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Prosecutor offers 2 options to Boat Club

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

As a result of a late January raid that led to 231 citations, The Boat Club must either lose its liquor license or sell the bar to new owners, said Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission prosecutor Fred Bauer.

"I received the report last week [from the Indiana State Excise Police] and sent them a proposed

settlement," said Bauer.

Bauer said the two options provided to The Boat Club are either having their liquor permit revoked or paying a \$5,000 fine and selling their permit. "The permit would be held by the ATC for up to two years," Bauer said. In the second option, the bar could remain open but could not be run by anyone connected to the current owners.

The Boat Club owner Mike McNeff did not return Observer phone calls.

Though Bauer didn't know the exact details, he estimated The Boat Club would have about three weeks to make a decision on the two options. The prosecutor noted that owners of The Boat Club would likely make the argument that the bar was checking identification, but Bauer said that would not be likely to change the proposed settlement.

"You don't get that number of kids in one place if they know that they [can't get] in there," he said.

"Obviously that's been going on for sometime and the word got out."

If the owners of The Boat Club do not agree with Bauer's proposal, they will have the option to appeal the settlement.

"If we can't reach an agreement, the case would have to be tried," Bauer explained. "There is no way that I can summarily pull the permit."

The prosecutor said that the settlement offered to The Boat Club is similar to the ones that have been

offered to other South Bend bars, such as Bridget McGuire's Filling Station and Finnigan's, in the wake of police raids that yielded dozens of underage citations.

"In South Bend I have done the same thing on at least two cases. All involved substantial and inordinate numbers of minors on the premises," Bauer said. "I'm trying to be consistent."

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Women boxers debut at the Bengal Bouts



Shelley Skiba, left, spars with Lauren Conti in preparation for the upcoming debut of the women boxers at Bengal Bouts 2003.

*ND women will open the
Bengal Bouts for the first time*

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

For the first time in more than 70 years of Notre Dame boxing history, women are ready to rumble.

Beginning this weekend, 12 Notre Dame women will enter the ring in six exhibition boxing matches at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. They will spar in three unscored contests before the men's quarterfinal Bengal Bouts Sunday afternoon and three more before the semifinals Wednesday evening. Although the women's boxing club was founded in 1997, this will be the first time women spar in public at Notre Dame.

"The club is fairly new and in the beginning it took awhile to establish a club before you could throw the girls in front of people," said Shelley Skiba, co-president of the club and a four-year member. "But I've always wanted to do this."

It was a proposal to RecSports

written by Skiba and fellow co-president Laura Young that made public sparring possible for women this year.

Young told The Observer in previous interviews that although the idea of public matches for women had seemed implausible to previous club presidents, their proposal for this year met little opposition.

Skiba agreed and said that past captains had felt it would be "pushing their luck" for the women to request University resources for public fights.

This year, however, Rich O'Leary, director of intramurals and club sports for the Athletic Department, said he was looking forward to the women's exhibition matches.

"I think we're anxious to see the progress the women have made in our boxing club," he said.

Each of the 12 contenders was chosen from among more than 100 members of the women's

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Group organizes Heartland petition

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

In an effort to generate support from a large cross-section of Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, student organizers of the Heartland boycott have started a petition campaign.

The group is upset over alleged discriminatory remarks made to Notre Dame senior Kristine Rosario on Jan. 30 by a Heartland bouncer. Rosario, who is from Puerto Rico, said the bouncer told her that her identification could not be accepted because it was not an American ID. Rosario also said the bouncer asked her for a passport and fur-

ther discriminated against her. Rosario, who is 21, said she was ultimately denied access to the bar that night.

As citizens of a U.S. commonwealth, Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens and have all the legal rights and privileges as those who live in the 50 states.

The group of students protesting the alleged discrimination will have tables set up in LaFortune until Friday to make the petition accessible to as many students as possible.

"We are using tables to vocalize the information and to raise student awareness," said Shamus Rohn, a student organizer for the

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ND backs UM admission policy

◆ ND files a brief in
favor of affirmative
action policy

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Notre Dame and 37 other private colleges and universities filed a brief this week to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies.

"We have a keen interest in the Supreme Court case because we strongly feel that we and other universities should be allowed to consider race as one of a number of factors in deciding which students to admit," said Matt Storin,

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Private Institutions in Support of the University of Michigan's Affirmative Action Policy	
Carnegie Mellon University	New School University
American University	New York University
Belmont University	Northwestern University
Boston College	Occidental College
Brandeis University	Pepperdine University
Bucknell University	Rhode Island School of Design
California Institute of Tech	Saint Louis University
Case Western Reserve University	Syracuse University
College of the Holy Cross	The Catholic University of America
DePaul University	The George Washington University
Dickinson College	The University of Notre Dame
Drexel University	The University of Miami
Duquesne University	The University of Rochester
Elizabethown College	The University of San Francisco
Emory University	The University of Scranton
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Villanova University
Gettysburg College	Washington and Lee University
Goucher College	Washington University
Johns Hopkins University	
Marquette University	

INSIDE COLUMN

It could be worse

For anyone who doesn't know me, I'm quick to vocalize my dislike for South Bend weather. As a native Floridian, I feel I've earned that right and it's a right I make use of pretty often.

Freshman year, for example, I complained my way through a blizzard. Last year also provided me with opportunities to voice my dislike of the region's weather with an ice storm and frequent days with wind chills in the zero and below range.

I am, however, one to give credit when it's due. If, like me, you've been following the weather reports recently, you'll see that Indiana isn't such a bad place to be right now.

Sure we've gotten our share of lake-effect snow, painful winds and sunless days but this doesn't even compare with what the East Coast is going through right now.

It's scary but South Bend's gray, snowless skies are looking pretty good for the time being.

Take New York City, for example. The city received over 20 inches of snow in the past few days from a blizzard. Washington D.C. temporarily closed its Baltimore-Washington and National airports after it got a record 28.2 inches of snow. Likewise, snow from the blizzard pummeled Philadelphia, forcing the city to cancel school.

And here's one more reason to be glad you're not a Boston College Eagle: the city is buried under several feet of snow. Boston may have more cultural and nightlife opportunities than South Bend, but at least we don't have to put on cross-country skis for the trek to class.

Worse still, meteorologists anticipate that the East Coast will receive rain in the next few days, which, coupled with the excessive snowfall, could cause flooding.

Even warm, sunny Florida has been hurting recently. Several weeks ago a cold front moved in that set record lows in Orlando and produced snow flurries in the Daytona Beach area.

When you look at the rest of the country, South Bend's gray skies, light snowfall and February temperatures seem downright temperate.

Expect temperatures in the upper 30s and lower 40s this week and maybe even a little sunshine. Enjoy it while you can. Who knows where you'll be for spring break.

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WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
Senate approves new chief of staff	U.S. convicts first terrorism suspect	Blizzard strains state and local budgets	Carefully consider prospect of war	Scene checks out the latest movies	Swimming teams head to New York
Members unanimously approved Henry Scott as the new chief of staff Wednesday.	Mounir el Motassadeq received the maximum sentence Wednesday of 15 years.	Recent harsh snowstorms in the Northeast hurts state and local budgets already strained from nation wide state budget deficits.	English Professor Jacqueline Brogan says the United States and Iraq must work to end their war of words.	"Talk to Her" gets a thumbs up from reviewers, but "Daredevil" disappoints.	The Big East swimming championships begin today in Uniondale, N.Y.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Discussion with Tyrone Willingham "Football and Character" 8:15 a.m. at the Monogram Room, Joyce Center
- ◆ The Tempest, performed by Actors from the London Stage 7:30 p.m. at Washington Hall
- ◆ Bengal Bouts 6-10 p.m. at Joyce Center Fieldhouse

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ CWIL meeting 4 p.m. at Haggard 303
- ◆ Careers in Business Dinner 5:30 p.m. at North Wedge Room
- ◆ Residence Hall Association Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Haggard 304

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Employee reports theft from Law School

A university employee reported Tuesday morning the theft of a flower arrangement from the second floor of the Law School between 4:15 a.m. on Sunday and 8:30 a.m. on Monday. There are no suspects

Student reports verbal confrontation

A Notre Dame student reported Tuesday that a verbal altercation with another student occurred on Saturday morning near Fisher Graduate Housing.

NDSP tows student vehicle

Police towed a student's vehicle Tuesday afternoon for a parking violation.

Bike stolen near Loftus

A Notre Dame student reported that her locked freestanding bike was taken from outside the Loftus Sports Center on Tuesday between 3:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. There are no suspects in the case.

~compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Shrimp spaghetti, southwestern pasta sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, pretzel sticks, walnut plum chicken breast, long grain and wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, cherry crisp, cheddar-baked pollock, vegetable rice casserole, baked potatoes, cauliflower

Today Dinner's: Shrimp spaghetti, southwestern pasta sauce, tomato pizza, pretzel sticks, apple turnover, roast turkey breast, bread stuffing, brown sauce, turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, asparagus cuts and tips, cherry crisp, broccoli quiche

South Dining Hall

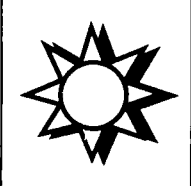
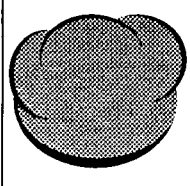
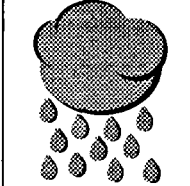
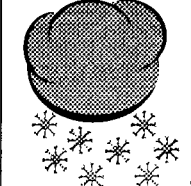
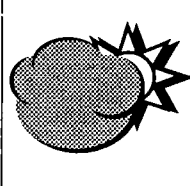
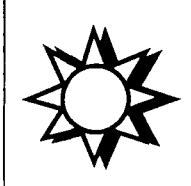
Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chops, rotisserie chicken, winter-blend vegetables, boulangere potatoes, herb-baked pollock, wild rice pilaf with pine nuts, honey-orange glazed carrots, scalloped corn casserole, tangy grilled chicken sandwich, steakhouse fries, soft pretzels, szechuan vegan noodles

Today Dinner's: Amatriciana, sausage calzones, cauliflower au gratin, zum zum potato salad, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, parselled potatoes, rice valencienne, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked pork

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Pasta, spaghetti sauce, potato wedges, French fries, veggie burgers, chicken patties, chicken noodle soup, salad bar

Today's Dinner: Cake, pasta, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, broccoli, salad bar, French fries, pasta saute

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's article "Historian's lecture addresses Holocaust," the speaker's name was misspelled. The correct spelling is Professor Robert Marrus. The Observer regrets this error.

Kennedy discusses American success after World War II

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

The United States was successful in winning World War II because of specific policy decisions regarding military tactics and economic decisions made by U.S. leaders, said David Kennedy, a Stanford University history professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Kennedy addressed the World War II period in his lecture Wednesday titled "How the United States Won World War II."

Kennedy set out to show how America rebounded after the most severe economic depression in the nation's history, the United States became one of the most powerful countries by the end of World War II.

According to Kennedy, several major decisions and events ensured that America emerged as a major player in international affairs.

The first decision regarded the way the United States fought its enemies.

According to Kennedy, this question was resolved on Aug. 17, 1942, when a squadron of U.S. air bombers raided a train yard controlled by the Nazis.

The deliberate decision to

attack with air strikes set the United States' war-fighting pattern for the duration of the war and allowed America to spare lives but bring munitions to the front to inflict damage, said Kennedy.

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"Air power, if properly developed... could over-fly the traditional battlefield to hit the industrial heart of the economy."

David Kennedy
history professor

We see the logic of American preferred fighting strategy to fight from the air, to develop weapons systems that could spare American lives and would take advantage of American assets," said Kennedy.

The second decision Kennedy discussed involved Donald Nelson, a civilian U.S. government official who oversaw the American economy as it shifted to wartime production.

Nelson believed that the "pace of mobilization the country was trying to reach...was not feasible," said Kennedy. Nelson convinced the government to

"[It] proved one thing conclusively - that the Soviets would not be defeated by a superior German force in the field."

David Kennedy
History professor

slow economic production, thereby avoiding the risk of dampening the civilian economy.

The direct effect of this decision, Kennedy said, was that major events of the war, such as the D-Day landings in France on June 6, 1944, were postponed.

Also, the reduced production allowed the wartime economy to grow and enabled Americans to bring themselves out of the Great Depression.

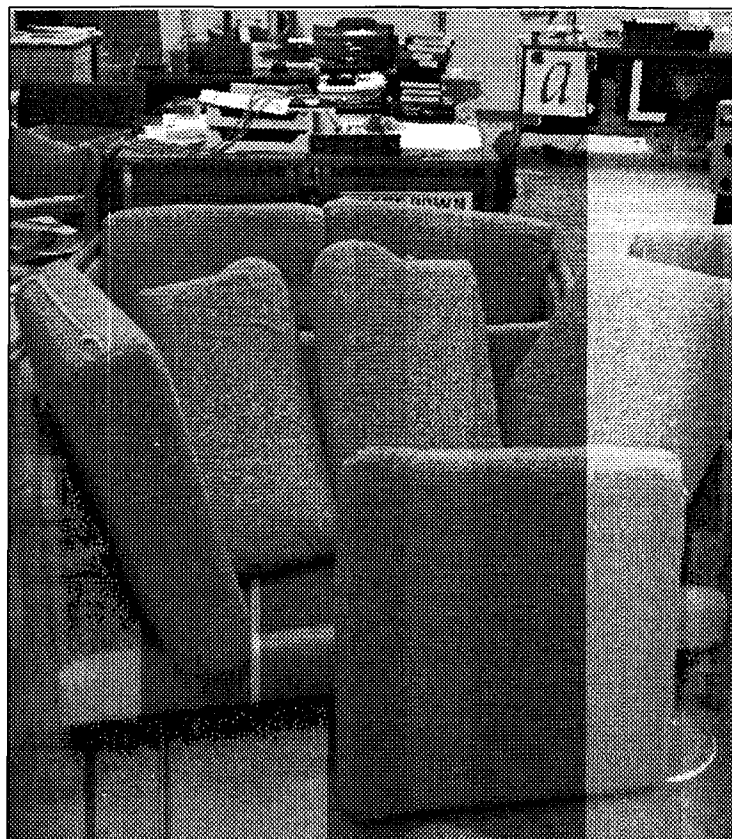
Kennedy's third point concerned the battle between the Soviets and Nazis at Stalingrad. "[It] proved one thing conclusively - that the Soviets would not be defeated by a superior German force in the field."

The victory of the Soviets at Stalingrad, Kennedy said, allowed the United States to continue in its war-fighting strategy of attack by air bombers, thus strengthening its position in the war.

Kennedy concluded by saying that these deliberate decisions by the United

States allowed a "contest of attrition in which America had the time to produce the technology needed" to win the war.

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CHRIS ORENCHUK/The Observer

Janitors cleaned red punch from couches Wednesday in the SUB office and set them out to dry.

Vandalism occurs in SUB office

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

The front rooms of the Student Union Board office were vandalized Wednesday afternoon, said Andrew Lam, student chief controller for SUB.

According to Lam, several desks, couches and a stereo at the office were covered with red punch. In addition, flowers and cookies were ground into the office carpet.

The office is located on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

Lam said the punch, cookies and flowers were left over from Sophomore Literary Festival activities held last week. "Somebody trashed our office," said Lam. "Punch was spilled all over some couches. As far as we know nothing was stolen."

Lam said the desks will still be usable but all of the papers

on the desks, which belong to SUB programmers, were ruined by the punch. Lam also said that the stereo and couches would still be usable.

The mess created in the office was quickly cleaned up by Notre Dame janitors, said Lam.

"Everybody is really grateful," Lam said.

The mess was discovered in the afternoon by janitors, who then notified the SUB adviser, Brian Coughlin. Coughlin notified Lam and others officers on the SUB.

Lam said that the SUB has not yet notified Notre Dame Security Police about the vandalism. He said the group would wait until Friday to contact NDSP and hoped that someone would come forward with information about who might have been involved with the vandalism.

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STUDENT SENATE

Bishop welcomes new chief of staff

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

The Senate unanimously approved Henry Scott as chief of staff Wednesday.

Scott, a sophomore from Sorin Hall, previously served as assistant chief of staff in the Office of the Student Body President.

"His enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism impressed me from the minute I started working with him and I am highly impressed with his management ability and he is well suited for the position," said Libby Bishop, student body president.

Scott replaces Hallahan, who resigned last week due to a conflict of policy positions with Bishop, specifically regarding hall dances.

Scott said he will manage the

office efficiently and work towards accomplishing the goals of the office in the remaining month and a half before Pat Hallahan, student body president elect, is sworn in on Apr. 1.

The Senate passed a resolution to bestow the title of emeritus upon Hallahan for his dedication and hard work while he served as chief of staff.

In other Senate News:

♦ The Senate unanimously approved Donald Norton as student union treasurer for 2003-04.

♦ The Senate amended the Constitution and now the Celebrating

Diversity Workshop will only be mandatory for new senators elected in April. The Constitution formerly required all senators to attend, including those elected in December for the spring semester.

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Libby Bishop
Student body president

Michigan

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associate vice president for news and information.

Michigan and its supporters are arguing that the 1978 Bakke decision, which declared quota systems unconstitutional in university admissions, set a legitimate precedent.

Since it did not strike down the consideration of race in admissions but recognized the benefits of diverse student bodies, the University says its policies are still constitutional and necessary.

Carnegie Mellon University initiated the amicus, or "friend of the court," brief.

According to this brief, the institutions in support of Michigan, "do not suggest every college or university must consider race in the same way, or even at all, when selecting students for admission. They do suggest, however, that selective private colleges and universities cannot achieve meaningful diversity on their campuses without continuing to have that academic tool at their disposal."

Carol Kaesebier, Notre Dame vice president and general counsel, who was involved with asserting the University's position in the brief, said it was important for the University to support Michigan's policies because institutions need diverse student bodies. In reading several drafts of the brief since January, she said Notre Dame evaluated specific criteria.

"One, it's important to have a

diverse community, and two, as a private university it's very difficult to accomplish that without any consideration at all of race and; three, race should be one of many factors that a university considers because we're looking at each candidate as an individual and what they can bring to our community," Kaesebier said.

The current undergraduate admissions policy for Michigan ranks students on a 150-point scale and stipulates that applicants may receive up to 20 points for "membership in an underrepresented minority group, socioeconomic disadvantage, attendance at a predominantly minority high school, athletics or at the Provost's discretion."

In Michigan's law school, while there is no 20-point system, race is still considered as a factor in admissions.

Michigan is being challenged in two separate cases that both attack its admissions policies. One case, Grutter v. Bollinger, involves its law school admissions policy and the other case, Gratz v. Bollinger, challenges the policy of Michigan's largest undergraduate school, the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

The cases were both filed in 1997 by Jennifer Gratz and Patrick Hamacher in the Gratz case and Barbara Grutter in the Grutter case. All three cases involved Michigan applicants who were not accepted into the University and are arguing that the Michigan policy discriminates against them. They are being represented by the Center for Individual Rights.

According to the Michigan news office, more than 60 briefs will be filed, representing over 300 organizations. Tuesday was the deadline for briefs.

At this point, Storin said there is only speculation as to how the Michigan cases will affect other institutions.

"No one knows what the extent of such a ruling might be and ideally we would like to help the University of Michigan win these two cases," he said.

Pointing out the recent announcement by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions that it has received a record number of applicants, Storin said this could help Notre Dame's own efforts to achieve a more diverse student body.

While Notre Dame is an affirmative action institution, assistant provost of admissions Dan Saracino said that its policy is not a quota system. However, with a student body that is 84 percent white and 16 percent minority, the University admissions officials and other administrators say that using race as a factor in admissions would help to increase racial and ethnic diversity.

"We at Notre Dame are not satisfied at this point that we've achieved the level of diversity that we'd like to achieve and we continue to work toward approving our numbers," Storin said.

The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments April 1. At present, lower courts have ruled in favor of Michigan.

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A Look Inside

In light of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, it is important that we all acknowledge the sad reality that we are a society plagued with eating disorders and poor body image. We are a culture that worships thinness at any cost. The media is filled with images of thin models who look happy, successful, smart, and sexy. However, this is far from reality. The diet industry spends over 37 billion dollars yearly and the cosmetic industry spends over 20 billion dollars yearly to convince women and men that they need to be different from their natural state. The relentless bombardment from the media and advertising is highly detrimental to our health and well-being. Statistics show that 80% of fourth grade girls have already dieted. An estimated 10 percent of female college students suffer from a clinical or sub-clinical (borderline) eating disorder, of which over half suffer from bulimia nervosa. In a survey published in Psychology Today, 41% of respondents said that they would give up five years of their life in order to be thin.

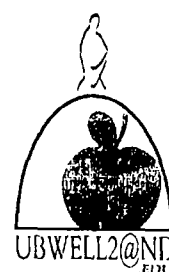
On the flip side to our obsession with thinness is our disgust of fat. The media stereotypes overweight people as lazy, stupid, and lacking willpower. Despite our attempts to combat these fallacies, activists in the women's movement and size-acceptance field, along with eating disorders therapists and educators, have made little progress towards changing our culture's highly unrealistic and unhealthy standards of beauty and narrow gender roles. However, each of us as individuals can choose to rise above the cultural obsession and repression. As the UBWELL2 committee, we are dedicated to the physical, emotional, and spiritual health and well being of all the students and faculty. We challenge you to take a deep honest look at yourself. Are you promoting a healthy accepting environment or are your thoughts, comments, and behaviors contributing to the destruction of our society? Here are some things you might consider...

OR

- Do I surround myself with people who are concerned with weight and strive for unhealthy standards of beauty?
- Do I comment on what others or I eat?
- Do I talk about how I am on a diet or how I need to be on a diet?
- Do I boast to others when I miss a meal?
- Do I make insensitive remarks about eating disorders?
- Do I exercise solely for weight-loss?
- Do I surround myself with media that promotes thinness?
- Do I directly or indirectly support the assumption that people should not be overweight?
- Do I refer to food as "good" or "bad"?
- Do I express guilt about eating certain foods?
- Do I tell or laugh at "fat jokes"?
- Do I assume that someone is doing well because he or she has lost weight?
- Do I idolize people just for their physical appearance?
- Do I judge people's bodies, especially in the dining hall?
- Do I use the mirror or scale as a measure of self-worth?
- Do I hold on to small clothes as a prompt for losing weight?

- Do I surround myself with people who are positive and respectful of their bodies?
- Do I discourage self-criticism and competitiveness?
- Do I openly admire the appearance of someone who is overweight?
- Do I encourage or admire self-acceptance and self-appreciation?
- Do I feel satisfied with my body, shape, and size?
- Do I challenge myths about diet and weight?
- Do I reject how the media stereotypes people according to weight?
- Do I refuse to buy beauty or weight-loss magazines?
- Do I eat healthfully and exercise moderately?
- Do I allow time for relaxation?
- Do I realize that my actions and comments influence others?
- Do I embrace my own individuality and assert my own unique identity?

See UBWELL2's ad in yesterday's Observer to see what we will be doing this month to promote a healthy lifestyle. If you or someone you know is struggling with an eating disorder, services are available at the University's Counseling Center.



GERMANY

Moroccan receives 15 years for involvement in 9/11

Associated Press

HAMBURG

A Moroccan received the maximum 15-year sentence Wednesday for helping the al-Qaida hijackers who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks — the first conviction anywhere of a suspect in the terror plot against the United States.

Mounir el Motassadeq, 28, showed no emotion but occasionally shook his head or checked his watch as he listened to the verdict finding him guilty of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder.

El Motassadeq helped pay tuition and rent for members of the Hamburg-based al-Qaida cell — allowing them to live as students as they plotted the attacks, prosecutors said.

Judge Albrecht Mentz said el Motassadeq lied when he testified he was unaware of the plot despite being close friends with suicide hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and other cell members.

The defendant was “a cog that kept the machinery going,” Mentz said. He “belonged to this group since its inception. ... He knew and approved the key elements of the planned attacks.”

Sept. 11 victims’ relatives who participated in the trial as co-plaintiffs — some offering emo-

tional testimony that Mentz said prompted him to impose the maximum sentence — praised the verdict.

Joan Molinaro of New York City said she was “thrilled.”

“It’s the first small victory we’ve had since 9/11,” said Molinaro, whose firefighter son Carl was killed at the World Trade Center. “I kind of feel like, ‘OK, Carl, we got one,’” she said. “I think my son is smiling.”

Another New Yorker, Kathy Ashton — whose son Tommy was killed at the World Trade Center — called the 15-year sentence “a drop in the bucket, especially for a young man, but at least it’s something.”

Interior Minister Otto Schily hailed the verdict as a “success in the fight” against terror. “It is a warning to all those who think they can toy with the idea of aligning themselves with terrorist networks.”

While suspects in the plot detained in the United States face possible death sentences if convicted, el Motassadeq’s sentence — the maximum allowed under German law — translates into a minimum of 10 years with 15 months off for time served.

Even defendants in Germany sentenced to life in prison generally serve at most 15 years.

El Motassadeq, a slight,



AFP Photo

Mounir el Motassadeq looks at his watch as he stands between his two lawyers in a Hamburg courtroom. Motassadeq, convicted of helping the Hamburg-based al-Qaida cell that led the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S., was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

bearded man who admitted receiving al-Qaida training in Afghanistan, denied the charges during his 3 1/2-month trial. The defense, which had argued the evidence was circumstan-

tial, said it would appeal.

In addition to 3,066 counts of accessory to murder, el Motassadeq was convicted of five counts of being an accessory to attempted murder and an

accessory to bodily injury — charges introduced so five wounded survivors of the attacks, including a Navy officer at the Pentagon, could join the trial as co-plaintiffs.

IRAN

Plane crash kills 302 elite Revolutionary Guard soldiers

Associated Press

TEHRAN

A military plane carrying 302 people, all members of the elite Revolutionary Guards, crashed in the mountains of southeastern Iran on Wednesday and all on board were killed, state-run media reported.

The plane was en route from Zahedan, on the Pakistan border, to Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran, state-run Tehran television reported.

It crashed in a mountainous area about 20 miles from its destination.

The Russian-made Antonov airliner

operated by Turkey’s military lost contact with the control tower at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to the reports.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said rescuers had reached the crash site and that all 302 people on board had been killed.

It said the plane’s passengers and crew were all members of the Revolutionary Guards. Earlier reports said 270 were aboard, but the latest media updates didn’t explain the increase.

State television and radio did not offer reasons for the crash and did not address the possibility of terrorism.

There was heavy snowfall in many

parts of Iran on Wednesday, including in Zahedan, which hadn’t seen snow in three years.

Tehran television quoted an anonymous official as saying the forces had visited the impoverished Sistan-Baluchestan province, of which Zahedan is the capital, for an “important mission.” The Revolutionary Guards are seen as the defenders of Iran’s Islamic regime.

The government issued a statement offering condolences to the families of the victims, television and radio reports said.

Iranians were preparing for an Islamic holiday on Thursday, the feast of Velayat, when Shiites believe Islam’s prophet

Mohammad appointed his son-in-law, Ali, as his successor.

Wednesday’s crash was the latest in a string of air disasters in Iran mostly involving Russian-built aircraft.

A Ukrainian An-140 aircraft flew into a mountainside Dec. 23, 2002, while preparing to land at an airport near the central city of Isfahan, killing all the estimated 46 scientists aboard.

In February 2002, a Russian-made Tupolev Tu-154 airliner, carrying 119 people, smashed into snow-covered mountains not far from its destination of Khorramabad, 230 miles southwest of Tehran.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Gaza City battle kills 11 Palestinians:

Israeli tanks and soldiers battled Palestinian militants in the streets of Gaza City before dawn Wednesday in violence that left 11 Palestinians dead, including a suicide bomber who tried to blow up a tank, Palestinians said. The Israeli forces said they were targeting Palestinian metal workshops that manufacture mortars and rockets.

Turkey, U.S. fail to agree on deployment:

Turkey and the United States failed again Wednesday to agree on the size of an economic aid package that would open the way for Turkey’s parliament to approve the deployment of tens of thousands of U.S. combat soldiers. Turkey has delayed a vote on the troops, saying a multibillion-dollar aid package must first be approved that would compensate Ankara for any losses during a war with Iraq.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gephardt announces presidential run:

Rep. Dick Gephardt, a 26-year veteran of Congress who failed to return Democrats to power in the House, announced his candidacy for president Wednesday with a broad attack on Bush administration policies he said “left us isolated in the world, and stranded here at home.” Entering a crowded Democratic field, the Missouri lawmaker promised to repeal Bush’s tax cuts and use the savings to deliver health insurance to “everyone who works in America.”

Chicago Club owner may face charges:

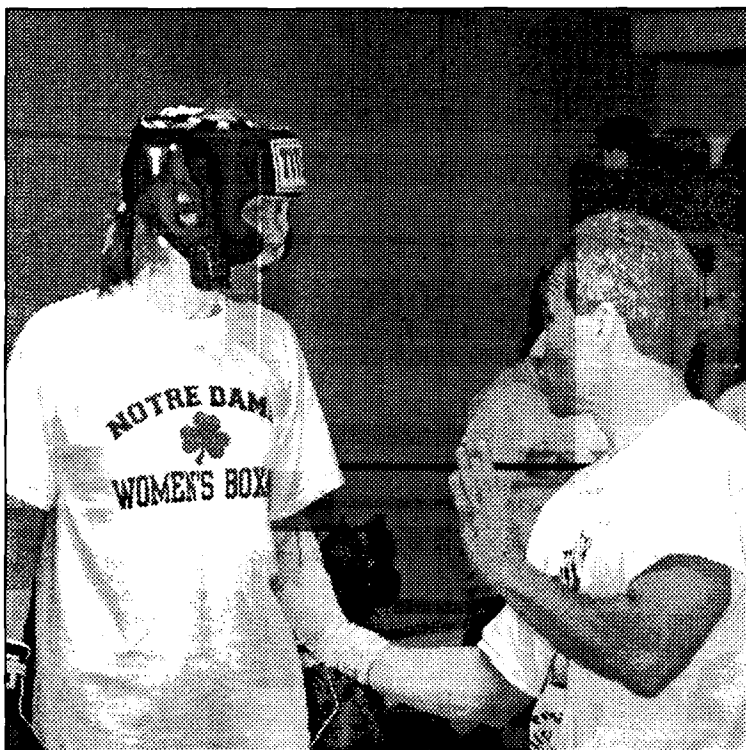
The owner of a nightclub where 21 people died in a stampede down a stairway could face fines and more than a year in jail for criminal contempt of court, officials say. “This was a disaster that absolutely should never have happened,” said Mayor Richard Daley.

Police return to woman’s home:

Investigators will return to the home of missing pregnant woman Laci Peterson on Wednesday, a day after removing dozens of bags and boxes of potential evidence from the house. Police Detective Doug Ridenour downplayed the significance of Tuesday’s search, saying the it was routine and did not unearth a big break in the case. The follow-up search came after police said they made unspecified new findings in the case.

Feds announce plans for arming pilots:

Commercial pilots who want to carry guns in the cockpit would have to undergo psychological and background checks before being selected for a five-day training program under a plan announced by the Transportation Security Administration. The first group of 48 pilots could begin training in a month, the agency said.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

The Notre Dame womens boxing coach instructs a player in a boxing move in preparation for the Bengal Bouts.

Women

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boxing club, which is one of the largest women's boxing programs in the country. Skiba said they were selected by club captains based primarily upon skill, presence under pressure, seniority and dedication to the club.

Each match will last for two 1 minute, 45 second rounds — a total of 3 1/2 minutes of sparring. There will be no scoring, thus no winner or loser will be declared at the end of each fight.

"I think [the women's fights] will be a lot less brutal [than the men's] and more stylistically sound," said Skiba. "We're concentrating on demonstrating our ability, not beating an opponent."

"The guys are going after a jacket," Skiba added, referring to the coveted Bengal Bout championship title male boxers vie for in a number of weight classes.

"We expect to be scrutinized more closely than the guys. That's why we've been working so hard," she said.

Sunday's fights begin at 1 p.m. and will feature Theresa Pagana vs. Kerry Phillips, Jody Kahn vs. Christina Noetzel and Kim Dunn vs. Sara Sweeney. Wednesday's

fights, featuring Lauren Conti vs. Skiba, Bethany Barker vs. Young, Amanda Borys vs. Sarah Ponko, begin at 7 p.m.

This weekend's fights follow weeks of work. The women's boxing club training regimen usually requires five or six two-hour practices per week which are broken into an hour of calisthenics, including 200 jumping jacks, a 3-mile run, 200 push-ups and 1,000 sit-ups, before an hour of training in footwork, stance and major punches like the jab and power. The second hour of practice for the last two weeks, however, has been dedicated to sparring.

"There's not a reason for us not to fight in public," Skiba said. "I think we've all been surprised by how supportive everyone has been. But we work our butts off down there and it's a chance to showcase that talent. [The upcoming public sparring] has helped the morale of the club a lot."

Skiba is also aware of the stigmas attached with women fighting. She saw the first women's Golden Gloves tournament while studying abroad in Australia and remembers many cat-calls and inappropriate comments from the audience there.

"There was heckling and we

don't want that," Skiba said of her expectations for this weekend's crowd. "But we want the crowd's support. We want them to get into it."

O'Leary, likewise is interested to see how not only the audience but the women boxers will get into the upcoming fights.

"I'm excited to see how the women will react and how the club will react [after these bouts], whether they'll take it to the next level," he said.

Though a graduating senior, like many of the women sparring Sunday and Wednesday, Skiba's intention is for the club to take it to "the next level" — or, a full night of scored women's bouts next winter.

She said, "The women are really working together to showcase the club this year."

Admission to the women's exhibition fights is included in the cost of Bengal Bouts tickets. The Bengal Bouts have been an annual men's boxing tournament since 1931 to raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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FIGHT SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb 23

at 1 p.m.

Theresa Pagana vs.

Kerry Phillips

Jody Kahn vs.

Christina Noetzel

Kim Dunn vs. Sara

Sweeney

Wednesday, Feb 26

at 7 p.m.

Lauren Conti vs.

Shelley Skiba

Bethany Barker vs.

Laura Young

Amanda Borys vs.

Sarah Ponko

All fights will be

held in Joyce center fieldhouse.

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Students consider civic responsibility

By LINDA SKALSKI
News Writer

The fact that only 28 percent of 18-to-24 year olds voted in the 2000 elections spurred Bridget Purdue, Maura Kelly and Jesse Flores to organize three student dinner discussions on the link between direct service and civil engagement for young people.

About 20 students participated in the dialogues held Feb. 13, Tuesday and Wednesday and brainstormed ways to encourage youth involved in service to become more politically active.

The purpose of these dialogues was to bring students together and initiate conversation that is not typically had over dinner, said Kelly.

"The goal is not to come to an end, but to circulate ideas to effect change," she said. "What we hope is that one or two of the people there will later have a conversation with someone else or that they will think about things in a new way."

While the students had extensive experience in service activities, their civic involvement was minimal. Several students questioned what the term "civic engagement" meant.

"It's funny because civic engagement is one of the most important ways to do real Christian service, but I really can't think of anything that I have done," said senior Andrew DeBerry.

Students at the Tuesday dinner cited apathy and a lack of

self-confidence as major reasons for low student participation in civic activities.

"Young people feel naïve and that their opinions will change," said Davin Costa. "So we are afraid to take a stance."

The prevalence of this thinking among Notre Dame students caused participants to question how a young, single mother from the working class might feel about political participation. "She probably feels unworthy of making a change," said Kelly.

At the Tuesday dinner, the students discussed possible solutions for increasing civic engagement. The participants suggested empowering young people with knowledge of basic government activities, such as how a bill becomes a law and where to find the voting record of politicians.

"The information is there and available to us," said Teresa Hansen. "If we don't take advantage of it we are selling ourselves short."

The overall consensus at the discussions was that the role of government in enacting social change is as essential as service activities.

"Many students say that they do service because they feel that it is their responsibility as people of faith to serve others. I would like to suggest that we have just as much of a responsibility as people of faith to be informed citizens who participate actively in our

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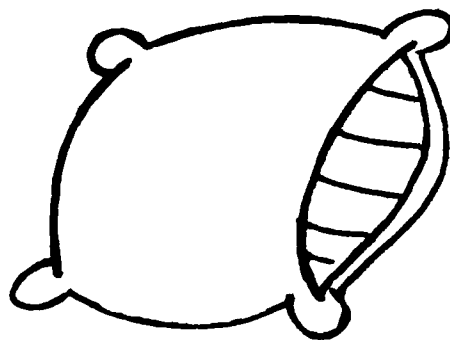
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MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-1.72	-0.43	24.53
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IN BRIEF

Wachovia, Prudential form unit:

Experts were impressed but Wall Street didn't celebrate right away when Wachovia Corp. and Prudential Financial Inc. agreed Wednesday to combine their retail brokerage units, forming the nation's third-largest brokerage firm.

The new firm will have \$537 billion in assets. Executives with Wachovia, the nation's fourth-largest bank, and Prudential, told analysts it would be based in Richmond, Va., and be called Wachovia Securities.

Under the agreement, Charlotte-based Wachovia will own 62 percent of the new firm and Prudential, based in Newark, N.J., will control 38 percent. Some 1,750 jobs will be eliminated and 131 offices will be closed by 2005, moves that will save \$220 million, the companies said.

Judge: IPO lawsuits can proceed:

Thousands who say investment banks cheated them of billions of dollars by plotting to make Internet companies skyrocket in value when they went public cleared a legal hurdle when a judge refused to toss their claims.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin said investors presented "a coherent scheme" in which the banks joined with Internet companies to defraud the public by hiding secret deals and analyst conflicts to artificially inflate new shares and deliver a payoff to insiders. The plaintiffs charged that the banking companies required their customers who wanted a piece of initial public offerings to pay undisclosed compensation and to engage in tie-in deals which guaranteed they would buy more stock on the open market.

In her ruling, Scheindlin said she considered the claims and counterclaims made in more than 1,000 lawsuits filed in Manhattan from Jan. 11, 2001 through Dec. 6, 2001. Investors allege the value of their holdings plummeted as a result of the alleged fraud in connection with 309 initial public offerings of stock, including those of shares in theglobe.com, Global Crossing and MP3.com.

Blizzard saps states' budgets

◆ East Coast cities estimate storms will cost millions

Associated Press

BOSTON
Backs aren't the only things hurting as residents of the Northeast shovel away mounds of snow left by the year's first blizzard. State and city budgets also are strained.

While the storm meant a pile of green for plow drivers, clearing away all the snow was a monumental headache for governments already wrestling with fiscal shortfalls.

The storm, blamed for 53 deaths, finally headed out to sea after taking a parting shot at Boston, which got a record 27.5 inches by the time the snow stopped falling Tuesday morning.

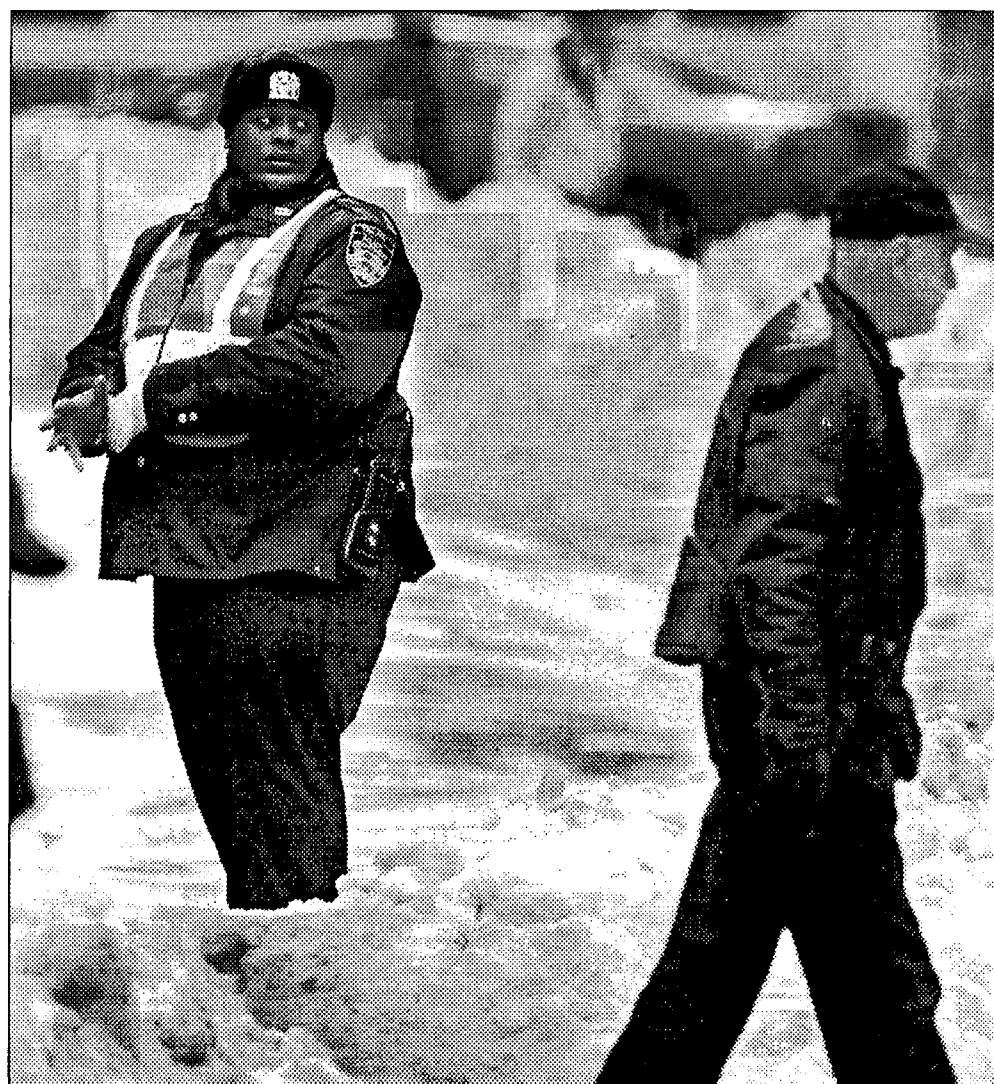
While the storm was gone, many schools remained closed Wednesday, including all Philadelphia public and parochial schools, because of snow-clogged and slippery streets and roads.

But the trouble isn't over yet. Rain expected later this week combined with melting snow has residents throughout the region braced for flooding.

The storm cost Massachusetts between \$7 million and \$8 million in snow removal, bringing the state's total so far this year to at least \$62 million. The state had budgeted only \$16 million in fiscal 2003 for snow removal.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the storm would cost the city \$20 million — about \$1 million for each inch of snow. Maryland's State Highway Administration was already \$14 million over budget before the President's Day storm, which Gov. Robert Ehrlich estimated had cost the state an additional \$20 million to \$30 million.

The storm is expected to cost cash-strapped New Jersey about \$14 million.



A New York City police officer watches pedestrians walk past melting snow in Times Square. The city is still recovering from the worst blizzard to hit the region in seven years.

"We had a snow budget of \$15 million," said Jack Lettiere, New Jersey's acting transportation commissioner. "And we had spent \$30 million before this storm even started."

Baltimore-Washington National Airport got 28.2 inches, its highest on record, according to the National Weather Service. And it was the fourth-heaviest on record for New York City — 19.8 inches in Central Park.

The snowstorm could have been worse, some state officials said, coming as it did on a long holiday weekend when many businesses were closed.

"This has been one of those storms where things could go either way, and it's gone the right way every

time for us," said Peter Judge, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "It was sort of Murphy's Law in reverse."

Twelve weather-related deaths were reported in Pennsylvania, with two in Illinois, seven in West Virginia, six in Missouri, two in Virginia, eight in Maryland, four in New York, four in Iowa and one each in Nebraska, Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The Maryland victims included four children killed by carbon monoxide while sitting in snowbound vehicles.

Three people died in Tennessee, including a 7-year-old girl whose body was found Tuesday, two days after the car she was riding in was swept away by

a flood. Her 12-year-old brother was still missing.

Authorities warned of the danger of roofs collapsing under the weight of snow. New Jersey's death was caused by a collapse and one person was injured in Massachusetts when a warehouse fell in. Thirteen poultry houses collapsed in West Virginia, killing about 325,000 chickens and turkeys.

White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., lost one of its Civic Center buildings, which held offices and exercise class space. "The walls buckled and the whole building was folding in on itself," said Mayor Debbie Fogus.

Many West Virginia residents are bracing for more flooding as the snow melts and heavy rain is likely later in the week.

Oil price is highest since Gulf War

Associated Press

NEW YORK
The price of oil is nearing levels not seen since 1990 as the U.S. prepares for a potential war in Iraq at a time when crude supplies are extremely tight.

The March crude contract rose 20 cents Wednesday to finish the day at \$37.16 per barrel, a new 29-month peak.

Oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange are just a nickel shy of closing at their highest level since Oct. 16, 1990.

"People have to understand that we went into the beginning of this

year with very low stocks," said Lawrence Goldstein, president of the New York-based Petroleum Industry Research Foundation. Since then, oil prices have jumped 19 percent — a trend Goldstein and other oil analysts attribute to the increased likelihood of military action in Iraq.

Retail fuel prices have also soared. The average pump price of regular unleaded gasoline is now \$1.66 per gallon, 54 cents higher than a year ago, according to Energy Department statistics. A gallon of diesel averages \$1.70, or 55 cents higher than last year, according to the agency.

Oil traders have pushed prices higher out of supply concerns and fear that a war in Iraq could spur violence throughout the Middle East, leading to attacks against oil export facilities in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait. The short-term loss of Iraqi oil is less of a concern to U.S. markets, traders said.

Key U.S. imports of Venezuelan crude all but disappeared shortly after a nationwide strike began in December. As domestic supplies dwindled, many refiners lived hand-to-mouth, producing heating oil and gasoline with whatever oil they could find without keeping any in reserve.

'The Bachelorette' chooses firefighter

Associated Press

Roses are red, violets are blue, 'The Bachelorette' is history, and Charlie is, too.

Proving a stuffed whale and treacherously prose are the key to at least one girl's heart, television's most eligible bachelorette, Trista Rehn, fell for Ryan, the sensitive firefighter who tickled her fancy with poems.

Ryan Sutter, 27, of Vail, Colo., immediately dropped to his knees to ask the woman he'd known for six weeks to marry him. She said yes.

Hunk Charlie Maher was sent away, no doubt disappointing Rehn's star-struck family.

It was all the stuff of fairy tales, and ABC was certainly hoping Wednesday's last episode of 'The Bachelorette' was a happy ending in the ratings, too.

The reality series has faded in appeal compared to Fox's juggernaut, 'Joe Millionaire,' which averaged nearly 35 million viewers Monday. But it still was ABC's most popular show last week. The network stretched the final episode of 'The Bachelorette' to two hours, and it unfolded like a 500-page Hallmark card.

"The fact that I'm falling so hard for two guys at the same time is very stressful to me," said Rehn, the 29-year-old physical therapist and former Miami Heat cheerleader, setting up Wednesday's cliffhanger ending.

It was stressful for Sutter and Maher, too, who awkwardly tried to divine Rehn's true feelings between nuzzles and kisses.

One early hint it was a good night for Ryan: a quick camera shot showing her waking up clutching the stuffed whale he had bought for her earlier.

Rehn took both men home to meet the folks in St. Louis, the yellow leaves on trees a reminder that Wednesday's episode was filmed months ago. The handsome, easygoing Maher made Rehn's mother and stepmother swoon; they all but asked to watch when Maher said he occasionally clipped his chest hairs with a buzzer.

Sutter was more shy, but won points by privately asking Rehn's father if he could propose to his daughter.

Both men picked up sparkling engagement rings on Rehn's decision day, ready to spend the rest of their lives with a woman they'd courted on camera.

Tears dropped from Rehn's eyes when she informed Maher that her heart belonged to someone else. Driven away in a limousine, he said he felt like he'd been hit by a bus.

Instead, Sutter got the rose. "This day is a day I dreamed about my entire life," she said. "I see smiles and laughter, I see babies and grandbabies, I see comfort and safety. I see me in a white dress and I see it with you."

Ryan replied that he loved Trista "with every ounce of who I am."

Time will tell if television's dating game will work. As Rehn moved inexorably toward her decision, ABC continually hyped Thursday's interview with the winning couple from last fall's 'The Bachelor.'

Heartland

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petition.

Attempts to gain comment from employees at Heartland were unsuccessful.

Copies of the boycott letter have also been sent to resident assistants at Notre Dame to ensure that the petition is readily available to students in every dorm.

The petition states that "Heartland's management has a civic and social responsibility to ensure that this type of behavior is not repeated." It outlines the objectives for the boycott and stipulates three courses of action

the Heartland management must take if the boycott is to be ended: that Heartland's representatives make a public apology to Rosario in The Observer and the South Bend Tribune, send the bouncer in question to cultural diversity training and make a donation to La Casa de Amistad or El Buen Vecino, local Hispanic service organizations.

Members of the group hope the petition will successfully mobilize support from the Notre Dame community while the issue is still at the forefront of people's minds. Student organizers would like to secure at least 500 signatures on the petition before Rosario meets with Heartland management, which is expected to happen in the next week.

"Sending Kristine to the meeting with 500 signatures makes a statement," said Rohn.

While the petition campaign has its base on the Notre Dame campus, student organizers also want to involve the South Bend community by establishing contacts with the local chapters of the League of United Latin American Citizens and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Students have also discussed the possibility of persuading other local bars and clubs to host events similar to Heartland's college night, which takes place each Thursday.

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Country singer PayCheck dies at 64

Associated Press

Country singer Johnny PayCheck, the hard-drinking hell-raiser best known for his 1977 working man's anthem "Take This Job and Shove It," has died at 64.

PayCheck had been bedridden in a nursing home with emphysema and asthma. He died Tuesday, Grand Ole Opry spokeswoman Jessie Schmidt said.

Specializing in earthy, plain-spoken songs, PayCheck recorded 70 albums and had more than two dozen hit singles. His biggest hit was "Take This Job and Shove It," which inspired a movie by that name, and a title album that sold 2 million copies.

His other hits included "Don't Take Her, She's All I Got," (which was revived 25 years later in 1996 by Tracy Byrd), "I'm the Only Hell Mama Ever Raised," "Slide Off Your Satin Sheets," "Old Violin" and "You Can Have Her."

"My music's always been about life. And situations. Situation comedies, situation life," he said in 1997.

Several country artists said Wednesday that PayCheck will be missed.

"I think he spoke to the blue collar American public," Terri

Clark said. "He was a lifeline for real people who worked real jobs and who had to deal with life's hardships."

John Michael Montgomery noted that PayCheck's death followed by a year that of Waylon Jennings, another country music veteran.

"Those guys worked their butts off," Montgomery said. "They did it at a time when country music was hard all the way around. It was hard touring, it was hard getting your records played."

Early in his career, PayCheck played in George Jones' band, and the two later recorded an album called 'Double Trouble.'

"But later in life we both melted," Jones said Wednesday. "The world will miss a great country singer and I will miss my friend."

Born Donald Eugene Lytle on May 31, 1938, in Greenfield, Ohio, he took the name Johnny Paycheck in the mid-1960s about a decade after moving to Nashville to build a country music career. He began capitalizing the 'c' in PayCheck in the mid-1990s.

PayCheck's career was interrupted from 1989 to 1991 when he served two years in prison for shooting a man in the head in an Ohio bar in 1985.

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IRAQ

Saddam choses dignity over war

Associated Press

BAGHDAD
Saddam Hussein said Wednesday that Iraq doesn't want war with the United States, but peace cannot be kept at the expense of "our independence, our dignity" and freedom.

Speaking to a visiting delegation of Russian lawmakers, including Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, the Iraqi president said that if the United States carries out its threat to attack, Iraq will "triumph over it, God willing."

"Iraq doesn't want war," Saddam said. But he added that peace "at any cost" was unacceptable. "We will not relinquish our independence, our dignity and our right to live and act freely."

Saddam spoke as President Bush again urged the United Nations to threaten force to disarm Iraq. U.N. weapons inspectors, meanwhile, visited five sites involved in the manufacture of a missile that chief inspector Hans Blix said is proscribed.

Bush, who is facing growing international opposition to a war, criticized the United Nations for not forcing a resolution adopted after the 1991 Gulf War ordering Iraq to give up weapons of mass destruction.

"If the United Nations can't enforce its own resolution - a

resolution which, by the way, has been around for 12 years - it says something about its utility as we head into the future," he said.

Huge anti-war demonstrations around the world as well as opposition by many U.S. allies have delayed U.S. and British plans to introduce a new Security Council resolution finding Iraq in violation of U.N. orders.

On Wednesday, however, Britain's U.N. ambassador said his government will probably introduce a new draft resolution within days that will contain a deadline for Baghdad to show it is actively cooperating with weapons inspections. Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock told The Associated Press that he expected debate on the text to extend past March 1, when Blix is to issue his next report.

Meanwhile, Britain urged its citizens to leave Iraq immediately, citing the risk of "terrorist action" and of being taken hostage by the Iraqi government.

"If you are considering going to Iraq, you should be aware that British nationals were used as hostages during the 1990-91 crisis by the Iraqi regime, being held where their safety was at most risk," the advisory said Wednesday.

The Foreign Office also urged

Britons in Kuwait, the main springboard for a possible invasion of Iraq, to leave unless it was absolutely necessary for them to remain. It also increased travel warnings for Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Humanitarian agencies have warned that war could bring great suffering to the Iraqi people by disrupting supplies of food, medicine and drinking water.

However, Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh told reporters that authorities have distributed six months' worth of food rations to Iraqi families so they can prepare for a long war.

U.N. inspectors returned to Iraq in November after a four-year gap under a new, tougher Security Council resolution. The inspectors are trying to verify Iraq's claims that it no longer holds banned weapons.

On Feb. 14, chief inspector Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the U.N. nuclear control agency, told the Security Council that they detected some improvement in cooperation on the part of Saddam's government. But Blix also said inspectors found that Iraq's Al Samoud 2 missile exceeded the permitted range of 94 miles and chastised Iraq for not giving a full accounting of chemical and biological weapons programs.

On Wednesday, inspectors visited the al-Fida company, which is involved in the maintenance of Al Samoud launchers, the Ibn al-Haytham company, which manufactures and assembles Al Samouds, and a factory that makes the rocket's components, U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki said.

"We will not relinquish our independence, our dignity and our right to live and act freely."

Saddam Hussein
Iraqi president

IVORY COAST

France meets stiff resistance by locals

Associated Press

Government and rebel leaders sought Wednesday to allay fears of a return to all-out war in Ivory Coast, even as about 1,000 loyalist youths protested France's efforts to end five months of conflict in its former colony.

President Laurent Gbagbo met with the heads of the national army as well as French and West African peacekeeping forces and later told reporters he wanted Ivorians "to stop seeing the French forces as supporters of rebel movements."

His comments came only hours after young pro-government hard-liners gathered outside a French military base in the economic hub of Abidjan, shouting words of hatred over France's intervention in the conflict.

Heavily armed Ivorian paramilitary police stood guard at the rally, which went ahead despite an announcement by government officials that it would be postponed for security reasons.

"We're not obliged to listen to the government," loyalist youth leader Ble Goude said, declining to call off the protest.

"Villepin! Chirac! Attackers!" protesters chanted, denouncing French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin and President Jacques Chirac.

Youth leaders in the government — controlled south

repeatedly have expressed resentment at the 3,000 French troops deployed in Ivory Coast and have threatened to attack and burn French military vehicles patrolling the streets of Abidjan.

France says its troops are protecting foreigners and trying to enforce cease-fires.


Despite the threats of violence, Gen. Emmanuel Beth, head of the French forces in Ivory Coast, said he wanted to "reassure and re-establish the confidence of the French community and Ivorian people" that his troops were there to help promote peace.

The sentiment was echoed by Ivorian army chief Gen. Mathias Doue, who insisted French forces do not pose a threat to Ivorians.

"We are resolute in engaging in the process of the restoration of peace," Doue said after the meeting with Gbagbo.

In the central insurgent stronghold of Bouake, rebel leader Guillaume Soro said, "We want to give peace a chance." He spoke upon his return from a regional tour, during which he met with the presidents of Nigeria, Ghana, Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso to seek diplomatic support for rebel demands.

"The advice they gave us was to find political solutions to the crisis in Ivory Coast," said Soro, whose forces control the northern half of the country.



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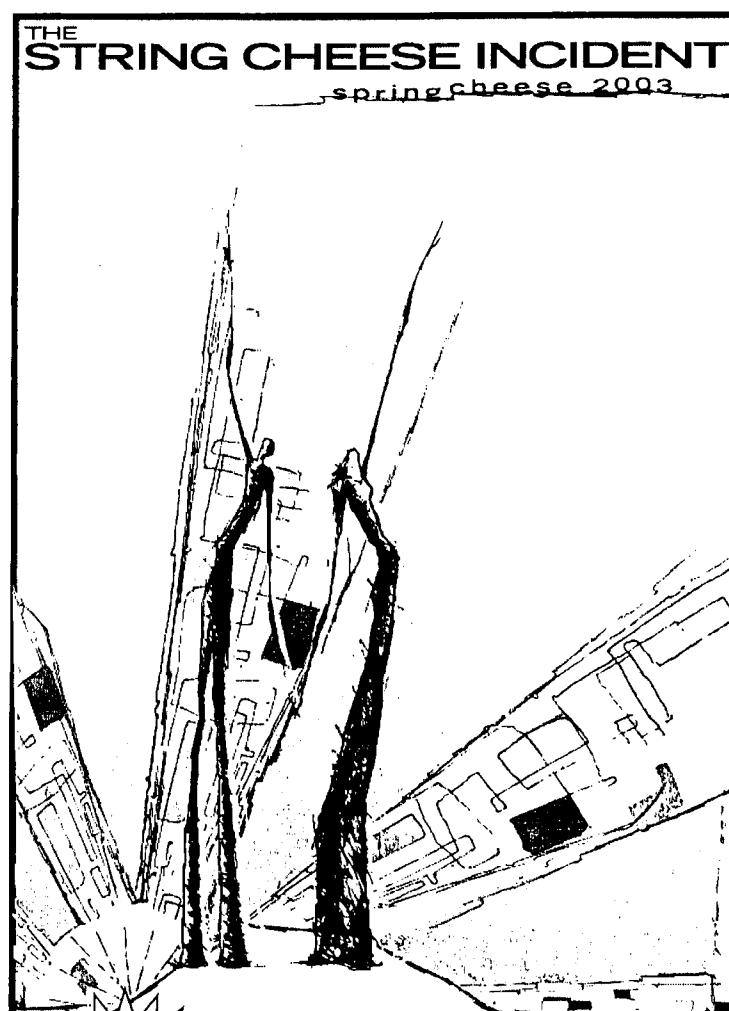
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Boston archdiocese fails in attempt to end sex abuse cases

Associated Press

BOSTON

A judge refused to dismiss more than 400 sexual abuse lawsuits Wednesday against the Boston Archdiocese, rejecting arguments that the Constitution bars the courts from interfering with church operations.

Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney's ruling clears the way for the lawsuits to move forward. However, settlement talks are under way.

The lawsuits allege church officials were negligent in their supervision of priests accused of molesting children.

Church lawyers had argued that the court does not have jurisdiction over cases that involve the relationship between a church supervisor and a priest because that involves church policy, which is protected by the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion.

But the judge disputed that Wednesday, saying: "The cases ... do not lure the court into involving itself in church doctrine, faith, internal organization or discipline."

Sweeney made two exceptions: She dismissed claims that church supervisors were negligent in their ordination of a priest or their failure to remove a priest from the priesthood, saying

those were "purely ecclesiastical matters" not subject to judicial scrutiny. She also rejected arguments that because a priest is a priest 24 hours a day, church supervisors can be held liable for anything he does.

A spokesman for the archdiocese said church lawyers would not comment on the decision until they had time to review it. "In all of this,

we are still committed to a full, equitable and just resolution for all cases against the archdiocese," the Rev. Christopher Coyne said.

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Boston archdiocese spokesman

Roderick MacLeish Jr., whose firm represents 270 alleged victims, said the decision "recognizes that the Church merely by its status as a religious institution — is not above and beyond the law."

Church documents released over the past year show that church supervisors shuffled accused priests from parish to parish. The scandal rocked the nation's fourth-largest diocese and led to lawsuits across the country. More than 300 priests have since been suspended or resigned.

The archdiocese has said it mounted the legal challenge based on the separation of church and state to satisfy its insurance companies that it had done everything possible to defend itself.

9/11 aid fund rife with fraud

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A \$100 million federal program to reimburse New Yorkers for air conditioners, filters, vacuums and other air-purifying tools after the World Trade Center collapse is rife with fraud and abuse, government officials say.

As many as 90 percent of the more than 219,000 applications for reimbursement were filed by people not suffering from the effects of contaminated air, according to estimates from federal officials.

They say fraud has taken several forms. Some people have manipulated the program to score a free air conditioner, while con artists have posed as federal employees and sold air-purifying items to residents.

About \$45.8 million has been paid out so far, and while many applications are legitimate, officials said millions have been paid to people scamming the system. The government is so concerned that it is sending a dozen teams of inspectors daily to applicants' homes to verify claims.

The government can turn cases over to prosecutors — though none have brought charges — or they can try to reclaim the money. The grants were set up by the Federal Emergency Management

Agency to reimburse residents in all five boroughs for the purchase of air quality items, up to about \$1,500 per applicant.

Unlike other aid programs created specifically to address the Sept. 11 attack, the reimbursements came from an existing program. The program is traditionally used to help people with costs not covered by other assistance programs, but FEMA officials said they have never encountered this level of misuse in prior disasters.

The size and extent of the program have proven to be among its problems.

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Brad Gari
federal recovery officer

While many trade center grants were limited to residents of lower Manhattan, this program was open to all New York City residents.

"We were trying to do the right thing. Unfortunately people took advantage of

that, so now we have people way out in Queens or upper Manhattan where there was no potential for air quality impacts," said Brad Gari, FEMA's trade center federal recovery officer.

As word spread about the ways to cheat the system, Gari said, a program that was originally budgeted at \$15 million — and initially had trouble attracting applicants — turned into a \$100 million monster.

"We know we've come across

people who are not telling the truth," said Jack Casale, a FEMA investigator, during a day of visits to homes in Queens, more than 10 miles east of the trade center.

Scientists and federal environmental officials are still studying the effect of trade center dust and the path it took, but experts agree that the cloud hovered over lower Manhattan and spread mostly south toward Brooklyn.

Investigators have discovered numerous cases where people purchased FEMA-covered items, submitted the receipts to get reimbursement checks and then returned the products to the store, pocketing the cash. Some receipts even appear to have been forged, Gair said.

Home visits have turned up residents who applied for air-conditioner reimbursements living in buildings with central air where the windows do not even open. Other times, applicants who received checks for hundreds of dollars' worth of reimbursed purchases could not produce the items when investigators visited their homes; stores have reported unusual numbers of people returning air conditioners, vacuums and air purifiers.

Local district attorneys say no applicants have been charged in connection with the FEMA program, in part because it may be difficult to prove that someone taking advantage of the system is breaking any laws.

The city Department of Consumer Affairs is also investigating but is concentrating on the wider scams run by people who posed as FEMA employees to sell air quality products at inflated prices.

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FDA studies link to Ephedra

Associated Press

Food and Drug Administration investigators are looking into the possible link between ephedra and the death of a Baltimore Orioles pitcher, says the agency's chief, who worries the dietary supplement may prove particularly risky for athletes.

Determining ephedra's danger and whether to heed calls to ban sales are priorities, FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press.

Ephedra, an herb commonly used for weight loss and body building, increases metabolic rate and speeds the heart rate, he noted. Add strenuous activity, and "sports use is one area where I have got some particular concerns," McClellan said.

McClellan's boss, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, convened a meeting of health officials to discuss ephedra on Wednesday. Asked what he thought of the herb, Thompson told reporters: "I wouldn't use it, would you?"

The comments came after a Florida medical examiner said Monday's heatstroke death of Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler, 23, may have been linked to an ephedra-containing supplement found in his locker.

Toxicology tests to determine whether ephedrine, the herb's active ingredient, was in Bechler's body will not be available for at least two weeks. But Broward County, Fla., medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper, who interviewed the player's family and Orioles officials, said he was told Bechler took three pills of

Xenadrine RFA-1 each morning.

Perper urged baseball officials to ban use of the supplement, an action already taken by the International Olympic Committee, the National Football League and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Xenadrine's maker, Cytodine Technologies, said in a statement that two capsules a day is the recommended dose and that studies show the product is safe when used as directed.

But ephedra long has been linked to heart attacks, strokes and other serious side effects - even at recommended doses and particularly if users have underlying heart trouble or certain other ailments.

The FDA has reports of at least 100 deaths linked to use of the herbal supplements. A study published this month found U.S. poison control centers reported 1,178 side effects among ephedra users last year alone, and critics have urged FDA to ban the pills.

Now Bechler's death is focusing public attention on ephedra again.

Within a month, the FDA expects to receive a review of ephedra's risks from the Rand Corp., hired to take an independent look.

Also, FDA investigators are talking with the Florida medical examiner and will scrutinize the baseball player's toxicology tests, McClellan said.

"We are going to get the reports, look at all this evidence and take appropriate action quickly," McClellan said. "If there is a health risk, we need to be on top of it," adding that sports use may ultimately prove the area of most concern.

Is a ban possible? "That's something we definitely are considering," he said.

Because ephedra is an herb, federal law allows over-the-counter sales with little oversight to ensure safety. Only if the FDA proves a clear danger to public health can it curb sales. Manufacturers blocked an FDA attempt to restrict sales of certain doses four years ago by arguing the agency did not have enough proof.

The Ephedra Education Council, an industry funded group, did not return calls seeking comment. Calling ephedra an important way to battle obesity, some manufacturers have been lobbying Thompson to settle the controversy by ordering labels on ephedra that set dose limits and urge consumers to consult a doctor before taking it.

Ephedra is one of the trickiest issues facing McClellan. Among other priorities he noted in outlining his plans for the consumer-protection agency:

- ◆ Increasing education to consumers on how to improve their health. He wants more clear nutrition advice on food labels, and is hunting ways to advise consumers on how to avoid dietary supplements that prove useless. "I'd rather the limited money people have to spend on their health go to something that really works," he said.

- ◆ Improving patient safety, by better tracking and warning about risks of prescription drugs.

- ◆ Improving anti-terrorism initiatives, including increased food security and encouraging wary drug companies to invest in better antidotes for chemical or biological attacks.

Support for Estrada increases

Associated Press

Supporters of appeals court judicial nominee Miguel Estrada plan to run ads in several states represented by wavering Democrats in an effort to break a filibuster by Senate Democrats.

"This is a very serious issue for our community and no politician can take this quietly," Robert de Posada of The Latino Coalition said Wednesday, announcing plans for radio spots in Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida and the District of Columbia.

If confirmed, Estrada would be the first Hispanic judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Ads also were planned for Nebraska and North Carolina. A rally was held Wednesday in New York and more public were being organized, including one in Miami.

President Bush, who nominated the Washington lawyer in May 2001, has accused Democrats of "shameful politics" in holding up a confirmation vote. Democrats say Estrada has not been forthcoming about his judicial philosophy and that too little is known about a man who would join an important appeals court viewed as a stepping stone to the Supreme Court.

Democrats began a filibuster on the nomination last week, before the Senate left for a recess. They plan to keep up their resistance

when the Senate returns next week.

Republicans have the 51 votes needed to confirm Estrada but not the 60 votes to end a filibuster. Democrats said last week that 44 Democratic senators have agreed to keep the filibuster going, with Sens. John Breaux of Louisiana, Zell Miller of Georgia and Ben Nelson of Nebraska against the stalling tactic and Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas on the fence.

Republicans said the ad campaigns would also be aimed at Democratic Sens. Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Bill Nelson of Florida, and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. Estrada supporters say Landrieu reversed herself after appearing to support Estrada in a Spanish-language radio ad run during her recent re-election campaign. Landrieu has said the ad misinterpreted her neutrality on the Estrada nomination.

Several major Hispanic groups, such as the League of Latin American Citizens and the National Hispanic Bar Association, back Estrada. Others, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, have voiced opposition.

Estrada's supporters, at a news conference, challenged Democratic complaints that too little was known of Estrada's legal record, presenting a 2-foot high stack of legal briefs involving Estrada.

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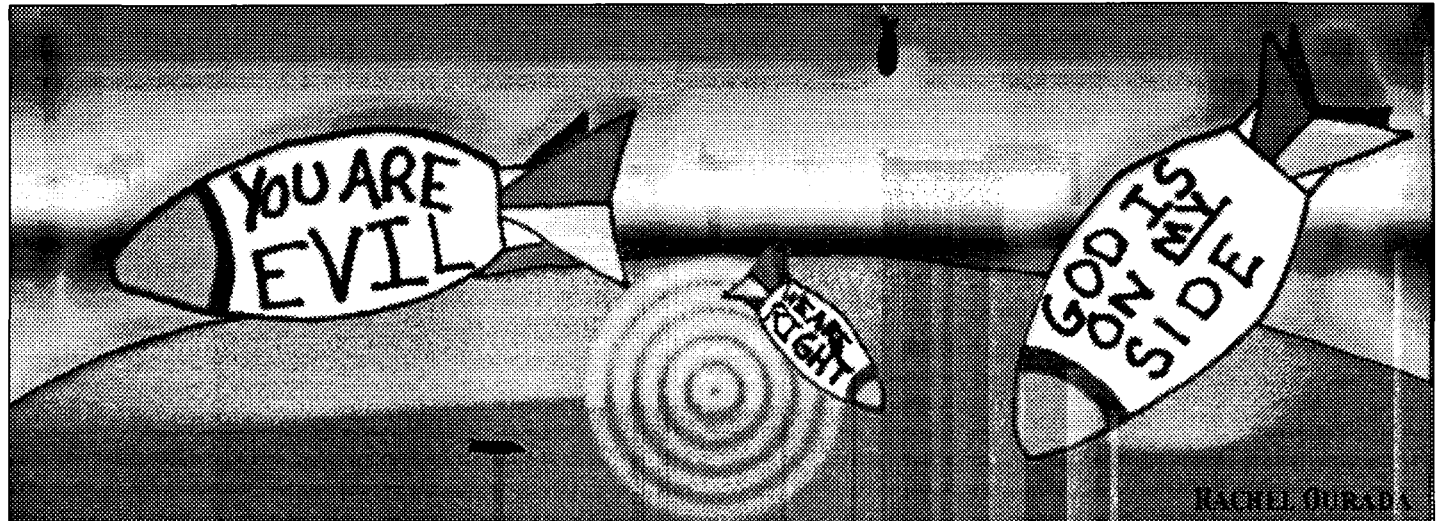
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A war of words between Iraq and the U.S.

I write this with the shared anxiety that many of us around the globe must be feeling about the possibility of a war between the United States and Iraq, a war which has been carefully constructed over the last months by words — as indeed, almost all wars are — with ramifications that could well extend to the entire globe.

I write as well with another level of anxiety, that anything I, as an individual might say, could itself be fraught with the kind of reductive rhetoric that I find I must not only critique but also criticize, of all supposed “sides” in this current pending catastrophe.

I am not a member of the government, nor a professor of political science, or history or economics, or anthropology — though I know that all of these branches of knowledge are finally inseparable and much needed at this moment. What I can offer here, with any credibility, is merely the perspective from a professor of literature. And yet, I would like to say strongly and sincerely that the history of literature — which in many ways reflects, anticipates and perhaps even encourages the political realities human beings have faced — is very necessary here.

While we hear daily from all supposed “sides” of this crisis old lines that say “we are right,” and “you are evil,” we are hearing a reductive rhetoric that was probably wrong all along, but which became known and recognized as hollow and out-worn at least by the mid years of that supposed “Great War.”

“The War to End All Wars” was recognized by some of the earliest supporters as nothing more than naive propaganda. The phrase was the same illogical phrase used by the Greeks in the Peloponnesian Wars. And yet with some minimal advantages of technological “advancements,” this history recorded by poets and politicians, by surviving civilians and soldiers, did seem at the beginning of World War I to support the age-old valorization of war as some-

thing entwined with legitimate civilizations.

“Of men and war, I sing!” are the opening words of cherished epics. And so it continues, through the beginning of WWI, telling again that already worn-out tale that is its “dulce et decorum” — sweet and fitting — to die for one’s country. And yet by the end of that war, poets and soldiers who went willingly, even desiringly, into battle had realized the mass futility of such statements and adventures. Then-modern technological advances, which meant machine guns and bombings from airplanes, reduced supposed military valor already to the current clear state of being: we, all of us, are now obviously victims of aggression, wherever it starts. And it starts with words, with reductive rhetoric more clearly now than ever — all saying “God is on my side,” and “we” are good, and “you” are evil, with the consequences hidden all along that in actuality other ethnic groups, other religions, women, children, animals, the earth itself are tragically plundered under the supposed legitimizing rhetoric of that old valorization of war, duty and nationalist pride.

That members of these three very large world religions, all of whom claim the same person, Abraham, as their father, could continue to “legitimize” a singular religion, race, gender or even anthropoid self as the single and right inheritors of this earth (and spiritual saving) is more than disturbing. That the crisis the world is witnessing now, from the supposed descendants of this same saving patriarchy, in the singular geographical place they all finally call “home,” is sickening.

No matter what the convoluted history really is that has led to this early crisis in the 21st century, it seems clear to me that repeating already worn-out lines of rhetoric that polarize the world and its peoples can only end now in the greatest of shameful catastrophes.

Wallace Stevens, a poet (but also a lawyer, who understood fully that we shape our world through words), said politics are a function of the imagination. He meant by this that we construct any political state or reality first through our words.

Imagining, for example, true equality,

true sharing, true democracy, takes an enormous power of the imagination to envision community instead of war.

He also said that “war is the periodic failure of politics.” By that, he meant war happens again when we fall back into out-moded rhetoric and fail to envision the world as we would like it to be — and could make it be. As he also says, “What we say of the future must portend,” that the words we utter now will shape in reality the world we will know.

And so here, I would like to end with an appeal to the larger realization of poets in the last century — that our old words of “God is on our side” — whatever side we are looking at — should give way to the realization that such worn-out phrases from different nations or political stances will not heal the rift already created by those older words that we must, through a new collective imagination, realize that we are all truly not only a single human family, but deeply entwined with the rest of a spiritual creation we should not sacrifice and cannot sacrifice without sacrificing all of our selves.

Such a realization requires new words, a meta-language perhaps, but one that legitimizes not a single nation, nor some way of life, nor those already in power, but that sanctifies, in cooperation, the totality of creation. As Stevens also said, “It is a world of words to the end of it,” by which he meant the possibility of apocalypse or redemption. We need now, whether politicians or poets, whether workers of the material world or writers in the world, to ask for a new language of inclusion in this modern and threatened new century, one which could possibly reach across the world, ironically perhaps given our new global witnessing of satellites and instant communication, with the good news that we have chosen peace over pride, community over confrontation, spirituality over separateness, genuine godliness over greed.

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Redeeming work on and off the field

What do Super Bowl XXI, Notre Dame's Law School, and a non-profit organization promoting responsible relationships have in common?

His name is Chris Godfrey. Standing at 6-foot-3 and 270-pounds, Godfrey was an offensive lineman for the New York Giants team that won SuperBowl XXI. Afterwards, he attended Notre Dame's Law School to pursue a project called Life Athletes which uses athletes to promote responsible relationships.

Andrew DeBerry

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Godfrey's story begins at the University of Michigan, where he went to three Rose Bowls as a defensive lineman. He played another nine years as a professional. But that is where the story gets interesting. He was cut three times his first 12 months in the league from the Washington Redskins, the New York Jets and then the Green Bay Packers.

The bad news in Green Bay literally brought Godfrey to his knees, and he prayed, "Lord, I give up. I'll do whatever you want me to do, and go wherever you want me to go — you're the boss now."

The depth of his prayer surprised Godfrey. He had only been going through the motions of his Catholic faith and unknowingly grew apart from God. This prayer was the beginning of a commitment that would shape his life for years to come. Later, the Packers coaching staff changed its mind and asked him to stay. This told Godfrey that his prayer wasn't just happenstance and that God had a plan for him. Later at a team Bible Study after practice, a verse caught his attention, Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides." This told him he needed to get his priorities straight.

Godfrey's football adventure brought him to the Michigan Panthers in the USFL. He moved to the offensive line, and the team eventually won the championship. The next year, he joined the New York Giants and won the starting right guard spot. A couple years later, his team beat the Broncos in Super Bowl XXI.

Instead of pursuing corporate sponsorships after the victory, Godfrey focused his prestige on promoting responsible living. He saw a lot of people being hurt by abortion, not only the children but also their parents who tried to cope with the loss and guilt. He resolved to combat this problem and was encouraged by Professor Charles Rice to enroll in Notre Dame's Law School.

During his studies, Godfrey learned a firm basis for the law from such other professors as Ralph McInerney, Douglas Kmiec and the late Ed Murphy. He observes how often people reject Catholic thought as being merely religious and therefore irrelevant, although in reality the Catholic faith is very reasonable. He quotes Pope John Paul's encyclical letter, *Fides et Ratio*, which says, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."

After completing his law studies in 1993, Godfrey started Life Athletes, which promotes the example of athletes who have taken the Life Athletes commitment:

- ◆ I will try to do what is right, even when it is difficult.
- ◆ I will give myself only to that special person I marry as my partner for life.
- ◆ I will respect the lives of others, especially the unborn and the aged.
- ◆ I will not quit or make excuses when I fail. I will try again.

Since then over 300 professional and Olympic athletes have been involved. Notre Dame-based athletic leaders including Brian Boulac (assistant athletic director), Debbie Brown (volleyball coach), Steve Hendricks (volleyball coach), Mark Bavaro (Giants), Tom Carter (Bengals) and Anthony Johnson (Panthers).

The athletes are living examples who encourage people to find happiness in love through marriage. Godfrey has met at least one child who has lived because of the curriculum he wrote called, "That's Where I Live: A Guide to Good Relationships." He is also particularly encouraged by supporters who have had an abortion in the past but who now promote the Life Athlete Commitment.

The perseverance Godfrey learned on the field has helped this work. He cites St. Paul's athletic metaphors as the Life Athletes' inspiration to set noble goals and to sacrifice to meet them. Married with six children, he credits his relationship with God for his being able to shoulder his many commitments. "Even when I fail, His grace keeps me going. I have peace and joy knowing I am doing something worthwhile with the time I have been given."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't buy me pants

I would like to thank Terriss Conterato, Lauren Barkmeier, Bridget Gulling and Jacqueline Browder for their Wednesday Viewpoint articles, which made light of what can be a semi-depressing state of affairs on campus (gender relations and dating).

Although I disagree that baseball games or nicer pants will secure long lasting and soul-mate quality partners for everyone on campus, I believe that the current structures we accept and live within every day at this University must be re-examined and improved. The women and men of Notre Dame cannot afford to buy pants for each other; however neither can we afford to stand silent in what is a pressing concern for the school that boasts the fourth highest rate of on-campus living for undergraduates.

The peculiar, somewhat precarious state of gender relations on Notre Dame's campus has been a concern of mine since I threw my first left shoe in a pile during a Frosh-O "meet-a nice-Fisher-boy" activity. My initial apprehension of life between the sexes has since been renewed regularly (read on). However, suggesting a co-ed dorm solution is not convincing to all. In my many conversations on the subject, students (men and women) have told me that single-sex dorms are good because they force individuals to break out and "be social."

So, in a quest to be social, I played my part in the dark, crowded, midriff-baring freshman dorm parties, the half-blind, dogbook SYR dates and the 1950s summer-camp style Frosh-O activities. Not soon enough however, I grew tired of being some male dorm's groupie. I grew tired of trying so hard in something that had always

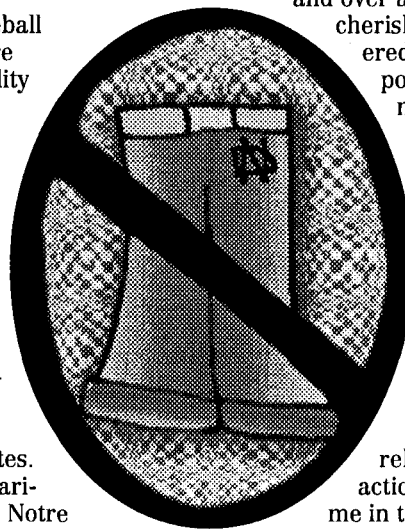
come naturally in my life. So, I stopped trying, ceased to be tired, and began to enjoy my life, sans close friends of the opposite sex.

But is this acceptable? Now I'm a cynical sophomore and what I've found to be true over and over again, is that the friends whom I cherish and love are not those I discovered two nights out of the week while pounding down beers. No, they are my Howard Hall girlfriends. We spend time together every day. On accident. No trying. No awkwardness. No drinking. Just getting to know each other again and again and better and better. Isn't this how all great "dating" or sexual relationships should begin, too? If not, then the sexual segregation of young people at Notre Dame is working wonderfully.

That dating and healthy gender relations are the endangered interactions on campus does not surprise me in the least given the single-sex dorm environment. How we meet and interact with one another is an important issue, one that more students should be publicly questioning.

Whether or not the baseball and "better pants" solutions to Notre Dame's weirdness was serious or satirical, the problems still exist. And week-night sober dialogue between men and women won't happen with the extension or end of pari-etals either. Notre Dame must heed the consistent student request for on-campus, coed dorm housing options. What do you think?

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Speak out against coming war

The arguments in support of the coming war with Iraq in *The Observer* are getting more repulsive by the day. The pretense that the imminent war with Iraq will be anything more than imperialist conquest by a desperate super-power boils down to a cynical apology for open colonial brutality.

Hitler, when selling the idea of the invasion of Poland to the German people, used the same method the Bush administration now uses to justify the subjugation of Iraq. People are told that the leadership in Iraq or Poland is incompetent and tyrannical and that Iraqi or Polish industry could be put to better ends for everyone if it was seized. The Nazis promised equality and freedom and a dismantling of the old political system in Poland but brought to Poland what we have already begun to bring to Iraq — years of death, suffering and exploitation.

The United States government, convulsing in sync with the death throes of a miserable economy, is more than willing to send its youth as cannon fodder into a bloody conflict in an already desperate and war-ravaged nation for strategic or financial gain — regardless of public opinion. Last weekend, for instance, in a historically unprecedented display of international solidarity against war, over 10 million people lined streets in major cities in every continent around the world in opposition — Jews and Arabs even marched together in Tel Aviv. Bush, however, has made it clear he is not in the slightest concerned.

A convincing rationale has yet to be concocted by the Bush administration for an invasion of Iraq. In fact, Powell's much-talked-up speech to the U.N. that supposedly "definitively demonstrated that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq" turned out to be poorly plagiarized from an English graduate student's discourse on Iraq from the early 1990s.

The United States, in its casting about for a

reason to invade, also seeks to compare the already-demonized bin Laden to the Hussein administration. This is politics of amalgam — the two have little in common other than the color of their skin and their geographical location. These two main explanations failing, the only recourse of the Bush administration's propaganda engine is a circular Orwellian system of lies — which "fair and balanced" Fox News can efficiently rotate through in about a three-hour period.

In addition, the U.N.'s opposition to the stampede of United States troops into the Persian Gulf should come as no surprise. Lenin aptly called the precursor to the U.N., the League of Nations, "the thieves' den."

Much as the imperial powers met in Berlin in the late 19th century to carve up Africa, the major imperialist powers of the early 21st century meet in the U.N. to carve up the Third World. Not content with just a piece of the colonial pie, the United States administration and military, flags waving, has rushed ahead war plans and intends to seize the Middle East on its own. The European moralizing about U.S. bellicosity should be transparent — it is merely representative of aggravated imperialist tensions across the Atlantic.

I am disappointed that though opposition to the war enjoys popular support on this campus, it is rare that students or faculty respond definitively to the nationalist Viewpoints that appear repeatedly in *The Observer*. We should make clear that condemnations of those few students with the courage to speak up are rooted in defense of an impending war crime that the whole world will be able to see.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Talk to Her' is poignant to perfection

By BRIAN BIRCHER
Scene Movie Critic

"Talk to Her" begins with the raising of a red curtain, revealing two women dancing on a stage. The women appear to be blind and in pain as she moves across stage through a maze of chairs. In the audience are two men, currently strangers, who sit side by side as they take in the performance. One of the men, Marco (Dario Grandinetti), a writer in his early 40s, is moved to tears. The man sitting next to him, Benigno (Javier Cámara), a male nurse, notices these tears but does not say anything.

Time passes and eventually Marco and Benigno's paths cross again, this time at the private clinic "El Bosque," where Benigno works. Marco ends up at the clinic because the woman he loves, Lydia (Rosario Flores), Spain's most famous female matador, has been gored by a bull and fallen into a coma. Marco resolves himself to stay by her side and do what little he can for her. While Marco is walking

through the hospital, Benigno notices him and does not hesitate to start up conversation.

A friendship begins between the two men. Benigno and Marco have something in common that unites them — both care for a woman who is in a coma. Benigno has been taking care of his patient, Alicia (Lionel Watling), for four years. Benigno first noticed Alicia at the dance studio across from his apartment before her accident and now cares solely for her. His interest, however, has developed into a love that has only grown with her time spent comatose.

The story progresses at a steady rate and uses a few

flashbacks to flesh out storylines and characters. These flashbacks do not feel forced or heavy-handed as they sometimes do in other movies, but provide insight at just the right points in the movie and add to our understanding of the characters and their motivations.

At the heart of "Talk to Her" are the excellent performances, especially by the two male leads, Grandinetti and Cámara. Cámara plays Benigno with subtlety, creating a seemingly simple and earnest charac-



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Marco (Dario Grandinetti) and Benigno (Javier Cámara) first encounter one another while watching a performance that moves Benigno to tears. They become friends after meeting again in a clinic.

ter. Grandinetti is also excellent as Marco, giving the character a sense of history that justifies the tears he sheds. These are believable and realistic characters, that while we may not identify with we can understand and empathize with.

Despite the somewhat soap-opera plot, writer and director Pedro Almodóvar has made an intelligent and thought-provoking film that examines a number of themes. For one, he questions the sources and boundaries of love. He also examines the nature of masculinity by portraying two characters who have no qualms with engaging in behavior typically seen as feminine: crying, cutting hair and doing nails.

Almodóvar has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Director, and rightly so. He creates a story in which a morally irreprehensible act is one that is at the same time understandable and poignant. He has made a moving story from complex and original material. "Talk to Her" is a beautiful and touching story that will not leave the viewer's mind easily.

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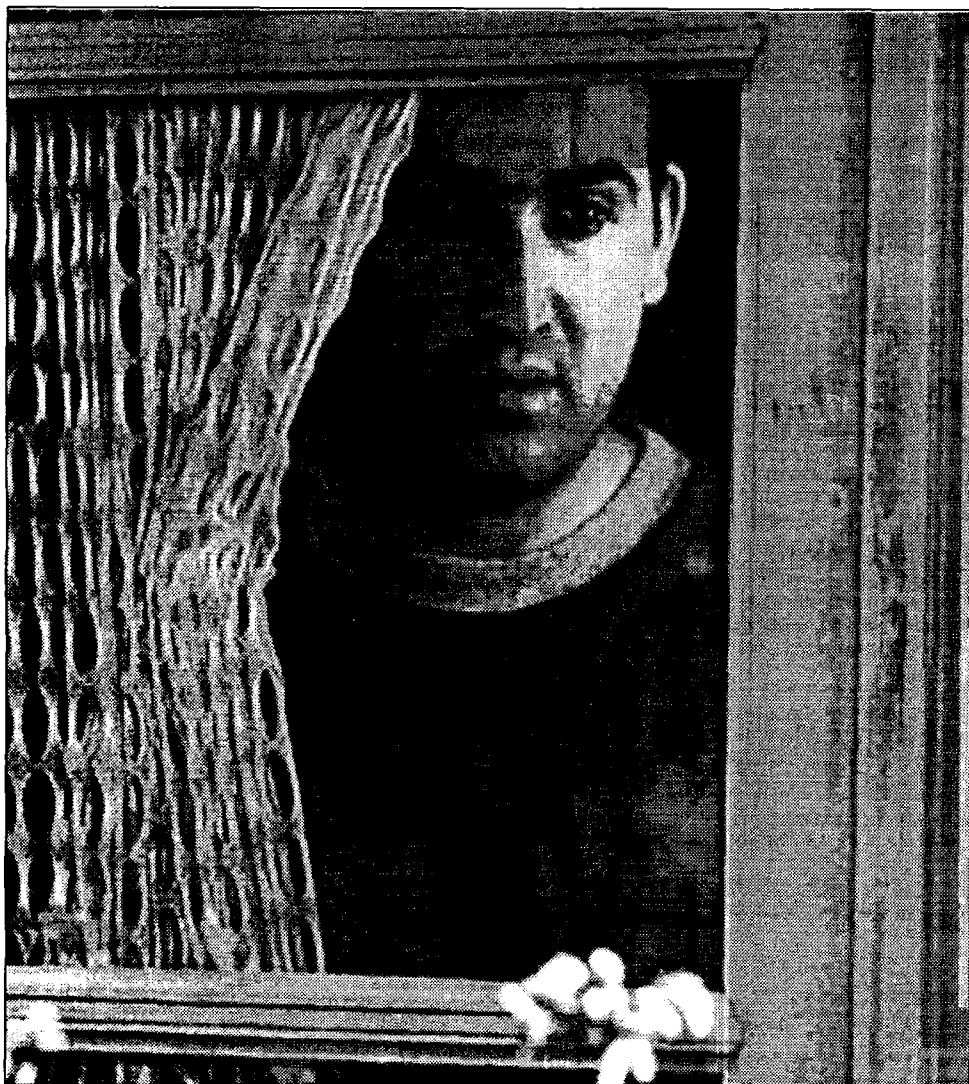


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Grandinetti gives Marco depth and a sense of history as one of many actors who give superb performances. His character evokes sympathy from the viewer with his tears for his beloved.



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Lydia (Rosario Flores), Spain's most famous female matador, is gored by a bull and falls into a coma. Her stay at a clinic reunites Marco and Benigno, as the two men share their sorrow with one another.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Daredevil' disappoints by
playing it safeBy ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Usually, when you find yourself rooting for the villain of a movie, it means that there is something incredibly wrong. It means that you hate the hero and don't want there to be even a possibility of a sequel.

"Daredevil" is one of those movies where you pray that the villain will come out on top and save you from having to endure another moment.

Marvel took a gamble by making a movie from a cult comic book character rather than one of their name

brand superheroes. Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck) is a lawyer by day and a vigilante at night, with the typical twist — he is blind. Robbed of his sight as a child when he was sprayed in the face with bio-hazardous material, his other senses were amplified, including his sense of hearing. This provides him with a "radar sense" which allows him to navigate the rooftops and rooms where he prowls.

The plot of "Daredevil" centers on Murdock, beginning with a flashback of his childhood and the death of his father. We immediately zoom forward in time to Murdock as lawyer and avenger, with little explanation as to how he became either or how a blind man could design a costume that ugly.

From here, we are rushed yet again into the introductions of the main characters and fast-forwarded through a plot involving the murder of hotel mogul and father of

Murdock's love interest, Elektra (Jennifer Garner), who it conveniently appears as an ass-kicking martial artist. Everything is done so fast and loosely that you end up not caring about what happens to the characters at all.

"Daredevil" fails to take a single dare and prefers instead to set itself up for a

sequel rather than giving audiences a movie worth the ticket price. Ben Affleck's acting is flat throughout and devoid of any charisma until it is far too late to make his character likable. Instead, he is outshined in every scene that he shares,

which is in fact, every scene. Despite the fact that Daredevil is supposed to be a dark and conflicted figure, the movie fails to make it seem believable that he is tortured.

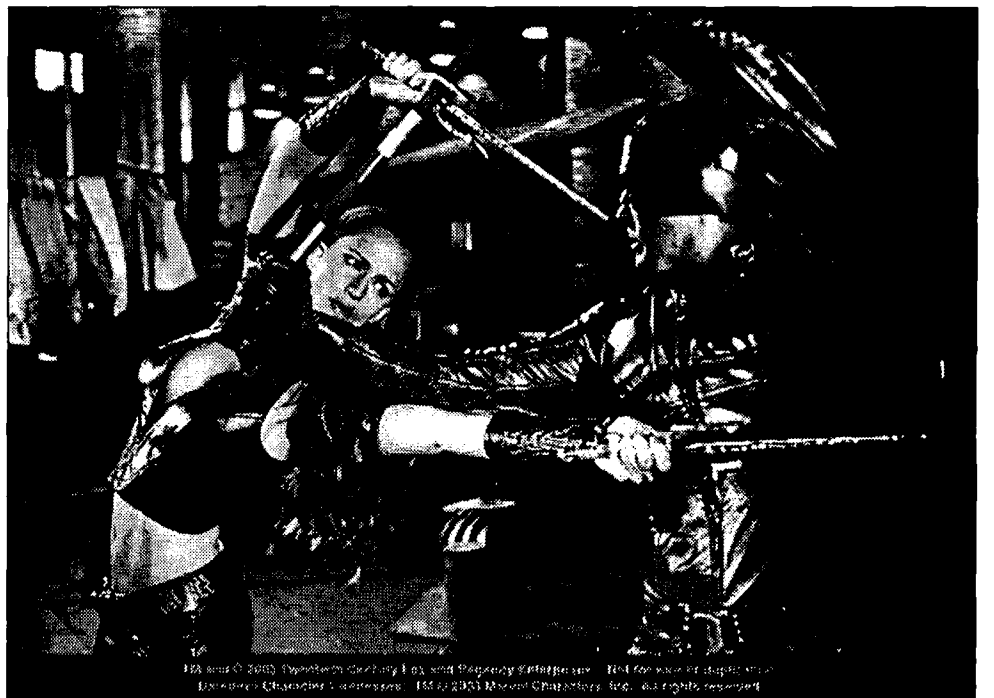
Add on top of this the blatant overuse of CGI special effects. The effects were distorted and out of proportion in many scenes. Some were unnecessary and unbelievable, including animating a rose falling to the ground rather than simply filming it. This gave "Daredevil" a rather cheap appearance, despite the fact that it cost \$80 million.

The highlights of the movie nearly all come when one of the villains is on camera. Michael Clark Duncan literally is the Kingpin, despite the controversy in his casting, and dominates every scene he is in. Elektra is as well played as possible, considering how poorly the part was written for her.

"Daredevil"



Director: Mark Steven Johnson
Writers: Bill Everett (II) and Brian Koppelman
Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, Colin Farrell, Jon Favreau

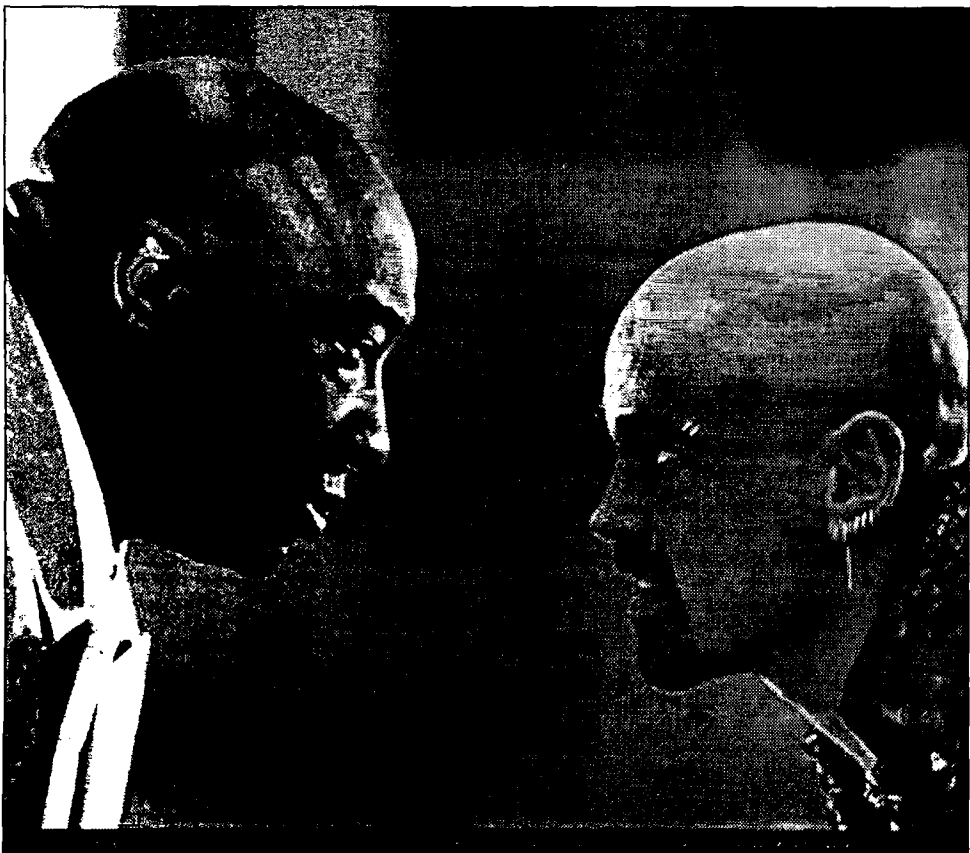


Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), lawyer and superhero, shows Elektra (Jennifer Garner) how much he loves her.

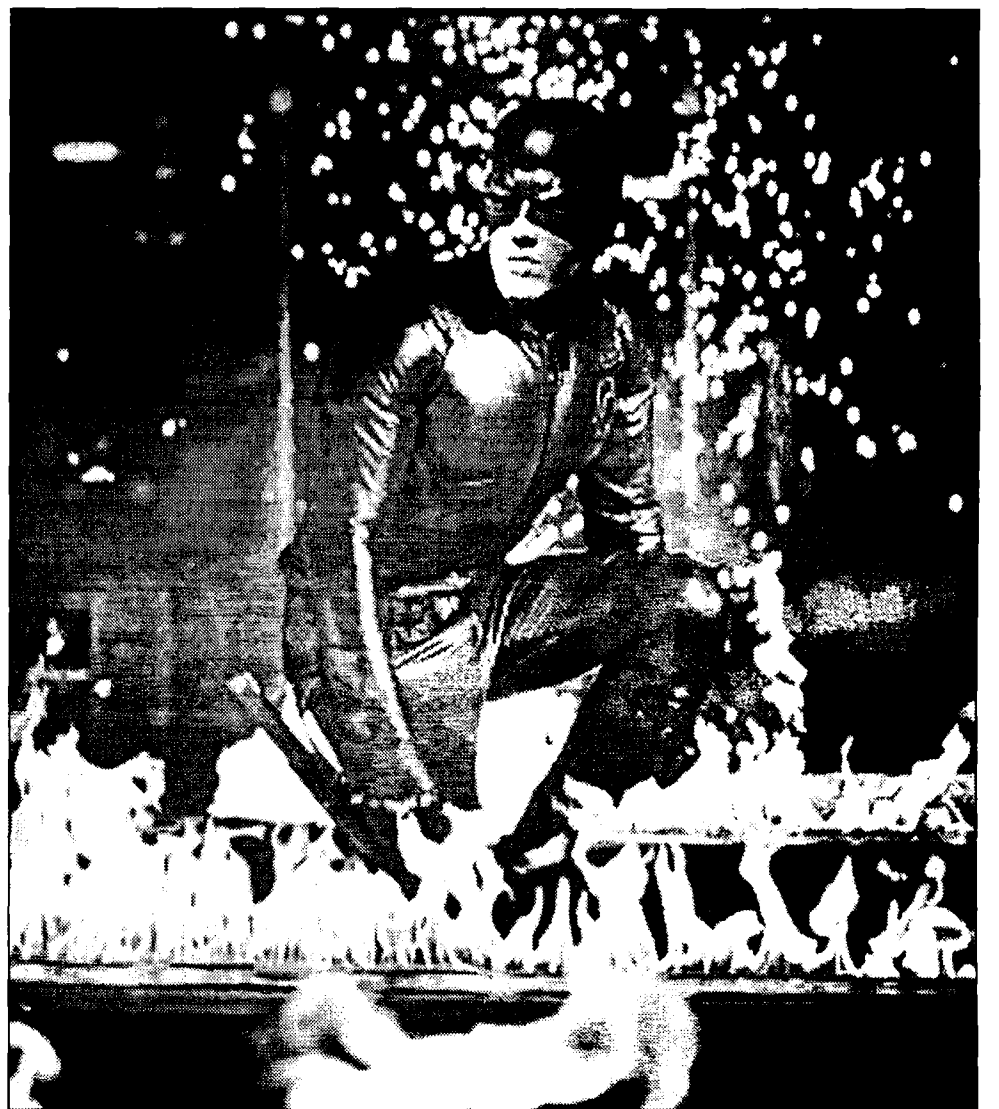
The assassin Bullseye (Colin Farrell) steals the show; he is amusingly homicidal and appealing at the same time. In fact, Bullseye is pretty much the only reason that you should go see the movie, if you go at all. Farrell is just as over the top as is

required for the ridiculous character he is given and never fails to make you wish that he was "Daredevil" instead.

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Michael Clark Duncan as Kingpin is one of the highlights of the film, as is the villainous Colin Farrell in the role of assassin Bullseye.



"Daredevil" cost \$80 million to make, with much of the budget going toward flashy CGI special effects.

NBA

With sore knee, Kobe scores 40 as Lakers defeat Jazz

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

A sore knee and exhaustion from playing two overtimes the night before weren't enough to end Kobe Bryant's torrid scoring run.

Bryant scored 11 of Los Angeles' last 17 points and finished with 40 as the Los Angeles Lakers held off the Utah Jazz 93-87 Wednesday.

Bryant has scored 40 or more in seven straight games and has at least 35 in his last 11. The Lakers have gone 9-2 during his scoring binge.

"I don't really know what it is," Bryant said of what's driving him during the streak. "All this has done is help us win games. Maybe when I retire I can look back and see what an accomplishment it was."

When he finally does look back, Bryant will find himself in good company.

The last player to score 40 in as many consecutive games was Michael Jordan, who did it in nine straight early in the 1986-87 season. Wilt Chamberlain scored at least 40 in 14 consecutive games early in the 1961-62 season.

Bryant, who scored 52 the night before in a 106-99 double-overtime win over Houston, decided just before tipoff to play with a sore right knee as the Lakers were without Shaquille O'Neal for a second straight night.

"Kobe was Kobe. He carried the load for two superstars tonight," said Rick Fox, who scored 11 for the Lakers.

Bryant was booed throughout the night until the end, when the sellout crowd of 19,911 realized he was about to continue the streak. With the crowd chanting "KO-BE! KO-BE!" Bryant got his 40th point on a free throw with 8.2 seconds left after the Jazz had no choice but to foul him.

"I never thought I'd hear that," Bryant said. "It felt like the Staples Center out there."

Bryant finished 15-for-29 from the floor and 4-of-6 on 3-pointers. Most of his points came from the outside because his knee was too sore to drive. Despite being tightly guarded by Calbert Cheaney and Andrei Kirilenko, Bryant kept hitting his shots.

"He's the best player in the game right now. He's playing as good of basketball as I've seen in my career," Jazz guard Mark Jackson said.

Derek Fisher scored 16 for the Lakers, who won less than 24 hours after beating Houston in double overtime.

"If you lose a game like tonight, then all that fighting we did yesterday was pretty much for nothing," Bryant said.

Karl Malone led Utah with 25 points, but also was called for a key technical foul as the Jazz tried to rally at the end.

After two straight jumpers by Bryant put Los Angeles up 80-74, Malone was called for pushing off on Robert Horry with 3:47 left. He had words for referee Hue Hollins all the way down the court and drew the technical after calling Hollins a name in front of the Jazz bench.

Horry hit both free throws to give the Lakers an 83-74 lead, and the Jazz never got closer than five the rest of the way. Bryant hit two more field goals down the stretch.

New Orleans 87, Washington 75

The New Orleans Hornets wanted redemption after a late-game collapse Tuesday night in Orlando, and Jamal Mashburn decided he should provide it.

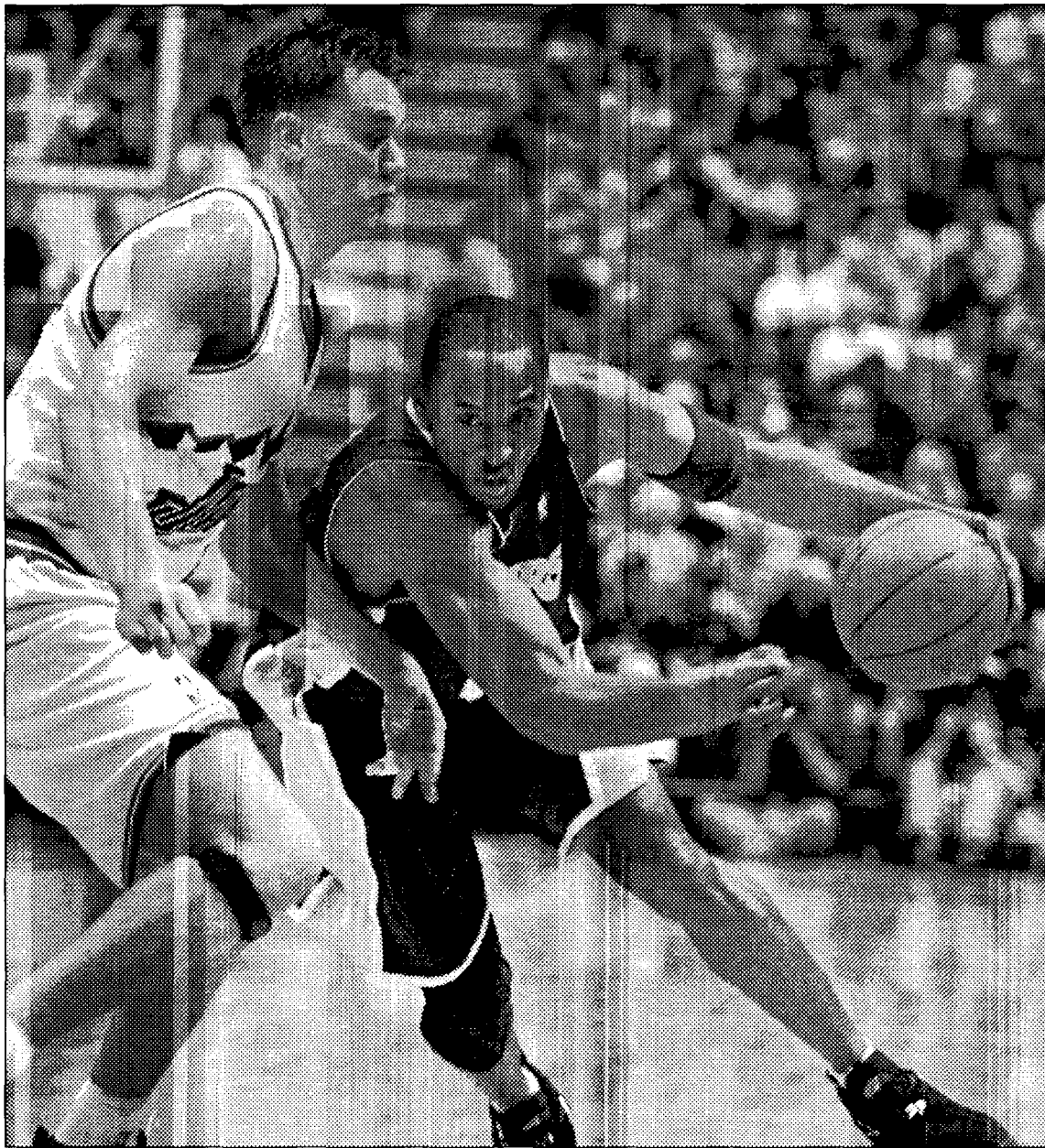
Mashburn wrapped up a 24-point performance by hitting a 3-pointer and a pair of aggressive runners in the lane as the Hornets scored on eight of nine possession down the stretch for a victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night.

"At the end of the game I really want to take the shots ... it was pretty important and it pretty much sealed the game at that point," Mashburn said. "They've got the best player in the world (Michael Jordan) and he can still re-create some old highlights, so they can come back and you don't want that to happen, especially not two nights in a row."

Michael Jordan scored 20 to lead Washington, but shot only 8-of-23 in his first game since turning 40. Jerry Stackhouse, returning from a strained left groin that kept him out five games, added 15 for the Wizards.

"We missed a lot of easy shots; I know I missed a lot of easy shots," Jordan said. "We had our chances, but unless you get it done it doesn't matter."

After blowing a 12-point lead in the final 5 minutes against the Magic a night earlier, New Orleans needed the victory both for morale and to get some separation in the standings between themselves (29-27) and Washington (25-28), which cur-



REUTERS

Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant drives around Utah forward Matt Harpring during the second half of the Lakers' 93-87 victory in Salt Lake City Wednesday.

rently holds the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

David Wesley added 21 and George Lynch, who guarded Jordan, scored a season-high 12. P.J. Brown had 13 rebounds, including two late in the fourth quarter on either end of the floor, and the Hornets finished with a 51-35 rebounding advantage.

Lynch said he felt more fortunate than triumphant about Jordan missing most of his shots.

"He's a great scorer and if it wasn't for age he probably would have had his 50 tonight," Lynch said. "It's just one of those situations where you have to go out and stay close to him and make him work, and if he makes them, he makes them, but if not, you hopefully get your rebounds

and that's what we did tonight."

Portland 125, Golden State 98

Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Golden State Warriors Wednesday night.

Portland bounded to a 76-49 halftime lead, the most first-half points scored in the NBA this season, en route to its third consecutive win. The Blazers led by as many as 33 points, and their final point total was a season high.

Golden State's Antawn Jamison, who played for just 16 minutes, was scoreless as the Warriors lost their third straight. Gilbert Arenas had 22 points.

It was the first meeting between the two teams since Dec. 20, when a post-game brawl broke out after Rasheed Wallace's 16-foot jumper won it

113-111. Wells and Chris Mills scuffled, Wallace tried to charge into the stands after a fan apparently threw a wad of gum at him, and Mills reportedly blocked the Blazers' bus with his car as the team was headed to the airport.

There was little outward friction between the two teams Wednesday night as the Blazers jumped out to a 44-21 lead in the first quarter, paced by Wells' 18 points.

Late in the quarter, Danny Fortson was called for a flagrant foul after swatting back Wells as he went for a layup. Wells lay on the court holding his face for several moments before getting up to make both free throws.

After Wells accumulated 26 points in the first 15 minutes, he rested the rest of the half.

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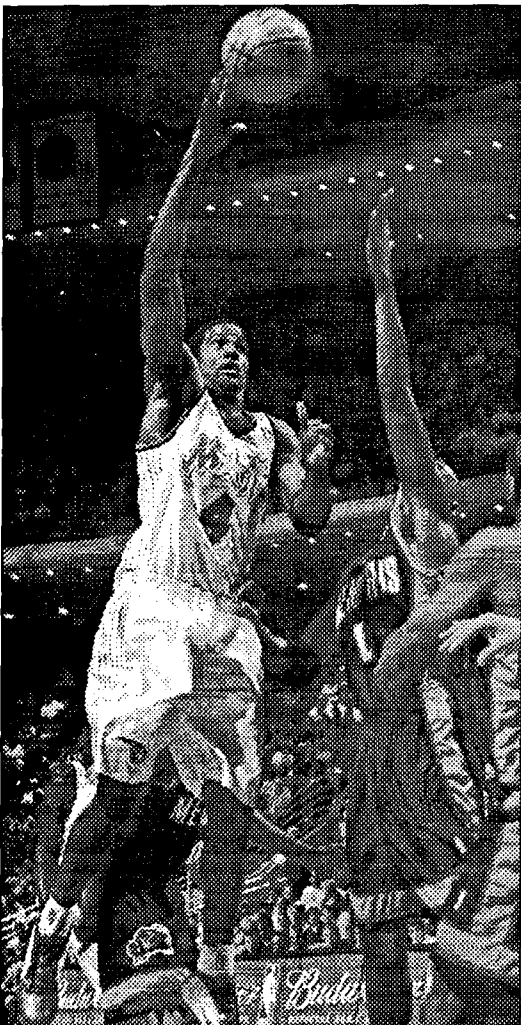
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NBA

Humphrey traded to Grizzlies in four-player deal



API photo
Ryan Humphrey shoots the ball in a game earlier this season for Orlando. Humphrey averaged 1.8 for the Magic before being traded to the Grizzlies.

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando and Memphis pulled off the first big trade before Thursday's NBA deadline, agreeing to a four-player deal Wednesday that sent Mike Miller and Ryan Humphrey from the Magic to the Grizzlies for rookies Drew Gooden and Gordan Giricek.

The Grizzlies also received a first-round pick owed to Orlando by Sacramento and a second-round selection in 2004, while sending an undisclosed amount of cash to the Magic.

Orlando is giving up its second-leading scorer, Miller, who was averaging 16.4 points as the second offensive option behind Tracy McGrady. The Magic never envisioned having to use Miller, a small forward, as their No. 2 scorer, but the chronic ankle injury that has sidelined Grant Hill indefinitely forced Miller into that role.

Without Miller, the Magic are looking to both Gooden and Giricek to relieve some of the pressure on McGrady, the NBA's leading scorer.

"We saw an opportunity to move a player we like very much in Mike Miller for two young players that better fill our needs on this particular team," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said.

Added Magic coach Doc Rivers:

"This is a tough business and Mike was one of my favorites. He, however, was the only way we could improve our basketball team."

Gooden, a 6-foot-10 power forward, was the fourth overall selection in last year's draft. The 6-foot-6 Giricek, a 25-year-old guard from Croatia, is regarded as a sharpshooter.

Both players could soon start for the Magic, Gabriel said. That would send to the bench Pat Garrity, a 3-point shooting specialist who is sometimes taken advantage of by larger power forwards.

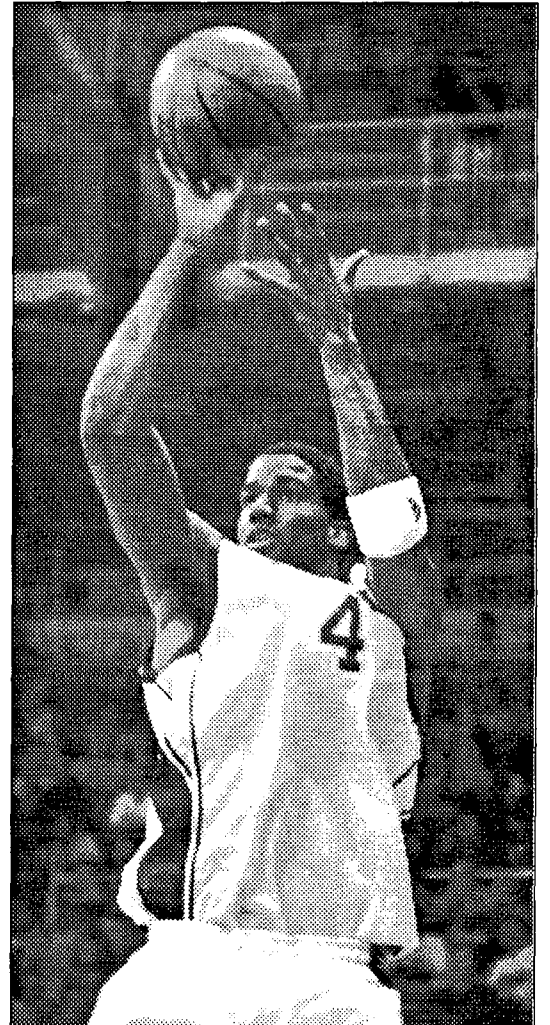
Gooden was averaging 12.1 points and 5.8 rebounds for the Grizzlies, but was not regarded as one of coach Hubie Brown's favorite players. His name had been coming up in trade rumors during recent days as the clock ticked down to Thursday's 3 p.m. EST deadline.

Gooden appeared in 51 games, making 29 starts.

Giricek averaged 11.2 points in 49 games, including 35 starts.

Humphrey, a rookie power forward from Notre Dame, appeared in 35 games for Orlando and averaged 1.8 points. Undersized at 6-feet, 6-inches, he was shooting only 27 percent from the field and lost Rivers' confidence early into the season.

Miller was the NBA's Rookie of the Year in 2001, but he never established the consistency the Magic wanted.



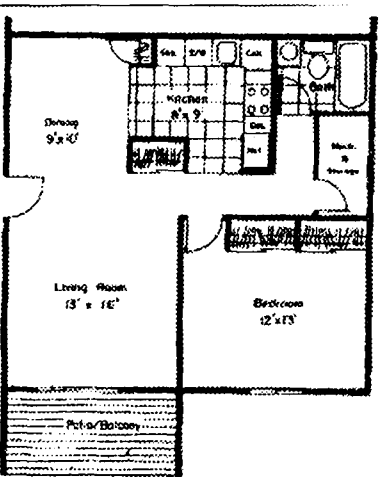
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Ryan Humphrey takes a shot in a game for Notre Dame last season. Humphrey was traded to Vancouver Wednesday night.

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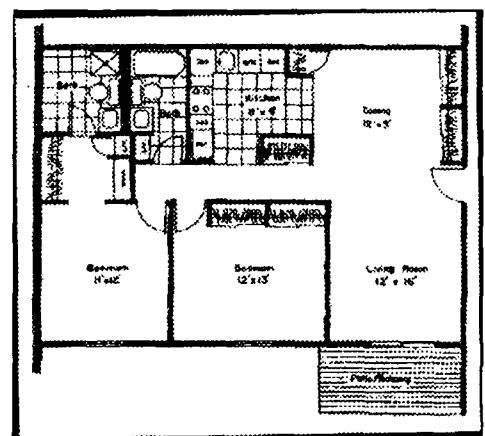
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NCAA MENS BASKETBALL

Jones leads Blue Devils to 26th straight home victory

♦ Duke hangs on for 75-70 victory over Maryland

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Duke got Maryland in its comfort zone and paid back the 13th-ranked Terrapins for its most lopsided loss of the season.

Dahntay Jones scored 21 points and J.J. Redick added 17 as the eighth-ranked Blue Devils ran their winning streak in Cameron Indoor Stadium to 26 straight with a 75-70 victory Wednesday night.

After a rough few weeks, Duke (18-4, 8-4) is tied with the defending national champion Terrapins (16-7, 8-4) for the Atlantic Coast Conference lead with four league games remaining.

Wake Forest, which plays at Georgia Tech on Thursday night, is 7-3.

The Terrapins beat Duke 87-72 on Jan. 18 by dominating the second half. But this time around it was the Blue Devils who closed the deal in the final minutes after leading 37-33 at halftime.

Steve Blake missed a contested 3-pointer with 2 seconds left that could have tied it for the Terrapins, but he threw up an air ball and Redick closed it out with two free throws.

Shelden Williams also came up big for the Blue Devils. The

freshmen had three points in 13 minutes in the first meeting between the last two national champs, but Williams showed Maryland's experienced big men early that he had matured. He finished with 13 points, 11 rebounds and six of Duke's season-high 13 blocked shots.

Tahj Holden led Maryland with a career-high 18 points, but Drew Nicholas, who scored 24 against Duke a month ago, was held to eight.

Each team started slowly in the second half before Duke went up 67-57 with 5:49 left as Redick made two long 3-pointers and Jones had a three-point play in a span of 1:47.

But the only team with a winning ACC road record coming in would make one last stand, pulling within two with 3:18 remaining.

Jones then made two free throws and Daniel Ewing nailed a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left on the shot clock to give Duke a 73-66 lead.

Duke was guarding a three-point lead in the final 45 seconds and tried to run the clock down, but Ewing lost it in the lane, setting up Blake's final shot that came up short.

Maryland scored 90 points against No. 10 Wake Forest on Monday, but managed just 19 in the opening 10 minutes against Duke as the Blue Devils went on a 12-0 run to grab a 10-point lead.

Jones had six of his 10 first-half points in the spurt, while

Williams added four.

The Blue Devils missed eight straight 3-pointers to let the Terrapins back into it. Maryland used a 12-1 run for a 31-30 lead. However, Duke closed the half with a 14-footer by Jones and a 3-pointer by Redick for a four-point lead in the 17th straight meeting in which both teams were ranked in the Top 25.

Memphis 80, Louisville 73

Louisville coach Rick Pitino went into their game with Memphis worried about the Tigers' 3-point shooting.

He should have been more concerned about their rebounding.

Antonio Burks scored 16 points and the Tigers outrebounded No. 4 Louisville 47-31 in the victory.

Chris Massie had 12 points and 11 rebounds and Earl Barron also had 11 rebounds for the Tigers (17-5, 8-3 Conference USA), who won their sixth straight game.

"They just took us to the woodshed on the glass," Pitino said. "They deserved the victory. They beat the hell out of us."

Reece Gaines scored 19 points on 5-of-18 shooting for the Cardinals (19-3, 9-2), who lost at home for the first time in 12 games this season. Gaines went 1-of-9 from 3-point range and the Cardinals, the best 3-point shooting team in Conference

USA, went 5-for-23 (22 percent).

"We shot way too many 3s," said Gaines, who hit a game-winning 3-pointer in a victory at Marquette on Saturday. "I shot too many 3s that didn't go in. I thought they'd go in, but they didn't."

Five players fouled out of the tightly called game which had 61 fouls called.

"Both teams fought like crazy," Memphis coach John Calipari said.

Massie fell awkwardly with 14:08 left in the game. He returned later, but Calipari said he played with a broken nose.

Louisville forward Ellis Myles left in the second half with a shoulder injury, but also returned for the final minutes.

The Tigers led 74-67 with 50 seconds left, when John Grice stepped to the free throw line. He made the first, then made a throat-slashing gesture, drawing a technical foul.

Calipari screamed at Grice, while Simeon Naydenov hit the free throws for Louisville. Gaines added another one seven seconds later to draw Louisville within five.

"He doesn't understand when you do that throat thing, you don't look classy," Calipari said

of Grice's gaffe.

Burks missed a layup. Myles rebounded and Erik Brown made two free throws with 35 seconds left to cut the lead to three.

Louisville got no closer. The Tigers, the second-worst free throw shooting team in the conference, went 5-of-6 from the line over the final 20 seconds, including two by Grice.

"They just took us to the woodshed on the glass. They deserved the victory. They beat the hell out of us."

Rick Pitino
Louisville coach

"It was a huge win," said Memphis guard Billy Richmond, the only Tiger to foul out. "Everybody should be proud of us. We took away pretty

much everything they they wanted to do. We wanted to be the aggressor."

The Tigers rode an early 10-0 run to a 13-7 lead. They built the first-half lead to seven and could have led by more, but missed eight of their first nine free throws.

Memphis outrebounded Louisville 19-12 and forced 10 turnovers in the opening half, but led only 35-31.

The teams were tied at 59-59, but Grice made two free throws and Barron rebounded a miss by Myles and found Burks downcourt for a breakaway layup for a 63-59 lead.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bonds has quick surgery, can play again in a week

♦ 10-minute surgery goes as planned for 38-year-old star

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Barry Bonds had a 10-minute operation on his left elbow Wednesday to remove a quarter-inch ball of scar tissue and suture from a previous surgery.

San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte referred to the procedure, performed by local team orthopedist Dr. David Zeman, as a "bumpectomy."

"It was uneventful, exactly as we planned," Conte said. "We didn't have to dig into the (triceps) muscle or anything else. It was right below the skin. The key to the surgery was we opened up the skin and it was right there."

The five-time NL MVP rested at home after the operation, and was expected to do some running and other cardio work Thursday, the first day of full-squad workouts for the defending NL champions.

The 38-year-old slugger is not likely to swing a bat or play in left field for three or four days, but could practice sooner. Conte said Bonds' incision was about an inch long and that Bonds had three stitches. The surrounding area was tender.

Bonds had local anesthesia, meaning his elbow was numbed. He also was under some sedation. There was a 30-minute recovery period for Bonds before he was allowed to go home, Conte said.

"I don't think anything is going to stop him from coming back and doing what he's supposed to do."

Marquis Grissom
Bonds' teammate

The scar tissue was irritating Bonds when he rested his elbow, not when he worked out, Conte said. Bonds complained of tenderness to Conte after arriving at camp Tuesday.

The pain stemmed from surgery in 1999, when doctors repaired a tear in Bonds' left triceps and removed a bone spur from the back of his

elbow.

Bonds' teammates know he will be ready to play soon.

"Barry's always been a gamer," new center fielder Marquis Grissom said. "He always goes out and wants to play and he will do whatever he has to do to get back on the field. I think of

him as a great competitor. You look at what he's done over the course of his career and how bad he wants to win that ring, I don't think anything is going to stop him from coming back and doing what he's supposed to do. He's probably hurt half his career, playing in pain. I don't think he'll be out long."

Bonds lost in his first World Series last season when the Anaheim Angels beat the Giants in seven games. Bonds won his first batting title with a .370 average and his record fifth MVP award.

He was walked a major league record 198 times in 2002. He hit .471 with four home runs and six RBIs in the first World Series and was walked 13 times.

Bonds is ready to make another run at a title, with many new faces around him, including Grissom and right fielder Jose Cruz Jr.



API photo

Barry Bonds laughs at a recent press conference. Bonds had surgery on his left elbow and will rest the next three or four days before heading to spring training with the Giants.

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Philadelphia	35-15-4-4	78	6-3-1-0
New Jersey	30-16-11-2	73	3-4-3-0
NY Islanders	27-23-6-2	62	5-4-1-0
Pittsburgh	24-26-4-5	57	4-6-0-0
NY Rangers	23-30-7-2	55	2-6-1-1

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Ottawa	37-15-7-1	82	5-4-1-0
Toronto	33-21-4-1	71	2-2-0-0
Boston	28-23-6-2	63	4-6-0-1
Montreal	24-24-7-6	61	4-5-0-1
Buffalo	16-29-7-5	44	1-6-0-3

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Washington	28-23-7-3	66	5-5-0-0
Tampa Bay	24-21-9-5	62	4-3-2-1
Florida	17-22-11-9	54	3-4-2-1
Carolina	18-29-7-6	49	1-6-1-2
Atlanta	20-30-4-4	48	5-4-1-0

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
St. Louis	31-16-8-5	75	5-2-2-1
Detroit	30-17-9-3	72	3-4-2-1
Chicago	24-23-10-3	61	3-6-1-0
Nashville	21-24-9-4	55	6-3-1-0
Columbus	22-28-6-2	52	4-4-2-0

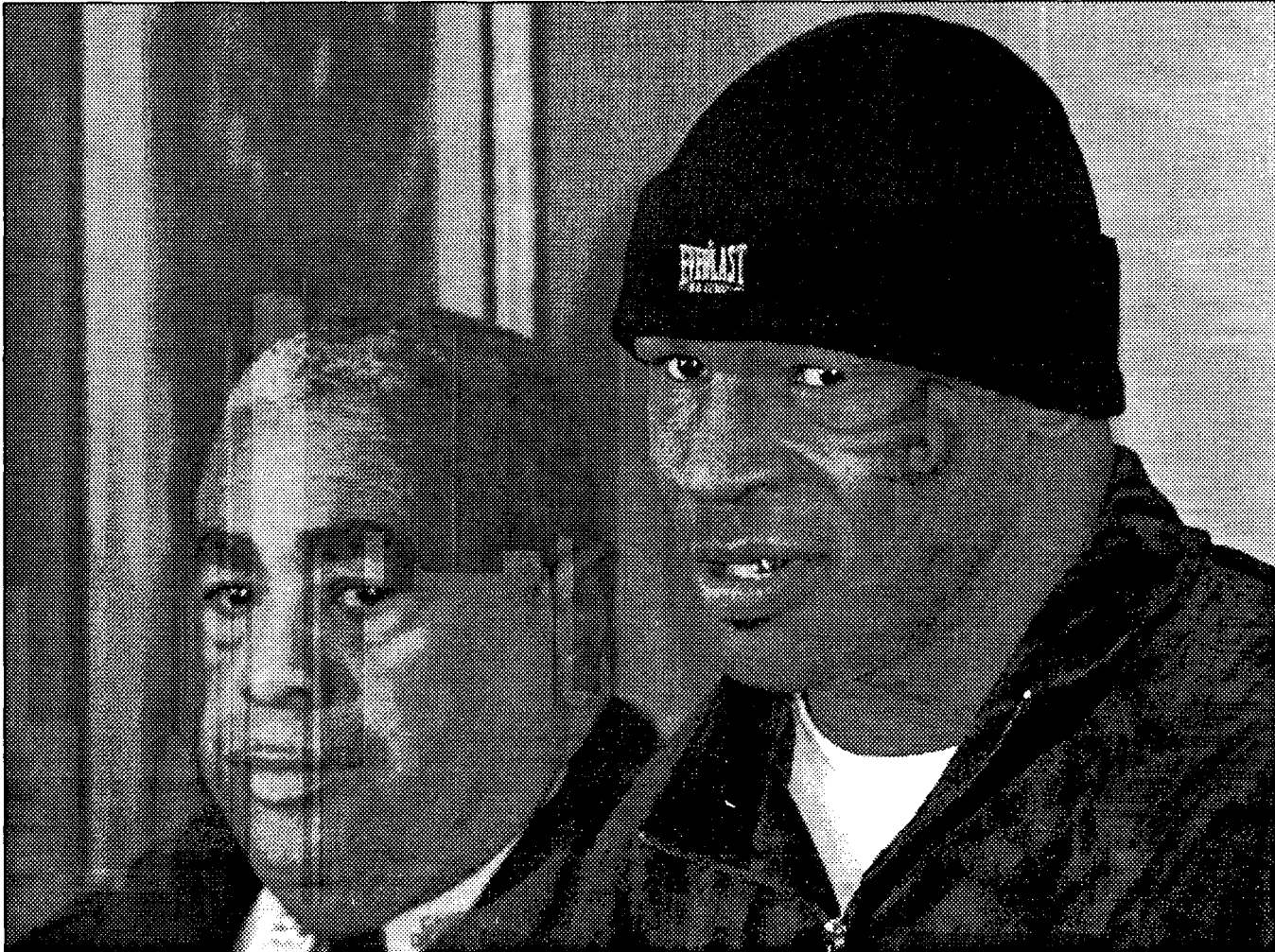
Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	34-16-9-0	77	6-0-4-0
Colorado	27-14-11-6	71	8-0-1-1
Minnesota	29-21-8-1	67	4-5-1-0
Edmonton	26-20-6-7	65	3-5-1-1
Calgary	18-29-9-4	49	1-6-2-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Dallas	34-12-12-1	81	7-2-1-0
Anaheim	27-20-8-4	66	7-2-1-0
Los Angeles	25-26-4-4	58	6-4-0-0
Phoenix	22-25-7-4	55	5-5-0-0
San Jose	21-27-6-5	53	3-7-0-0

BOXING



Boxer Mike Tyson shows off his new tattoo and responds to questions at a press conference Wednesday. Tyson will fight Clifford Etienne Saturday in Memphis.

Tyson, new tattoo, ready for fight

Associated Press

TUNICA, Miss. Mike Tyson was more eager to show off the new tattoo on his face than to show off what kind of shape he's in. The tattoo looked real enough, but Clifford Etienne's camp wasn't so sure about anything else. The circuslike atmosphere surrounding Tyson moved Wednesday to the string of casinos along the Mississippi River, where the former heavyweight champion worked out behind closed doors before emerging to give the world a peek at his new tattoo.

Tyson had a bewildered look on his face as he headed quickly toward an elevator and the sanctuary of his hotel room. His trainer said later that Tyson was discouraged about his return to training after a week out of the gym, and still feeling the effects of flu-like symptoms. "His mind seemed to be in the right place," trainer Freddie Roach said. "I'm just worried about his body." A day after Tyson woke up and decided to fight, it was Etienne's turn to wake up and change his mind about getting into the ring.

Etienne decided nearly \$1 million was too much to pass up. "I'm a fighter, not a coward," Etienne said. "I thought about it all night. I didn't work all these months to get in shape without going out and being able to do my thing." Etienne's manager, Les Bonano, said he doubted Tyson was ever sick and said he believed the former heavyweight champion had been working out all along. The claims of illness, he said, may have been just a ploy to make Etienne let his guard down. "I don't ever believe

Tyson was sick," Bonano said. "I don't believe the training rumors." Tyson didn't arrive in Tunica until shortly before 3 a.m., after one of two jets chartered by his manager arrived from Las Vegas. Newspapers and television showed a man believed to be Tyson hiding his face with towels, but it wasn't him. Tyson actually flew in later, part of a plan to keep him from the expected media barrage. "He had the worse plane," trainer Freddie Roach said. "He told me his plane didn't even have any food on it."

IN BRIEF

Tagliabue discusses hiring of minorities in NFL

When James Harris retired as an NFL quarterback two decades ago, no team would hire him as an assistant coach. Now he's one of the NFL's few top black executives, the new vice president of player personnel for the Jacksonville Jaguars. But Harris thinks the league has work to do in minority hiring. "We're talking about African-Americans, but we're also talking about the best candidate to get the job," Harris said. "In some cases, where an African-American is the best candidate, he's still not getting the job." Harris ate dinner Wednesday night with commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Among Tagliabue's other guests were the NFL's three black head coaches: Tony Dungy of the Colts, Herman Edwards of the Jets, and Marvin Lewis of the Bengals. Among the topics was the NFL's

new plan to promote minority hiring. It requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate for coaching vacancies. But the Detroit Lions were unable to get a minority to talk to them after it became clear they were ready to hire ex-San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci. Lewis is uncertain about what more can be done. "Really, you cannot tell someone who to hire," he said. "When I put together my staff, I wanted to hire guys who I knew. You want to know what kind of stress he's under and how he handles stress." Lewis and Harris both said they didn't blame candidates for not interviewing with Detroit. And Lewis didn't blame Detroit president Matt Millen for his quick decision on Mariucci. "You have a man who is fighting for his job and he's got the right to hire his man," Lewis said. "But I don't think someone should take the interview if they knew who Matt was going to hire."

Congressman demands ban of ephedra drug

A New York lawmaker called Wednesday for an immediate ban on sales of the diet drug ephedra after the spring training death of a 23-year-old Baltimore Orioles pitcher. Rep. John Sweeney, R-Clifton Park, said ephedra, already banned by the NCAA, the NFL, and the International Olympic Committee, is too dangerous for athletes. Pitching prospect Steve Bechler collapsed Sunday during a spring training workout in Fort Lauderdale and died after his temperature soared to 108 degrees. The Broward County medical examiner said Bechler was taking a product containing ephedrine, the active ingredient in ephedra. "Baseball has nowhere to hide anymore," said Sweeney. "How many young men have to die before someone wises up and bans this junk?"

around the dial

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles win in final home game

♦ Victory puts end to 12-game losing streak

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The myth that says 13 is an unlucky number obviously doesn't apply to Belles basketball.

Senior members of Saint Mary's basketball said final goodbyes to the Angela Athletic Center in an enjoyable fashion as the team snapped a would-be 13-game losing streak with a convincing 71-58 triumph over Adrian College Wednesday night.

The Belles kept the Bulldogs on a short leash for most of the game, trailing them 25-22 at the end of the first half, but surged ahead with a 49-point second half.

"We're finally clicking," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "This is the moment this team has been working toward for a long time."

The little pieces fell perfectly into place for the Belles as each team member contributed where she saw fit. Scoring leaders Emily Creachbaum, (16 points) and

Shaun Russell (15 points) kept victory within grasp while the defense, led by 5-foot-2 guard Katie Boyce and senior forward Kristen Matha, put the pressure on the relentless Adrian offense.

Matha was a force to be reckoned with under the basket as she totaled five rebounds, two assists and contributed

four points. Boyce, though small in stature, proved herself worthy of a guard position, drawing numerous

fouls by the Bulldogs and answered them by cashing on 58 percent of free throw shots.

"We knew that we weren't executing on the important plays in the second half," said Boyce. "We needed those hustle plays to turn the game around. I just stepped into a role where I thought I could help the team."

Failure to execute took its toll on the Belles as the Bulldogs fought to keep the lead in the opening minutes of the second half, leading by as much as nine points with 10:52 left on the clock.

However, the Belles stepped up, limiting Adrian to a 39 percent shooting average and

a mere 14 percent in 3-point shooting.

"Even when we were down, we had this 'refuse to lose' mentality," said Creachbaum. "Usually in that situation you kind of drag yourself along, but we were confident throughout because we knew we couldn't lose the last game on our home court, especially for the seniors."

The Belles showed their energy when it counted, sealing the win with unbeatable accuracy late in the game and substituting in normally untapped resources.

The crowd and bench was on its feet as Barbara Kierl, limited by a knee brace, sunk a 3-pointer from deep with only .6 seconds on the clock.

"Barbara's basket was like the icing on the cake," said Boyce. "The energy was high enough already but that just made it even better. I feel like we won a championship."

The Belles will attempt to make that championship a reality as they head into next week's MIAA tournament.

"We're definitely at a high point," said Bellina. "But now our focus is to be on the next couple of games. The girls are in an 'upset' state of mind and I think they're capable of doing what they set their minds to."

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NCAA WOMENS BASKETBALL

Connecticut wins 64th straight game

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. In the first half against No. 1 Connecticut, Miami did what only one other team had done during the Huskies' record winning streak.

In the second half, the Hurricanes did what every other team has done — come up short.

Diana Taurasi scored 19 points, including 14 during a decisive 30-4 run, as top-ranked Connecticut extended its women's NCAA-record winning streak to 64 games with a 81-60 victory over Miami on Wednesday night.

The Huskies' run extended into the second half, erasing an eight-point deficit they faced with seven minutes remaining in the first half. The gap matched the largest the Huskies have faced at any point during their winning streak.

"Because we've won so much and so many times we've made it look like it's easier than it really is, whenever the other team plays pretty well and we don't play as well as we can, the natural reaction is, 'What's wrong with Connecticut?'" UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Sometimes we're just normal, you know. Sometimes we're just human. And the other guys were pretty good."

Only Tennessee earlier this season managed to put Connecticut in an eight-point hole during the winning streak. UConn trailed 54-46 in the second half before winning 63-62 in overtime Jan. 4.

Maria Conlon added 15 points for the Huskies, who held Miami to 32.5 percent shooting for the game. UConn shot 59 percent in the second half and 52.6 percent for the game.

"They came out strong, real aggressive on the boards with their defense and we didn't really handle it as well as we should have," Taurasi said. "I think we did a better job as the game went on."

"We weren't concerned or afraid we were going to lose the game," she added.

Miami shot just 1-of-14 from the field and committed eight turnovers during the 11-minute stretch when the Huskies rallied.

"At the end of the first half and beginning of the second half we couldn't get anything going," Miami coach Ferne Labati said. "We couldn't get a good shot."

Taurasi finished 5-of-9 from the floor and 9-of-10 from the free throw line in leading the Huskies to their 31st straight win against Big East opponents and 45th

straight during Big East regular-season and tournament games.

UConn holds the women's record for consecutive wins and is 24 victories shy of tying the men's record of 88 set by UCLA from 1971-74. UConn has not lost since a 90-75 loss to eventual champion Notre Dame in the 2001 Final Four.

"We don't think about the streak," Taurasi said. "We don't even know what number it's on."

UConn has won 17 straight over Miami since a 69-51 loss in Coral Gables in 1993. The Huskies led 37-29 at halftime and have not trailed at halftime during the streak.

Kansas State 66, Missouri 56

Megan Mahoney scored 21 points and Kendra Wecker added 18 as No. 5 Kansas State held off a late rally to beat Missouri 66-56 Wednesday night.

Nicole Ohlde added 17 points for Kansas State. Mahoney also had 12 rebounds and was 7-of-10 from the field.

Wecker, the Big 12's leading scorer, made six of 18 shots. She scored in double digits for the 39th straight game.

Kansas State (24-2, 11-1 Big 12) won its sixth straight and has won 19 of its last 20. The Wildcats also tied the series between the schools at 31.

After being down by as many as 20 early in the second half, Missouri (13-10, 7-5) used an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 51-43 with 7:36 left. Reserves Angie Carter and Cherice Mack scored six of those points for Missouri. The Tigers held Kansas State without a field goal for 7:14 until Ohlde scored with 2:30 left to put the Wildcats up 58-51.

Kerensa Barr led Missouri with 17 points and Evan Unrau added 15.

Kansas State capitalized on poor Missouri shooting early. The Wildcats made nine of their first 14 shots to take a 21-8 lead. Despite making just two of their next 14 during the next 10 minutes, Kansas State had a 34-17 advantage at halftime. The Tigers made eight of 28 shots in the half.

Mahoney, who had 10 points in the game's first eight minutes, led all scorers in the first half with 13 points on 5-for-8 shooting.

Missouri missed all eight of its 3-point attempts in the first half, while Kansas State was 5-of-9. Despite shooting 38 percent in the first half, the Wildcats outrebounded Missouri 24-17.



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Sacred Heart Parish Center

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**Mass for
Peace and Justice**
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

807 Mass
8:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

sunday 2.23

RCIA Session
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

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Campus Bible Study
7:00 -8:00 p.m.
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**Graduate Student
Christian Fellowship**
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

**Interfaith Christian
Night Prayer**
Topic: Challenging Friendships
10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel

**Conversation with
Sr. Sue about Vocation to
Religious Life**
7:00 p.m.
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considerations....

A Crazy Kind of Love

Reluctant Saints & Citizens

by Chandra Johnson

Assistant to the President

& Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

I've been reading Donald Spoto's book, *Reluctant Saint: The Life of Francis of Assisi*, and there's a phrase in Chapter 5 that I can't get out of my mind. When speaking of Francis' self-inflicted penances and odd asceticism, Spoto writes that "...saints are in fact heroically in love, and like lovers, they sometimes become eccentric, and even overstep themselves; holiness does not preclude humanity, after all". I'm struck by this phrase because it helps me to understand why we oftentimes make saints out of crazy people. Maybe they're not crazy, after all. They're just in love – with God.

Being in love makes you do odd things. Like talking on the telephone for hours at a time. Or being distracted all day by the image of the one who makes you feel all sweet inside. Or replaying the moment you first met over and over in your mind. Maybe this is what Francis felt when, in 1205, he encountered Jesus at San Damiano and knew it was real. He felt all sweet inside and knew he had to share this sweetness with other people. He began doing crazy things and people saw in him what they didn't see in themselves: holy boldness and peace which surpassed all human understanding.

If you walked through LaFortune last Tuesday at about noon, you would have heard horns

honking (or maybe you thought someone let the ducks inside). As I stood at the elevator, someone handed me a horn that said, "Honk if you love Jesus! Come to Interfaith Christian Night Prayer." I remember thinking, "If I honk this horn, the hoards of people packed into LaFortune will notice me and think I'm drawing attention to myself." I grabbed the horn, thanked him and dashed into the elevator. I stood there alone with this horn in my hand and suddenly I found myself slowly squeezing its rubber bulb. Honk...honk. This display of affection was my private, demur response to loving Jesus. I honked the horn with nobody around.

These are interesting times in our church and world as the human spirit is being tried and tested, and loyalties are being stretched in every imaginable direction. Looking for God in the midst of this global upheaval is a natural response to our fears. It may be time to honk for Jesus; to realign our contemporary Christian views with those of the early Christians who knew Jesus was in love with them and who waited with bated breath for his return. As they waited, they retold the story of how he loved them. In a politically and spiritually tumultuous time, they loved him unconditionally regardless of the chaos. Their faith was central, and they were confident of its potential for transformation and healing. As we hear daily talk of war and economic and political unrest around the world, maybe now's the time to open ourselves to falling in love with God's love. It's risky business, though. Nobody wants to be perceived as a Jesus freak or national dissident. When we open ourselves to a "crazy kind of love" which promotes human dignity and equality through open dialogue and considerate compromise, people will recognize the justice and tell the story.

I looked for the Interfaith horn the other day and couldn't find it. I probably put it down somewhere and someone picked it up. I hope so. Even more, I hope they follow the directions and honk, pray, sing and shout loudly for the love of Jesus. Like Francis, we're after the sweetness, the taste of God's affection in our lives. Once we're open to receiving it, we will be changed and so will the world. Once we master the sacredness and treasure of our common humanity, the holiness will come. And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

As we hear daily talk of war, maybe now's the time to open ourselves to falling in love with God's love. It's risky business, though. Nobody wants to be perceived as a Jesus freak or national dissident. When we open ourselves to a "crazy kind of love" which promotes human dignity and equality through open dialogue and considerate compromise, people will recognize the justice and tell the story.

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

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Big East team the Irish have competed against this season. At the Notre Dame Invitational in early December, the Mountaineers placed third while the Irish came in first. Mountaineer senior Kleyton Franca is a standout and a returning winner in the 200 free.

Other tough teams this weekend will be Boston College and Seton Hall. The Eagles come into the Championships on a roll, having won seven of their last eight meets. Their top swimmer in six events is sophomore Tim Tully, who boasts times that are Boston College dual meet records.

For Seton Hall, the 2002-2003 season has been a breakthrough. The team holds a record of 11-3 overall, which is the first winning record in school history.

In the diving competition, Georgetown's duo of Michael Kizer and Alan Fong has the

two best scores for the 1-meter event. Miami, strong in past Championships, will look to Kyle Prandi and Miquel Velazquez to perform well.

For the Irish, Fitzpatrick is ranked in the top three for both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Junior Matt Obringer

"The competition doesn't expect too much of us. We're going to surprise them."

Jason Fitzpatrick
Irish swimmer

"We'll go out and outperform the rest of the teams in the Big East. We'll prove they're wrong about us."

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has strong times in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyles. Matt Bertke and Patrick Davis are contenders in the 1,650 free, as is Doug Bauman in the 100 backstroke.

David Moisan and Tyler Grenda also have good times in the 200 breaststroke. Sophomore Frank Krakowski, Moisan and Lucas Wymore rank near the top in the 100 butterfly, 400 IM and 200 butterfly respectively.

Notre Dame's goal for the weekend is simple, according to Fitzpatrick.

"We'll go out and outperform the rest of the teams in the Big East," he said. "We'll prove they're wrong about us."

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Lisa Garcia. "We can't walk into it and take it for granted, [given the fact] we've been six-time Big East champs."

Weathers agrees. "The girls are confident in

terms of being able to swim well, but it's going to be a pretty big challenge for us," he said.

The five-time Big East Coach of the Year said Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech and Rutgers all present a similar threat to the defending champions.

The Irish mark of 797 points last season dwarfed a 672.5 first-place 2001 effort, but did not quite reach the 829.5 points the team amassed in 2000. Last year's team, however, dominated across the board while showing special strength in the relays.

Individual champions included Carrie Nixon in the 50 freestyle, Kelly Hecking in the 100 and 200 backstroke and Allison Lloyd in the 200 breaststroke.

In the relays, Hecking, Lloyd, Lisa D'Olier and Nixon set Big East records in the 200 medley relay (1:41.93) and the 400 med-

ley relay (3:40.98). Hecking, Nixon, Katie Eckholt and Danielle Hulick set a Big East conference record in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:32.01.

While Hecking, Lloyd, and Nixon are gone, the presence of D'Olier, Eckholt and Hulick on this year's relay teams brings experience. Other current swimmers

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Bailey Weathers
Irish coach

junior honorable mention All-American for the 2001-02 season finished runner-up in the 100 and 200 butterfly in the Big East Championships last season and holds the 200 butterfly record of 1:59.28, set at the NCAA Championships.

The graduation of Nixon and others is an obvious loss, but the Irish have managed a 9-1-1 record and a No. 17 national ranking in their absence.

"I think we do and have had for several years a group that works well together," said Weathers. "We usually put team goals ahead of individual goals and I think that is really important."

Reaching individual goals can help achieve team goals. Sophomore Kristen Peterson, winner of the 2002 Most Improved Award given by coaches, made all-Big East last season for placing second in 100 and 200 backstroke events only behind Hecking.

Junior Marie Labosky also holds the top two Notre Dame 200 IM records with times of 2:01.47 and 2:01.87 at Big East's last season.

With senior captains Katie Cadavini, Amy Deger and Heidi Hendrick leading the defending champions this weekend, Notre Dame hopes to walk away with its seventh straight Big East title.

"The main thing we need to do is go out and swim individual races the best we can and let the meet take care of itself," Weathers said. "If we are in a position to win the meet later in the weekend then we can talk about that when the time comes."

"We are going in very confident," said Garcia. "We just need to depend on each other as a team. Every girl's swim is going to matter."

The championships open Thursday with the 200 freestyle relay, the 500 freestyle, the 400 medley relay, the 200 IM, the 50 freestyle and the 1-meter diving.

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we got a [seventh seed] and our RPI wasn't nearly as good as it is now. So if we can go into the Big East tournament and win a game or two and get to 19 wins — although I think that 18 wins will get us in — but if we get to 19 or 20 wins, we'll get a better seed."

Notre Dame is sixth in the Big East heading into their weekend game against Connecticut. But the Irish have a good shot at finishing the season fifth to earn the fifth seed in the conference tournament. If this happens, Notre Dame would face a No. 12 seed before likely facing Connecticut again in the second round if they advance.

That's why the Irish might be better off finishing sixth

in the league so they wouldn't have to face Connecticut until later in the tournament.

But now, Notre Dame is focusing on playing Connecticut, then battling Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center Wednesday. After that, the Irish face Seton Hall at home and finish the season on the road against Syracuse March 4.

Notes:

♦ Alicia Ratay was named Big East Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 17. It was the third time in her career that Ratay received the award. Last week, the senior from Lake Zurich, Ill., averaged 24.5 points and seven rebounds per game, leading the Irish to wins over St. John's and Providence.

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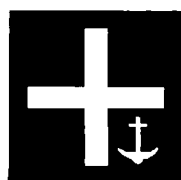
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MENS TENNIS

Irish narrowly escape Spartans

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

For the fifth time in eight matches this season, it came down to the wire for the Irish.

And for the second time, junior Luis Haddock was cast in the spotlight during the tense final minutes. Haddock responded, winning the deciding match Wednesday at Michigan State and leading the Irish to their third win in their past four matches. With the conquering of the 70th-ranked Spartans, No. 44 Notre Dame began to leave behind memories of its 0-4 start as the team improved to 3-5 for the spring season.

"I don't think any of us expected it to come down to the third set of the final match, but that's the beauty of college tennis," junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "That's what makes it so exciting. It makes the win that much sweeter."

The closing scenario Wednesday was reminiscent of Notre Dame's Jan. 31 home bout with Florida State, in which Haddock, an Irish tri-captain, was cast in the deciding match with the scored tied 3-3. Both Haddock and the Irish were defeated by the Seminoles then, but on

Wednesday Haddock triumphed 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 7-2, and the Irish earned the victory.

"Luis is a really clutch player," Scott said. "He's the guy you want to have on the court when it comes to the [deciding] match, because he'll do anything to bring home a win for us, and he did that today."

Matt Scott
Irish tri-captain

Scott had two victories for the Irish — one in doubles play with sophomore Brent D'Amico and one in singles play. After Scott and D'Amico's 8-2 triumph at the No. 1 doubles flight, though, the Spartans claimed No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, and secured the first point of the match. Then, the Spartans' Goran Topalo defeated Irish senior Brian Farrell in 6-1 straight sets to put Michigan State up 2-0. Scott, ranked 119th in the nation, gave the Irish their first point of the match with his 6-2, 6-3 win over Chris Mitchell, but the Spartans' Cameron Marshall kept Michigan State ahead as he handed D'Amico his first singles loss of the spring. Then some new Irish players helped turn the tide for Notre Dame.

Freshman Patrick Buchanan came through for Notre Dame as he registered a 6-4, 7-5 win over Eric Simonton. Junior

Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo, a transfer from Bowling Green, tied up the match with his 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 defeat of Jimmy McGuire. Finally, with the match tied up, Haddock, ranked 72nd nationally, triumphed over Michigan State's Andy Formanczyk.

While the Irish were a little surprised that the match was so close in the end, the team had expected some difficult play from the Spartans.

"We expected a tough match," Scott said. "They're very competitive. They played very hard."

The Irish have now defeated the Spartans 14 consecutive times.

But more applicable for this season, Notre Dame is feeling it has recovered from the early season struggle.

"I think guys are getting more and more confident," Scott said.

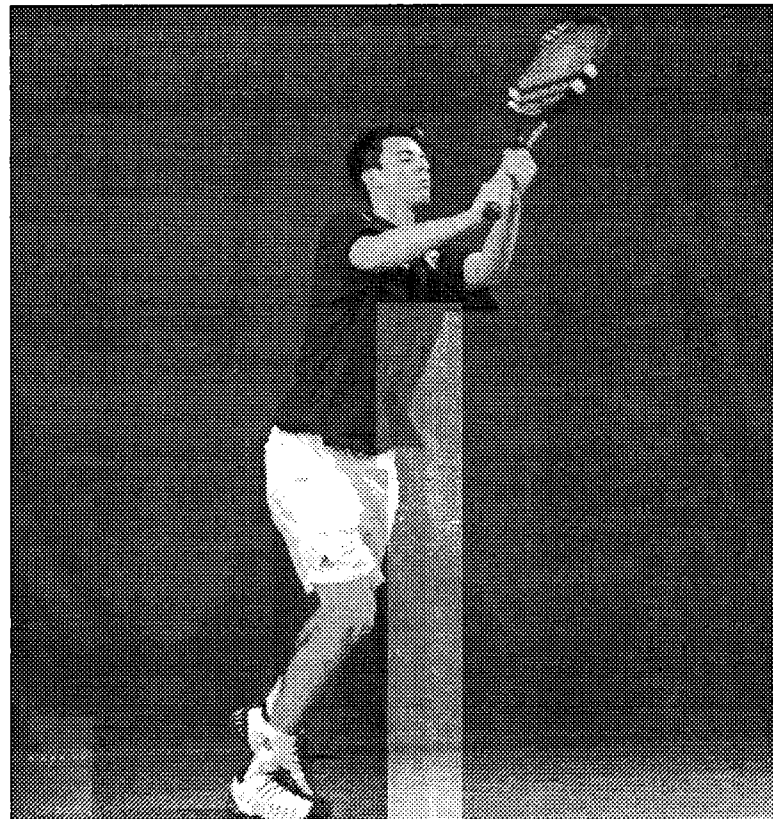
A primary concern for Notre Dame has been doubles play, and the young Irish squad is still trying to gain experience. Yet big lineup changes are not likely.

"If we change [the lineup] too much it might not give guys a chance to settle in," Scott said.

Saturday the Irish will face No. 40 Northwestern at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"We're expecting a battle," Scott said. "They have some very good players at the top of the lineup. It's a team that's good enough to beat us if we're not on top of our game."

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Junior tri-captain Matt Scott returns the ball at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Notre Dame defeated Michigan State 4-3 Wednesday.

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BENGAL BOUTS 125-145 WEIGHT CLASS**Four fights in 140-pound class include intrahall clash****◆ No preliminary round fights for 125-pound class**

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

With only 12 boxers in the weight class, the top four boxers receive byes into the quarterfinals, leaving the 140-pound division with only four preliminary fights tonight.

Freshman Matt Connor fights junior Chip Marks in the matchup of the eight and nine seeds. The winner of that fight gets junior and top seed Tony Hollowell, who lost in the semifinals last year to eventual 135-pound champion T.J. D'Agostino.

Moreau Seminary student Stephen Davidson faces junior Matt Welsh in another preliminary fight. That winner draws fourth-seeded Joe Schmidlin in the quarterfinals.

An intrahall fight between Dillon Hall residents senior Kevin Hool and freshman Edward Liva will take place in the bottom half of the 140-

pound bracket. Hool lost in the first-round last year. The winner of the Hool-Liva fight will face senior Bill Wuest Sunday.

The final preliminary fight is between junior Mark Pfizenmayer and sophomore Adrian Velez. That victor draws second seed Christopher Hoffman.

145 pounds

In the 145-pound division, top seed Luke Dillon looks to use his experience from his loss in the quarterfinals to former senior Matt Fumagalli and make a run at the title.

Dillon dropped a narrow split decision to Fumagalli last year in the 135-pound division. The junior from Zahm will face Stephen Hill in the preliminaries.

The winner of that bout will face the winner of junior Andrew Sylling and freshman John Piposar.

Junior Joseph Shonkwiler draws Paul Harris in another preliminary bout. Shonkwiler lost in the first round last year.

The winner of the Shonkwiler-Harris fight will

get the winner of the Paul Robinson-Timothy Sims bout.

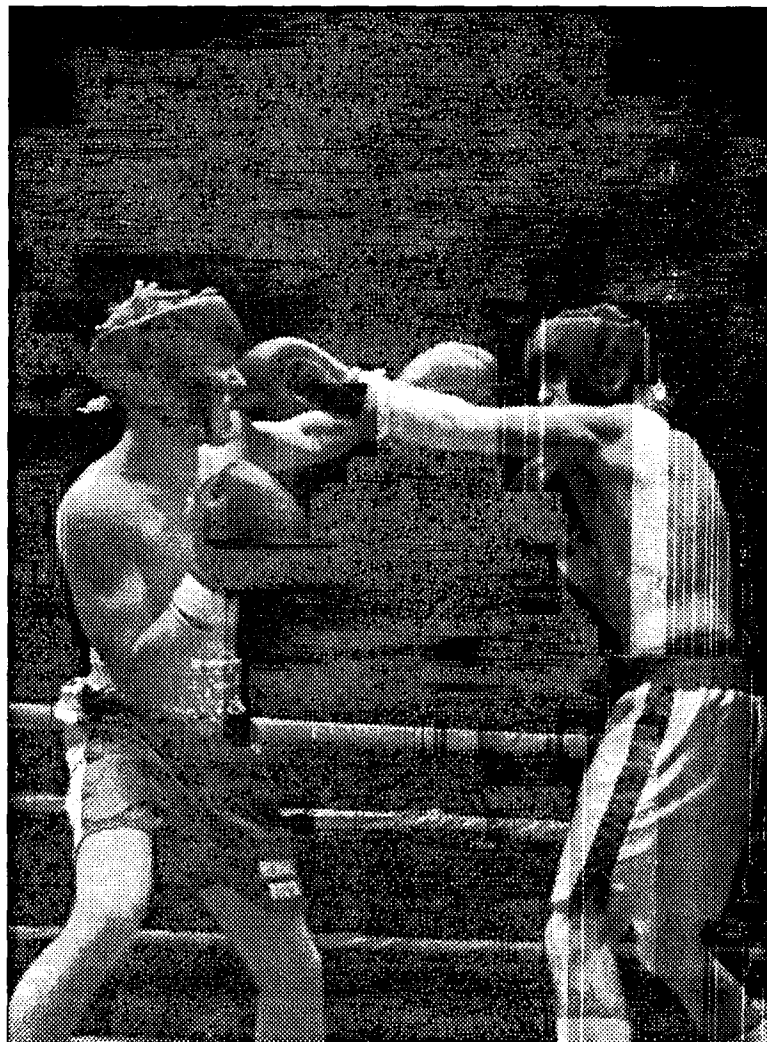
In the other half of the bracket, senior Jeffrey Ham faces business graduate student Andrew Schoppe in the first round. The winner of that bout gets the winner of the fight between sophomore Timothy Huml and Jon Streit. Huml won his first-round match last year.

The last two preliminary round fights in the 145-pound weight class are between freshman David DeBoer and Robert Murphy and law student John Vaglio and senior Ryan Duffey.

125 pounds

With only seven fighters in the 125-pound weight class, no preliminary round fights are necessary and their fights will begin Sunday with three quarterfinal round fights. Senior and defending champion Shawn Newberg received a bye into Wednesday's semifinal round.

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Seniors Matthew Fumagalli, left, and Rich Rendina duke it out during the semifinals of the last year's Bengal Bouts. Fumagalli is returning to the Bouts this year.

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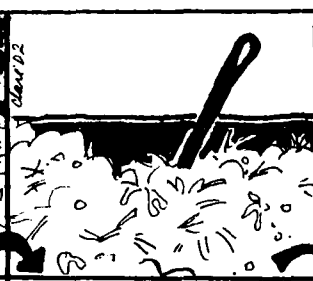


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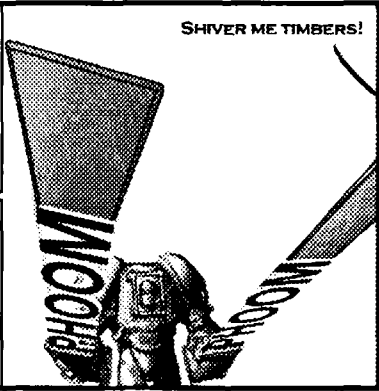
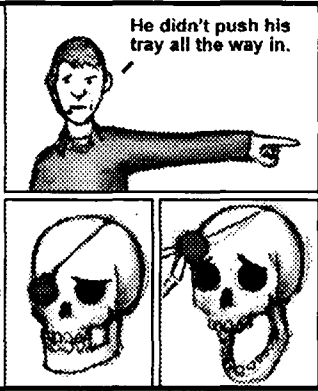
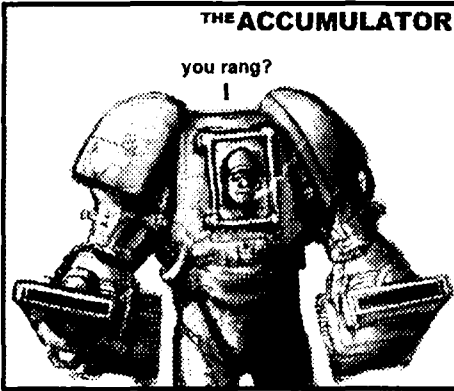
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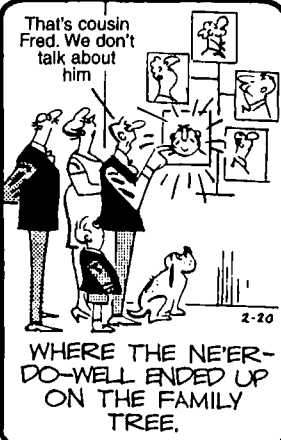
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



That's cousin Fred. We don't talk about him.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: LANKY EXULT FLAUNT MIDDAY

Answer: When the gardener chopped down the wrong tree, he said it was — AN "AX-IDENT"

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Prepares for a bout

6 Easter serving

10 A lot

14 John Lennon's last million-selling single

15 String puller

16 Bibliophile's label

17 Apologize and then some

18 Commercial prefix with bank

19 Big furniture retailer

20 Start of a quip by hockey commentator Don Cherry about his autobiography

22 Pain in the neck

23 Boy-girl

24 "___ So Easy"

26 Muckraker Tarbell

27 Settings for some TV dramas: Abbr.

28 Quip, part 2

32 Dignified

33 Federation

34 Carryall

37 Top

39 Match parts

40 Brightest star in Aquila

43 Pizazz

46 Quip, part 3

48 Top

51 Souvenir from Aruba?

52 English ___

53 "I've had enough"

55 Trash can, perhaps

57 End of the quip

60 Pickable

DOWN

1 Bandage

2 Uproar

3 Loan payment schedules: Abbr.

4 Bombay royal

5 Ridicule

6 Life's founder

7 Sri Lanka's locale

8 ___ system

9 Connecticut city that's home to ESPN

10 Traffic chart

11 Institute of Nuclear Studies site

12 Mexican tree with large, edible seeds

13 Navigable channels

21 Series of postures, basically

25 Go after

29 Bribe

30 Dunderhead

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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IRONOUTTHEKINKS

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll look good in the eyes of others today. Take a powerful stance when it comes to your beliefs. Social activities and romance should be highlighted today. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not everyone will be happy with the things you choose to do. Avoid discord by including others in your activities. You will pick up information today that will enable you to advance professionally. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love interests are present, however, the turmoil you are experiencing is all-consuming. Pull yourself away from the stress and spend time enjoying yourself. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel and communication should be on your agenda. Take a break from your regular routine. You don't have to be the center of attention all the time. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your move and speak your mind. If someone interests you, tell THEM. You will get the response you are looking for. This is a day to celebrate. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Find your own little space, free from the disharmony that surrounds you. You have the ability to look at all sides of a situation and, given the right setting, you will find a solution to whatever is bothering you. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be prepared to deal with people who are judgmental. If you are prepared to defend yourself, no one who opposes you will stand a chance. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your help will be valued, so offer assistance to someone who is in dire need. Don't feel limited if you can't physically travel. Mental gains will be gratifying. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Deception is in the picture, so don't believe everything that you're told. Read between the lines and ask pertinent questions. Don't neglect to do your share of the work today. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your creative ideas will rise to the surface today. The new friends you make today will be important to your future direction and accomplishments. ★★★★★

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BIG EAST SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Headed for stormy waters

◆ Men are underdogs, but hope to surprise

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team will be playing the role of the underdog at this season's Big East Championships. The meet will be held Thursday through Saturday at the Nassau County Aquatics Center in Uniondale, N.Y.

The Irish will be looking to make a statement in a strong and competitive field. The team is aware of their underdog status going into the Championships.

"The competition doesn't expect too much of us," senior Jason Fitzpatrick said. "We're going to surprise them."

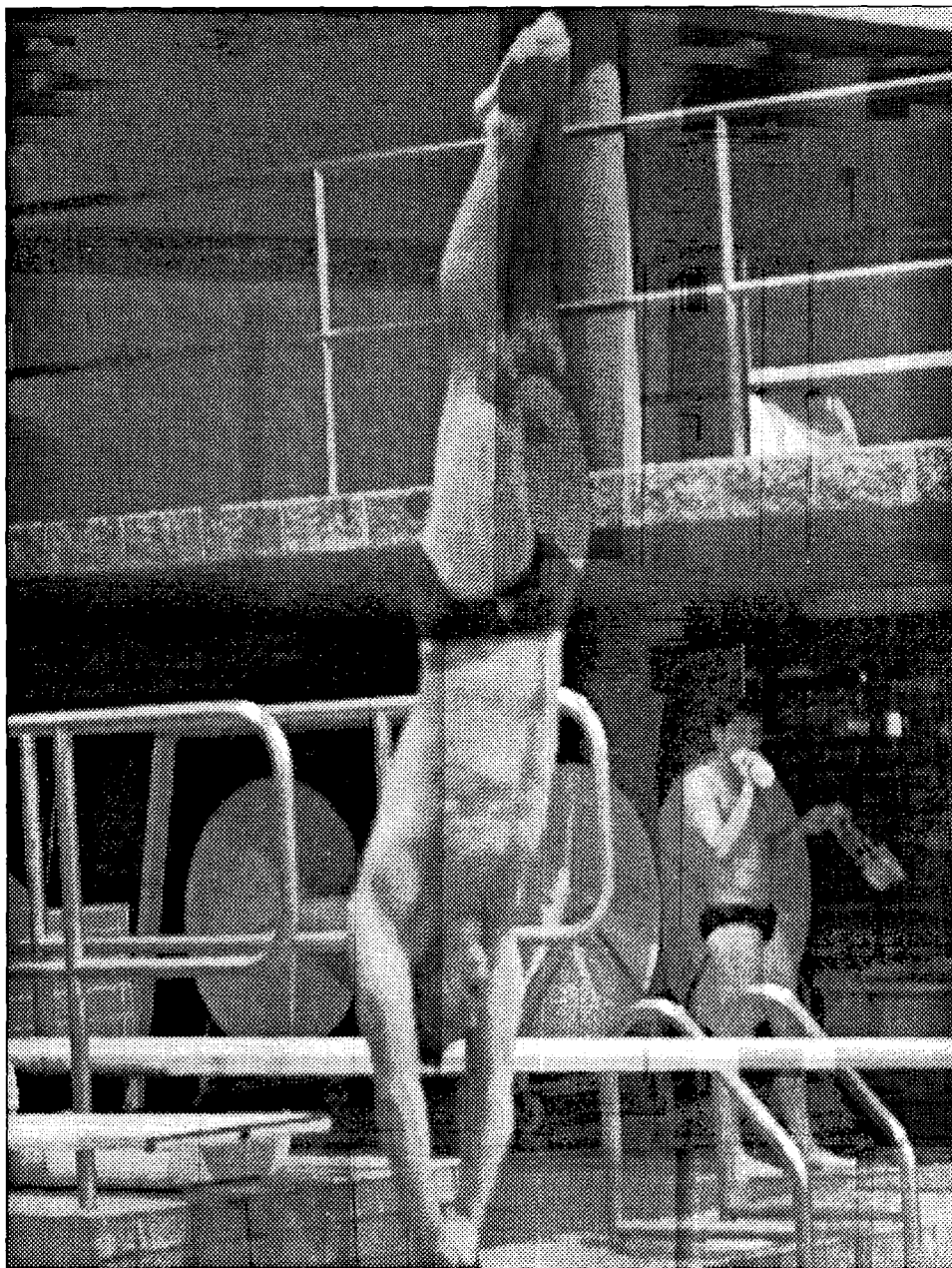
The heavy favorite to win the meet is No. 16 Pittsburgh. The Panthers are on a streak having recently achieved their highest national ranking ever. Pittsburgh has also won the last six straight Big East titles and seven in the last 10 years.

Returning for the Panthers this year are four 2002 Big East individual winners: Mike Grube (50, 100 freestyle), Randy Gertenbach (100, 200 breaststroke), Kenny Shelhorse (200 backstroke) and Eric Limkemann (500 and 1,650 freestyle, 400 IM).

The Irish faced the Panthers in Philadelphia Jan. 18, losing 183-58. However, Notre Dame defeated another Big East foe, Villanova, at the same meet 168-68.

West Virginia is the only other

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A Notre Dame diver plunges towards the water at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish swimming squads are competing in the Big East Championships this week.

CHIP MARKS/The Observer

◆ Three-quarters of roster qualifies for conference tournament

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

There are 31 swimmers and divers on the Notre Dame womens swimming roster.

Twenty-five have qualified for the Big East championships this weekend.

Following a conference restructuring three years ago, individual swimmers now must score below a certain time to qualify for the championships. Previously, coaches picked the best 18 swimmers to travel.

"The Big East made a change across the board in sports and reduced the field to improve the quality of the meet," said Irish coach Bailey Weathers. "It's much better not having to pick."

The airfare may be more expensive for the Irish, but that is a small price to pay to have three-quarters of its roster at the Big East Championships on Thursday through Saturday in Uniondale, N.Y.

The team travels to Uniondale for the fifth consecutive season and returns as the favorite in its quest for a seventh straight championship.

The key for Notre Dame, according to players and coaches, is to stay calm and focused. The pressure will be on the team that scored 797 points overall last season, 274.5 points more than a second place-Rutgers squad.

"This year, Big East is going to be a tough meet for us," said junior

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame closing in on NCAA tournament berth

◆ 18 wins should get Irish in tourney

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

The magic number is 18.

Note Dame (15-8, 7-5) has four regular season games remaining and at least one Big East tournament game to achieve 18 wins, which Irish coach Muffet McGraw thinks will secure the team a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Three of the Irish's final four games are against teams ranked below them in the conference standings. The only game Notre Dame will be the underdog in will be this Sunday when the Irish face No. 1 Connecticut.

McGraw said the team needs to focus on one game at a time and hopefully gain more confidence heading into the conference tournament.

"We're in really good shape right now," McGraw said. "Really, right now, all we're thinking about is playing well

... We're getting a good string of games where we're feeling good about the way we're playing. We just want to head into Big East tournament feeling confident and good about the way we're playing."

The Irish have won four of their last five games.

Notre Dame has several factors working in its favor. Their RPI of 25 is a

major asset. The rating takes several areas of a team's profile into account, such as schedule strength and record against ranked opponents. While the team is 1-6 against top 50 RPI ranked teams, Notre Dame has domi-

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Muffet McGraw
Irish head coach

nated teams rated between 51-100, compiling a 6-1 record against these opponents.

Notre Dame also has played well against teams that have poor RPI rankings, and this also helps their overall chance at achieving a berth in the Tournament.

McGraw said this year's team has a better RPI than last year's and could have more wins after the Big East tournament is over.

"Last year we were 18-9 and

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's 71
Adrian 58

The Belles put an end to their 12-game losing streak in their final home game at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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MENS AND WOMENS SWIMMING

Big East Championships

Feb. 20-22

Both the mens and womens teams are traveling to Uniondale, N.Y., to compete in the Big East championships this week.

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MENS TENNIS

Notre Dame 4
Michigan State 3

The Irish win their third match in their past four contests as they narrowly defeat the Spartans.

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