the pocket, no matter how syncopated his rhythmic figures may seem. As an accompanist, he employs a superior repertoire of chord voicings to create any color or mood that he chooses.

Chris Potter is another player who challenges you to find a bad spot on his discography, both as a leader and a sideman. He and Douglas play very well together, which is a testament not only to both players' ability but to Douglas's fantastic composing.

Caine utilizes the sound of the Fender Rhodes with tremendous skill and adds a certain ambience to the group that a normal piano wouldn't achieve. He accounts for Frisell's addition to the rhythm section by pulling back and sharing the accompaniment duties. Both players respect one another's space under the soloist.

James Genus rounds out the rhythm section very well. His playing is very lyrical at times, and he will frequently neglect a regular pulse in favor of colorful lines that not only hold the group together but add another voice to the mix.

This is definitely an album that you can listen to all the way through. The title track alternates between straight and swing feels, or broken swing, and features Douglas improvising over the melody. "Skeeter-ism" is a great tune



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Trumpeter Dave Douglas utilizes a modern jazz sound on his group's latest release.

that's very loosely based on "Blue Monk," and alternates between a bouncy double-time feel and a gospel-esque groove. "Just Say This" is a somber ballad, and Douglas's subtle and classy tribute to those affected by the 9/11 tragedy. "Mountains From the Train" is a freer, more experimental piece that features Frisell's mastery of loop and effect pedals for the guitar.

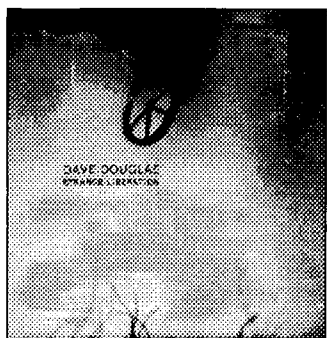
Strange Liberation is a tremendous album that both the student of jazz and the casual listener should be able to enjoy.

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**Strange
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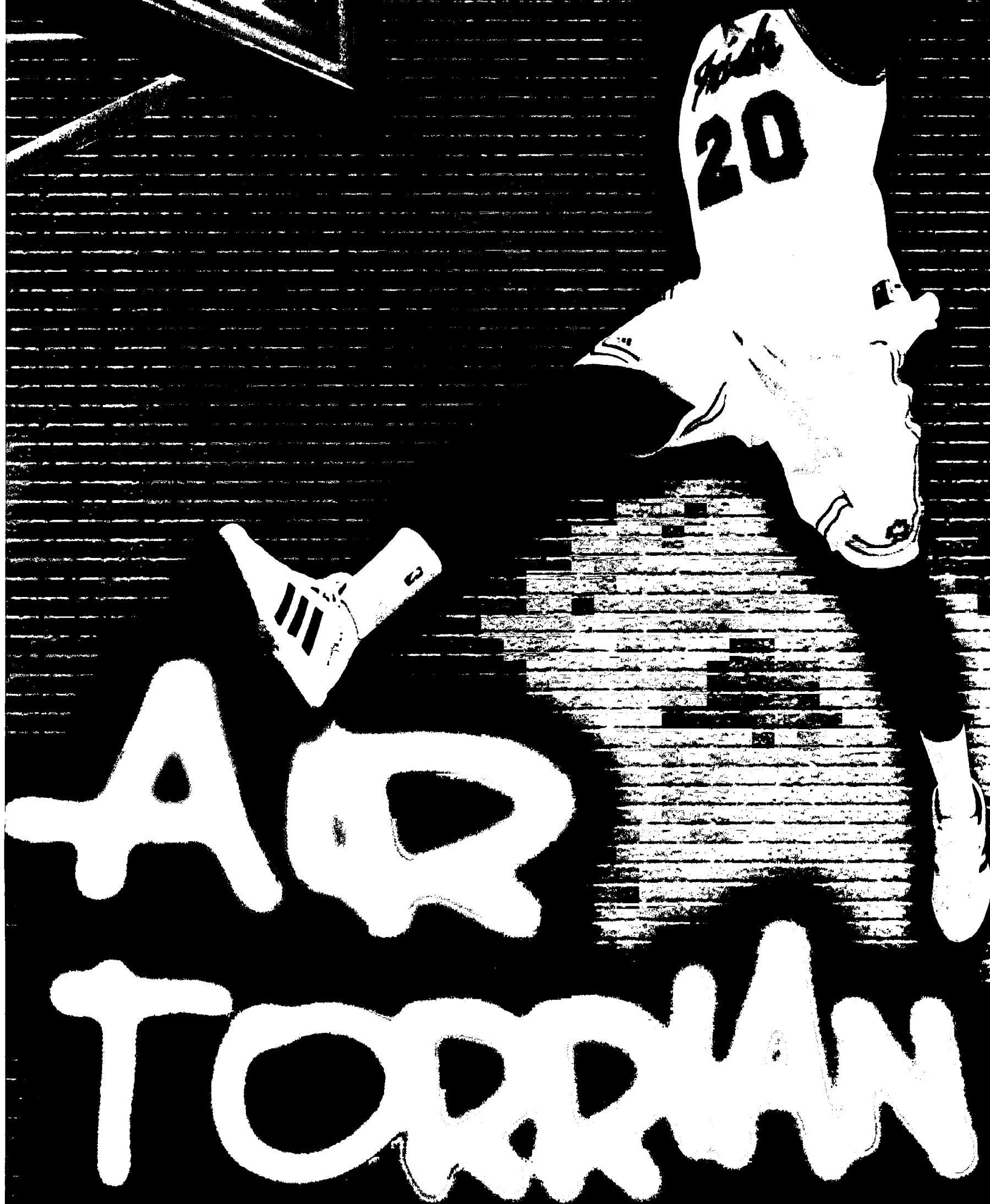


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Final stretch begins with tonight's Senior Night



Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans, shown here during Notre Dame's loss against Providence, will play their final regular season game in the Joyce Center tonight.

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The discussion isn't about whether the Irish will beat Georgetown or St. John's, but how many games in the Big East Tournament the Irish need to win to have their name called on Selection Sunday. But sitting at 14-11 overall, 7-7 in conference with a home loss to Central Michigan, the Irish aren't looking past these next three days — especially with tonight being Senior Night.

"We just want to get No. 8 right now," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "If this team can finish with a winning record in Big East play, that'd be a heck of a thing to hang our hat on."

That eighth win would be a nice parting gift for Brey's seniors — Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans — in their last regular season home game. Last year the Irish couldn't send their seniors out with a win in their last home game against Syracuse. That's something this year's underclassmen don't want to happen again.

"I've been playing all my three years with those guys, so they've been instrumental in my career and for the other guys in the locker room," Irish forward Jordan Cornette said. "For the simple fact that our teammates are great friends, we want to get this one for them."

While the Irish came into this season with higher expectations, Jones and Timmermans have found their roles on this team and learned how to contribute on a nightly basis.

That's why it's appropriate Jones is trying to treat tonight's game against Georgetown like any other at the Joyce Center.

"I'm just trying to go about it with the same approach as any other game," Jones said. "It's still a big game on our schedule and the fact that it's my last game doesn't get in the way of our main goal, our main focus of the season."

"I'm not going to go out there trying to score 30 points because it's my last

game. I'm just going to do what I've been doing all season and hopefully we come out with a win."

Despite their 4-10 record in the Big East, the Irish know from recent history a challenging, and perhaps lengthy game, could come from the Hoyas tonight.

Two years ago at the MCI Center, the Irish and Hoyas battled for four overtimes in a classic 116-111 win for the Irish. Last year at the Joyce Center, the Irish survived a double overtime game winning 93-92.

"I'm hoping it's not going to take that much. I don't know if we have that energy and because we are short on bodies,"

Jones said. "Obviously we are going to go out there and play our hearts out. If it takes four overtimes we'll play the 60-minute game."

The Irish recognize a loss in the next three days would kill their NCAA Tournament hopes, and they can't

look ahead to making noise in the Big East Tournament yet. That's the message Brey gave his players after the loss to Providence.

"It really helps to focus because we know how important every single game is," Jones said. "Forget about the post-season right now, don't even talk about it — just think about one game at a time, winning every game. Once we get done with the Big East Tournament we'll see where we stand and how the chips fall."

Hearing that attitude from a senior like Jones is what makes Brey appreciate his senior class. Jones and Timmermans weren't asked to step into the spotlight until this season, but they've done an admirable job in helping the Irish overcome all of the adversity they have experienced this season.

"I think you got to be very proud of Jones and Timmermans. They were always role players in our system," Brey said. "We asked them to do more against the toughest schedule we've ever played. I'm proud that at a key time they're playing their best basketball for us."

"Certainly we'd love to send them out with a win."

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"Once we get done with the Big East Tournament, we'll see where we stand and how the chips fall."

Torrian Jones
Irish senior

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Give Brey credit — when almost everyone else was counting the Irish out, Brey kept his team calm and helped the Irish roll off three big wins in February. But is that enough to get the Irish into March Madness?	With Francis out, Notre Dame has adopted a five-out set where all five starters move around the floor and slash to the basket. If the Irish are making their 3-pointers, they're tough to beat.	While the Irish lost their most reliable low-post presence in Francis, Cornette and Timmermans have picked up the offensive production and are mobile enough to cause problems for a lot of teams.	When Thomas, Quinn and Jones are hot, look out. The three have formed the bulk of Notre Dame's offense since Francis left and have demonstrated a solid commitment to defense that has helped Notre Dame through a tough February.	Only Falls and Cornett have seen significant action for the Irish. Falls has started hunting for his shot more, and Cornett is developing into a solid low-post presence, but neither play enough minutes to have a significant impact.	It's senior night. A loss puts a serious dent in Notre Dame's tourney hopes. The Irish are on a roll coming back from a California trip. Notre Dame has too many reasons to win this game, and not too many to lose.
GEORGETOWN	Esherick has struggled since taking over the Hoyas. He is 90-59 in his four years at Georgetown's helm, but has accomplished little. Plus, his team is in the midst of one of the worst conference seasons in Georgetown history.	The Hoyas are really a two-man game, led by Riley and Bowman. Yet, like Notre Dame, they're not afraid to hoist the 3-pointer. They also feature a stingy defense that leads the Big East in steals.	With Sweetney finally out of the picture, the skinny Bowman is the most dangerous low-post threat. He leads the team in rebounding, is second in points scored and also has the range to shoot the 3-pointer.	Cook has done an adequate job at the point, but Riley is the team's leading scorer. However, no other guard averages more than nine points a game. Owens, however, is a dangerous threat from behind the arc.	The Hoyas go eight-deep by playing Reed, Causey and Kilkenny-Diaw. Yet the trio are little more than people who give starters rest — neither averages at least five points a game, even though they have played in all the Hoyas' games.	Right now, Georgetown is fighting with Miami just to make the Big East Tournament. The season has been a wash for the Hoyas, but a win at the Joyce Center would be a nice feather in the cap.
ANALYSIS	Brey has led the Irish to three straight NCAA Tournaments, while Esherick is fighting to get his team into the Big East Tournament. There isn't much debate here.	With Notre Dame's offensive inconsistency, it's tough to tell who has the edge here. If the Irish play like they did in mid-February, they're unbelievably good. If they struggle again at home, the Hoyas could make things interesting.	Cornette will match up well with Bowman, and with the way Timmermans has been playing, the Irish could cause big problems for the physical Hoyas by beating them with their speed.	Notre Dame's guards, when they're at the top of their game, can compete with any backcourt in the nation. Georgetown will have its hands full trying to contain the Irish backcourt.	Neither team is known for its bench, and that's something that is typical of both coaching styles. Brey and Esherick prefer to ride their starters as much as possible and rarely go to the bench except to give somebody a rest.	In their last three meetings, the Irish and the Hoyas have played an average of two overtime periods. But with seemingly everything working in Notre Dame's favor, it doesn't appear as if that will happen again this time.

No keeping up with this Jones

Merely a role player for his first three years with the Irish, senior Torrian Jones now explodes through his final year

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Mired in a Big East season where he spent more games on the bench than he did on the court, Torrian Jones grew frustrated.

He watched his teammates reel off eight straight wins to lock up the Big East West Division title. He watched the Irish make their first NCAA Tournament in over a decade. He watched, he watched, and when he thought he was done watching, he watched some more.

But when he listened to then-assistant coach Anthony Solomon, he felt better.

"It's not about the accolades. It's not about the statistics," Jones remembers Solomon barking at him time after time. "It's about how you finish your career."

Tonight, Jones will play his final regular season game in the Joyce Center, will step onto the court with his parents to a thunderous roar from the crowd and will receive a heartfelt hug from his head coach.

That's because Jones now starts every night, leads every day and averages 32 minutes, 9.1 points and 6.3 rebounds a game.

But back when he was a freshman, when he privately wondered if he'd be able to contribute to the Irish, he barely equaled those numbers in the entire Big East season.

Freshman futility

Jones joined a Notre Dame team in 2000 that was meeting its third head coach in as many years. And while Jones, who originally committed to former Notre Dame coach Matt Doherty, never considered changing schools, he wondered where his place on the team would be.

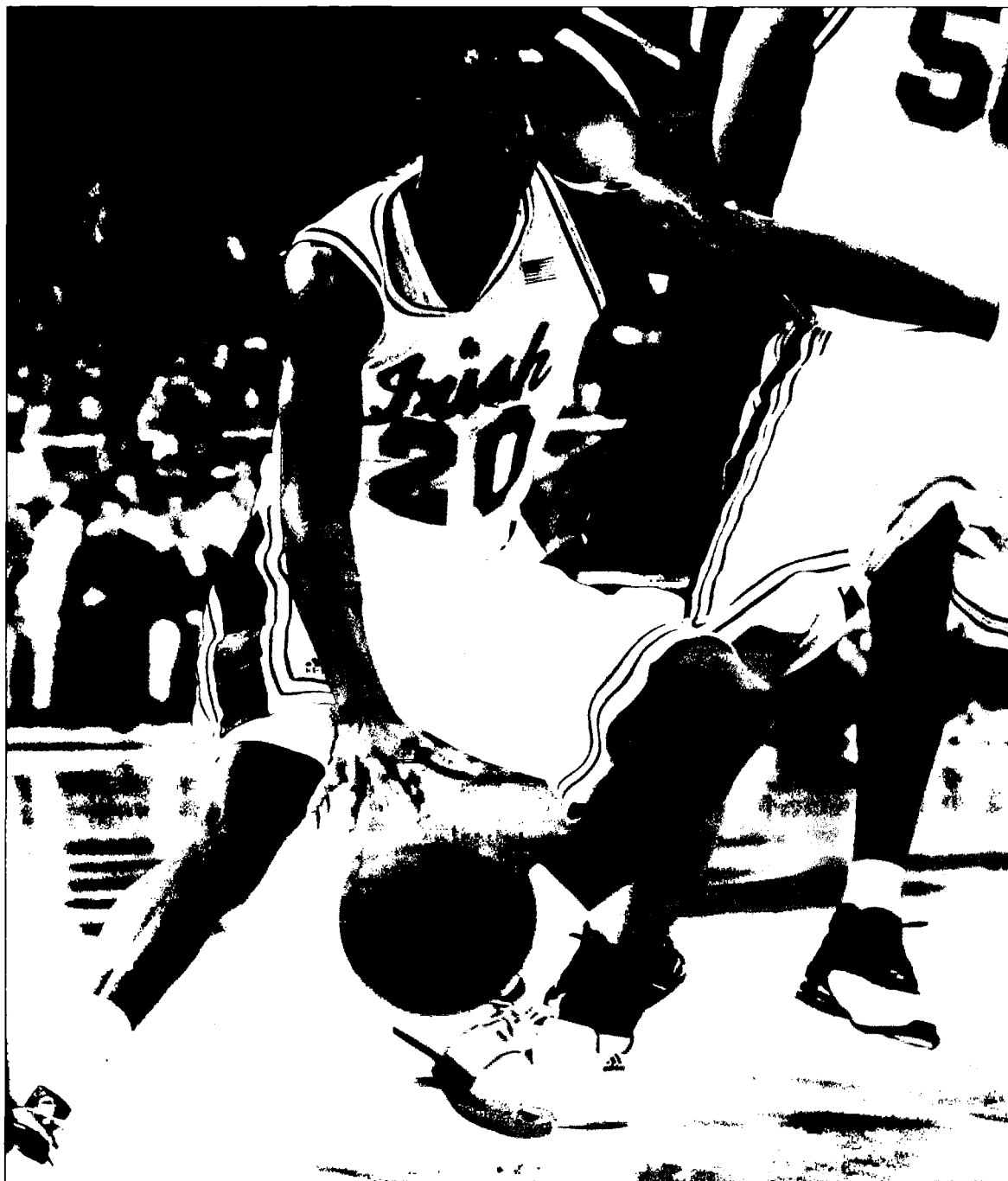
It turned out the coaching staff was wondering the same thing. Over the course of his freshman year, Jones played a smattering of point guard, shooting guard and wing — mostly in spot duty to give the more experienced Irish rest.

"I was stuck in high school mode for a while," he said. "I wanted to do everything flashy, to make that spectacular thread-the-

needle pass you could make in high school but not in college."

Towards the end of the season, something clicked for Jones and his coaches. He settled at the wing position, where he could most effectively drive to the basket to score acrobatic layups. In wins against Rutgers and Virginia Tech, Jones played 14 minutes.

But it wasn't until Notre Dame's last game of the season — a loss against Mississippi in the second round of the NCAA Tournament — when Jones finally started feeling comfortable. The stat line showed that he played only six minutes and scored four points — but it meant the world to the fresh-



Torrian Jones drives to the basket in Notre Dame's win against Connecticut. While Jones languished on the Irish bench for his first three years at Notre Dame, he capitalized on the extended minutes he earned this year to emerge as a vital player for the Irish.

man.

"I got in the game, I felt comfortable, and I wasn't nervous," he said. "I was helping the team out, and that's when I realized I could contribute for my team."

Boost of confidence

Just because he could contribute, however, didn't mean

that Jones would see his minutes dramatically increase. He was stuck playing behind veterans like David Graves, Matt

Carroll and Dan Miller, and the arrival of McDonald's All-American Chris Thomas meant Jones would essentially be relieved of his point guard responsibilities.

So he settled into the life of a role player, getting called on to play five minutes one game, 20 minutes the next.

"It's always tough, and I knew it was going to be like that," he said. "And it wasn't like I was getting sat for guys who didn't deserve to play."

"But it's tough because you want to contribute more, and that means toning your game down and taking that role player position. I'd get discouraged because I wanted to unleash

my full game, but I was winning games and I was happy."

While he consistently talked with his coaches about playing more, Jones understood his role as the team's defensive spark. With Solomon's assistance, Jones became a more refined player who demonstrated increased maturity and decision-making.

He got an unexpected boost of confidence midway through the season, when Brey inserted him into the starting lineup in place of a struggling Graves. He ended up starting nine of the next 10 games and scored a career-high 17 points in a win against Miami.

"It showed that the reason that they weren't playing me wasn't because I couldn't contribute, but because they had older guys who could do it," he said.

Jones' selfless, team-first attitude continued into his junior year. He looked around the country and saw his peers playing major minutes or starting, yet he remained in a largely-supporting role.

His classmate and close friend, Chris Markwood, couldn't take it. Unsatisfied with his minutes midway through the season, Markwood transferred from Notre Dame. But Jones didn't — and earned respect from his teammates as a result.

"There's a lot of guys in his

situation who would have transferred," Brey said. "I really respect how he handled it."

Speaking up

If Jones was a supporting actor on the court, then his vocal leadership made him the star in the locker room.

It began in a game at Indiana his sophomore year, when Jones and senior Ryan Humphrey started yelling at each other in the middle of a timeout. The scene was almost comical — a wet-behind-the-ears sophomore going toe-to-toe against a future NBA first-round draft pick.

But when the two left the huddle, they shook hands and Humphrey said he was proud of how Jones called the veteran out.

"When you get to a point like that where an accomplished senior and a guy who is going to the NBA says that and shows you that respect, you have that much more confidence," said Jones, who modeled his own off-court attitude off

Humphrey's style of motivational and vocal leadership.

Soon, Jones adopted a vocal role in the locker room. If his contributions weren't evident on the court, they were obvious off of it.

"Even as a sophomore, he always had a good voice in our locker room," Brey said. "That was always something he had. Once we pushed the buttons, we knew he'd be great at it."

Senior moment

The departures of Graves, Carroll and Miller left a starting spot open in the Irish backcourt. And in Brey's mind, there was no question who he was going to give it to.

"It was only fitting," Brey said, "that he deserved to be a starter and a 30-minute-a-game guy given that he's been such a team player."

Given the chance to do whatever he wanted, Jones tried to do everything. In seeking to fill the void left by Notre Dame's shooters, Jones worked on his shooting over the summer, believing he had to duplicate their 3-point prowess for Notre Dame to win.

But when the season started and Notre Dame lost three of its first five games, Jones started trying to carry the Irish by playing out of his element.

"That's probably as much my fault as it was his fault," Brey said. "You're not telling him not to shoot or score, you need him to score, but he had to remember who he is."

"I was trying to fill the void the wrong way," Jones said. "I tried to be like Matt and Dan in shooting 3s and jumpers."

"That's not my game. I was trying to do all I could to help out, and it was like I was doing all the wrong things."

Brey and Jones came to the conclusion at roughly the same time. So just before Big East play started, the two sat down and the head coach told his senior "get back to what you do best," which is driving, dishing and rebounding.

The results were immediate — Jones' point-per-game average increased

by one and rebounds-per-game average by five. When Torin Francis was sidelined, Jones grabbed 12 rebounds in wins against Connecticut and Syracuse — two wins that helped propel the Irish to the

brink of the NCAA Tournament. Now, Brey thinks Jones deserves to be named the league's most improved player.

Jones isn't Notre Dame's leading point scorer. He isn't the most prolific 3-point threat or the team's best rebounder and shot blocker.

But he's a player everyone is watching.

"You're rooting for a guy like Torrian Jones," the Irish coach said. "What he's getting now he deserves to get."

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"You're rooting for a guy like Torrian Jones."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

"It's not about the accolades. It's not about the statistics. It's about how you finish your career."

Torrian Jones
on advice an assistant coach gave him as a freshman

BREAKING DOWN THE BUBBLE

As Selection Sunday approaches, the Irish sit squarely on the proverbial bubble. After analyzing the key factors the selection committee uses to choose the tournament field, The Observer predicts that 35 teams (at right) have done enough to qualify for the final field regardless of whether they win their conference tournaments. Additionally, we project that 18 conferences will send only their league champion to the NCAA Tournament. After adding three more automatic bids from conferences where some top teams could be considered bubble teams if they don't win their conference tournament (far right), nine at-large spots remain for the 20 bubble teams listed below.

LOCKS FOR NCAA TOURNEY



CONFERENCES TO WATCH

BIG WEST
Utah State is the easy favorite to win the tournament, but if they lose, they could gobble up an at-large bid.

MOUNTAIN WEST
Air Force, BYU and Utah all have legitimate enough credentials to justify two at-large bids.

WAC
Nevada, Rice and UTEP all have decent chances of impressing the selection committee enough to earn an at-large bid.

WEST COAST
Gonzaga is a lock to make the NCAA Tournament, but they've never made it through a season without losing at least one WCC game.

AIR FORCE

21-5 overall, 11-2 in the Mountain West

RPI: 48
Schedule strength: 168
Road record: 7-5
Last 10 games: 7-3
vs. Top 50 RPI: 3-1
Top 100 RPI: 6-4
Top 25 RPI wins: 0

Analysis: The top seed in the conference tournament has a terrific record against top teams it plays, but one bad loss and a weak schedule strength hurt its case.

Remaining game: Wyoming (away)

BYU

16-7 overall, 8-5 in the Mountain West

RPI: 34
Schedule strength: 43
Road record: 4-7
Last 10 games: 7-3
vs. Top 50 RPI: 1-3
Top 100 RPI: 4-5
Top 25 RPI wins: 1

Analysis: Even though the Cougars are the Mountain West team with the most balanced resume, their low RPI and hot streak are equally impressive.

Remaining game: UNLV (away)

COLORADO

16-9 overall, 9-6 in the Big 12

RPI: 51
Schedule strength: 67
Road record: 6-5
Last 10 games: 6-4
vs. Top 50 RPI: 3-7
Top 100 RPI: 7-8
Top 25 RPI wins: 0

Analysis: As a team that has played its way onto the bubble with its league performance, the Buffalos are hurt by their lack of wins against elite opponents.

Remaining games: Nevada (home)

DePAUL

17-8 overall, 10-4 in C-USA

RPI: 48
Schedule strength: 64
Road record: 6-4
Last 10 games: 8-2
Top 50 RPI: 3-5
Top 100 RPI: 6-8
Top 25 RPI wins: 2

Analysis: This is a far different team from the one the Irish beat in December, as shown by how they beat Memphis and Louisville and their great league record.

Remaining games: Cincinnati (home), South Florida (away)

FLORIDA STATE

17-11 overall, 6-9 in the ACC

RPI: 47
Schedule strength: 26
Road record: 2-9
Last 10 games: 4-6
vs. Top 50 RPI: 4-9
Top 100 RPI: 8-11
Top 25 RPI wins: 3

Analysis: If the road record is overlooked, the ACC's depth may be enough to get Florida State in even though they'll finish with a losing conference record.

Remaining game: Georgia Tech (away)

GEORGIA

14-12 overall, 6-9 in the SEC

RPI: 50
Schedule strength: 20
Road record: 1-9
Last 10 games: 4-6
vs. Top 50 RPI: 4-9
Top 100 RPI: 8-11
Top 25 RPI wins: 4

Analysis: Four quality wins against top 25 RPI teams might not be enough for the Bulldogs to overcome a sorry road record and losing league record.

Remaining game: Vanderbilt (home)

MARYLAND

15-11 overall, 6-9 in the ACC

RPI: 35
Schedule strength: 4
Road record: 4-5
Last 10 games: 5-5
vs. Top 50 RPI: 5-10
Top 100 RPI: 10-11
Top 25 RPI wins: 4

Analysis: Assured of finishing with a losing record in league play, the Terrapins must look at the quality wins and fourth-hardest schedule.

Remaining game: Virginia (home)

MICHIGAN

16-10 overall, 7-8 in the Big Ten

RPI: 53
Schedule strength: 53
Road record: 2-7
Last 10 games: 5-5
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-5
Top 100 RPI: 5-9
Top 25 RPI wins: 2

Analysis: In a woeful Big Ten, Michigan will be hurt by its road record and its play against top teams, even though the Wolverines beat N.C. State and Wisconsin.

Remaining game: Northwestern (away)

MISSOURI

15-11 overall, 9-6 in the Big 12

RPI: 32
Schedule strength: 10
Road record: 5-6
Last 10 games: 6-4
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-7
Top 100 RPI: 8-11
Top 25 RPI wins: 1

Analysis: Missouri has played their way into contention thanks to a solid record against mid-level RPI teams and an impressive RPI.

Remaining game: Kansas (home)

NEVADA

17-8 overall, 11-5 in the WAC

RPI: 42
Schedule strength: 48
Road record: 5-8
Last 10 games: 8-2
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-2
Top 100 RPI: 6-6
Top 25 RPI wins: 1

Analysis: Nevada has beaten every top 100 RPI team it played and is on a red-hot pace in its last 10 games. A win over Kansas looks impressive as well.

Remaining games: Hawaii (home), San Jose State (home)

NOTRE DAME

14-11 overall, 7-7 in the Big East

RPI: 46
Schedule strength: 16
Road record: 5-5
Last 10 games: 5-5
vs. Top 50 RPI: 4-8
Top 100 RPI: 6-10
Top 25 RPI wins: 3

Analysis: The Irish countered an early loss to Central Michigan with three big February wins. Notre Dame's tough schedule only helps its cause.

Remaining games: Georgetown (home), St. John's (away)

OKLAHOMA

17-9 overall, 7-8 in the Big 12

RPI: 44
Schedule strength: 37
Road record: 3-6
Last 10 games: 6-4
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-8
Top 100 RPI: 5-9
Top 25 RPI wins: 0

Analysis: Oklahoma has slipped in recent weeks and hasn't had much success against top conference teams. Yet its RPI is good enough to keep them around.

Remaining games: Baylor (home)

RICHMOND

17-11 overall, 9-6 in the Atlantic 10

RPI: 48
Schedule strength: 22
Road record: 8-6
Last 10 games: 7-3
vs. Top 50 RPI: 1-7
Top 100 RPI: 4-10
Top 25 RPI wins: 1

Analysis: While Richmond is 1-7 against top teams, it is 6-3 against mid-level teams and beat Kansas. A winning road record enhances its case.

Remaining game: Massachusetts (home)

RICE

19-8 overall, 11-4 in the WAC

RPI: 57
Schedule strength: 96
Road record: 5-6
Last 10 games: 7-3
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-4
Top 100 RPI: 5-6
Top 25 RPI wins: 0

Analysis: While Rice is playing well recently, it has one of the easiest schedules of bubble teams, has a less-than-stellar RPI and hasn't beaten a top 25 team.

Remaining game: Louisiana Tech (home)

RUTGERS

15-10 overall, 7-8 in the Big East

RPI: 38
Schedule strength: 18
Road record: 2-9
Last 10 games: 5-5
vs. Top 50 RPI: 1-7
Top 100 RPI: 4-7
Top 25 RPI wins: 1

Analysis: Absolutely atrocious on the road, Rutgers has a tough schedule and a solid RPI. They beat the Irish and can help their cause against Seton Hall.

Remaining game: Seton Hall (home)

TEXAS TECH

20-9 overall, 8-7 in the Big 12

RPI: 31
Schedule strength: 31
Road record: 4-7
Last 10 games: 4-6
vs. Top 50 RPI: 5-9
Top 100 RPI: 7-10
Top 25 RPI wins: 2

Analysis: Once considered a lock, the Red Raiders have stumbled their way through the Big 12 recently. Their RPI and quality wins are an important factor.

Remaining game: Iowa State (away)

UTAH

19-7 overall, 9-6 in the Mountain West

RPI: 46
Schedule strength: 82
Road record: 5-4
Last 10 games: 6-4
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-3
Top 100 RPI: 5-5
Top 25 RPI wins: 0

Analysis: A winning road record and respectable performance against top teams are countered by a relatively low strength of schedule.

Remaining game: San Diego State (away)

UTAH STATE

23-2 overall, 16-1 in the Big West

RPI: 39
Schedule strength: 193
Road record: 9-2
Last 10 games: 9-1
vs. Top 50 RPI: 1-1
Top 100 RPI: 2-2
Top 25 RPI wins: 1

Analysis: They are one of just five teams in the country with two losses. But a weak schedule gives Utah State reason to be on edge if they lose in their conference tourney.

Remaining game: Idaho (away)

UTEP

20-5 overall, 13-4 in the WAC

RPI: 45
Schedule strength: 115
Road record: 6-4
Last 10 games: 9-1
vs. Top 50 RPI: 2-2
Top 100 RPI: 4-5
Top 25 RPI wins: 0

Analysis: UTEP is one of the hottest teams in the country even though they haven't had a difficult schedule. They beat Rice but lost to Nevada.

Remaining game: Boise State (away)

XAVIER

18-10 overall, 9-6 in the Atlantic 10

RPI: 60
Schedule strength: 66
Road record: 5-6
Last 10 games: 8-2
vs. Top 50 RPI: 4-4
Top 100 RPI: 6-9
Top 25 RPI wins: 2

Analysis: Xavier's poor RPI and unspectacular conference record is balanced by wins against Cincinnati and fellow bubble dweller Richmond.

Remaining game: Temple (away)

Will the Irish qualify?

Andrew Soukup — Senior Staff Writer

The Irish will have to win at least two games in the Big East Tournament to improve their tournament resume. If they do, they're in. But Notre Dame has only won two tourney games since it joined the Big East, and it won't beat the second-round foe it needs in order to make the NCAAs.
Prediction: NIT

Matt Lozar — Editor in Chief

If the Irish don't win tonight, Saturday and in the Big East Tournament opener, their tourney dreams are over. The biggest game of the year comes in the second-round against one of the top three teams in the Big East. A win gets the Irish to 18 victories and three wins over top 10 RPI teams. A loss puts the Irish on the wrong side of the bubble.
Prediction: NCAA Tournament

ALBUM REVIEW

John Frusciante collides with greatness

By BRIAN FOY ·
Scene Music Critic

Why should we expect mediocrity in the albums we listen to? Why should we buy an album that is only a mere 30 minutes in length? (Cough, Cough — The Strokes) Why should we submit to albums where every song sounds that same as the one before it? (Achew — Linkin Park) If record labels continue to

turn out the same sickening "music," then we must turn back to the great the artists for the remedies we seek.

Two of the well constructed and complete albums of the last five years are the Red Hot Chili Peppers' *Californication* and *By the Way*. These albums border on perfection for a myriad of reasons, but the most apparent is the intricate and progressive play of John Frusciante. He has taken the Red Hot Chili Peppers from a good California band to one of the best bands on the planet.

Frusciante and the rest of the Red Hot Chili Peppers released its latest album *By the Way* only two years ago, but somehow *Shadows Collide with People* goes in new directions the Red Hot Chili Peppers have yet to explore. The album is a far cry from previous efforts by Frusciante and for those looking for *Californication* "The Remix" or *By the Way* "Part Deux," this is not the place to find it.

Shadows Collide With People manages to blend Frusciante's guitar playing with progressive arrangements and sounds. On the

opening track, "Carval," a synthesizer is used to produce a sound that can only be described as a prehistoric birth. Then from the waters of life, Frusciante's familiar voice and guitar emerge.

Frusciante reveals his angelic voice as it casts a spiritual shadow over the song's chorus. During the bridge, an eerie, funky bass materializes that runs in and out through the rest of the track. By the end of "Carval," there are so many intricacies present that they appear as a rolling wall of sound.

"Song to Sing When I'm Lonely" shows how well Frusciante matches his guitar with vocal and musical harmonies. The track's introduction is composed of a synthesizer that conjures up images of the Victorian Age. This leads to the refreshing vocals and acoustic strumming that Frusciante does so well. Both the vocal and guitar melodies are rather simple on this track, but it is the way that they are used to create the final product that is impressive. The transitions throughout

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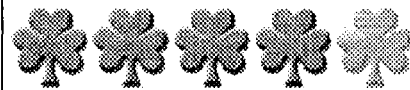


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Red Hot Chili Peppers' guitarist proves that his worth extends far beyond his guitar skills.

the track showcase Frusciante's ability as a musician rather than simply a guitarist, while his ability to sing over his guitar playing only reinforces this.

Shadows Collide with People showcases Frusciante's ability as a gifted musician far more than his previous releases with the Red Hot Chili Peppers. On this record, Frusciante is in control and at the helm of a musical adventure. He mixes familiar guitar playing with innovative musical sounds and arrangements that produce one of the truly great albums of the young year. *Shadows Collide with People* proves the Red Hot Chili Peppers depends on Frusciante for more than his ability on the guitar — he is a creative musical genius.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Quirky band holds its own

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

If a band wants to be successful today, it needs some sort of gimmick that makes it stand out. Consider the past success of musicians like Dashboard Confessional, Blink 182 and Britney Spears. Each has its own specific shtick that sets it apart from the masses. Dashboard Confessional has the emo market cornered with whiny lyrics and acoustic guitar. Blink 182 has the oxymoronic category of punk-pop covered with its over the top goofball music. Britney Spears has ... well, Britney Spears, and let's face it, sex sells. None of these bands have produced anything musically groundbreaking, but they all became huge thanks to their own gimmicks that numerous artists have imitat-

ed.
Cue the Volcano.

Mark Duplass, lead singer and organist for the band Volcano, I'm Still Excited, began his musical career as a solo acoustic guitar act. However, after being diagnosed with severe tendonitis in both arms he decided to give up guitar — but not music. Instead Duplass picked up a keyboard and started recording the foundations of what would become Volcano, I'm Still Excited's debut release. Duplass joined fellow Austin, Texas natives Craig Montoro, guitarist for labelmate Mates of State, and drummer John Thomas. After fleshing out their self-titled debut release, the result is glorious.

Volcano, I'm Still Excited has a unique shtick that separates it from many bands, which is its entire musical setup. The band consists of Duplass playing a ten-dollar Casio keyboard, Montoro playing guitar and Thomas playing a double bass drum kit. But their uniqueness does not end there. The band's lyrics mainly consist of one single phrase. While this may seem like a very boring and bland approach, the band pulls it off beautifully.

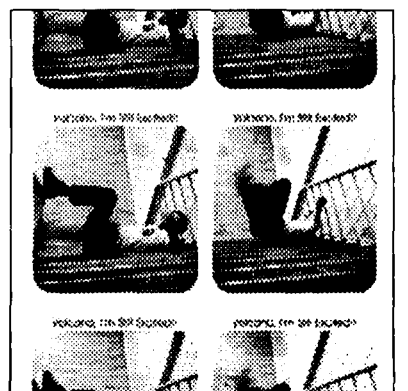
For instance, on a song entitled "Trunk of My Car," Duplass begins singing alone: "Love are you waiting / underneath my bed / love are you / riding in the trunk of my car / trust, hope, faith." Montoro then suddenly enters singing the exact same words, but in a round sort of manner. The two sing these

Volcano, I'm

Still Excited

Volcano, I'm Still Excited

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lyrics over and over in a round throughout the entire song. Keyboards, guitar and drums ensue after four rounds and build the song's rich melody. Think "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" jazzed up a bit.

Most of the band's songs are performed in this way. The lyrics of "By No Means" consist solely of three words: No, means and yes. In the final song, "Two Exclamation Points" Duplass sings the band's namesake: "Volcano, I'm Still Excited." The best track on the album, "Goodbye, Casio," is by far the simplest track with only minimal keyboard chords, a subdued bass drum and of course the incredibly simple lyrics: "Calm me down / I've been so uptight / and I'm ready this time."

The simple, repetitive lyrics may sound unexciting, but Volcano, I'm Still Excited harmonizes so brilliantly one doesn't seem to notice. The three band members' singing complements the music perfectly. They go together like peanut butter and

jelly or macaroni and cheese. There is only one problem with these honey dripping harmonies: they seemingly appear out of nowhere. The music has no crescendo or build up. Every song seems like a snippet from a much longer song. The average length of the songs is about two and a half minutes — far too short. The songs are achingly catchy, fun and beautiful, but they are so short they leave the listener wanting much more.

Overall Volcano, I'm Still Excited's debut album is amazing. Its music is nothing groundbreaking, and it takes the same musical path blazed by They Might Be Giants and Elvis Costello. But the band puts a new spin on the classic quirky keyboard driven music with its unusual approach to singing and lyrics, which refreshes the style. Volcano, I'm Still Excited is a fun, quirky band that anyone with an open mind will enjoy.

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Volcano, I'm Still Excited incorporates simple, repetitive lyrics on its unusual debut album.

NBA

Bryant's accuser will appeal order to testify

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Prosecutors will ask the Colorado Supreme Court to overturn a judge's decision to allow Kobe Bryant's attorneys to ask his accuser detailed questions about her sexual history.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle denied requests from prosecutors to scrap a March 24-25 closed-door hearing where the 19-year-old woman will testify in the case for the first time. On Tuesday, he also rejected their request to limit what the defense can ask her.

Prosecutors intend to file an appeal with the state's high court, spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said Wednesday. She refused to comment further.

The judge's ruling came after a two-day hearing on evidence in the case. The woman had been scheduled to testify Tuesday, but Ruckriegle delayed her appearance to consider prosecution objections.

Bryant, 25, is accused of sexually assaulting the woman in June at the Vail-area resort where she worked and he was a guest. The Los Angeles Lakers' star said they had consensual sex. If convicted of felony sexual assault, he could face four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

Under Colorado's rape-shield law, the sexual activity

of an alleged victim is presumed to be irrelevant. Defense attorneys have to convince the judge otherwise in order to present details of other sexual activity to a jury.

Defense attorneys Hal Haddon and Pamela Mackey say the details of the woman's sex life are important in determining whether injuries found after her encounter with Bryant could have been caused by other men and whether she suffered emotional trauma, as prosecutors claim.

Prosecutors argued such questions were irrelevant to the woman's claim that she was raped.

The woman has told police she had sex with someone two days before the alleged attack. The defense, however, has repeatedly said she slept with multiple partners that week — including less than 15 hours after her encounter with Bryant.

The hearing, nearly all of it held behind closed doors, also addressed the question of whether the woman waived her right to keep her medical records confidential and whether investigators illegally questioned Bryant after the alleged attack.

Ruckriegle did not immediately rule on the medical confidentiality question, and more arguments scheduled for the hearing later this month.

NHL

Bruins trade for Gonchar

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins acquired defenseman Sergei Gonchar from the Washington Capitals on Wednesday in a bid to add scoring punch to their power play.

The Bruins dealt Shaone Morrison and first- and second-round selections in the 2004 draft for the 29-year-old Gonchar, general manager Mike O'Connell announced.

"The addition of Sergei makes us a better hockey club," O'Connell said. "He is one of the premier offensive defensemen in the game and that was an element that we felt needed upgrading on our team. He moves the puck very well, has great awareness on the ice and will be a great addition to our power play."

The Bruins rank 14th in the league in power-play scoring with 39 goals in 242 opportunities [16.1 percent].

Gonchar was leading the Capitals with 42 assists and 49 points in 56 games. He had four power-play goals and 11 multiple-point games. Morrison had one goal and six assists for Boston in 27 games this season.

The trade is the latest move by the Capitals to slash their payroll. Gonchar, the leading scorer among NHL defensemen this season, follows Steve Konowalchuk, Jaromir Jagr, Peter Bondra and league scoring leader Robert Lang out the door.

Capitals general manager George McPhee said he was only considering deals in which the Capitals would get a young defenseman in return.



Reuters

Sergei Gonchar skates around Washington's MCI Center Feb. 19. Gonchar was traded by the Capitals to the Boston Bruins.

"The market was very limited, because there weren't many teams willing to give up a young defenseman," McPhee said.

McPhee said the moves give the Capitals a foundation of young, talented players.

"It's been difficult, but ... we're trying to do what we think is best for the hockey club in the near future," he said.

Gonchar, who turns 30 next month, is in the final year of a contract that pays him \$3.65 million this season. He becomes eligible for arbitration this summer and will become an unre-

stricted free agent the following year. He'd expressed a desire to leave the Capitals rather than be a part of a long-term rebuilding process.

The 6-foot-2-inch, 215-pound native of Chelyabinsk, Russia, had spent his entire career with Washington after the Capitals selected him with the 14th overall pick in the 1992 draft.

Since the start of the 1998-99 season, he's been the leading scorer among NHL defensemen with 109 goals. He's second among defensemen in points with 317.

NBA

Timberwolves devour Mavericks in 24-point victory

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — First, the Minnesota Timberwolves took out their frustration over an embarrassing loss on each other in practice. A day later, they made the Dallas Mavericks pay.

Kevin Garnett had 28 points and 19 rebounds as Minnesota bounced back from a poor showing on Sunday with quite an offensive show in a 121-97 win over the Mavericks on Wednesday night.

The Timberwolves scored only 74 points and stumbled

down the stretch in a loss at Philadelphia, prompting coach Flip Saunders to give the team Monday off, then an intense practice on Tuesday.

"It was definitely a cleansing," Garnett said. "We were totally embarrassed in Philly. Yesterday was a very heated practice and we got after it. That carried over to tonight."

Guard Troy Hudson, who scored 22 points off the bench, said Tuesday's film session was eye opening.

"We couldn't believe it when we saw it on tape how slow we were moving," said Hudson.

"Tonight, we wanted to force the issue and exploit every scoring opportunity we had."

The results could not have been better for the Timberwolves, who shot 55.2 percent from the field and set a season high for points scored in a regulation game and 3-pointers — hitting 11 of 21. Hudson was 4-for-9 from behind the arc, while Latrell Sprewell hit four 3s and scored 20.

"We have Wally (Szczerbiak) and Troy, and if people are scrambling to them it opens up the floor for Spre," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "The

3s we were getting were pretty wide open."

Saunders gave much of the credit for the perimeter space to the play of center Michael Olowokandi, who was 6-for-7 from the floor, scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds. Saunders said Olowokandi flourished because the Mavericks tried to pay extra attention to Garnett, who averaged 30.0 points, 17.3 rebounds and 7.0 assists in three games against Dallas this season.

"They were very much aware of KG, and they let

(Olowokandi) alone down in the block in a lot of one-on-one situations. If he keeps scoring like that, they'll have to start guarding him. The one time they came down and trapped him, he threw it out to Spre for an open 3."

Marquis Daniels and Michael Finley each scored 16 points for the Mavericks, who had won 19 of 23 games, but were playing without point guard Steve Nash for the second straight night. Nash missed the game with a stomach virus. Dirk Nowitzki added 15 points, all in the first half.

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Sunday
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Rev. Nicholas Ayo, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Second Sunday of Lent

considerations...

The Black Catholic Experience

Uncommon Faithfulness

by Chandra Johnson
Director, African American Student Ministry

If you've ever celebrated a Catholic Mass with a predominantly black Catholic congregation, you've never forgotten it. There's something about how we do Church that touches the soul's very core.

For centuries, people of African descent baptized into the Catholic faith have sought an intimacy with God that surpasses a common understanding. Some say our prayer is a little different than most. I'll never forget the Sunday about nine years ago when a black priest from Atlanta presided at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica. During his homily, he made reference to my favorite Negro spiritual, "Give Me Jesus." His scriptural exegesis was so moving that after his homily, I stood at my place and sang "Give Me Jesus" a capella. I couldn't help it. Something came over me and if I didn't stand up to sing, I was going to explode. How does one explain that? Well, you can't. My only answer to those who asked why I was led to do that was "the Spirit moved me to sing."

The black Christian faith experience derives from an intimacy and ease in one's relationship with God. We love God because we know God loves us. We trust God because we know God trusts us. We hear God because we know God hears us. God is in no way distant or evasive. Black Catholic worship is a unique form of prayer and praise offered to a familial and accessible God. The familiarity with which people of African descent speak to God is an uncommon faithfulness rooted in black history and evident in the black Catholic story.

During Spring Break, over 250 black Catholics will arrive on campus to share the black Catholic story of God through theological discourse and prayerful examination. Convened by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, "Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics," will be held at McKenna Hall, March 11-14. The conference will examine the latest scholarship on black Catholics in history and theology, explore critical issues for the ongoing development of African American Catholic studies, and celebrate and enhance the vitality of black Catholic life in the United States. Eighteen conference speakers will represent renowned experts on black Catholics in the United States. Liturgical services will include a prayer service on Friday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium, and the closing Mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Basilica. South Bend's St. Augustine's Catholic Church Choir and the Spelman College Glee Club from Atlanta will lead the congregation in song. "Uncommon Faithfulness" will be a relished moment in the intellectual life of our University.

For many black Catholics, being black is being Catholic. The message of Jesus Christ is embedded in the past, present and future of people of African descent. As scripture comes alive in the sacramental life of the Church, black Catholic faith is recognized as a journey initiated by God, made flesh by Jesus Christ, and passed down for generations to come. "Uncommon Faithfulness" will provide the venue in which this story will be retold from the intellect and witness of those whose scholarship preserves God's image in the theological reflections of black Catholic Christians. We welcome this scholarship to our campus and stand ready to be taught by them. Please join us next week and let the Spirit move you to sing!

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 2nd: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

NFL

Springs and Griffin sign with Redskins

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins reached a contract agreement with free agent cornerback Shawn Springs on Wednesday. The Associated Press has learned.

Highlighting a busy first day of free agency, the Redskins also signed defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin, re-signed offensive lineman Lennie Friedman and welcomed running back Clinton Portis and quarterback Mark Brunell.

Portis and Brunell were acquired in previously announced trades that became official Wednesday.

Springs, Seattle's first-round choice in 1997, the third overall pick in that year's draft, was being flown to Washington late Wednesday and was to sign his contract Thursday, said an NFL source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Tight end Walter Rasby also paid a visit and the team hoped to sign the free agent before the day was done.

Springs, considered one of the top cornerbacks available, will replace four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey, who is being traded to the Denver Broncos for Portis.

Springs went to the Pro Bowl in 1998 when he had career-high seven interceptions, but he has been hampered by injuries over the past four seasons. He missed

the first four games last season after fracturing a bone in his right shoulder.

Terms of Springs' contract were not immediately available. The Redskins had no comment.

Griffin, who has played four seasons with the New York Giants, arrived early Wednesday and signed after passing his physical. Griffin had one sack in 15 games last season and has 12 1/2 sacks in his four-year career. His best season came as a rookie in 2000, when he had five sacks even though he wasn't a starter.

Griffin and Springs became the fourth and fifth significant offseason acquisitions for the Redskins, joining Portis, Brunell and defensive lineman Phillip Daniels. Griffin and Daniels are the first steps in the overhaul of the front four on a defense that ranked 25th last season.

The Portis trade was cemented when Bailey agreed to a seven-year, \$63 million contract with Denver late Tuesday. The deal includes an \$18 million signing bonus and \$5 million in other bonuses, making it one of the richest contracts ever for a defensive player.

Earlier this week, Portis agreed to an eight-year, \$50.5 million contract with the Redskins.

The Redskins sent a third-round pick to Jacksonville for Brunell, who agreed to a seven-year, \$43 million contract with the Redskins last month.

Keyshawn could stay put

Galloway contract could prevent trade from happening

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay's Keyshawn Johnson reached agreement Wednesday on a four-year, \$20 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys, who are seeking the three-time Pro Bowl selection in a trade for Joey Galloway.

But the proposed swap of highly paid receivers may not go through if Galloway fails to restructure a seven-year, \$42 million contract the salary cap-strapped Buccaneers want to reduce dramatically.

Galloway's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said the speedy receiver is nowhere close to an agreement with the Bucs, who cut five players Tuesday to free space under the NFL's \$80.6 million salary cap.

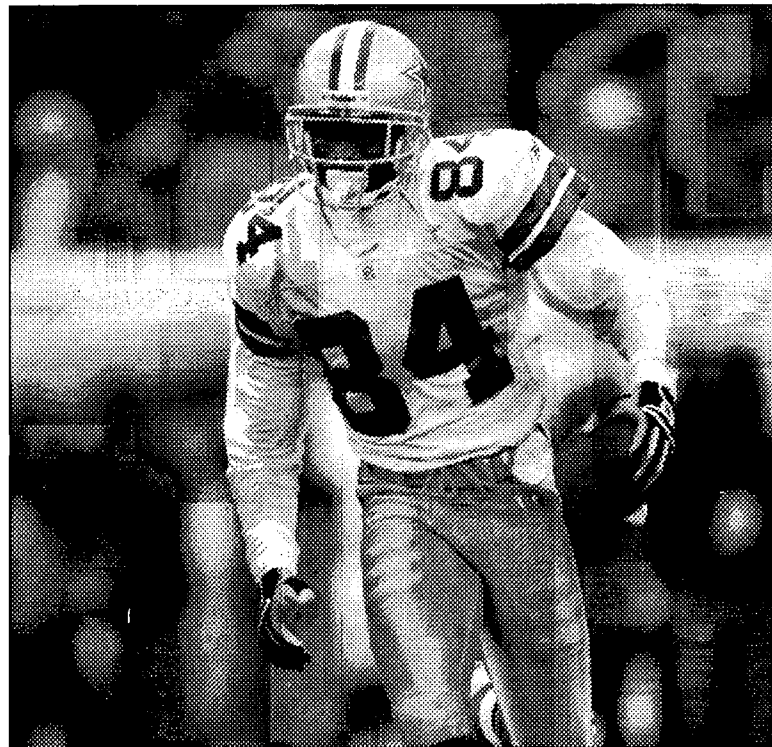
Galloway earned \$6.6 million in 2003. Steinberg said Tampa Bay's best offer has been about \$1 million for one year.

A source involved in the negotiations told The Associated Press that Johnson's deal with Dallas includes a \$4 million signing bonus and \$2 million base salary for 2004. He could earn more with incentives.

"If Keyshawn's been offered \$5 million a year, that's four million more a year than Joey's been offered," Steinberg said.

Bucs general manager Bruce Allen was unavailable for comment.

"Our hope had been with the readjustment of their cap they might me in better position to



SportsChrome

Cowboys' Joey Galloway must restructure his former contract for the trade for the Buccaneers' Keyshawn Johnson to go through.

adjust their offer. We've waited to see if that's going to happen," Steinberg said. "One million for one year at this stage in his career is not exactly what Joey is looking for."

Johnson declined to comment, other than to say he's "extremely happy."

The receiver was deactivated for the last six games of 2003 after meeting with Gruden and former general manager Rich McKay to inform them he had no intentions of playing for Tampa Bay beyond 2003.

Johnson was halfway through an eight-year, \$56 million contract that Bucs gave him after acquiring Johnson from the New York Jets in exchange for

two first-round picks in the 2000 draft.

He helped the Bucs win the Super Bowl two seasons ago, but became increasingly more unhappy playing for Gruden in 2003.

The Bucs owe Johnson a \$1 million roster bonus on April 1, but have no intention of paying it. Allen hoped to complete a trade by Wednesday to create additional salary cap room and allow Tampa Bay to be active in free agency.

Gruden's wish list in free agency includes offensive linemen, receivers and a running back, and the team had visits Wednesday from candidates to fill needs in all those areas.

Bailey's contract unprecedented

Associated Press

DENVER — Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey will be the highest-paid cornerback in NFL history.

Bailey agreed to a seven-year, \$63 million contract with the Denver Broncos that includes an \$18 million signing bonus and \$5 million in other bonuses.

Bailey's agent, Jack Reale, said the deal was reached late

Tuesday.

The Broncos declined comment Wednesday. The team set a news conference Thursday, but would not specify the topic.

The agreement clears the way for the Washington Redskins' four-time Pro Bowler to be traded to the Broncos for running back Clinton Portis, who ran for 1,500-plus yards each of his first two seasons. Denver also receives Washington's second-round draft pick in April.

Washington signs for \$14 million

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders took the first step toward revamping their defense Wednesday by agreeing to a \$14 million, four-year contract with veteran defensive tackle Ted Washington.

Washington, a key member of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots last season, receives a \$4 million signing bonus.

He turned down an \$8 million, three-year offer from the Patriots last week to become a free agent.

Washington, who turns 36 in

April, fills a major void as a run-stopper for the Raiders, who ranked last in the league in rushing defense last season, when they finished 4-12 only one year after reaching the Super Bowl. Oakland gave up 156.9 yards per game on the ground.

"He's being paid as a quality defensive lineman," Angelo Wright, Washington's agent, said. "It's unprecedented that he's 36 years old and doesn't play like he's 36 years old. He's excited that he has the opportunity to help out the Raiders return to a prominent status in the league."

"Al Davis doesn't like to lose.

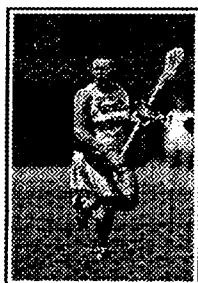
Obviously they felt they had to strike in a couple areas to improve their defense. They were the bottom of league against the run and had to fix it. Time waits for no one."

Washington, a 13-year NFL veteran who lives in North Carolina in the offseason, was unavailable for comment, Wright said.

"Ted is widely recognized as one of the premier run-stoppers in the National Football League and we're very pleased to have him join the Raiders," coach Norv Turner said. "We are excited to add him to what we feel will be a dynamic defensive unit."



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LPGA

Transsexual plays in Women's Australian Open

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — Mianne Bagger brought a new twist to gender blending in golf.

After a year in which seven women competed in men's tournaments, Bagger made history Thursday in the Women's Australian Open as the first transsexual to play in a pro golf tournament.

Bagger sees it only as an opportunity.

"It's my dream to play top-level golf," she said before shooting a 12-over 84 in the first round.

Bagger was born a male in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1966 and began playing golf as an 8-year-old.

Golf World magazine ran a photo of Bagger as a 14-year-old boy posing with Greg Norman at a golf clinic.

Bagger got down to a 4-handicap but stopped playing golf in 1992 to begin a transformation to a female with hormone therapy. Bagger had the sex-change operation three years later, then resumed playing in 1998.

For those concerned she has a physical advantage over the other women in the field — which includes Karrie Webb,

Laura Davies and Rachel Teske — Bagger says they are misinformed.

"People aren't aware of what's involved with transsexualism," said Bagger, who is 5-foot-10 and 150 pounds. "People aren't aware that there are certain physiological changes you go through with hormone replacement therapy. We lose an

amount of muscle mass and overall strength as a result.

"After surgery, those effects are permanent and irreversible."

Another transsexual, Renee Richards, faced some opposition when she played on the women's tennis tour in the 1970s.

Bagger, though, is being welcomed. Teske and Davies were among players who supported her

appearance at Concord Golf Club.

"She's a girl now, let her have a go," Davies said. "She's not gaining any advantage from what I understand. She doesn't hit the ball 350 yards. Why not give her a chance?"

This event might be the only chance Bagger gets.

The LPGA Tour, U.S. Golf Association and the Ladies European Tour have policies that players must be female at birth.

The reason for that restriction was Charlotte Wood, a transsexual who was 50 when she finished third in the 1987 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, and reached the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur.

The USGA put the "female at birth" clause in its entry forms in 1989, while the LPGA Tour added the restriction in 1991.

"We live in interesting and ever-changing times," LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw said Wednesday. "How other organizations deal with this, such as the IOC, is something we're looking at in relation to this specific policy. But right now, our regulations are they have to be female at birth."

The International Olympic Committee last week put off a decision allowing transsexuals to compete in the Olympics, saying more time was needed to consider all the medical issues.

The IOC medical commission proposed that athletes who have had sex-change operations be eligible for the games after hormone therapy and a two-year waiting period.

Women's Golf Australia, which runs the Women's Australian Open, removed its "female at birth" clause in 1998 and gave Bagger an exemption to the tournament.

"I think the publicity has been enormous," WGA president Sally Hamersley said. "But quite honestly, I feel for the player. It's going to be quite a weight for her to carry."

Votaw was at the Australian Ladies Masters last week, and met Bagger when he stopped by Concord Golf Club to visit players.

"She seemed like a very nice person who is just trying to play some golf," Votaw said. "I introduced myself to her and wished her luck and told her to have fun."

Still, her presence has created a lot of attention.

"I can say I thought I'd never have to answer a question like that," Webb said when asked how she felt about playing against a transsexual. "It's up to the tournament, and they can choose to use their sponsor's exemptions any way they want. I have not met her, and it doesn't really bother me. But I'll be interested to see how she does this week."

After Bagger resumed playing golf in 1998, she won the South Australian State Championship for amateurs in 1999, 2001 and 2002, and turned pro last summer by joining the Danish PGA.

Bagger says she is not a power player, and only hits the ball about 240 yards off the tee.

All she wants this week is a chance.

"I want to play professional golf and have the same opportunities as other women," she said.

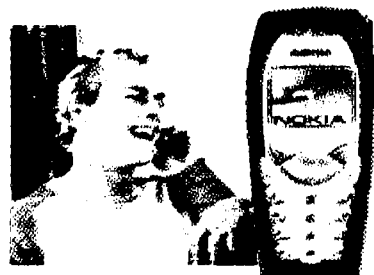
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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	37-22	.627	8-2	-
New York	26-35	.426	2-8	12
Boston	26-36	.419	3-7	12.5
Miami	25-36	.410	4-6	13
Philadelphia	24-36	.400	3-7	13.5
Washington	20-39	.339	4-6	17
Orlando	17-46	.270	4-6	22

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	last 10	GB
Indiana	44-16	.733	8-2	-
Detroit	38-25	.603	5-5	7.5
Milwaukee	33-27	.550	6-4	11
New Orleans	32-28	.533	5-5	12
Toronto	26-35	.426	1-9	18.5
Cleveland	25-36	.410	6-4	19.5
Atlanta	20-41	.328	3-7	24.5
Chicago	18-42	.300	4-6	26

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	pct.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	43-17	.717	8-2	-
Dallas	39-20	.661	8-2	3.5
San Antonio	39-21	.650	7-3	4
Memphis	36-24	.600	7-3	7
Houston	34-25	.576	6-4	8.5
Denver	33-29	.532	4-6	11
Utah	31-30	.508	6-4	12.5

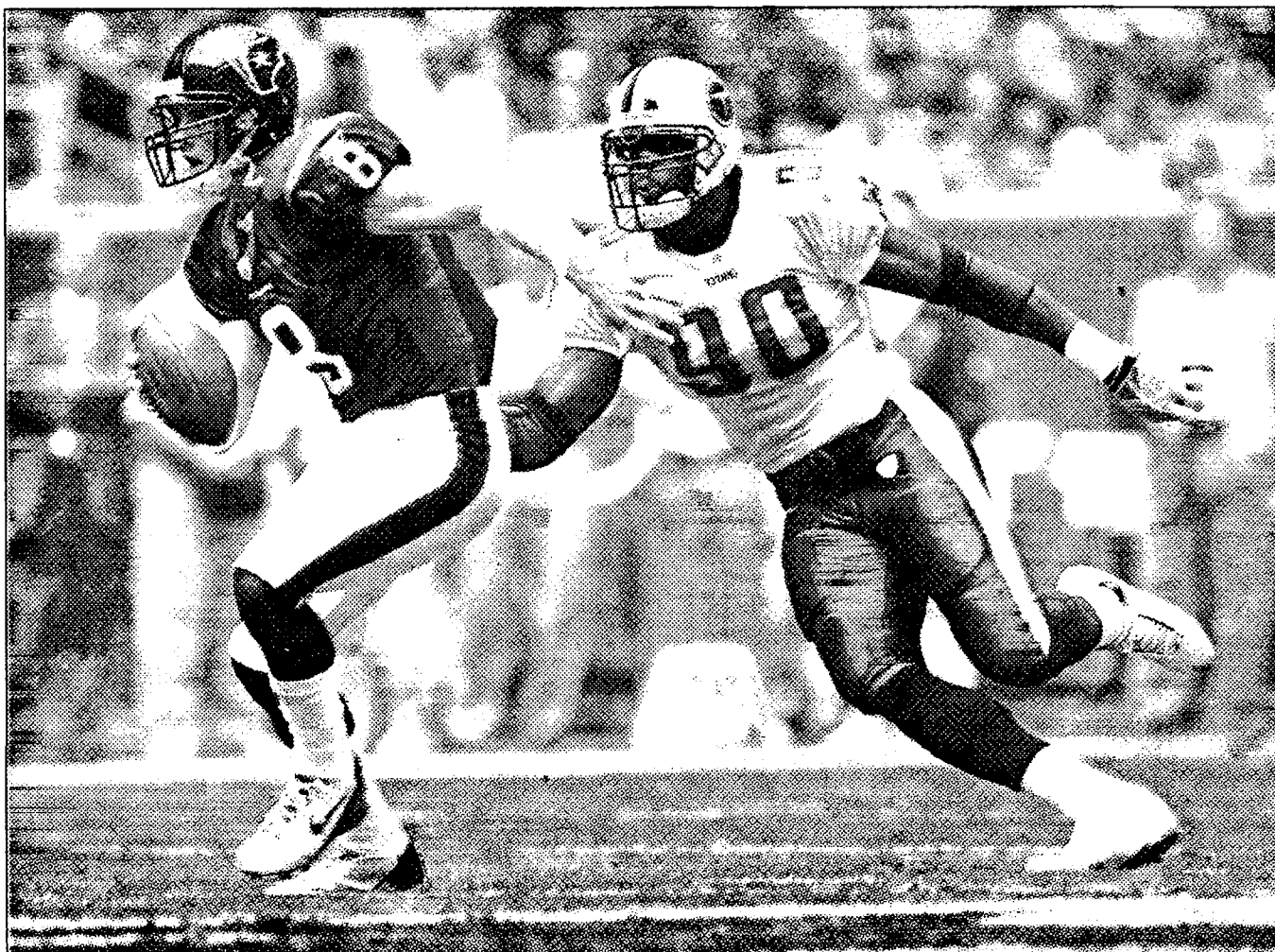
Western Conference, Pacific Division

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Sacramento	44-15	.746	8-2	-
LA Lakers	38-21	.644	7-3	6
Portland	29-30	.492	5-5	15
Seattle	27-33	.450	3-7	17.5
LA Clippers	25-34	.424	3-7	19
Phoenix	25-34	.424	4-6	19
Golden State	20-41	.328	2-8	25

Baseball America Top 25

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

NFL



Former Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearsse chases down Houston Texans quarterback David Carr in a game last season. Kearsse was signed by the Philadelphia Eagles Wednesday.

Kearsse agrees to new contract with Eagles

Associated Press

The Philadelphia Eagles one-upped Daniel Snyder and the Washington Redskins, outbidding them for defensive end Jevon Kearsse on the first day of the free-agency signing period.

But the traditionally hyperactive Redskins also made moves Wednesday. Snyder's team agreed to terms with defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin and, according to a league source who requested anonymity, with Seattle cornerback Shawn Springs.

Kearsse agreed to a \$66 million, eight-year deal to

move from Tennessee to Philadelphia, which took a risk. Kearsse has been hurt often the last two seasons, playing in only 18 of 32 games. That was one reason the Titans decided not to protect him with the "franchise" player tag.

But after losing in the NFC title game three years in a row, the Eagles decided to go for the pass rusher they lacked last season after letting Hugh Douglas leave for Jacksonville.

The Redskins had been interested in Kearsse, but had to settle for Griffin, who spent his first four seasons with another NFC

East team, the New York Giants. He also is a risk. His best season was as a rookie in 2000, and he had only one sack in 2003.

Springs would replace Bailey as the "shutdown" cornerback in the Washington secondary. The Redskins also took a chance on Springs, who hasn't played a complete season in four years.

Last year, Snyder signed four players on the first day of free agency, picking up guard Dave Fiore in San Francisco just after midnight in his private plane and zooming him to Redskins Park to sign a contract.

"One of the things I admire about Dan is he makes quick decisions," said Joe Gibbs, who didn't have to deal with free agency or the salary cap when he first coached the Redskins from 1981-92. "At 12:01, we were on the phones. It's exciting. It's one of the biggest nights we'll have."

This year, the Skins made their splash before the official start, sending defensive back Champ Bailey to Denver for running back Clinton Portis and acquiring quarterback Mark Brunell from Jacksonville for a third-round draft choice.

IN BRIEF

Rangers trade Leetch to Maple Leafs

NEW YORK — The New York Rangers traded star defenseman Brian Leetch to the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday night, ending his 17-season run on Broadway. Leetch has only been with the Rangers in his NHL career that began in February 1988, immediately after he played for the United States in the Calgary Olympics.

The Rangers acquired defenseman Maxim Kondratiev, forward Jarkko Immonen, a first-round pick in this year's draft and a second-round choice in the 2005 second-round selection. The Maple Leafs also received a conditional pick.

"Brian is not only one of the best players to ever play for the New York Ranger, he's also a classy individual," Rangers president and general manager Glen Sather said.

"As we proceeded down the path we feel we did very well with the players we got and the draft choices we got.

We felt that going as far as we did go with Toronto was as maximum as we could get."

Leetch, 36, a two-time Norris Trophy winner as the NHL's top defenseman, helped lead New York to the '94 Stanley Cup title, the club's first since 1940. He had 11 goals and 23 assists in 23 playoff games to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

Suspended player says he was paid to play

MINEOLA, N.Y. — A suspended St. John's basketball player contended Wednesday he got \$300 almost every month from a member of the team staff.

In a statement read to reporters by one of his attorneys, Abraham Keita also said he is filing a federal civil rights lawsuit against the university.

"He firmly believes he was the unworthy recipient of racially disparate disciplinary treatment," attorney Steven Spielvogel said.

Keita, who is black, attended the news conference but did not speak. Spielvogel and two colleagues also declined to answer questions after reading the statement.

St. John's issued a statement Wednesday night saying the school was surprised by the allegations about the payments and that it would begin an investigation. St. John's also called the racial discrimination charge as "simply not true."

Kevin Clark, the interim coach of the Red Storm, and senior forward Kyle Cuffe disputed the accusations about the payments.

"No. Not at all," Clark said after a 68-54 loss at Boston College on Wednesday night when asked if he was aware of someone giving cash to the players.

Cuffe said Keita was being "childish and immature."

"You can't try to bring down other people," Cuffe said. "We have good character. He's the first one that says we're all brothers."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgetown at Notre Dame, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Cincinnati at DePaul, 9 p.m., ESPN2

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Kings at 76ers, 7:30 p.m., TNT

Pistons at Trail Blazers, 10 p.m., TNT

MLB

Cubs vs. Giants, 2 p.m., ESPN

BENGAL BOUTS 135 POUNDS — 150 POUNDS

Valenzuela moves closer to defending title

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Jon Valenzuela will advance to his second Bengal Bouts final after taking a close split-decision win over senior Pedro Alves in the 135-pounds weight class. Alves came out strong in round one attacking the experienced junior, but it was Valenzuela who connected first after a quick slip. Alves continued to initiate contact, but Valenzuela successfully slipped under his lead left and connected to score. Valenzuela tested his right hook a number of times in the second and as the round ending he was beginning to find success with it. Alves look strong at the start of round three and dominated the early exchanges. Valenzuela was able to get inside and score important body shots as Alves covered.

Michael Schmitt fought well and earned his place in the finals against Jon Valenzuela by coming out on top in a called match against left-handed Larry Hofman. Early in round one, Hofman dominated and landed two scoring lefts. Hofman was effective in using his jab to set up his strong left, but Schmitt refused to relent and fought hard throughout the round. Schmitt came out quick after the bell to start round two and initiated a big exchange. Hofman began taking some

harder shots and Schmitt kept them coming, throwing three or four punches to every one of Hofman's.

In round three, Schmitt still dominated the punch count and contacted well early in the round. A standing eight-count was given midway thru the third after Hofman took a rough shot to the head. After the short break, Schmitt continued to dominate. Shortly thereafter a second eight-count was given to Hofman prompting the referee to stop the contest (RSC) with 29 seconds left to go in the third round.

Hofman fought well, but the late blows and sheer number of punches thrown by Schmitt caught up with him and ended the contest.

145 pounds

Luke Dillon's powerful right hooks overcame the straight, accurate jabs of Mark Pfizenmayer in the first bout of the 145-pound weight class. Pfizenmayer initiated contact well, but Dillon replied every time, often finishing with devastating right hooks.

Dillon's hooks continued to find their target throughout the round. Pfizenmayer was not deterred, however, and his punches remained straight and consistent throughout the well-fought first round.

Early in round two, Pfizenmayer took over for a bit, throwing more and avoiding

Dillon's hook. Although Dillon's defense was strong throughout the round, Pfizenmayer was able to contact more than leather several times.

Despite a high contact exchange to start the third, neither boxer appeared the least bit tired in the final round. Though gloves contacted only gloves in early exchanges, Dillon's right came alive again late in the third, prompting a clinch by Pfizenmayer. Both were scoring well and taking hard shots as the match ended. In a tremendous fight with many high quality blows, both boxers proved they were worthy of the semifinals and more. Dillon won in a split decision and the finals await him on St. Patrick's Day.

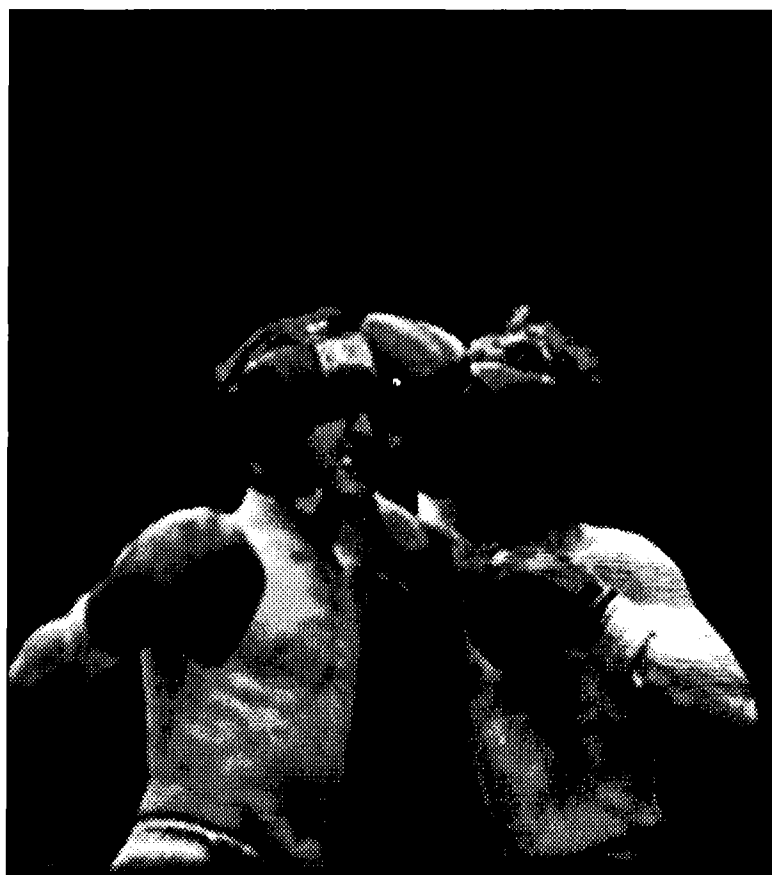
Senior Paul Robinson secured his first appearance in the Bengal Bout finals by winning a called fight against sophomore Todd Strobel. Robinson left the corner fast and closed in on Strobel hard to start the match. Following a clinch, Strobel began to work his jab well and a strong six-punch combo put Robinson on the ropes. Robinson came off the ropes well, replying right away with a large combo of his own, earning him an eight-count on Strobel. Strobel didn't seem phased by the stop and came out well after the eight-count.

In round two, Robinson dominated early, forcing Strobel to the corner and landing often. Robinson's jabs came in hard and he worked the body well as Strobel tried to clinch. Late in the second, Strobel's jab worked effectively, ending a clean, technical round of boxing.

Robinson came out strong again in the third round with a huge combo to start the round, which left Strobel hunched over. The fight was called 18 seconds into the final round with Robinson the victor.

150 pounds

T.J. D'Agostino is making his second trip to the finals after beating freshman Jordan Runge. Any butterflies Runge had were quickly dismissed by



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Justin Alanis, left, and William Phillp clash in a 160-pound semifinal bout Wednesday night.

his first attack on D'Agostino. His first round in the semifinals was superb. Runge threw often and accurately in the first round as D'Agostino struggled to find his groove. Runge scored well as he aggressively brought the match to D'Agostino.

D'Agostino threw significantly more punches in round two and he worked the high-low combination well. Runge's hands began to drop as the round continued, and D'Agostino's punches found little inhibiting defense. D'Agostino forced a standing eight-count on Runge with 1:15 in the round.

In round three, D'Agostino used his high-low combos again while Runge stuck with an upstairs one-two.

Another standing eight was counted on Runge at one minute into the final round. Runge's defense held up through the final 30 seconds despite D'Agostino's numerous

punch combos.

D'Agostino's slow start was no indication of the later rounds. Though both boxers fighters looked great, the lone freshman in tonight's semifinals was unable to overcome the veteran.

D'Agostino won in a unanimous decision.

Left-handed Jon Pribaz overcame junior captain Galen Loughrey in the second bout of the 150-pound division. Both boxers moved well and picked their punches and combos carefully in round one. Pribaz initiated in most exchanges, but Loughrey didn't seem thrown off by the lefty at all. It was an even round dominated by defense, which was expected from the two veterans.

Early in round two, Pribaz had a number of good scores. Punches were coming straight and hard from both boxers, but superior defense prevailed again in the second. Both boxers found only leather or air with attacks.

In round three, even, hard and on-target punches found only protective gloves. Loughrey went to body well in the final round and found success there. The last 30 seconds saw an increase in punch count from both fighters. Pribaz kept his attacks coming, and though many found only Loughrey's protective hand, enough punches snuck through to earn him the unanimous decision win in the evenly matched bout.

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BENGAL BOUTS 153 POUNDS — 160 POUNDS

Bengal Bouts complete semifinal rounds

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Ryan Duffey fought a clean match from start to finish using his slight reach and accurate jab to pick off the advances of the aggressive Bobby Gorynski. Round one featured mostly traded jabs and only a few power punches. Duffey's punch count was higher in combos in the first round. Gorynski took the fight to Duffey near the end of the first, but Duffey replied well to every advance of Gorynski.

Gorynski came out with a strong combo to start round two and initiated several exchanges early in the round. Duffey sent a number of stiff jabs at the ever-advancing Gorynski and remained composed throughout the round. In round three, Gorynski was throwing more punches per combo, and Duffey chose to move and counter-punch throughout the round. Duffey's jabs continued on Gorynski, but the junior was not dismayed and continued to advance with three and four-punch combos throughout the round. Duffey took the split decision in the even bout.

Tim Huml and Corey Harkins complemented each other well in the second match of the 153-pound class. The match was evenly fought and the boxers checked each other well early on in the first round. They traded jabs throughout the first, and it was a technical round of boxing as both moved well and kept their form.

In the second round, Harkins

was coming on strong and advanced on Huml well. Harkins had a solid score late in the round, but the second round proceeded much as the first with good exchanges. Neither boxer dominated the match.

A strong right at the start from Harkins sent Huml back a bit. Both boxers worked hard the entire fight, continually exchanging and initiating contact. Overall, it was an extremely close fight with the split decision going to Harkins.

155 pounds

Junior captain Nathan Lohmeyer took the fight to Mark Basola early and was relentless in pursuing his opponent to start round one. Lohmeyer scored early with numerous punch combos and worked Basola around the ring to several ropes. Lohmeyer matched every one of Basola's punches with three of his own and constantly initiated contact. Lohmeyer closed hard and fast and scored in a quick combo to end the round.

In round two, Lohmeyer pursued Basola again and landed on a number of high punch combos early on. Basola fought well throughout the second in reply to Lohmeyer's attacks.

Nathan set the pace again in the third by attacking hard early. A stop was called at 23 seconds into the round to clean Basola's blood. Basola came on strong after the break and initiated contact. Though Basola found himself backpedaling a bit too much at the end of the round, he fought well against the junior captain. The decision

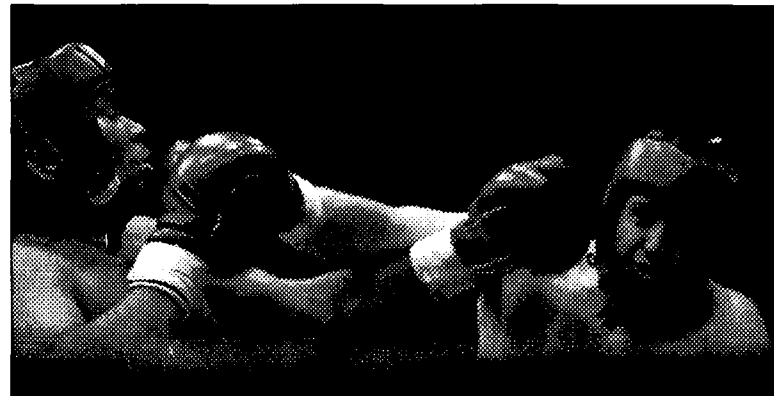
was unanimous to Lohmeyer.

Junior Mike Panzica overcame Brandon Gasser to earn his first trip to the finals where he will face Lohmeyer. Gasser was composed as the match began and smartly selected his punches. Panzica threw more often and scored well on a combo at 40 seconds into the round. When Gasser stuck with his jabs he fought well. The first 30 seconds were intense as Panzica came out hard and scored early, but Gasser was not to be outdone and followed with an excellent counter combo.

Panzica initiated contact more, but Gasser found success relying on his parry and replying with straight one-two's. Round three started out fast again as Gasser pursued Panzica. Late in the round, Gasser worked Panzica to the ropes and landed a hard right but took a few from Panzica in the exchange. Gasser needed a quick cleanup after his offensive, and the round ended with a fast exchange with solid contact. This was a close fight, and Panzica won in a split decision.

160 pounds

Colin Kerrigan is once again in the Bengal Bouts finals after securing a split decision win over Alex Roodhouse. Early exchanges went in Kerrigan's favor as he attacked high and low on Roodhouse. Kerrigan moved his head well, making him a difficult target. His jab was solid throughout the round, as well. Roodhouse often initiated contact, but Kerrigan was successful in countering and moving.



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Darryl Burton, left, and Nathan Schroeder trade punches in their semifinal bout. Schroeder won and advanced to the finals.

Round two began intensely with a solid 20-second exchange and neither fighter dominating. After the intense beginning, the boxers traded jabs well. The second round finished with clean, technical boxing. A hard shot by Kerrigan began the final round and he continued with good combos that elicited little reply from Roodhouse. Kerrigan went back to working the body and head in combination.

Both boxers worked hard throughout the third round, exchanging often and displaying their superior conditioning. Roodhouse fought well, but he took some hard shots to both the head and body throughout the fight. The split decision went to Kerrigan.

Veteran boxer Bill Phillip will experience the two-minute rounds of the finals for the first time in his Bengal Bouts career after winning a unanimous decision victory over junior Justin Alanis. Alanis initiated

contact well and held the ring early on, forcing Phillip to move around him and select his punches from the outside. Though Alanis initiated, Phillip often finished the exchanges throwing the extra, scoring punch as Alanis broke contact. Phillip seemed he was willing to take a punch or two to set up his multi-punch, scoring combinations.

Round two began with a hard exchange in which both boxers took some serious shots. Phillip's one-two landed accurately late in the second, and he scored in nearly every combo. In round three, Phillip was scoring in spite of Alanis' advances. As the round continued Phillip found more scores, particularly over the dropping hands of Alanis. Alanis left it all in the ring last night, but Phillip's ability to finish off exchanges overcame the hardworking junior.

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Demko

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Sarb landed Demko on the mat.

"The fall looked bad," Demko said. "I admit it now after seeing it on film. I was stunned momentarily but I knew I could fight on."

Demko did not "fight on" that night, but his performance as a sophomore earned him a junior captainship with the club. Mark Criniti, a coach instrumental in Demko's development as a boxer, had offered lessons during the fighter's first two years. In training sessions and sparring with Criniti as a junior, Demko achieved a personal goal.

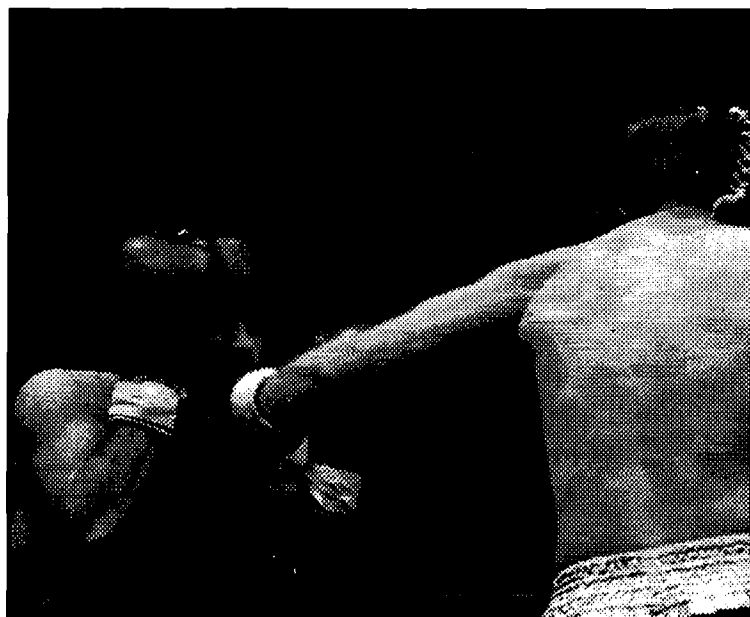
"Every time we would spar he would dominate me," Demko said. "What frustrated me the most was that Mark was so good defensively, I could never get a good clean shot on him. One day I finally landed a good clean jab on him. His nose started bleeding and he was dazed. I knew at that point that I was starting to become a pretty good boxer."

That jab marked another step in Demko's boxing career, an important step toward complete self-confidence. He reached the semifinals again as a junior, losing in another split decision to Pearsall.

As a senior captain, Demko believes his undying persistence will lead to success.

"During my first three years in the bouts I had found some success but I had also taken my fair share of knocks and have yet to reach the level of success I've aimed for since the beginning," he said. "I am confident my persistence will help me get to where I want to be."

As club co-president, Demko has taken on a number of sig-



Tommy Demko, left, takes a punch during his semifinal bout against Matthew Smith. Demko is a Bengal Bouts captain.

nificant duties this year. From running practice and refereeing sparring matches to doing paperwork and running errands, the tasks sometimes leave less time for training. This has meant increased hours before and after practice as he prepares his final run in the tournament.

Outside the ring, Demko's non-boxing life has followed a similar evolution. As a freshman, Demko was the Air Force Daedalian Scholarship recipient. Air Force ROTC has been his other major involvement on campus for the past four years.

"I've met some great people, have learned many things about being a leader, and it has put me in position to fulfill my dream of being a pilot in the United States Air Force," he said.

In addition to excelling in boxing, Demko achieved dean's list honors every semester since enrolling at Notre Dame. His dedication has paid off. Next year Demko will begin a

selective pilot training program called Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. It is a highly intense 54-week program designed to produce fighter pilots for the United States Air Force and for the air forces of eight other NATO nations. Demko says that his personal evolution with the boxing club will help be a great asset while training in the elite program.

"The work ethic, mental toughness and confidence that I have gained through boxing have prepared me to thrive in this type of highly competitive and pressure filled environment," Demko said.

Demko's great accomplishments all stem from the determination and courage he displayed on day one as he chose the foreign sport of boxing. It was all there from the beginning - everything except the hand wraps.

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Bouts

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exchanges. Both boxers were bleeding. Ward came on hard with 30 seconds left, and both were sent to their respective corners to be cleaned with 20 seconds left in the match. The last 20 seconds were intense with both fighters throwing numerous and accurate punches.

180 pounds

Junior captain Jim Christoforetti moved extremely well and earned a quick victory over an aggressive Denis Sullivan. Christoforetti's parry was near perfect as it dismissed Sullivan's early jabs. Christoforetti was able to pick his spots early on in the first, choosing to counterpunch off his parry with a quick left. Near the end of the first round, Christoforetti landed a number of quick hard shots to Sullivan's head, which prompted a stumble from Sullivan. This stumble sent Christoforetti falling on top of Sullivan. Sullivan was slow to get up and rested on the mat with his eyes closed for a bit too long for the comfort of the referee, which prompted the fight being called at 1:28 into the first round.

Eric Callahan came out brawling and took fellow senior Larry Rooney out of his element to earn his spot in the finals against Christoforetti. Though a bit uncontrolled, Callahan aggressively pursued Rooney around the ring, working his jab well and picking Rooney off as he circled. Callahan dominated the second round, as well. Rooney was unable to break through the taller boxer's jab to score the body combos he sought. In round three Rooney came out hard and landed three hooks under Callahan's jab as he brought the fight to Callahan.

Light heavyweight

Senior captain Billy Zizic looked superb in his win over relentless sophomore Bryan Bylica by unanimous decision. Zizic was patient and elusive, but when it was available Bylica capitalized with his left jab. Zizic continued to move like the experienced boxer he is, and at 1:05 into the first

round Zizic switched and fought as a lefty for two exchanges. The versatile Zizic switched back at 1:20 and finished the round as a righty. Zizic picked his punches well in the second. In round three, Zizic threw high into Bylica's gloves, which opened the body.

Jonny Griffin is a first time Bengal Bouts fighter, but he doesn't seem to know it. Griffin overcame a great fighter in sophomore Chris Cavanaugh and won by unanimous decision to earn a spot in the finals against Zizic. Griffin was patient and composed in the ring, and his punches were straight and accurate. Cavanaugh boxed well in round one, and in the third round he made Griffin's nose bleed. Still, Griffin eventually tossed Cavanaugh to the mat. It was a highly physical, well-fought, aggressive battle.

Heavyweight

Returning champ Stefan Borovina made his first appearance in the bouts and will make his third appearance in the finals on St. Patrick's Day after defeating Douglas Pope early in three rounds. At one minute into the first round, Stefan backed Pope into a corner with a strong upstairs flurry. Borovina did it again shortly after, ending the round with a flurry in his corner. Round two saw similar action. In the third, a number of hard shots from Borovina began the round and sent Pope into the ropes. Pope was forced to backpedal throughout the round, and the bout was called at 54 seconds into the third.

Nathan Schroeder's refusal to quit and a die-hard third round propelled him past junior Darryl Burton in a split decision victory. These fighters were noticeably heavier than the previous heavyweight bout. At times, it resorted to a slugfest. Burton and Schroeder traded punches in a high contact exchange on the ropes in the early going. Defense was not a major priority for either boxer in round one. Burton kept Schroeder out of the center of the ring throughout the round and patiently chose his punches and advances.

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The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools is evaluating the University of Notre Dame for continuing accreditation.

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can be a distraction for our kids."

On Friday, the traditionally solid Illini (5-2) suffered a 5-2 loss to No. 4 Washington. They then defeated Western Michigan, 6-1, on Saturday.

Louderback is confident the Irish will remain poised despite having to face such skilled opponents.

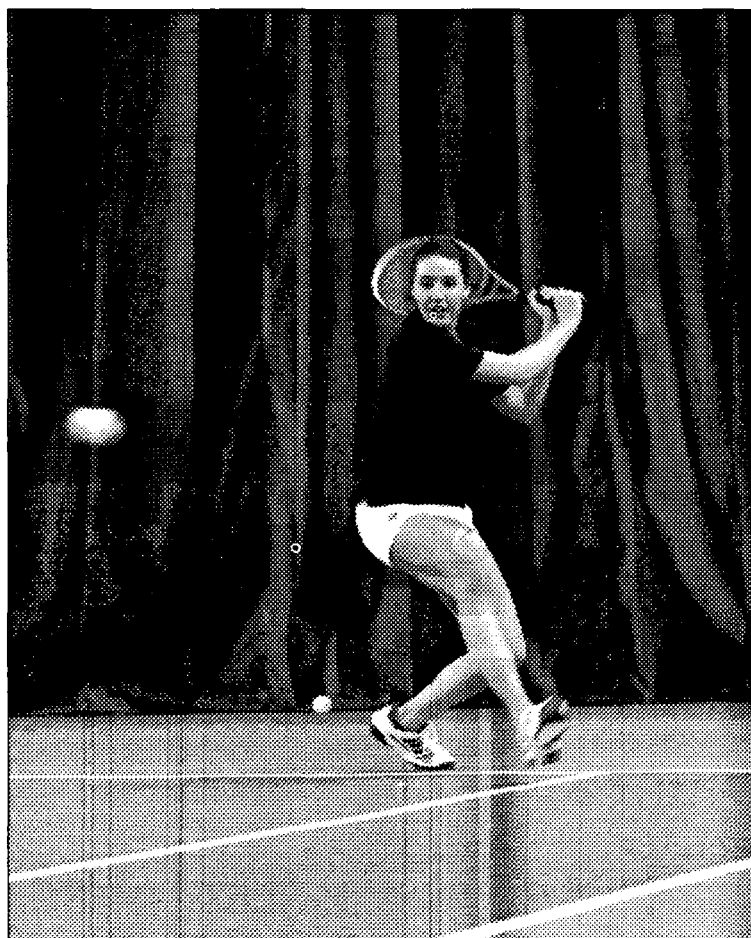
"I feel really good about how our team competes," Louderback said. "Our girls do a good job at getting each other pumped up. They really get the momentum of the match to swing back our way and I think they'll do that [today]."

The Irish return to the courts after a 5-2 win against Indiana Sunday. They claimed the doubles point and four of the six singles points against the No. 26 Hoosiers. The win marked the seventh consecutive Irish victory.

Last year's match between Notre Dame and Illinois resulted in a 6-1 victory for the Irish. Notre Dame claimed the doubles point and five of the six singles matches. Louderback recalled that last year's win did not come easily.

"It was a tight match," he said. "We started off strong in doubles last year, and that's what gave us momentum going into singles."

Though the Irish are on a seven-match doubles winning streak, Louderback has continued to concentrate on doubles



Senior Alicia Salas slices a backhand in a Feb. 1 match against Wisconsin. The Irish play Illinois today.

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play during practice in addition to drills. Gaining the doubles point has been of utmost importance to the team this year.

"As the season goes on, you start to look at singles a lot more and you can't do that," Louderback said. "Then your doubles start to slip. It really makes a difference when we

win the doubles point because it takes the pressure off of our singles players."

Following today's match, the Irish face a tough stretch of opponents, beginning with No. 6 Duke on March 10 and No. 36 Tennessee on March 13.

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Golf

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14th place. This was Gustafson's best finish since placing third at the SMU/Stonebridge Invitational in October with a career-low 68 in the second round.

"It was a step in the right direction for me," Gustafson said. "It was nice for me to play well and see how I stack up against the best players when I'm playing pretty well."

Fellow sophomore Tommy Balderston tied for 64th place at 16-over par with a score of 229 (73-81-75). Balderston looked to be in the hunt

until a string of bogies midway through the second round held him back.

Freshman Cole Isban tied for 78th place at 21-over 234, while sophomores Eric Deutsch (77-82-80) and Mark Balwin (77-82-91) rounded out the Irish lineup, placing 85th and 90th, respectively.

"Playing against all these players from the big name teams, some of the top players

in the country, we weren't intimidated but we were excited and a little anxious I guess," Gustafson said. "We really wanted to do our best that maybe we tried too hard. We wanted to play well so badly that we kind of shot ourselves in the foot."

The team has a quick turnaround with a match against Alabama Friday. While the Irish will also participate in the Conrad Rehling Spring Invitational March 12, the team

will use that week to practice for upcoming competitions.

"The time beforehand will be big for us," Gustafson said. "It will help us a lot this time to get in a good competitive mindset and get

our games in better shape." The Irish hope to take something away from this week's disappointing finish and use it to motivate themselves in remaining tournaments.

"We're looking forward to opportunities to do well in the future," Gustafson said.

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"We wanted to play well so badly that we shot ourselves in the foot."

Scott Gustafson
Golfer

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Kevin is a senior Navy ROTC midshipman and serves as TRI-MILITARY COMMANDER for the three ROTC service branches at Notre Dame. This position entails the coordination of Tri-Military events such as the September 1st service, Veterans Day ceremony, Pass In Review, and the Commissioning ceremony. He works with representatives from Army, Navy, and Air Force to plan Commander's Cup athletic competitions, and to foster unity between the service branches on campus. Kevin is currently on duty in Stanford Hall, and is working with his section service coordinator to organize an Organ Donor Sign-up drive as a community service project for his section. He previously served as President of Stanford Hall his sophomore year, and was the dorm senator as a junior. Kevin is also working to found a NOTRE DAME SURF CLUB, to garner support for surfing and water activities, and to plan two trips during break. He grew up on the coast and is an avid surfer. He encourages any interested persons to contact him at CONLEY2@ND.EDU. Kevin will attend the University of Florida College of Medicine after graduation, and then plans to serve in the Navy as a Dividing Medical Officer.

Tessa is a junior majoring in sociology, and chairs the Diversity Division for the Office of the Student Body President. Intent on unifying the campus through communication across lines of race, gender, and religion, Tessa has introduced the SUSTAINED DIALOGUE program for understanding different perspectives and breaking down stereotypes. The program was founded by U.S. diplomat Harold Saunders, who maintains that conflicts can only be resolved when participants meet over a sustained period of time. Tessa introduced the SUSTAINED DIALOGUE program while traveling to various college campuses this past summer on a research grant that was used to bring a model diversity program back to Notre Dame. SUSTAINED DIALOGUE kicked off this semester with over 100 participants, and will open up again for new participants in the fall. Interested persons can email DIALOGUE@ND.EDU for further information. Besides her effort in bringing SUSTAINED DIALOGUE to campus, Tessa works at Legends Adworks, in addition to studying Public Relations and Advertising at St. Mary's College.

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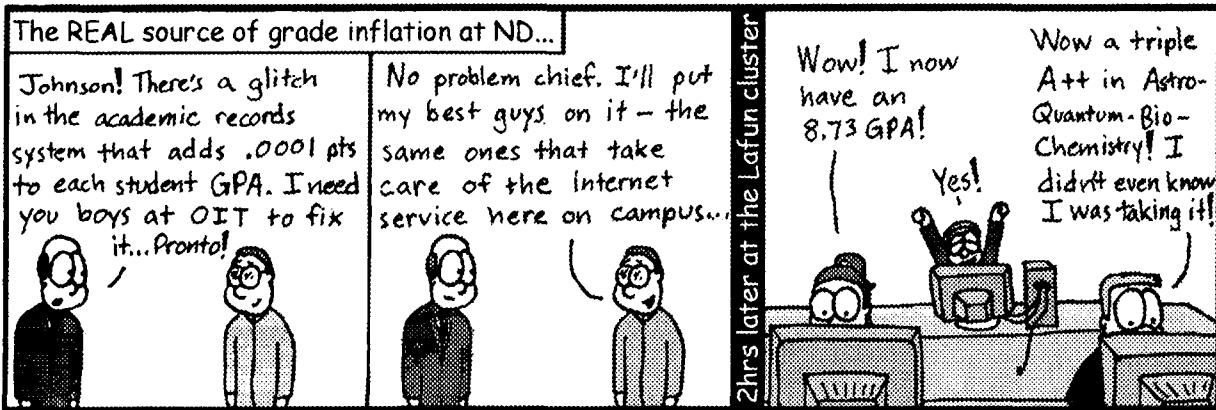
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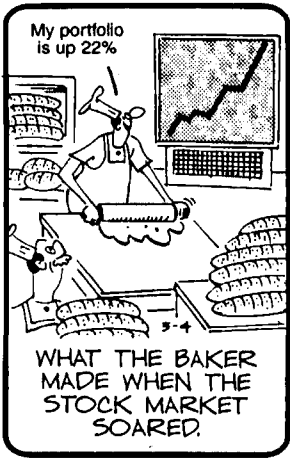
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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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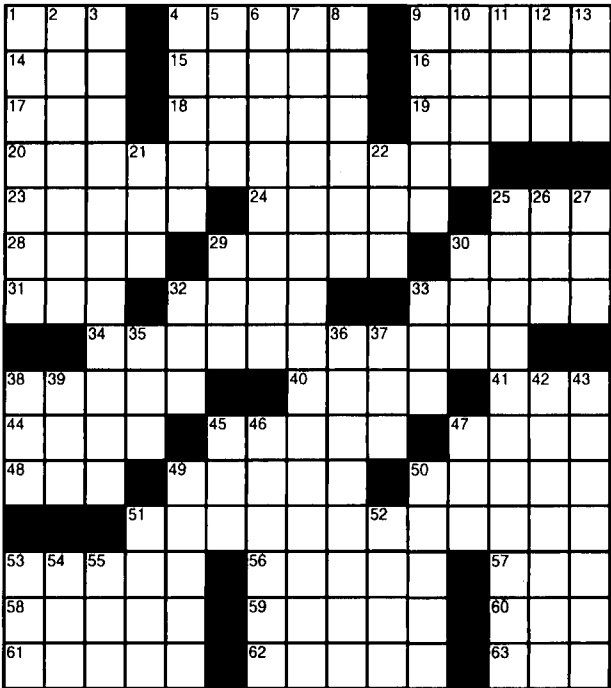
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Séance happening
- 4 Wows, in comedy
- 9 Pub decoration
- 14 Put one past
- 15 Out of port
- 16 Home without a refrigerator
- 17 Post office delivery: Abbr.
- 18 Represent
- 19 Israeli party
- 20 "Whatever!"
- 23 Chores
- 24 Active sorts
- 25 King's home
- 28 Roman emperor after Galba
- 29 Cook, as beans
- 30 Premier under Mao
- 31 Union with 2.7 mil. members
- 32 Out of shape
- 33 "Look, ma, no cavities!" e.g.
- 34 Padlocks, say
- 38 Finnish architect Alvar
- 40 Irish girl's name
- 41 "The Paper Chase" topic
- 44 Capital south of Chernobyl
- 45 Sleep: Prefix
- 47 Memorable kicker
- 48 MGM motto word
- 49 "Ditto"
- 50 Name that means "beloved"
- 51 Sales rep's need
- 53 Company famous for Centipede and Battlezone
- 56 Tangle
- 57 Muscle car
- 58 "Eat!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Pet food brand name
- 2 Get going
- 3 Grocery items
- 4 Doesn't run
- 5 Bananas
- 6 Top of the class
- 7 2004 ... with a hint to the starts of 20-, 34- and 51-Across
- 8 Back-talker
- 9 Red-haired soprano
- 10 Weekend-starting cry
- 11 Member of an order
- 12 Slip in a pot
- 13 Go-ahead
- 21 Bout stopper, briefly
- 22 Trick ending
- 25 Eighth-century king
- 26 Tel. book contents
- 27 Plumber's piece
- 29 Hi-__ monitor
- 30 It's chaos
- 32 Pal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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TREE EAGLE HEFT
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ESS FOOTBALLPRO
FAME AGE
SHEILA ENOS NBA
TOPRANKINGSCOUT
USES IONE EARLE
BEET APED DRAKE



Puzzle by Roy Leban

- 33 Encouraging French word
- 35 Off-road transport, briefly
- 36 Golfer from South Africa
- 37 Sixth-century year
- 38 Alias
- 39 One mode of travel
- 42 On one's toes
- 43 Eliminate
- 45 Certain smoke signal
- 46 Keats and others
- 47 Kodak print
- 49 Seeking damages
- 50 "It's ___!" ("Simple!")
- 51 Vivacity
- 52 Prairie building
- 53 Wood shaper
- 54 20-20, e.g.
- 55 Cabinet dept.

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Sharing this birthday: Chastity Bono, Catherine O'Hara, Emilio Estefan, Kay Lenz, Patsy Kensit, Paula Prentiss

Happy Birthday: Your personal life will influence your professional life this year. Don't let anyone talk you into doing something that you really don't want to do. Your own strength will enable you to move in the direction best suited to you. Research will be the key to choosing the path that will lead you in a positive manner. Your numbers: 16, 22, 27, 31, 36, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Although love is all around you, make sure your interests are not wasted on someone who is already in a committed relationship. ****
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationships are passionate and moving quickly. You have a way of mesmerizing the one you love. Your jealous need to possess will entice your mate even more. **
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may want to put your efforts into changing your living quarters. The alterations will lift your spirits and stimulate your mind. *****
CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is a great day for a family outing. Get out to the country where you can teach children all about nature and how to preserve it. ***
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may find yourself in a position that brings back memories from your past. You can make extra cash if you decide to sell some of your belongings that you no longer have use for.***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Past romantic ties will surface. Don't be afraid to find out what they're up to; however, remember why your relationship split up the first time. ***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Express yourself in a compromising way, and you will find that others will be willing to make a concerted effort as well. With all that behind you, spend a quiet evening with family. *
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is a great day to shop for that special item you've been longing for. Make physical alterations that will improve your looks and draw additional attention from potential new mates. **
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have partied too hard yesterday. Rest and relaxation should get you back on track quickly. You may want to make apologies to someone you made fun of. ****
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invite family over for some fun in the sun. Your cooking talents will be appreciated, and new friendships will develop if you allow your guests to bring someone with them. ***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have a smashing idea that could be quite lucrative for all involved. Talk to close friends who may be interested and put your thoughts into action. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can build a stronger bond if you take time to do things with children. Show an interest in the things they like to do and encourage them toward accomplishments. ***

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BENGAL BOUTS 165 POUNDS — HEAVYWEIGHT

Boxers advance into final round

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Ross Bartels won the best fight of the night against defending 165-pound champion Alex Fergus by unanimous decision. Bartels came out hard and brawling in round one and was relentless in pursuing Fergus. Fergus held his hands low, waiting to set up his powerful right. The right came at 55 seconds in and sent Bartels to his knee. Bartels sprung up and came out fast after the break, relentless again in his pursuit of Fergus. Fergus' right found its target a few more times late in the round, but in round three Bartels took advantage when Fergus lowered his hands to set up the right hand.

Senior captain Pat Dillon achieved his longtime goal of a place in the finals after winning a called fight against junior Craig Thompson. Thompson brought the match to Dillon early in round one, but Dillon began the match well and used a parry, one-two combination to score a number of times throughout the match. A strong right hook at 50 seconds into the second round warranted a standing eight-count against Thompson. Ten seconds later, a parry one-two-one combo stopped the

fight. The RSC was called at one minute, two seconds into the second round.

170 pounds

Senior captain Tommy Demko won a split decision victory to earn a well-deserved place in the finals. Law student Matt Smith was a strong lefty, but Demko did not seem flustered at all. Demko countered the advancing Smith well for the first 25 seconds and earned a standing eight-count thirty seconds into round one with a big right hand. Smith initiated contact well and his right jab often found its target, but Demko's counters were excellent and scored often. Late in the third round, Smith began to dominate and his right jab found its way in several times, perhaps swaying a number of judges to call the fight for him.

Brian Nicholson won a hard-fought split decision victory over James Ward in the second 170-pound bout. The match began as a brawl with a huge flurry featuring only a few clean punches. Nicholson settled down shortly after and found success with his one-two. Ward came on strong in the second round, landing his lead jab well in initiating contact. Round three began with a lot of contact and heavy

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Alex Fergus, left, and Ross Bartels embrace after their bout Wednesday. Bartels won and advanced to the finals.

MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

MEN'S GOLF

Tough two days for Irish

Men struggle against nine ranked teams at Cleveland Invitational

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

To be the best you have the play the best, and the Irish know this season will be no smooth ride.

Up against nine ranked teams at this week's Cleveland Golf Collegiate Invitational Notre Dame finished 17th out of 17 teams with a total of 918 (297-310-311), 66-over par. No. 10 Texas ran away with the tournament at 5-under par 847, a full 15 strokes ahead of host school and second-place finisher USC.

"We're pretty disappointed about how we performed as a team," sophomore Scott Gustafson said. "We can't go in against teams like that, play as we did and expect to do well."

Gustafson led the Irish with a 3-over score of 216 (73-68-75) that landed him in a tie for

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish face tall order against No. 17 Illini

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The teams are ranked close to each other, but Thursday's meet between No. 17 Illinois and No. 19 Notre Dame looks to be a classic David and Goliath match up.

"They're a big team," coach Jay Louderback said. "You'd think they were a basketball team walking around because they're so tall."

Louderback cited the height, strength and emotional playing style of the Illini as the

primary challenges the Irish (7-1) will face during the meet. Senior Jennifer McGaffigan, ranked nationally at No. 14 in singles and No. 7 in doubles, will also present a challenge to the Irish. McGaffigan and doubles partner Cynthia Goulet boast a 16-5 record, including 6-1 this spring as the No. 1 doubles team.

"You'd think they were a basketball team."

Jay Louderback
Irish coach

"They're an explosive team," Louderback said. "They also play with a lot of emotion. They're always yelling at each other across the courts, which

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BENGAL BOUTS

Demko earns his captaincy

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

For most Bengal Bouts boxers the start of January practice is in reality a return to practice. Novices come in with five weeks of fall training behind them and the veterans arrive with a year or more of experience. Tommy Demko came to his first January practice in the winter of 2001 with nothing, not even hand wraps.

What for everyone else was a return to training was actually day one for Demko.

"I walked into the room the first day of regular training totally clueless," Demko said. "I didn't really know anybody, and everyone else seemed like they knew what was going on. I didn't even have a pair of wraps much less know how to put them on."

As a freshman, Demko may have been inexperienced, but now, as a senior, he commands the attention of over 130 boxers with calm confidence. Leading them in calisthenics, teaching jabs and even instructing them on how to put on hand wraps, the captain is in his element. Demko has come a long way since that first day in January, but a look at his boxing career reveals that the talent was all there from the beginning. Minute evolutions, not drastic changes, mark his development both as a boxer and as a person.

Demko said he was not as nervous as he expected himself to be before his first fight. He had experienced big crowds from his football days at Centerville High School in Centerville, Ohio. That fight ended in a split-decision loss to Chris Pearsall, but Demko

turned the event into a motivator.

"Losing that close split decision my freshman year motivated me to improve my skills, really spend a lot of time in the gym," he said.

Training alone over the summer and fall, Demko's work ethic grew. He built on the resolve that got him through the early days of practice, and the evolution began.

"I set a goal that I would spend an hour before practice and an hour after practice working out," he said. "I was not going to lose as a result of being outworked."

As a sophomore the extra hours paid off. Demko advanced to the semifinals, losing in a called fight against former football player Matt Sarb. A huge right hand on the chin from

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

BENGAL BOUTS

The matchups are set. Wednesday's semifinal bouts determine which boxers will compete for their respective titles.

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NBA

Kobe Bryant's defense attorneys were granted permission to question Bryant's accuser about her past sexual history.

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NHL

The Washington Capitals trade defenseman Sergei Gonchar to the Boston Bruins in an attempt to cut payroll.

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NFL

In order for Keyshawn Johnson to end up in Dallas, Joey Galloway must first restructure his contract.

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LPGA

Mianne Bagger, the first transsexual in golf history is playing in the LPGA Australian Women's Open.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Georgetown at Notre Dame Tonight, 7 p.m.

Notre Dame seniors play their last regular season home game.

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