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STUDENT SENATE

Senators approve activity fee increase

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

After a month of debate and committee work, the Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday night calling for the University to raise the student activity fee.

Unlike previous resolutions the Senate considered, however, the one passed Wednesday night called for a \$15 dollar increase for the 2002-2003 school year but made no mention of additional increases in later years. The resolution initially proposed called for the fee to go increase by \$10, but by a vote of 14-10,

senators decided to change the amount to \$15.

Earlier versions debated at past meetings called for an initial \$10 increase in 2002-2003 and then a \$5 every other year until the fee reached \$100.

The resolution will now be sent to the Campus Life Council. If the CLC approves of the increase as well, the resolution will go before Father Mark Poorman, vice-president of Student Affairs, who will determine whether and by how much to increase the fee.

Before the Senate voted on the final resolution, three students spoke in favor of raising the fee.

Mary Barter from the

Equestrian Club told senators that her club would benefit from additional money that would potentially be available from the Club Coordination Council if the student activity fee is raised.

Describing her organization as "a club with a large budget and small allocation," Barter said that her club spends \$30,000 a year in order to compete, although their CCC allocation is \$2800 and RecSports allocation is \$1900. The rest of the money, she said, comes from funding the club raises itself, including \$630 dues each member pays.

"It leads to a situation where the average student is not going to be able to do this," said

Barter. "It's a club with a lot of interest, but many members leave and the reason is [they] can't afford to do it."

Another student who addressed the senate was Molly Lewis of the Physics Club, a group which senators had criticized at earlier meetings for using its money to purchase pizza.

The club does much more than eat pizza at its meetings, Lewis said. It conducts tutoring sessions and organizes special events with professors. She also pointed out that CCC allocated the Physics Club \$250 last year.

"If we were just going to buy pizza, that wouldn't even supply

it for the whole year," said Lewis. "To say that the Physics Club is the epitome of waste at Notre Dame is a little off."

John Hagan, the outgoing CCC club coordinator, also encouraged the Senate to approve the resolution.

"The student activity fee increase would add to the number of events for students and keep the cost of events lower," he said.

Hagan added that the CCC was placing a cap on the amount of money clubs could spend on food that is not part of a larger event.

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Bishop breaks barriers

*Second female president-elect reflects on experiences*By KATE NAGENGAST
Associate News Editor

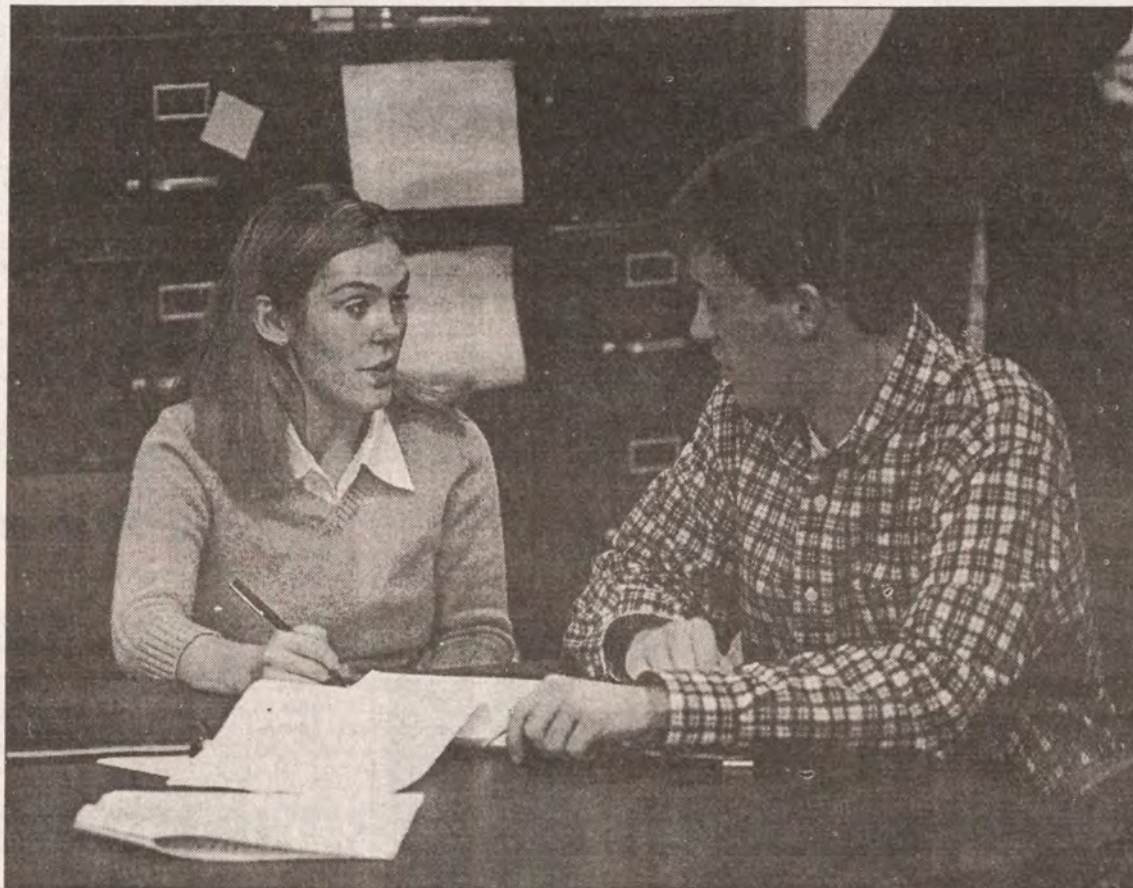
At a private Mass presided over by Father Theodore Hesburgh in his library office, Libby Bishop, student body president-elect, sat with Brooke Norton, current student body president and listened to the University president emeritus deliver a homily about the importance leading with compassion.

"He talked about how neat it was to have Notre Dame's first and second female student body presidents there, and in his homily he mentioned leading the student body with compassion, which I thought was really nice," said Bishop, who will take office April 1.

Norton said, "People have commented to me that it's unbelievable to have another woman elected so soon. There are no more barriers in that regard. I am confident that she will do a great job. She's been really enthusiastic so far, and it's good to know that the person taking over has good intentions."

Bishop and running mate Trip Foley won this year's student body run-off election by just 211 votes over Brian Moscona, current student body vice president, and his running mate Keri Oxley, current sophomore class president, on Feb. 14.

"The campaign process was grueling," said Bishop. "It was very competitive and very intense because you give 110 percent — especially this year with so many good candidates



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

President-elect Libby Bishop discusses plans for their upcoming term with running mate Trip Foley.

and no joke candidates."

Had Moscona been elected, he would have continued a chain of student body vice presidents following their running mates into office — as Norton was elected after serving as vice president under Brian O'Donoghue during the 2000-01 academic year.

"[The current administration] has done a good job, but things really haven't changed that much," said Bishop. "Of course

we all know that student government doesn't have an all-consuming power to change things, but maybe students feel like there could be more potential, that things have gotten stagnant."

Bishop has served as junior class social co-chair, sophomore class vice president, Junior Parents Weekend sophomore executive committee co-chair and freshman class fundraising

chair. She hardly considers herself a student government "outsider," she said.

"The message is there to try something new and take a different approach. So even though Trip and I have been involved and we're not complete outsiders, overall we have a fresher philosophy because we haven't been stuck in the

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Classes hold elections

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

The Class of 2003 almost reelected the same four officers who currently represent it. The ticket of Matt Smith, Karen Lysaght, Nick Mastronardi and Josh Gentine received 48 percent of the vote, just under the 50 percent needed to automatically secure office and avoid a runoff.

"It was definitely frustrating for us," said Smith. "But at the same time, we also look at who we're running against and we consider it great that we got that high."

Smith's ticket will face Steven Henriques, Edward Pettei, Brian Ostick and Catherine Disipio in Friday's runoff.

"We've been trying to get to know as many juniors as possible," said Henriques, whose ticket received 29 percent of the vote. "We just want to make our senior year awesome. Our group is really energetic and we think we can make a difference."

Leading the election for the Class of 2005, the ticket of Jeremy Lao, Erika Bramley, Kenna Brewer and Matt Kinsella received 46 percent of the vote, also just shy of the 50 percent needed to win the election outright.

"It would have been nice to have gotten 50 percent," said Bramley, the ticket's vice presidential candidate. "But we knew that the [Stephanie] Aberger

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INSIDE COLUMN

When the unpredictable journey ends

If life went the way we planned, I would have something profound to say in my last column as editor in chief. I would have a pearl of wisdom; a golden nugget of knowledge; some secret sage advice to pass on to future generations.

If life went the way we planned, I wouldn't be desperately trying to wrack my brain for 500 words to sum up my two-year term as editor in chief.

But maybe that is the one thing I have learned after 261 editions of The Observer with my name at the top of the masthead — nothing ever turns out the way we plan.

We analyze; we organize; we predict and we prepare but in the end even our best-laid plans are thrown awry by the completely unpredictable.

If everything I had planned had turned out exactly how I hoped, I would have led a pretty dull life. Without the completely unpredictable, the utterly unexpected and the chaotic, I never would have experienced some of my greatest successes.

Maybe that's why I have loved my job so much for the past two years. For all the stresses, frustrations and aggravations, I've never experienced something more rewarding than walking into the dining hall and watching hundreds of people read The Observer. They don't understand how many re-edits the page 7 lecture story went through or that we had to drive the film to Walgreens at 3 a.m. because the photo processor broke. All they see is that somehow we pulled it all together and got 20-something pages of newsprint into the bins the next morning.

If life were easy and predictable, it wouldn't be worth living. It's the fluctuations and changes that make things exciting.

The nights when the most things went wrong, when a story broke late or an idea took a few more hours to materialize usually produced the best papers. I remember nights like election night 2000 when we finally stumbled out of the office at 7:30 a.m. much more than I remember a routine night in April when everything was done by 2 a.m.

Did I accomplish everything I wanted to get done? Of course not. Looking back on my application from two years ago, I probably got 10 percent of my goals done — and that's being generous.

Nearly every improvement, innovation and reorganization I promised in my original eight-page application failed to materialize. But at the same time, improvements, innovations and reorganizations that I never imagined came to fruition through the hard work of the dedicated staff that works with me. I'd like to think I somehow inspired them to greatness. But really, I just feel privileged that I was allowed to work with them.

If I could somehow condense 261 editions into a single sentence of wisdom or a few words of truth, I would be cheating myself. Life is completely unpredictable. It can't be summed up in some pithy phrase that can be printed on a bumper sticker.

But tonight, my unpredictable journey comes to an end. I have to pass on this incredible experience to the next lucky editor who will hopefully love this job as much as I do. I hope he enjoys the ride as much as I did.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday

- ◆ **Concert:** Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Washington Hall
- ◆ **Movie:** "Black Sheep," 10 p.m., 101 DeBartolo

Friday

- ◆ **Concert:** 44th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** 7 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday

- ◆ **Play:** "The History of King Henry IV, part I," 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium
- ◆ **Movie:** "Black Sheep," 10 p.m., 101 DeBartolo

Sunday

- ◆ **Spanish Mass:** 1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel
- ◆ **Play:** "The History of King Henry IV, Part I," 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium

BEYOND CAMPUS

Kentucky researchers make discovery about HIV virus

Compiled from U-Wire reports

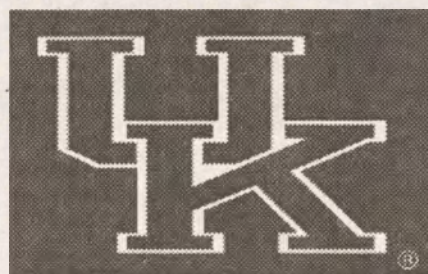
LEXINGTON, Ky.

Although most people think HIV just affects the immune system, University of Kentucky researchers said at a seminar Tuesday the virus can have equally devastating effects on the nervous system.

"It's not uncommon for the primary manifestation of the HIV infection to be neurological," said Dr. Joseph Berger, chair of the Department of Neurology.

Berger said when one out of five people who don't know they have HIV come to their doctor, they first complain of various neurological problems.

The brain is the part of the nervous system most seriously affected by HIV. Berger said that one-third of all people in advanced stages of AIDS suffer from dementia.



Two UK studies currently focus on this phenomenon, employing magnetic resonance imaging to determine the factors that contribute to HIV-related dementia. Colum Avison, an associate professor of neurology and biochemistry, said one of the clinical dilemmas in dealing with HIV dementia is the various ways it manifests itself.

"HIV, once it gets in the brain, seems to do everything you can think

of," Avison said.

HIV dementia can be caused by two "pathways," Avison explained, inflammatory and non-inflammatory. The pathways have different reactions to the drug cocktail used to treat HIV and AIDS patients with dementia, he said.

The magnetic resonance equipment lets researchers distinguish the pathways, Avison said.

Berger said it is hoped that the studies will someday provide the means to predict which patients should be treated with which drugs.

These studies are not the only ones UK researchers are conducting that concern HIV and AIDS, Berger said.

"The University of Kentucky is privileged to have over \$7 million from the National Institute of Health alone for AIDS research," he said.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Students push for co-ed housing

NEW YORK

Despite years of same-sex-only housing, male and female students living together in residence halls soon may become a reality at New York University — if some students get their way. A handful of students are lobbying the University to follow the trend at several other schools — including Haverford College and Amherst College — and allow students to choose co-ed living situations if they desire. Gay students are among the leaders of movements that support co-ed housing. Same-sex housing makes some gay and lesbian students feel uncomfortable, said Alex Morris, the secretary of Queer Union, NYU's largest student club for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. "Most of my friends are girls and personally I'd kind of rather live with girls," Morris said. NYU's current policy states while floors and buildings in University dormitories may be co-ed, individual rooms and suites may not, Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life Tom Ellett said.

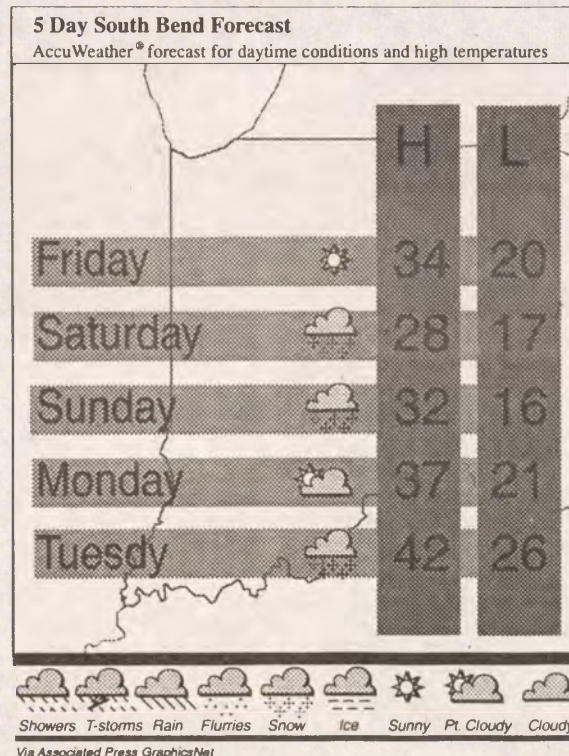
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Vigil held for slain reporter

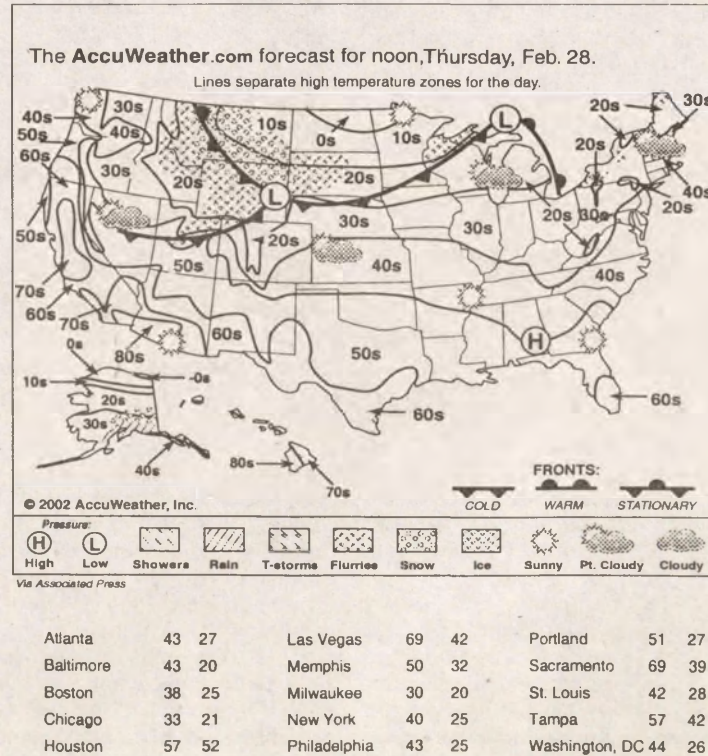
BERKELEY, Calif.

University of California-Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism held an event Tuesday in honor of The Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, recently killed by his abductors in Pakistan. The memorial quickly became a forum for discussing the implications of Pearl's murder, as several audience members inquired about the motivation behind Pearl's kidnapping. Some questioned whether it was a punishment for The Wall Street Journal's alleged close relationship with the U.S. government. Pearl, who had been in Karachi, Pakistan, researching a possible link between "shoe bombing" suspect Richard Reid and a Pakistani militant, allegedly was kidnapped by a group called the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. Pearl's abductors had demanded the release of Pakistani prisoners in Guantanamo Bay and warned Pearl would be killed if their demands were not met.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Committee proposals affect ND transportation

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

Based on safety concerns, Notre Dame officials have approved a policy requiring the removal of two rows of seats from 15-passenger vans and the eventual phase-out of the vans within University transportation pools.

The decision, along with other issues being considered by the University Vehicle Committee, may hinder future student access to transportation, according to student government leaders and the Center for Social Concerns. The move, in fact, prohibits University departments from purchasing, leasing or renting new or used 15-passenger vans.

"We've had concerns over CSC vans for years," said Marty Ogren of University Transportation Services.

A consumer advisory issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in April, however, prompted the specific request for the removal of two rows of seats, effectively making 15-passenger vans 8-passenger vehicles.

"Fifteen-passenger vans [with 10 or more occupants] had a

rollover rate in single-vehicle crashes that is nearly three times the rate of those that were lightly loaded," the U.S. Department of Transportation wrote in an April press release.

"There are other institutions across the country that have prohibited the use of 15-passenger vans," said Robert Zerr, director of Risk Management. "It's an issue that raises questions of why anyone would want to use them based on this advisory."

Risk Management brought the safety concerns to the attention of the Vehicle Committee last spring and the Committee made the recommendation to Father Timothy Scully, executive vice president.

The policy, as approved by Scully, specifically requires the removal of the back two rows of seats from 15-passenger vans, maintaining reduced weight in the back of the vehicle. It also mandates installation of signs stating, "Under University policy, this vehicle may not be driven unless every person has their seat belt fastened."

"[The decision] created a transportation crisis for Notre Dame organizations," said Ryan Alan, the Vehicle Coordinator for the CSC, whose organization operates 18 vehicles, has 750 authorized drivers and books 150 to 200 trips

each week.

Officials have attempted to compensate for the lighter passenger load by giving the CSC an additional four vehicles and providing the group access to a University-sponsored vehicle rental system where the organization is allowed to rent minivans and sedans at cost, according to Dan Skendzel, executive assistant to the vice president for business operations.

"It's probably affected the CSC less than any other organization because they typically would not send out a 15-passenger vehicle with 15 passengers," Ogren said. "The fact that they are renting very few vehicles indicates that they've been meeting their needs."

Alan, however, disagrees, saying that renting vehicles has been costly for them.

The Vehicle Committee, for its part, is considering other proposals that could shape the face of Notre Dame transportation in the future. But University officials declined to comment on specific policies that they are considering.

The CSC and student government representatives have also expressed concern over the possibility of Committee approval for scaling back CSC-run vehicles and instead operating a University-run shuttle service. Student leaders are concerned that the shuttle service would only be available from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and would restrict students' ability to do community service, according to Meghan



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

A CSC 15-passenger van sits parked behind Stephen Center. Safety concerns regarding the vehicles have prompted the University to require the removal of the back two rows of seats.

O'Donnell, Pasquerilla West senator.

"No matter what happens with the vans, we still want to be sure students can have access to transportation at night," O'Donnell said.

Skendzel, however, said the Vehicle Committee has all but dropped the shuttle concept and replaced it with the transportation rental pool.

"This was cost-prohibitive and really didn't answer the logistical problems," he said.

A final decision won't come until the Vehicle Committee publishes a report.

"The Vehicle Committee is assessing University vehicle-wide use," Skendzel said. "The committee will be putting together a recommendation for University-owned vehicles. That recommendation is still in progress, but that will determine how we go forward."

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Bishop

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LaFortune office," said Bishop.

In fact, Bishop hasn't even been stuck on campus. She spent last fall in Notre Dame's London Program and credits her decision to run as a product of that experience.

"I really decided [to run for student body president] when I was in London," she said. "I think having been involved in student government I saw that you really could make a difference, but then also having been abroad and stepping back from student government, I realized that a lot of students really don't understand what student government is doing."

Hence, streamlining current programming and increased communication with the student body are two of Bishop's primary goals.

"I think fundamentally things will be a little different because we do want to be so much more responsive to students, and not become self-absorbed into the daily activities of programming and doing what we want," she said. "Half of my job is working with administrators and working to get what the students want, but the other half that has sometimes gotten lost is letting students know that you're being an advocate for them by doing all this."

In an effort to keep students informed about government business, Bishop's administration has appointed a public relations director and three assistants.

"We're hoping to get a lot of people involved in the office. Right now we're still accepting applications. We're hoping we'll get a lot of applicants so we'll have people excited about our

ideas and get them implemented," said Foley. "We need to start working now so we can get stuff done by the fall."

By the end of the semester Bishop hopes to have begun work on many of their campaign promises: a "Welcome Willingham Tour" to introduce Notre Dame's new head football coach, Tyrone Willingham, to students through evenings in each dorm; Flex Point reform; planning a week of events for the 30th anniversary of co-education at Notre Dame; and the PASS system for printer paper allotment.

"I want for students to not be so apathetic about student government in general and apathetic in their belief that [student government] doesn't do anything," Bishop said. "I want students to see results and believe that student government has made these little differences and therefore respect it more."

As Bishop begins to undergo transition training with Norton and this year's staff, she too is gaining respect for the dedication required for success in student government.

"I realized how it is so much easier to criticize from the outside," she said. "But I think knowing that ultimately some of these smaller meetings will lead to bigger improvements of student life. That's what drives me, seeing the little details add up into a bigger difference."

"I'm excited to work with Libby, I've known her and worked with her since freshman year," Foley said. "I know she's a strong person and wants to work with the students and get a lot done. She'll do a great job as student body president."

After being elected on a platform devoid of "overarching programming goals" as Bishop called events like all-school carnivals and barbecues, she and

Foley aim to make an individual impact on students' lives. Programs like PASS will help Biology majors who have to print more notes than other students and their plans to work with the Admissions department to coordinate an Internet link with the new student government will help incoming students become more aware of campus events and issues, said Bishop.

"[Libby and I] work well together, and at the end of the day it comes down to coming together on ideas and issues," said Foley.

Beyond platform goals, Bishop has been personally involved with the University for more than 20 years. Born in South Bend, Ind., Bishop lived near Notre Dame until she was 5 years old when her father left his job in the University's Admissions department.

Her parents are both 1977 Notre Dame graduates who married after meeting in a first-year chemistry lab.

Since Bishop's father currently works in the Cornell University admissions department, choosing between Notre Dame and Cornell was difficult for her.

"When my junior year of high school rolled around, I wanted to make the decision myself, and even though I think my dad knew all along Notre Dame was the place I should go, he couldn't say it," Bishop said. "But I can totally relate to being the Notre Dame kid."

Bishop also admits she did not originally feel destined to become student body president.

"I was not that kid at the 'Graffiti Dance' who said, 'I'm going to be student body president.' But I think that's good because I'm doing this for the right reasons."

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Iowa gov. to decide on state English

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Protesters held a vigil Wednesday in hopes of persuading Gov. Tom Vilsack to veto a popular bill declaring English the state's official language.

"This whole country was founded on diversity," said Evelyn Alcorta, 54, of Des Moines. "My grandparents came here not speaking English and they weren't ostracized for it."

She was among 40 people who stood near the entrance to the governor's mansion, holding candles and signs. "Be a leader, not a poll reader. Veto English Only bill," read one sign.

Many Hispanics and liberals are offended by the measure, similar to laws approved in other states, and they make up the core of Vilsack's political base. Most Democrats in

the Legislature voted against the measure and the bill's critics have warned him not to abandon his voter base by signing the bill.

The House approved the measure late Monday, sending it to the governor's desk. The Senate approved it last week.

Supporters reminded the governor that, in this election year, polling has shown an overwhelming majority of Iowans favor declaring English the state's official language.

According to the advocacy group U.S. English Inc., 26 states have some form of official English laws. Similar legislation was approved by the U.S. House in 1996, but the Senate failed to act by the end of the session.

Vilsack has not made his intention known, but is expected to sign or veto the measure sometime this week.

Senate

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Brooke Norton, student body president, added that increasing the student activity fee would allow groups such as the Student Union Board to sponsor larger events that more students would be interested in.

"We can't afford big concerts. That's what students complain about the most," said Norton.

All students would benefit from the increase, added Zahn senator Colin Harding.

"This money is going to the Student Union and we're all part of the Student Union," he said.

However, some senators argued that the fee should not be raised, especially in light of how the money was being spent.

"I think you all really need to think about the events that are going on. You need to think about the quality of events," said Pasquerilla East senator Nikki McCord. "They're not up to par."



McCord and Siegfried senator Brian McKenna tried to get the Senate to table the resolution in order to allow senators to dis-

cuss with their hall councils the fact that the fee would be raised from \$10 to \$15. However, senators rejected the tabling and voted 18-9 to approve the resolution.

In other Senate news:

♦The Senate unanimously confirmed Jason King and Donald Norton as assistant Student Union treasurers.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bomb explodes in central Rome: A day after a bomb blast in central Rome, the government said Wednesday that international terrorists were not behind the pre-dawn attack, and that no link had been found to the recent arrest of several Moroccans suspected of plotting a strike against the U.S. Embassy. No one was hurt Tuesday when the bomb exploded in an abandoned motor scooter outside the Interior Ministry.

Turkey rescinds virginity test law: Turkey has rescinded a controversial law that authorized virginity tests for high school girls suspected of having premarital sex. Forced gynecological examinations in schools were common until 1999, when five students who did not want to submit to the test attempted suicide by taking rat poison.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Space program faces troubles: NASA's financial books are in such bad shape that an accounting firm was unable to complete an audit, and officials are still uncertain about the final cost of the International Space Station, the space agency's leader said. In response to an independent task force review, the Bush administration's 2003 budget reduced the spending for the International Space Station by \$229 million, a 13.3 percent cut.

Panel examines Agent Orange: A National Academy of Sciences panel is backing away from its conclusion last year that the children of veterans exposed to Agent Orange may have an increased chance of leukemia. After reviewing additional data, including a corrected Australian study, the Institute of Medicine concluded Wednesday that there is not enough evidence to establish a connection between exposure and development of acute myelogenous leukemia.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Senate approves gasoline tax: Motorists in Indiana will eventually pay 7 cents more in state taxes per gallon of gasoline under legislation approved by the Senate on Wednesday. The bill, approved 38-10, is likely headed to a conference committee where differences between it and a 2-cent increase passed by the House will be sought. A gas tax increase has enjoyed bipartisan support this session, and is backed by many Republicans who oppose any tax increase to help shore up the state's projected \$1.3 billion budget deficit.

INDIA



AFP PHOTO

Rescuers recover charred bodies from a train at Godhra railway station in India yesterday after it was set on fire by a mob in a Muslim-dominated area of the western state of Gujarat.

Muslim fanatics set fire to train

Associated Press

GODHRA
A Muslim mob set fire to a train carrying Hindu nationalists home from a disputed religious site Wednesday, killing at least 57 people, officials said. Fearing religious strife could spread, the prime minister appealed for calm.

The fire gutted four coaches in the early morning attack at a station in the western city of Godhra, where Muslims angered by slogans chanted by the Hindus stoned the train cars and doused them with kerosene,

according to state officials and witnesses.

Fourteen children were among the dead, district administrator Jayanti Ravi said. State Chief Minister Narendra Modi, who traveled to Godhra, said 43 people were injured, many critically.

Smoke was still pouring from the train in the late afternoon as relief workers gingerly removed charred bodies piled on top of one another in the car, their limbs entangled.

The train was carrying about 2,500 Hindu nationalists returning from Ayodhya, a site in

northeast India where activists plan to build a temple at the site of a 16th century Muslim mosque. The destruction of the mosque by Hindu nationalists in 1992 sparked nationwide riots that left 2,000 people dead.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee appealed to Hindu nationalists not to retaliate for the train attack. "We need to protect Indian brotherhood at every cost," he said. Vajpayee canceled a planned trip to Australia for a Commonwealth summit, his office said.

Across India, police in

cities where Muslims and Hindus live close together began extra patrols.

Security was tightened in Muslim areas of Gujarat state, where the town is located, to prevent revenge attacks, and police had shoot-on-sight orders to prevent riots, said the state's home minister, Gordhan Zadaphia.

"Because of chances of retaliation we have already instructed our police officers to arrange special security cover for the Muslim population," Zadaphia said. The World Hindu Council called for a statewide strike on Thursday.

Market Watch February 27

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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-3.88	-0.35	8.66
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.43	-0.13	29.89
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.97	-0.16	16.37

U.N. tribunal reviews Serb crimes

Associated Press

The Hague
In some of the most incriminating evidence yet, Halit Barani, a human rights activist and member of the pro-independence Democratic League of Kosovo, presented the U.N. tribunal with an execution order for 66 Albanians, dated February 1999 and apparently issued by Serbs.

The document, labeled "Albanians to be Summarily Liquidated," was signed and stamped by Col. M. Markovic, described as a "special unit commander."

Barani, whose name was on the list, said a colleague brought it to him after finding it in a municipal building in the northern provincial town of Kosovska Mirtovica.

While Barani testified, a court clerk handed Milosevic a copy of the list. He leaned back in his chair and studied it, his face expressionless.

Barani also testified that masked Serb police raided the home of his party's regional chairman and shot him on his doorstep.

The ninth witness to testify against Milosevic at the U.N. court, Barani said he spent several months in

Kosovo in 1999 hiding from Serb soldiers and documenting the expulsion of thousands of Albanian residents.

During a political career in Kosovo that spanned more than a decade, Barani said he was detained 76 times by Serb police, never more than for a day at a time, and was beaten repeatedly.

"They always interrogated me and seven times I was seriously mistreated," the witness said.

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Food, freedom call SMC students off campus

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Many Saint Mary's students are

choosing to live off-campus because of dissatisfaction with their on-campus lifestyle, citing a desire for more freedom unavailable on campus and a dissatisfac-

tion with food provided by the dining halls.

"It's a way to have more space and food choice," junior Laura Merry said. "My roommates and I

studied abroad last year, and because we lived on our own we felt it would then be hard to return to dorm living. How do you go back to a sorority?"

"One of the main reasons I moved off campus was the dining hall because I am a vegan and I did not feel they offered enough variety and healthy foods," senior Catalina Bajuyo said.

Dana North, director of Residence Life, said there is enough housing for those students who decide to live on campus, but each year the College acknowledges a certain percentage of students will live off campus.

"From previous years statistics, typically we have about 20 percent of our students who live off campus," North said. "This has been a pretty consistent number for the past six years."

While North said there will not be any renovations occurring in the residence halls this summer, one new program is going to be implemented by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). The program will exist in one residence hall where students from various ethnic, cultural and racial backgrounds would choose to live together and participate in reflections and programming.

"A positive move for dorm living is CWIL sponsoring the multicultural activities," Bajuyo said. "Saint Mary's students don't get a taste of reality while living on campus and so this new program is a good thing."

While many Saint Mary's stu-

dents are satisfied with living on campus, a sense of freedom and a transition into the real world made life off campus much more attractive.

"I enjoyed being on campus because all my friends were around, but I felt confined," Merry said. "My boyfriend called the dorm a jail."

A major factor in deciding whether or not to live off campus is the distance and the condition of the apartment or house. Students said it is important to look into how helpful the landlord will be, how much crime is committed in the area, what the noise levels are and how much the living space costs.

"Living at Turtle Creek is walking distance to Notre Dame and biking distance to Saint Mary's, but for this we pay more," Merry said. "It is like pulling teeth to get anything done. We have had

problems with ants, and my car has got broken into."

Saint Mary's Master Plan calls for on-campus apartments to be built that would be used by upperclassmen. Each apartment will have its own kitchen and include a washer and dryer.

However, there is not a date established for when work on these apartments will begin.

"I think the apartments will be great, and I would have stayed on campus if they had them now," Merry said.

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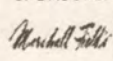
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Brooks-Devita speaks on diversity

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

A single family's arrival at Saint Mary's last year ushered in a wave of diversity to the predominantly white campus.

With Alexis Brooks-Devita as an Assistant Professor in English and her two daughters, Johnnea and Novella, as students, the trio is the largest African-American family at the College.

As of 2001, according to the Office of Intercultural Affairs, there are 18 African-American Saint Mary's students enrolled. This number represents an increasing trend that the College hopes to continue.

"The increase of minorities will improve quality on campus, especially for Euro-American students," Alexis Brooks-Devita said. "It is important for students to deal with what the world is really like."

So far, however, there is not much visible progress. Across the board, the family agreed that there is need for improvement in the area of student-professor relations in the classroom.

"A professor tries to bring up a topic of African-American culture, and I feel the obligation to correct the professor but also don't want to be a spokesperson for my race," said Johnnea Brooks-Devita, a junior humanistic studies major. "I end up feeling suffocated."

These uncomfortable situations caused Johnnea Brooks-Devita to drop two classes in two semesters at Saint Mary's. But she's learned from her experiences.

"[You can't] nurture negative messages that lower the morale of minorities," she said.

Her mother empathizes with her daughter.

"She felt like a visual aide," the professor said. "Singling out minorities does not teach the white students, and it keeps the minorities away."

Through the Strategic Plan Diversity Committee and events such as black author Rebecca Walker's lecture Tuesday, the College is seemingly addressing these issues.

"Students really try to reach out to situations that they are not familiar with," said Novella Brooks-Devita, a first-semester junior English major. "Saint Mary's tries to interact and to increase availability for this interaction to happen, and they are growing in their ability to do this well."

Today officially marks the end of Black History Month but not an end to the awareness it raises, according to the family. Novella Brooks-Devita said people must be aware of the sensitivity of acknowledging race while not singling out minorities.

Contact Natalie Bailey at
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ticket was going to be very strong."

Aberger and her running mates, Joe Sweigart, Andrea Brault and Kevin Leicht, received 26 percent of the vote, enough to put the ticket in the Friday's runoff.

"I'm so excited to have made it this far," said Aberger, the presidential candidate. "My main goal for the rest of the campaign is to see increased voter turnout."

The Class of 2004 was unable to hold its election on Wednesday because late Tuesday night, a candidate from one of the tickets in the race had to withdraw. Another sophomore is now running on that ticket.

On Friday, the Class of 2004

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Stephanie Aberger
presidential candidate

will be able to vote for their class officers on Friday. One ticket consists of Meghan O'Donnell, Pat Millea, Shawna Monson and Sonia Wallace. Their opponents are Jon Feczko, Sean McCarthy, Richard Mordini and Joseph Saliba.

In the race for off-campus senator, Erin Cushing defeated Julie Ing by 15 votes to 11. Cushing said that as a transfer student who has never lived on campus, she would like to work

through the Student Senate to make off-campus students more of a presence in dorm events and other campus activities.

Ravi Soni and Daniel Barabas, who ran unopposed, will serve in the position of off-campus copresidents.

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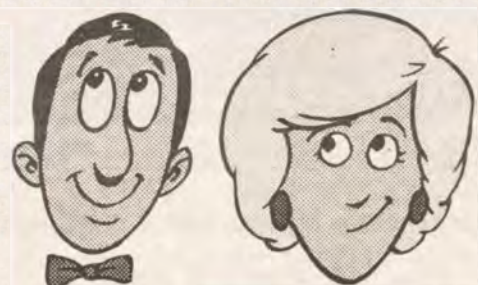
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Burned body found near San Diego

Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. Volunteers looking for 7-year-old Danielle van Dam in a rural area east of San Diego found a partially burned body Wednesday that is apparently that of a child.

The age and gender of the body were not immediately known, but San Diego police Lt. Jim Collins said there was "a high probability" the body was that of the missing second-grader.

A deputy at the scene 25 miles east of the city said the body had been partially burned. Collins would not confirm that. A positive identification of the body could take several days.

"At this point we cannot positively confirm that it is Danielle," Collins said. "However, we don't have any other young children missing in the county that have been reported. It's a high probability that it is her."

Danielle was last seen on Feb. 1, when her father put her to

bed in her family's San Diego home. She was discovered missing the next morning.

Authorities have charged a neighbor of the family with killing the girl. David Westerfield, 50, pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges of murder, kidnapping and possession of child pornography.

Westerfield, a twice-divorced father of two grown children, has a 1996 drunken driving conviction but no violent criminal history.

He has said he was at the same bar where Brenda van Dam was spending time with friends the night Danielle disappeared. Her husband was home with their daughter and two sons.

Westerfield spent the weekend of Danielle's disappearance traveling around San Diego County in his motor home, stopping in the desert east of the city.

Police have received permission to search a dry cleaner in suburban Poway for Westerfield's bedding and clothing. Westerfield reportedly had taken seat cushions from his motor home and clothing in for cleaning after his weekend in the desert.

Police have also searched Westerfield's home and examined three of his vehicles. In warrants, police said they were looking for child pornography, children's pajamas or clothing and a set of Mickey Mouse earrings. Police also sought any "binding materials" such as tape or rope, leather or rope collars.

"At this point we cannot positively confirm that it is Danielle. However, we don't have any other young children missing in the country that have been reported. It's a high probability that it is her."

Jim Collins
San Diego police lieutenant

Texas federal judge stops execution

♦ **Defense attorneys claim client is insane**

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas A federal judge halted the execution of a condemned killer and agreed Wednesday to hear from mental health experts about the inmate's sanity.

Lawyers for Monty Delk, who was to die by lethal injection Thursday, says he is insane and should not be executed. U.S. District Judge Richard Schell said he would hold a hearing on the matter, probably by July.

The Texas attorney general's office said it would appeal the judge's stay.

"A stay is always good news," defense attorney John Wright said. "The fact they're appealing it is always bad news. But I'd just as soon let them have something to appeal."

Delk, 35, was condemned for the 1986

shooting death of Gene Olan Allen II, whose body was found in a remote area about 140 miles north of Houston. The victim's wife last saw him driving away with Delk, who had called earlier about a newspaper ad that listed their car for sale and wanted to take a test drive.

Prosecutors say prison psychiatrists have determined Delk is faking his incoherence. The state's appeal would go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Delk babbles incoherently when spoken to, has refused for months to take a shower and occasionally is found in his cell smeared with his own feces.

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'Axis of evil' is a coherent idea

Perhaps Derek Vollmer [see "Alienating allies could prove destructive" on Tuesday] is the one confused regarding the Bush Doctrine, unveiled in the president's recent State of the Union speech, a.k.a. the "Axis of Evil" speech, because the president is far from confused. Furthermore, the situation regarding the support of our European allies is far from the "oversimplification of a very complex issue" of which Vollmer writes.

Bush deliberately made the "Axis of evil" a simplistic statement, a black and white issue. How else does one explain a minority of religious clerics continually subjugating the reformist political agenda in Iran. We also know that Iran is one of the most active state-sponsors and exporters of terrorism abroad, or have we already forgotten the recent arms shipment to Palestinian militants?

The Communists of North Korea have spent billions to produce weapons of mass destruction and develop the use of intercontinental ballistic missiles; meanwhile their citizens starve. The North Korean Communists have exported their weapons technologies to Iran. And, despite the Clinton policy of trying to buy off the Communists, they have actively sought to obtain nuclear capabilities.

Apparently we have also forgotten that the words "communist" and "liar" go hand in hand. Defectors from the state have reported seeing bodies of starvation victims floating in rivers and people so hungry they regularly consumed grass to survive. According to the United Nations, 2 million North Korean children are slowly dying of starvation.

And then there is our old friend Saddam. The leader of Iraq murdered over a hundred thousand of his own Iraqi Kurd and non-Arab citizenry, many with chemical weapons. A few years later Saddam was at it again, attacking Kuwait and ultimately subjecting his people to the U.N. sanctions that now cripple the

Iraqi population. But the Gulf War was all about oil, right? Make no mistake, the issues could not be clearer. These three nations breed and support the trepidation that would seek to destroy the United States should they ever be given the opportunity; much like Nazi Germany, fascist Italy and authoritarian Japan before it. These nations export hate, terror and fear. We export tolerance, individuality and free thought.

No, the Bush Doctrine could not be any clearer. As David Limbaugh explains: "The United States recognizes the clear and present danger global terrorist networks pose to the blessings of liberty, and so will act first to protect our interests." Similar to former President Reagan's "Evil Empire" speech (I think we know how that turned out), President Bush's State of the Union has come under much criticism from our allies abroad. I can only wonder what we will do without the backing and alliance with the Saudi Navy or French government (who sold Iraq its first nuclear reactors over 20 years ago). Much has been made about the international coalition organized before the recent military actions in Afghanistan. The reality being that extremely few of our allies' officers were even involved in the fighting, save British special forces.

The Bush Doctrine could not be any more straightforward and honest. And, if I were the leader of a European ally, I would go out of the way to support the efforts of the world's only superpower in their effort to encourage freedom and liberty in these backwards nations. I would do this before the great defender of democracy grows sick of taking such continual criticism and takes its ball and goes home.

Luke Burke

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Feb. 26, 2002

Spring break is on the way

I'm not in the mood to blast people today. I'm too excited over spring break. In a little more than one week from now, I will be sitting on the beach in lovely Negril, Jamaica, a mango daiquiri firmly in hand.

Many of you may be wondering what I'm doing going so far away. To me it was a no-brainer. Leaving the country, I'm able to drink in a bar without fear of being thrown into a skeazy spring break town jail. I'm too innocent-cute for jail. The other hardened criminals would pass me around like an issue of Maxim before my drunken friends would even realize I was no longer at the club.

For a while I considered Cancun, but a friend told me he had been arrested and fined for peeing in the street while in Cancun. Since I consider public urination an integral part of any spring break experience, Cancun was out.

Jamaica leaped out as the obvious choice. I don't really know much about the local culture, but if Doug E. Doug's portrayal was accurate in the movie "Cool Runnings," I plan to sit around and wisecrack with the natives all day, lie on the beach and say "Mon" every fourth word, mon.

Some of my more cynical friends have implied that I am headed to Jamaica to

consume a certain organic product which the country is famous for. Let me cut off the chitter-chatter right now: I have no desire whatsoever to smoke delicious, delicious marijuana, no matter how much more potent and effective it is than alcohol. Everyone knows that grass is for losers like our current and previous presidents, several Notre Dame football players and virtually every popular musician since 1955.

Once I have intoxication out of the way, my second priority in Jamaica will be to make a love connection. This should not be a problem for me because I am amazing at meeting new women. Wait. No. The exact opposite. Even though there is something romantic to a woman about being in a strange place with a person she will never see again, I have had trouble in the past cashing in on this.

Actually, I am greatly increasing my chances of taking drunken state-school girls back to my room by working on my physique. I'm working out harder than I ever have before, eating right and taking enough dietary supplements to give the German "women's" swim team pause. I started with Ripped Fuel and later moved to Hydroxycut. When those lost effectiveness, I sped up my metabolism with an old trick I learned during my modeling days: injecting pure, uncut heroin directly into my heart. I'm not sure, but I think I want to keep using it even after the break.

Hopefully my newly semi-buff physique will give me the confidence I need to approach a group of girls, suavely ask them where they're from and volunteer myself in case they need anyone to chew through their bikini straps. Lord knows I can't get any less confident than I was last spring break. I don't need any repeats of last year's all-too-common exchange between my friend Jimmy and I:

Me: "Hey, that girl's pretty cute. Maybe you should go talk to her."

Jimmy: "Naw, I'm working on my tan here. Maybe you should go talk to her."

Me: [pause] "I also am working on my tan."

Hook-ups or no, I fully expect this year to be the best spring break ever. Sharing a pair of double beds with four other guys is not necessarily my idea of paradise, but there's something to be said for getting away from here.

I've had just about all I can take of the weather, the work and the Knights of Columbus. I can't wait to trade it all in for cliff diving, the munchies and some fat Jamaican guy selling hemp necklaces.

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*"The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense."*Tom Clancy
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Poverty, American-style

I was 12,000 feet up in the Andes. The view was stunning, the air crisp and I had just finished retching from having downed some bad pork. A group of us had arrived in Ecuador that morning, winding through five hours of dusty, unpaved road before reaching Secao, a pin-prick of a town nestled in the mountains. On the way we had stopped at the local roadside bar and grill. The daily special, as it was every day, was pig carcass, slung head down from roof beams. We paid, they carved — instant dyspepsia. In Secao, we would spend a week living among the Quechua natives, helping to construct their new church building.

Christine Niles

As I See It ...

All the school-aged girls crowded around with cheeks cracked and raw from the cold. We were told to refrain from too much affection, as they had lice. I let the giggling kids pile onto my lap anyway. During the day, we would lug concrete blocks several feet at a time, stop to wheeze, proceed a few more feet, then wheeze again. Proudly conveying our burden, we would arrive at the site only to find we were outdone.

The natives are a hardy folk — we

witnessed one woman five months pregnant out each day slopping on cement and stacking bricks. At night, in 40 degree weather, Quechuans from all over the hillside walked three miles barefoot to attend church with us. Others were shod in what we fondly termed "jellies" — clear, plastic sandals in colors like fluorescent pink and lime. When church finished three hours later, they trekked back with only starlight — and glowing jellies — to guide them.

When I flew back to the States, lice-free, I can't say I ever saw things quite the same again. I've made trips to other third-world countries since, and I must say, all things being equal, that of all the places I would choose to be poor, it would be right here in the United States.

The fact is the poor here are doing remarkably better in material terms than the poor elsewhere. The National Center for Policy Analysis lists a slew of statistics guaranteed to surprise. The lowest 20 percent of the income bracket spent approximately \$13,957 in 1993 while their earned income averaged only \$6,395. The fact that these families are paying \$7,000 more than they earn can be chalked up to non-income related benefits, like public housing and food stamps. As housing and food comprise some of the largest

household expenditures, a portion of the poor are actually better off than reports reveal. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau Report of 1992 revealed that 92.2 percent of the poor own color televisions, 60 percent own microwaves and 41 percent own homes. Of these, 70 percent are free and clear of pesky mortgages the rest of us have to deal with. Not bad.

Europeans are right to be jealous. More of our poor own VCRs than all non-poor in Europe, excluding the United Kingdom — which means Blockbuster would be wise to limit property investments to primarily English-speaking countries. Compared to non-poor in the Netherlands, Italy and Great Britain combined, American poor own more dishwashers. Even the well-off in Europe own fewer microwaves than our poor here. America, quite frankly, is wealthy. And we share the wealth, despite what angst-ridden socialists might say.

There is also much mention of the widening gap between rich and poor. Could someone please tell me precisely what the appropriate gap should be? Larry Elder, in his book "Ten Things You Can't Say in America," makes the point that if gap measurement were more accurately attuned to the exorbitant taxes imposed on the rich and the

non-cash benefits enjoyed by the poor, it would be considerably reduced.

It actually took two years living in a non-third-world country to make me realize how well off I have it here. We expect to be shocked by the third world. We've all seen the World Vision infomercials; we know the lowdown. But an extended stay in Europe, of all places, turned me from blasé anti-American college student to patriotic poster girl. Apparently, the worst thing to be in England is American. Some of my patriotism is due to having been on the constant defensive from attack after attack on the country I call my own. But, more relevant, I noticed that a place as bejeweled as England conspicuously lacks many of the material goods we enjoy here. The same can be said for the rest of Europe. It might be the case that our overabundance adds to our international reputation as free-market-loving materialists. But that is the wonderful thing about America. As long as we keep it legal, we are free, free, free to be hogs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sexual orientation issues raise controversy

Heterosexual parents do not guarantee a 'true family'

In my four years as a student at Notre Dame, I have never felt compelled to write to The Observer until I finished Charles Rice's Viewpoint column Tuesday.

Rice writes, quoting and supporting a document sent to bishops by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "It is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account in the placement of children for adoption." He also quotes John Paul II as saying that it is "dangerous" and "children suffer great harm" when being raised by same-sex parents.

I cannot ignore the fact that ignorance and prejudice of single-minded people would not be a challenge for such children and their parents. However, how can you deny a child the comfort and support from two loving parents, no matter what their gender? So many of us "suffer great harm" from being raised in a "dangerous," unhealthy, abusive and dysfunctional "true family." This is an acceptable environment in which to raise children only because one parent is male and one is female? If this is the truth "Notre Dame students are entitled to," I think it is safe to say the world looks somewhat bleak.

Like Rice, I am Catholic. However, I choose to share my faith by attempting to live as Christ lived to the best of my abilities. This includes forgiving, accepting and loving my neighbors, friends and enemies regardless of their race, religion or even sexual orientation. We are all human beings, and we all deserve respect and happiness.

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Biblical evidence offers proof of homosexual immorality

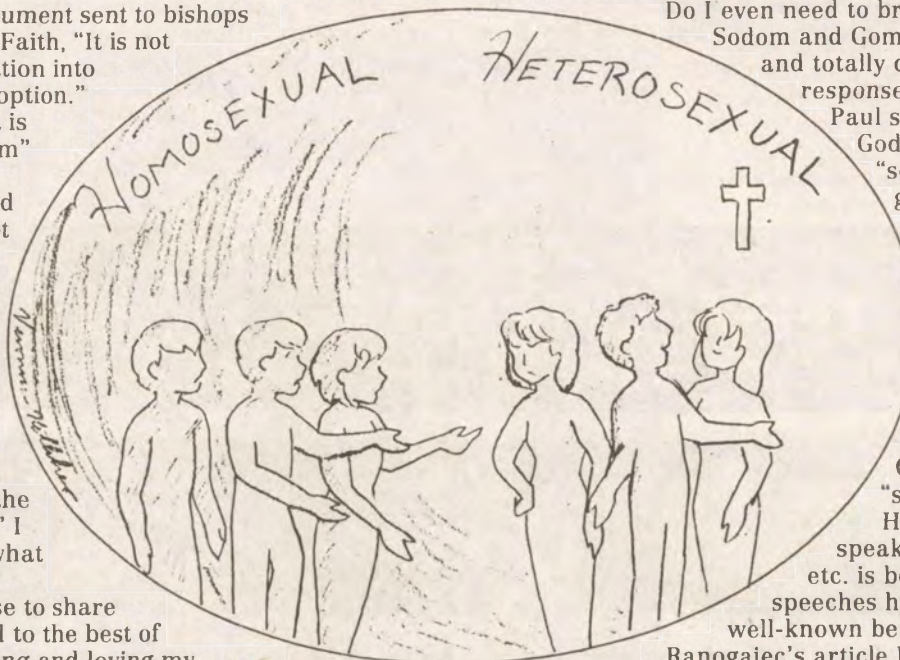
In describing homosexuality as a moral evil, the Pope does no disservice to the Catholic Church, but instead does her a favor by preserving the tradition and truth that began with the revelation of the Word of God. It is quite easy to spot the transparent attempt to disguise a deep-seated irrationalism in Paul Ranogajec's argument in his letter yesterday entitled, "Homosexuality a categorical good." Scripture makes it quite clear that homosexual acts are not only a moral evil, but are a mortal sin.

Do I even need to bring up the punishment God inflicted on Sodom and Gomorrah for their homosexuality? He completely and totally decimated both cities, and if that's not the response to a moral evil, I don't know what is. Saint Paul says sodomites will not inherit the kingdom of God, they are unlawful, unruly and opposed to "sound doctrine." He compares them to the godless, sinful kidnappers, liars, those who kill their parents, murderers, robbers, prostitutes, adulterers, idolaters and fornicators. Through Saint Paul, the Holy Spirit makes it quite clear how God views homosexuality. As to the homosexuality distorting the true meaning of family, the Pope is again correct. Does a man leave his father and mother and cling to another man? No, he clings to his wife. Furthermore, this story in Genesis emphasizes that such unions and this "sexual design" are willed by God.

How Ranogajec can claim the Pope does not speak against abuses on human rights, slavery, etc. is beyond me. Countless encyclicals, letters and speeches have railed against these moral evils, the most well-known being Evangelium Vitae. After reading

Ranogajec's article I begin to ask myself why he speaks out against the Pope and the Bible, both of which he clearly has not read, without taking the time to understand the Holy Father's, and God's, reasoning. To say the least, it's not very open-minded of him.

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Ten tips for beefing up
*Movie Scene tells you how to*By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

DVD players are rapidly appearing in dorm rooms of college campuses all across the country, replacing the archaic VCR at an alarming rate. While the average college student once brought their parents' VCRs with them to school five years ago, today many students find their slow-to-change elders unwilling to purchase either the players or the titles. This leaves the average movie collector in a bind: What is a cheap and convenient way to accumulate a precious new DVD collection without the help of Mom or Dad? Here are 10 tips to get you started.

Tip #1: Purchase titles that will be watched repeatedly

Too many enjoyable experiences at the multiplex lead to regrettable DVD purchases. While "Don't Say A Word" may have entertained audiences last fall, it doesn't mean February's DVD release is worth an immediate purchase. Unless "Word" can be watched seven times (two times is a stretch, folks), the \$28 is simply not worth it.

In most cases, DVD rental stores can be an ally in deciding what to buy. For a fraction of the cost of owning it, a five-day rental period can help gauge what is worth collecting and what should remain on the shelves. While the \$4 rental fee could ultimately add to the price of owning a certain title, renting can save a significant amount of time and money in the long run.

Tip #2: Avoid retail

Compared to retail stores like Sam Goody and Suncoast Motion Picture Company, prices on the Internet are considerably lower, making it a buyer's market. With tools like mySimon (www.mysimon.com), potential buyers can comparison shop for a certain title and find the lowest price.

When the DVD shopping was in its infancy, online retailers like Amazon carried out cut-throat selling practices that kept online prices \$10 to 15 lower than their retail counterparts.

The one exception to this rule seems to be Borders, whose list prices are usually comparable to prices online. This is not a hard and fast rule for every title Borders carries, but they do stock hundreds of films at \$14.95 each, which makes breaking the retail rule a tantalizing proposition. And now that the DVD craze is here, Internet sites are starting to raise their prices. But they still offer between 15 and 40 percent off the list price.

While buying online does not grant the wonderful feeling of immediate ownership, saving money makes it worth the wait. The lesson: continue watching all retail stores for sudden sales, but never buy from them without checking online retailers first.

Tip #3: Always use a coupon

Coupons are another advantage that online shops have over retail stores. They are easy to use and at the very least cover the cost of standard shipping. Bigger online shops like Barnes & Noble do not usually offer coupons because their name recognition generates enough business.

However, other well-known shops like Amazon and Buy.com feature a new coupon almost every month. Oftentimes, these coupons are not publicized in mailers from online stores.

Before purchasing any title online, coupons can be browsed and picked up at Fightdivx.com (www.fightdivx.com), the best-known DVD coupon distributor.

The Fightdivx Web site provides all the necessary information about the coupon's worth, requirements and expiration date.

Some coupons require a minimum purchase as a prerequisite, which encourages the buyer to exceed their spending limits. Be wary of such specifications. Also, try to group upcoming purchases together if possible to take full advantage of the coupon.

Tip #4: Pre-order if possible; watch for pitfalls

Pre-ordering online is much different from retail pre-ordering. The biggest difference is that an online pre-order is not charged to your credit card until the day it ships. Retail shops require at least partial payment on the day the pre-order is made, usually without offering any sort of discount.

The discount is another reason pre-ordering online is more favorable. Most titles are discounted between 25 and 40 percent off to attract customers into ordering two or three months

before the disc's street date release, at which time the same titles drop to about 15 percent off. When combined with a coupon, an online pre-order can save a lot.

The most important pre-orders are those titles involving multiple discs. Oftentimes large sums of money can be salvaged by purchasing a box set before it comes out. Since the prices are generally set high, a percentage discount is particularly rewarding. Fans of the "X-Files" television show may not be delighted with Season Five's \$150 retail price, but they can save themselves close to \$40 if they pre-order it.

The one pitfall of pre-ordering is that it creates a "buy now" frenzy. The lucrative savings can convince even the most frugal purchaser that an otherwise unattractive DVD is worth the money. However, if acquiring a copy of "Behind Enemy Lines" can wait until the summer (which it can, by God), then the difference between its pre-order price (\$20.99) and its online price (\$24.98) might not matter when the bank account fills with money from your new job.

Tip #5: Set limits on buying

With the purchase of any DVD player, there exist two initial tendencies. The first is to replace every VHS tape with its DVD counterpart. The second is to stockpile titles in order to have a respectable collection. Resist both temptations.

Inevitably, some movies from the previous VHS collection will be purchased immediately on DVD because of a good deal or the title's "repeatability." However, set limits on buying so that the situation doesn't get out of control.

The second temptation is just as dangerous. The old adage "Rome wasn't built in a day" can be applied to DVD purchases. Take plenty of time to meticulously select which movies you logically need to own first ("Casablanca" over "Joe Dirt," for instance) and then set limits according to income. Make the limits reasonable. Purchasing only one DVD a month may be too moderate at the start, but 10 a month is a costly precedent to set.

Tip #6: Purchase different genres

When starting a collection, be sure to consider balancing it out with a variety of genres. If a collection is loaded with dramas and only a smattering of comedies, a desire for a relaxing movie on a Friday afternoon might induce an unnecessary trip to the rental store. However, be careful not to

let the need for diversity lead to an increase in titles that will not be watched more than once.

When diversifying a collection, be wary of "special occasion" DVDs. These include holiday and concert discs. Movies like "A Christmas Story" are only watched two months out of the year, making them the most superfluous DVD purchases. The concert DVD is also problematic. After the thrill of seeing your favorite band perform a certain set-list fades, subsequent viewings are usually



DVD players have replaced VCRs as the home entertainment center and become a major source of spending for movie buffs.

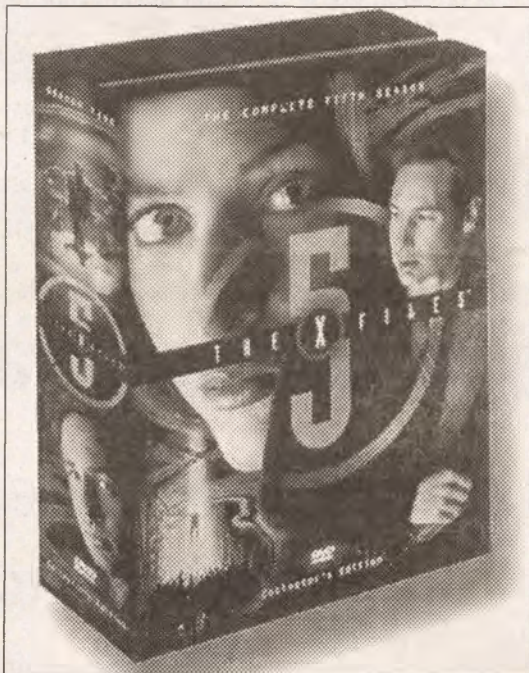


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Box sets such as "The X-Files" can be bought cheaper as pre-orders.



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Web sites such as mySimon and Fightdivx.com point DVD collectors toward online bargains and coupons.

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Build your DVD collection

to do it cheap and do it right



Photo courtesy of Amazon.com Electronics

entertainment system of choice. Likewise, DVD collecting has

quite uninteresting. The concert DVD is never taken out of storage more than a few times, which makes its purchase often unnecessary.

Tip #7: Prioritize titles that few own over those that many own

One of the most popular DVDs floating around college campuses these days is "Office Space." Since there are multiple copies available in close proximity no matter where you

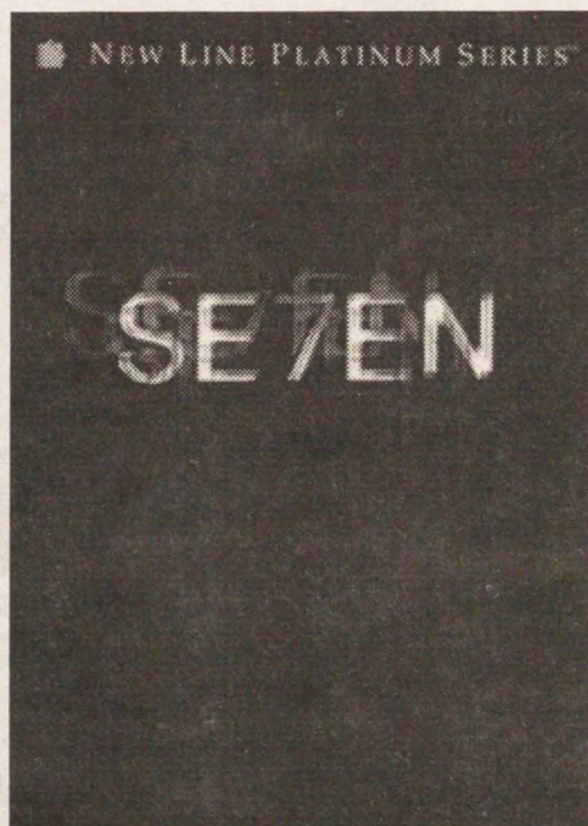
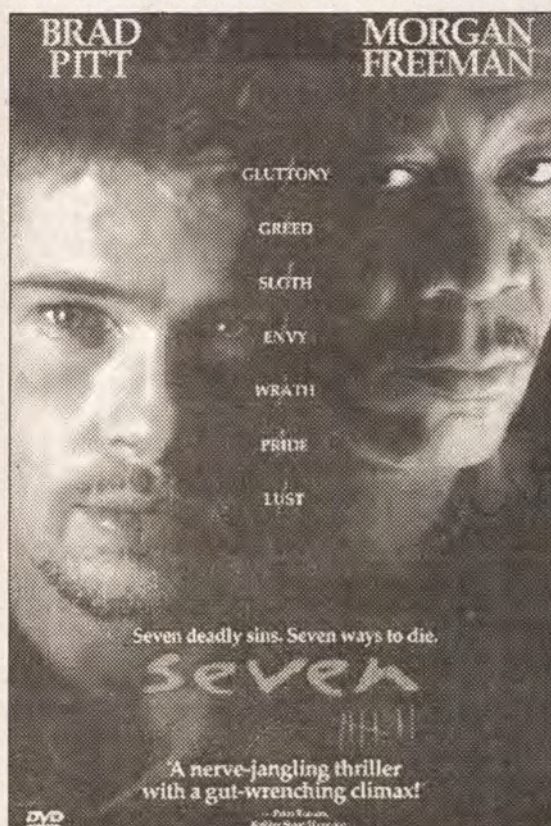
go, it is pointless to obtain one for any personal collection. Instead, use that \$15 to buy more obscure movies that are enjoyable and that perhaps other collectors do not own. Then, when the overwhelming desire to watch "Space" hits, the obscure title might interest the owner of "Space," beginning a good trading system. Graduation will eventually break up that borrowing circle, but by that time, the income generated from a new job can go towards purchasing a personal copy of the comedy caper.

Tip #8: Be aware of company's strategies; try to beat them

DVD distributors have strategies that both irk and thrill even the most resourceful buyers. Oftentimes the companies use a series of releases to con consumers into purchasing multiple copies of the same film. For example, "American Pie" was released in its theatrical form, as an "Uncensored and Unrated Special Edition" and finally as an "Ultimate Edition." The street date of these discs had gaps of time between them so that MCA/Universal could wait until the title's interest was waning before they released yet another "definitive edition."

Some older discs have been re-released on DVD due to a much earlier initial release that has since become outdated. Four years ago, "Seven" was distributed on the old flip-disc format in which the viewer would have to literally flip the disc over in the middle of the movie to finish watching it. In the winter of 2000, "Seven" was released as an "Ultimate Two-Disc Set," replacing the outdated version.

Resourceful DVD purchasers will notice that certain companies wait months before dropping prices. Artisan Entertainment, the distributor of such titles as "Terminator 2" and "Pi," often pulls titles when interest wanes, only to restock the shelves a few months later with the same DVD at a lower price. Sometimes it is just better to wait.



Photos courtesy of New Line Home Video

New Line Home Video's first DVD release of the hit movie "Seven" was a "flip disc" and did not contain any extras. The Platinum Series release is a two-disc set loaded with supplementary features.

Blockbuster's strategy, when interest in a title wanes, is to sell the disc as "Previously Viewed." The prices for these used discs are often set against online prices. All purchases come with a 30-day money-back guarantee in case of non-function, protecting the buyer who is taking a chance with a used disc.

The strategy to use at auction houses like eBay is to look for popular titles that could be much cheaper than their online retail counterparts. The site was recently flooded with "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" DVD bids after a single seller put up hundreds of copies for sale. Most of the auctions ended with a purchase price under \$1.

But buyers beware: dishonest vendors and purchases in violation of international copyrights can make any "win" on eBay a potentially sour experience.

Tip #9: Avoid buying a movie solely for its extras

Although you may have nothing but the best intentions to listen to Hans Zimmer's commentary track about his scoring of "Gladiator" on the two-disc set, it's likely that most of the extras will never be seen.

Distribution companies who are faced with poor box office receipts on certain movies add loads of unnecessary extras to the film's DVD release to attract purchasers and to recoup their investment. Their victim is the buyer, who picks up the movie mainly for its extras and never even watches them.

Companies are also being malicious toward buyers' interests by overstuffing DVDs simply to justify a two-disc set. The two-disc set is automatically more costly to produce than one extra-less disc, allowing the distribution companies to slowly siphon more money off consumers.

Look for editions that do not contain the extraneous features. The original release of "Platoon" may not feature Oliver Stone's commentary, but it's significantly cheaper.

Tip #10: Have fun and share

The only worthwhile approach to starting a DVD collection is to have fun with it. Take tours of the extras. Take a few minutes to read the production notes or collectible booklets. Set up screenings in dorm rooms for those not fortunate enough to own DVD players.

Lastly, feel good about sharing. DVDs are expensive, and it's important that everyone treats them carefully so they can be preserved. After the borrower agrees to be careful, there is no reason not to share a movie with someone.

There it is: 10 tips from a guy who spent too much on retail DVDs, forgot coupons, bought movies primarily for the extras, and did not buy different genres. Hopefully, these tips will save you some money while still making your DVD shopping as exciting as possible.



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The movie your neighbor, your brother, your girlfriend and your dog Sparky all seem to own.

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The Department of Film, Television and Theatre presents
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By Sarah Kane

Directed by Beth Hoffmann

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Free Admission — Limited Seating

By AMANDA GRECO
Associate Scene Editor

"If this makes no sense, then you understand perfectly."

This line from Sarah Kane's "Crave" is perhaps the best way to explain this play that has no plot, no overriding message and no distinct characters.

Directed by senior Department of Film, Television and Theatre major Beth Hoffmann as an independent study project, "Crave" has a unique, avant-garde script. Rather than masking its themes in complex characters, relationships and events, the script is a succession of raw thoughts and emotions, no deciphering required.

In place of traditional characters, the lines are delivered by characters named C,B,M and A. Kane offers no explanation in the script for the lack of full names for her characters, nor does she provide a reason for the chosen letters. One could conclude that M represents one person and that A,B and C are the conflicting voices within M's head.

Continuing with the minimal background information provided, the script lacks any stage directions or set design suggestion.

"Everything you get out of the script is in the words," said sophomore Tom Conner, who plays B.

There is no main narrative voice, climax or resolution within this piece. Instead, the audience is presented with a succession of moments, snippets of scenes with synchronized rises and falls.

The difficulty in presenting a script as intricate yet as vague as this one is tremendous for all involved.

"This is one of the hardest shows to perform, partially because of the nature of the language and partially because it is so random," said second-year law student Matt Holmes, who plays A.

There is little continuity within the script to help create a cohesive idea of the characters.

"The clues within the words were what we used to create the characters," said senior Kelly Hart, who plays M.

But what "Crave" may lack in traditional plot is more than compensated for in emotional intensity. The audience is invited to take a trip into a conflicted mind, teeming with contradictory thoughts. The thoughts run freely, with different parts of the mind represented by the different characters. At points throughout the series of fragmented thought, certain ideas come forth to take precedence as the character delivering them takes center stage. For a moment, the other voices within this mind are quieted.

"The aim behind this presentation is trying to create the subjective experience inside someone's mind," Hoffmann said.

The issues addressed in the script include rape, incest, pedophilia, unrequited love, strained relationships, addictions and more. Though these

themes may seem extreme and far removed from the lives of most college students, the main ideas are applicable to everyone.

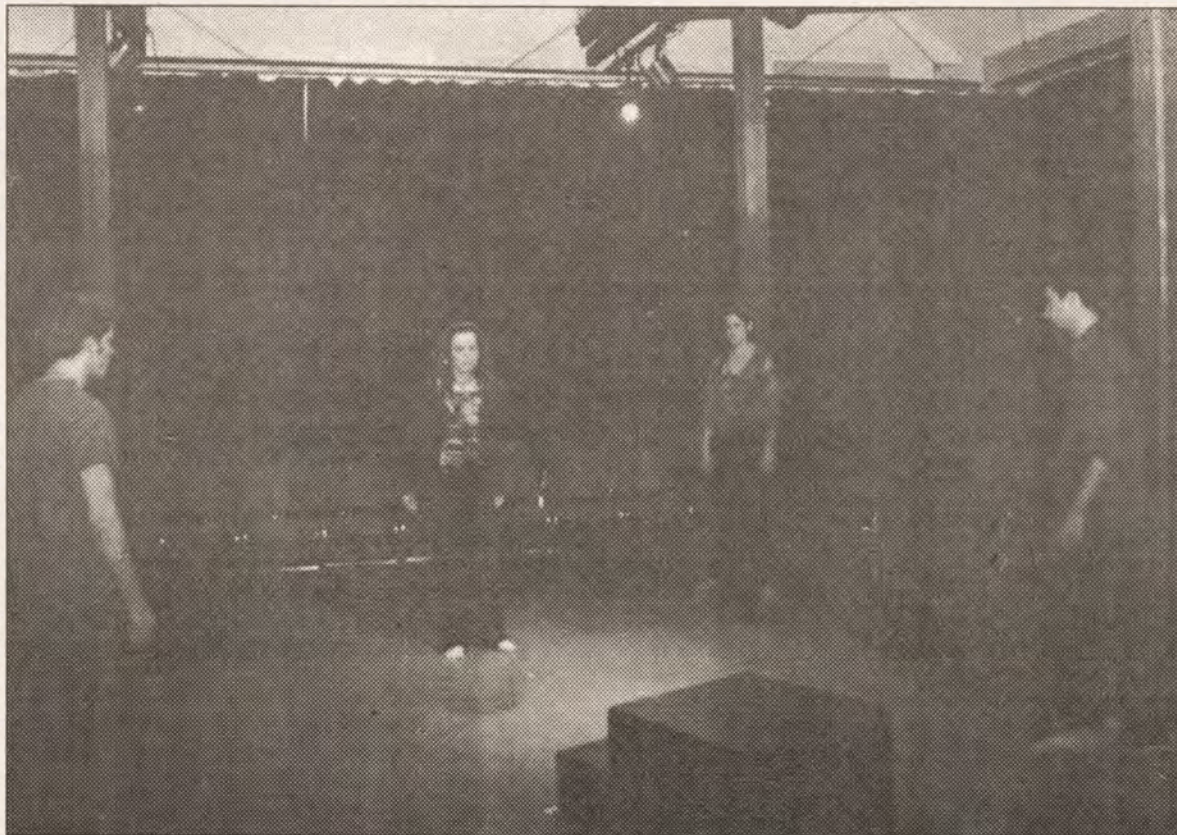
"It's about trying to put a label on life, figure out how to deal with everything and where to put it," said junior Kat Walsh, who plays the character C. "It shows how we take everything that makes up life, everything that makes us who we are, and let it all exist at the same time. You can't kill one part."

The sets for this show are minimal, allowing the audience to focus on the numerous ideas presented in the script.

Each character has a corner to which he or she retreats where there is a platform. Other platforms in the center of the stage facilitate monologues and actions that help to bring the verbal imagery to life.

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Matt Holmes
actor



AMANDA GRECO/The Observer

The actors in "Crave" (from left to right, Tom Conner, Kat Walsh, Kelly Hart and Matt Holmes) use minimal sets and continual motion to underscore the emotional intensity in the play. The show is directed by senior Beth Hoffmann.

The floors around each character's platform are plastered with images relevant to that character: pictures of models, cigarette boxes, pieces of cardboard from beer cases, etc.

The characters' movements are perhaps the most intriguing part of the show and credit must be given to Hoffmann who, without direction from the playwright, created it all. Bodies merge and separate, collapse and entangle, charge through the audience or cower in corners, as the mood dictates. Conner and Walsh excel at issuing forth despair, sorrow and disgust through their physical movements.

At times, the emotions expressed by the actors can seem a bit forced. Some moments rise to overly dramatic proportions. The emphasis in the delivery of lines neglects the power of speaking softly, opting instead for loud voices to stress heavy ideas. Notably, however, Holmes' monologue regarding the object of his affection and obsession is riveting and moving.

Throughout the performance, the actors maintain an impressive sense of unity that synchronizes everything from their actions and speech, to their breathing. This unity extends throughout the presentation, even when actors are not speaking. With mere glances and tormented expressions, the actors maintain a solid presence among each other, amid the disjointed, intense flow of emotion. Hall and Holmes wear their character's emotions inscribed on their faces.

"Crave" will evoke sympathy, elicit disgust and provoke thought. With a gutsy undertaking of a presentation akin to "vocal gymnastics," the final product is impressive and has potential to be moving, if not intriguing.

"Crave" will be presented in Washington Hall's Lab Theatre. The show plays tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free; patrons wanting to get a seat should arrive early because seating is limited.

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NHL

Hull scores overtime goal in Red Wings win

Associated Press

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Brett Hull's goal with 48.5 seconds left in overtime rallied the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Wednesday night.

Hull's late heroics foiled a franchise-record performance by Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo, who stopped 57 of 60 shots.

Luc Robitaille's second power-play goal of the game forced overtime with 2:13 left in regulation.

Florida, which blew a two-goal lead, picked up a point but lost its fifth straight game. The Panthers have won just once in 12 games.

Florida has not beaten Detroit in nine games, dating to Dec. 1, 1996.

Hull's game-winner, his 24th of the season, came on a one-time slap shot, taking a crossing feed from Pavel Datsyuk, who stole the puck from Panthers defenseman Sandish

Ozolinsh.

Kristian Huselius and Ozolinsh scored for Florida. Luongo picked up his first NHL point, assisting on Huselius' 18th goal of the season.

Hull got revenge on Luongo, who repeatedly thwarted him throughout the night. With 16:50 left in the third period and Detroit on the power play, Luongo robbed Hull from close range. With 9:09 to go, Hull again was stymied.

In the second period, Hull had a slap shot clank off the post.

Huselius gave the Panthers a 1-0 lead with his 18th goal of the season, a backhanded stab that beat Dominik Hasek at 10:56 of the first period. Niklas Hagman's lead pass at the blue line sent Huselius in unmarked. The goal came just four seconds after a Detroit power play expired. Luongo assisted by starting the play with a clearing pass high off the glass.

The Red Wings had 24 shots in the second period, but trailed 2-1 heading into the third.

At 18 seconds of the second period, Ozolinsh gave Florida a 2-0 lead, capping a 2-on-1 setup by Valeri Bure for his ninth goal. Jason Wiemer also assisted.

The Red Wings closed the gap to 2-1 on Robitaille's power-play goal at 7:50 of the second. Stationed to the right of Luongo, Robitaille flung a backhand high into the net. Hull and Lindstrom assisted.

Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 4

Jason Allison had a goal and two assists on Los Angeles' newly formed top line and the Kings remained successful on the road, winning 5-4 Wednesday night to run Pittsburgh's winless streak to eight games.

Allison and new linemates Adam Deadmarsh and Ziggy Palffy combined for six points after getting 10 the night before in a 5-1 victory at Columbus.

Deadmarsh had a goal and an assist, Palffy had one assist.

The Kings are 15-4-1-1 in

their last 21 games and 8-1-0-1 in their last 10 road games.

Janne Laukkanen scored twice on goals set up by Mario Lemieux, but the Penguins remained winless (0-5-1-2) since beating Atlanta on Jan. 26.

Lemieux, playing in his first game since helping Canada win the Olympic gold medal, became the seventh NHL player with 1,600 points when he assisted on Laukkanen's first goal. He is fourth among active players with 1,601 points, trailing Mark Messier, former teammate Ron Francis and Steve Yzerman. Wayne Gretzky is the all-time leader with 2,857 points.

It was Pittsburgh's first game in two weeks and the game quickly took on the fast pace of an Olympic game, with five goals scored on the first 15 shots. The Kings went from trailing 1-0 to leading 3-1 in slightly more than five minutes, as Allison, Deadmarsh and Mikko Eloranta all scored from

short range.

On Allison's goal, Deadmarsh grabbed the puck along the boards and threw it in front of the net to Allison for his 15th goal. Eloranta and Deadmarsh then scored 32 seconds apart after getting open in front of the net with little resistance.

Deadmarsh has three goals in two games since the Olympic break and 21 for the season.

Eloranta and Ian Laperriere each had a goal and an assist and Jaroslav Modry also scored for the Kings, who led 5-2 until Laukkanen got his second goal at 5:15 of the third and Alexei Kovalev scored with 11.7 seconds left.

Kovalev scored 20 seconds after an apparent Lemieux goal was waved off when the video replay judge ruled the puck was steered in by his skate.

Penguins forward Martin Straka played for the first time since breaking his right leg Oct. 28, but was limited to a pair of first-period shifts after being cut on the forehead.

NBA

Cassel's free throws secure Bucks victory

Associated Press

BOSTON

After a long stretch at home, Milwaukee survived a tough road test.

The Bucks beat Boston for the fourth straight time, winning 95-92 Wednesday night as Sam Cassel scored 26 points.

The Bucks lost 99-89 to the Los Angeles Tuesday night snapping a three-game winning streak. Milwaukee had played five straight at home and 13 of 16 overall.

The Celtics' Antoine Walker was short on a 3-pointer at the buzzer. Boston has lost three straight since acquiring Tony Delk and Rodney Rogers from the Phoenix Suns.

Erick Strickland and Walker hit 3-pointers in the last 25 seconds to pull the Celtics within 93-92 with 5.5 seconds remain-

ing. But Cassel hit a pair of free throws to seal the game.

Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson had 22 points each for the Bucks, the only NBA team with three players averaging at least 20.

The Celtics, returning from a seven-game West Coast trip, played their first home game in three weeks.

Walker had 30 to lead the Celtics and has 84 points in three games against Milwaukee this season. The Celtics also got 12 rebounds from Tony Battie.

The Celtics opened the game with an 11-0 run capped off by two free throws by Delk. Milwaukee pulled to 27-26 at the end of the quarter courtesy of nine points from Cassel.

Pierce led the Celtics to a 49-46 halftime lead with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting, but had only four in the second half.

Walker scored eight of his 12

third-quarter points during a 12-2 Celtics run to erase a 63-53 Bucks lead. Reserve Eric Williams had a career-high seven assists.

Charlotte 104, New Jersey 85

Jamal Mashburn is finally feeling good and it couldn't come at a better time for the Charlotte Hornets.

Mashburn, in just his sixth game back since missing 42 with a strained abdominal muscle, scored a season-high 36 points Wednesday night to lead Charlotte to a 104-85 victory over New Jersey, snapping the Nets' six-game winning streak.

Mashburn was hot early, scoring 19 points in the first quarter en route to 27 at the half. He shot 15-of-20 from the floor in just 32 minutes while helping the Hornets end their three-game losing streak.

The Hornets are trying desperately to climb into the playoff the race — they started the night in 10th place in the Eastern Conference, needing to improve two spots to advance to the post-season. Now that Mashburn is back, they're feeling good about their chances.

Mashburn more than carried the load for the other starters — George Lynch, P.J. Brown and Elden Campbell combined to score eight points — and took the pressure off injured guard Baron Davis.

Davis, playing with a bruised chest, was slow to warm up and took just one shot in the first quarter. He did not score until making a 3-pointer with 9:30 left in the first half and finished with 15 points and 10 assists.

Jamaal Magloire added 17 and Lee Nailon scored 11 for the Hornets, who avenged

their embarrassing 95-93 loss to the Nets on Sunday. Charlotte blew a 23-point second-half lead in that game and missed an opportunity to send it into overtime when Campbell failed to take a wide-open jumper because he thought the Hornets needed a 3 to tie it.

The Nets struggled with just about everything and only avoided their worst loss of the season (22 points) because the Hornets emptied their bench with almost five minutes left, allowing every player but Bryce Drew to score.

Aaron Williams scored 12 points for New Jersey and Jason Kidd had 12 points, but just six assists. Keith Van Horn added 10.

The Nets were outrebounded 45-36, shot just 13-of-24 at the free throw line and had 20 turnovers that led to 25 of Charlotte's points.

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NBA

Jordan has surgery for first time in career

jAssociated Press

WASHINGTON

Michael Jordan will probably be able to play again this season. Whether he can make it back in time to save the Washington Wizards' drive for the playoffs is another matter.

Jordan had surgery for the first time in his career Wednesday morning. Team physician Dr. Stephen Haas found and repaired torn cartilage in the 39-year-old forward's right knee, an injury Haas said was the result of normal wear and tear for an athlete of Jordan's caliber.

Typically, recovery time for such an operation is two to six weeks, and many variables — age, severity of the tear, workout ethic — can determine where a patient fits in that range. The Wizards will have a better idea of Jordan's time frame when he begins therapy after a few days of rest.

"Anytime you have a knee where you're getting swelling, you hope that when they go in there they find something they can fix," coach Doug Collins said. "When I talked to Michael, he was happy they found the source of the problem and that they were able to fix it."

If Jordan's falls in the middle of the range — four weeks — he would miss 16 games, including the entire six-game road trip in mid-March that could make or break the Wizards' season. He could join the road trip in progress if he misses two or three weeks, while a six-week layoff wouldn't bring him back until the final week of the regular season.

"It's going to start easy and

move forward," Collins said. "And that's going to be the toughest thing for Michael because he's never done anything with patience. He can't fight the healing process. He's got to take his time and get it right."

Collins cautioned that Jordan might have to choose between playing this season or next.

"There's a lot of miles on those legs, and Michael didn't play them at a low level," Collins said. "Michael played at the

highest of levels. Michael at 23, he's going to heal faster than he does at 39. He knows that if he has visions of playing next year, then it would do no

good to rush back and try to do something to set himself back. We've got to all be patient."

Still, the news was positive, given all the possibilities that had been mentioned going into the surgery. Assuming the rehabilitation goes well, Jordan's career doesn't appear to be over.

"He was in good spirits," Collins said.

Jordan was placed on the injured list Tuesday, which requires him to miss a minimum of five games, including Wednesday night at home against Portland and home and away games against his former team, the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan turned the Wizards into one of the NBA's surprise success stories during the first half of the season, putting the team in position to make the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

But, with the knee pain reducing Jordan's ability to create on offense, Washington had gone 1-7 since the All-Star break to

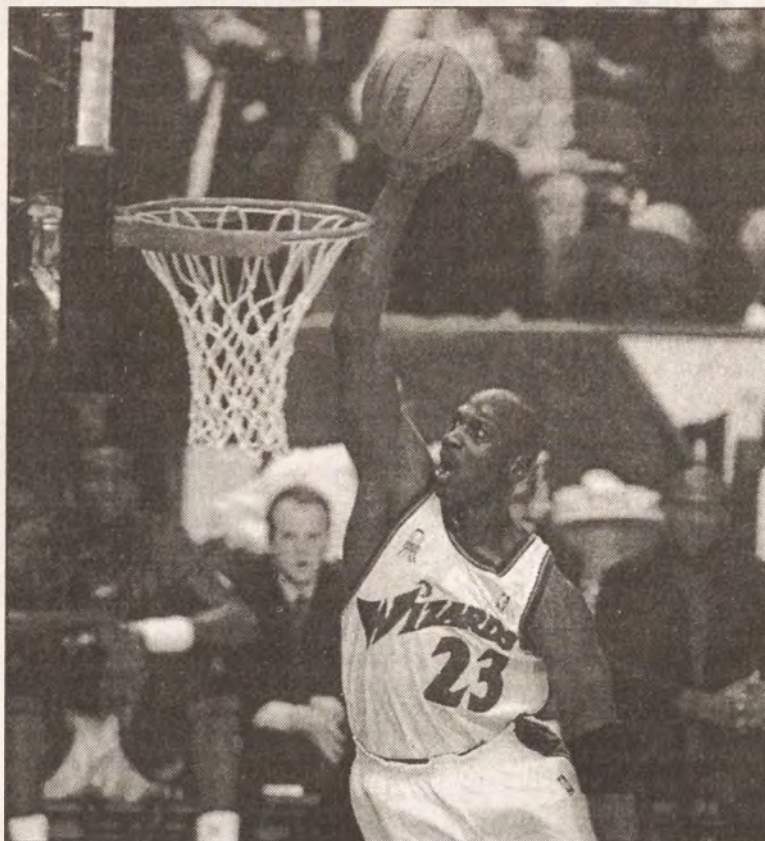
fall to 27-28 entering Wednesday's game. Jordan is averaging 24 points, 5 assists and 37 minutes — all team-highs that will be hard to replace.

Wednesday morning's shootaround ran an extra 30 minutes as Collins and the coaches worked on ways to score without Jordan.

"We're almost in training camp right now," Collins said.

The knee was one of several injuries Jordan had to overcome when he began his comeback workouts. The injury initially was diagnosed as tendinitis, and he had fluid drained from the knee at least three times, most recently before a game in Miami on Saturday. He also banged the knee in a collision with teammate Etan Thomas just before the All-Star break.

Jordan missed two games earlier in the season to rest the knee, and the Wizards lost both times. His only other major injury came in 1985, when he broke his left foot and missed 64 games in his second season with the Bulls.



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Michael Jordan attempts a dunk at the NBA All Star Game. Knee surgery may keep Jordan out most of the remainder of the season.

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Bouts

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190-pounds

The first fight in the 190-pound category squared John Lynk against William Zizic and left almost the entire crowd on its feet at its conclusion.

In a fight that saw each boxer land huge combinations and hooks on the other, Lynk used an aggressive start and a strong finish to pull off the unanimous victory to advance to the finals.

Zizic had a good second round, but could not stop the barrage of punches Lynk fired off in the final round. The fight went back and forth, with the crowd getting into the action more and more as the bout continued.

After two close rounds in the second 190-pound fight between Kevin "Hardcore" Brandl and Joshua "The Flyin' Hawaiian" Kaakua, Brandl finally took over.

"It was a slower paced fight, it wasn't a brawl," said Brandl. "I think that we both fought really well and it defiantly was really close. I think in the end the advantage came when I landed some good jabs in there."

Both fighters went after each other aggressively in the third round, but Brandl had just enough to gain the victory and a second chance

at a Bengal Bouts championship. He lost in the finals during his sophomore year.

Heavyweights

Carlos Abeyeta and Stefan Borovina both had byes in the first round and had not fought in the tournament heading into the semifinals. It did not seem to matter for either.

Abeyeta overcame a slow start and five time stoppages during the match to win a unanimous decision against football walk-on Jeff Campbell.

Campbell came out in the first round extremely aggressive and seemed to surprise Abeyeta with his flurry of combinations and strong jabs. But Abeyeta slowly but surely began to land more and more left hooks before taking the match over in the final round.

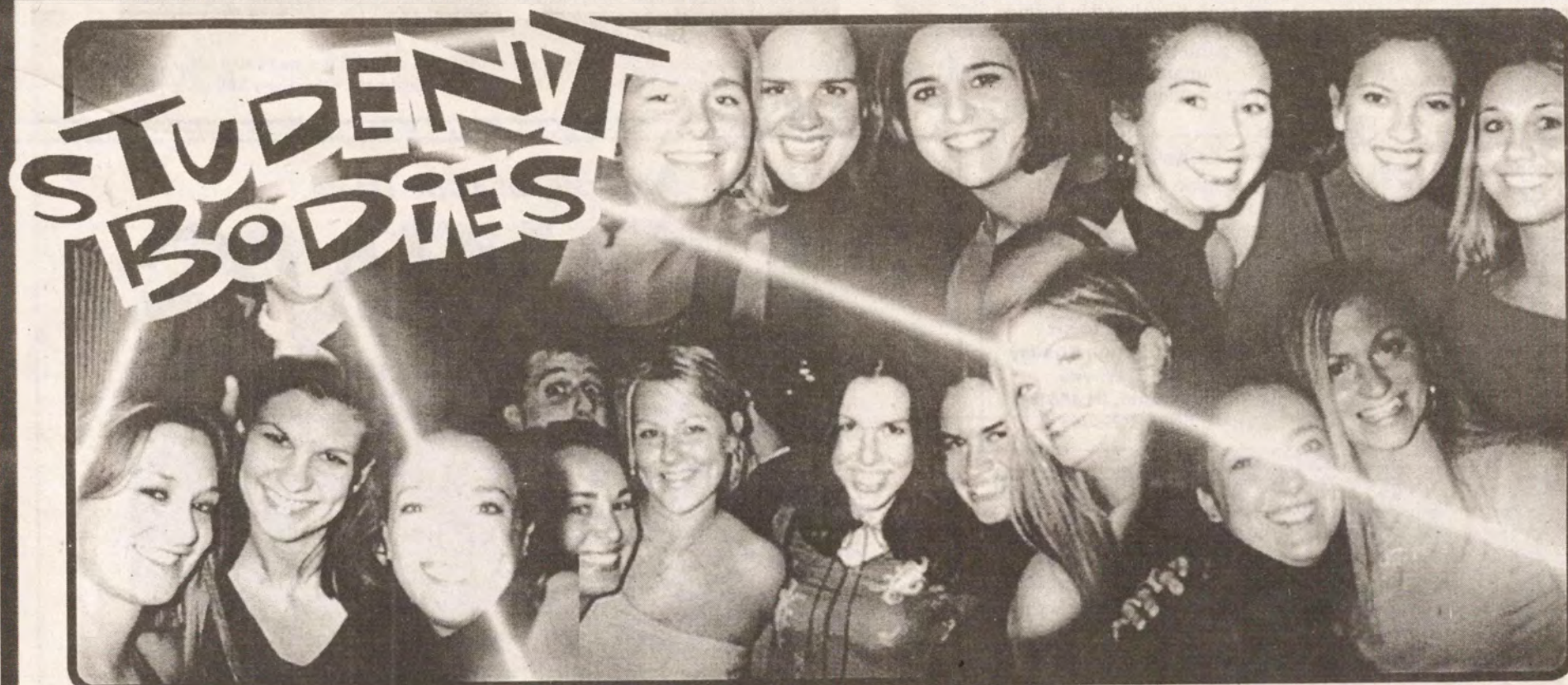
In the other semifinal, Borovina steadily landed punches throughout the match while his opponent, Eric Nelson, struggled mightily to hit Borovina during the first two rounds. Nelson, the shortest fighter in his weight class, had trouble reaching Borovina. Finally, in the third round, Nelson began hitting Borovina heavily, but it was too little, too late as the Borovina won in a split decision to head to the finals against Abeyeta.

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Sophomore Tommy Demko lands a left to the head of senior Matt Sarb, but Sarb would prevail in the end with a second round knockout of the underclassman. He will face Mark Criniti in the finals.



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Yawkey family sells Red Sox after 70 years

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FORT MYERS, Fla.

Former Florida Marlins owner John Henry and his partners completed their record \$660 million purchase of the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday, ending seven decades of ownership by the Yawkey family and its trust.

The closing of the deal, which probably will lead to the ouster of general manager Dan Duquette, marked the end of an era that saw a downtrodden team grow into one of the premier franchises in sports but fail in its quest to win the World Series for the first time since 1918. It also closed an often contentious 16-month sale process.

"It seemed like a good baseball game," Henry said of the process. "It was always in doubt up until the end."

Henry and incoming team president Larry Lucchino refused to outline personnel changes until after the sale was completed.

Duquette was expected to be the first to go, a move that could come this week. The Henry group has done little to dampen speculation that Duquette will be replaced, perhaps by vice president of baseball operations Mike Port on an interim basis.

Duquette said Wednesday that he expected to be a part of the team.

Lucchino has said he doesn't anticipate wholesale changes immediately.

"Today is a day for celebration," Lucchino said. "We've been waiting a long time to celebrate. ... We'll get to work tomorrow."

"These guys, I think, are going to be hands on," former Red Sox outfielder Dwight Evans, now the hitting coach, said Wednesday. "They're going to be in the clubhouse. They're going to be in there after the game and before the game, which will be good."

The purchase also includes 80 percent of the New England Sports Network plus \$40 million in assumed debt. The price more than doubled the previous record for a baseball franchise — the \$323 million paid by Larry Dolan

for the Cleveland Indians in 2000.

The Red Sox announced the agreement with Henry's group on Dec. 20, but the deal was held up as losing bidders tried to restart the auction and Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly investigated whether the Jean R. Yawkey Trust, which owned 53 percent of the team, would receive fair value.

Reilly later withdrew his objections and MLB owners approved the deal on Jan. 16 by a vote of 29-0 with one abstention, that of the New York Yankees.

Henry has an agreement to sell his 1 percent of the Yankees to the New York Yankees Partnership for between \$4 million and \$5 million, a pair of high-ranking baseball officials familiar with the transaction said on the condition of anonymity.

Lucchino and Tom Werner, another Henry partner, also had to reach agreements to divest themselves of their interest in the San Diego Padres before the closing could take place.

Thomas Yawkey bought the Red Sox from J.A. Robert Quinn in 1933 and when Thomas Yawkey died in 1976, his wife took over.

When Jean Yawkey died, she willed all her holdings to her trust, giving John Harrington, her long-time adviser, power to run the team.

"I'm proud to have been part of the Yawkey baseball era, and I think Tom and Jean would be pleased to see their team passing on to a group with outstanding baseball experience, a passion for the game, and a commitment to our community," Harrington said in a statement.

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Web Registration will be available for summer registration from March 20 to June 21. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer session courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who decide to register after Web Registration closes on Friday, June 21, must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

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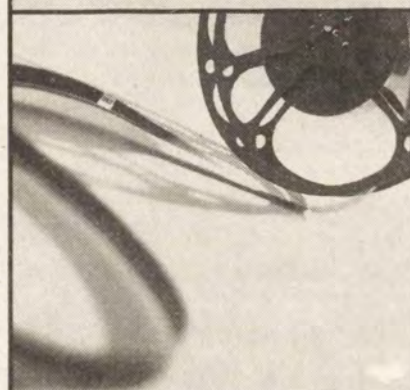
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A Lenten Reflection in the Wilderness

Cave Spirituality

■ by Chandra Johnson

Assistant to the President & Assistant Director, Cross-Cultural Ministry

Caves are very interesting places. They have become a current point of interest particularly since the events of September 11th. Throughout history, caves have served various purposes. They have been havens where communities have found shelter, security and protection from the natural elements. Civilizations and modern human behavior were crafted by cave dwellers, like those living in the Blombos Cave in South Africa 77,000 years ago. A cave was the scriptural burial place for Abraham's entire family, a purchase he made to affirm his faith in God's promise that the Israelites would reach the Promised Land. The Essene community of first century Palestine lived a religious-oriented cave existence as evidenced by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947. Fourth-century Egyptian monks like St. Anthony and Abba Moses found a wilderness lifestyle the perfect sanctuary where one could hear the voice of God. And even our very own Grotto has a cave-like ambiance, reminding us of God's indwelling and presence in the natural elements. Throughout the centuries, cave spirituality has facilitated one's search for a deeper experience of God and the interior life.

Through attention to creating a consistent, relational, service-oriented prayer life, one can be assured of God's guidance, direction and love as we live actively as citizens of the world.

In Campus Ministry, we are witnessing the emergence of students who desire to learn more about varied prayer forms. Because of this interest, I am curious as to the historical significance of contemplative cave and wilderness spirituality, a topic I chose to examine in preparation for the No Greater Love retreat held last Saturday. The theme for this year's retreat was Prayer. Many students came to obtain the historical rubrics of a contemplative and communal prayer experience. Individual and prayer group opportunities are becoming a vital part of a normal day. Quieting the mind and resting in the presence of God is calming to the spirit, and students campus-wide are immersing themselves in the soothing solitude present below the noise. As we continue our Lenten observance, I want to use this week's column to reflect on

wilderness spirituality, and the reality we create for ourselves when we emerge from our prayer experience.

The synoptic gospels tell us that when Jesus was at his spiritual peak, the SPIRIT led him into the wilderness to face the devil for 40 days: "Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil (Luke 4:1-2)." In my discussion of cave spirituality in my breakout session at No Greater Love, I posed the questions, "Why would the Spirit lead Jesus, alone, into the desert to encounter the devil face-to-face? Why would God *intentionally* sanction a spiritual dual between his Son and ultimate evil?" In the discussion, all of your answers pointed to the same conclusion: When we pray, our thoughts and corresponding actions create our reality. When our focus is on good, the outcome is good. When our focus is on self-service, the outcome is self-serving. As we talked further, we agreed that we must be aware of the distractions and external voices which sometime take us away from the truth of God's power and love. There is a fine line between praying to God and praying with God. This is why Jesus went straight to the desert before he set out on his mission. He knew that with God's guidance, his prayer would create a reality which emulated his ideals and corresponded with his personal faith and life goals. He knew that praying daily is knowing daily that God is in control.

Does this mean that in order to emulate Jesus' prayer life, we have to live in the wilderness and seclude ourselves from the world? Of course not. What it means is that through attention to creating a consistent, relational, service-oriented prayer life, one can be assured of God's guidance, direction and love as we live actively as citizens of the world. God is in everything, even in the temptations, distractions and propositions which present themselves daily. Lent is the time when we make a concerted effort to respond to God's offering of unconditional love. Like Jesus, in prayer, we know that God is at the center, providing the answers we need when we're faced with confusion, chaos or indecision. Setting aside time to create a reality which is God-centered will insure that your time spent in the desert - your prayer time - will keep you strong when you're strong, and steady when you're weak.

My challenge to you is this: after you've read this column, take a moment to think about your prayer life. Do you have a consistent prayer life? If you do, great. Where is your cave? Cherish the moments you consciously set aside to share your time and thoughts with God. If you don't have a prayer life, maybe now would be a good time to begin a relationship with your Creator. All you need is a quiet space and the willingness to let God use your life for your greatest good. It's a wonderful way to live because it takes the pressure off wondering if your going to be okay. Of course you are! Thanks to Jesus and his wilderness spirituality, we are assured of God's faithfulness, fidelity and joy in loving us. Just pick the time and place. When you're ready, God will be waiting to rock your world.

Third Sunday
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Mass Schedule

■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 2

5:00 p.m.

Rev. E. William Beauchamp, c.s.c.

Sunday, March 3

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Patrick M. Neary, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

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Saturday, March 2

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5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Vanderbilt upsets No. 11 Kentucky

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Reserve Brendan Plavich scored all but two of his 20 points on 3-pointers and Vanderbilt beat No. 11 Kentucky 86-73 Wednesday night to snap an 18-game losing streak to the Wildcats.

Kentucky (19-8, 9-6 SEC) is the only visiting team with a winning record in Memorial Gym. Vanderbilt (16-12, 6-9) had not beaten Kentucky since 1993, a stretch of eight straight home losses.

The Wildcats came in ready to clinch their 12th consecutive 20-win season and keep alive their chances for at least a share of the SEC's Eastern Division title.

But the Commodores, a team that had struggled to score in recent games, suddenly couldn't miss as they scored more points than in any of their past eight games. They shot 53 percent (30-of-56) from the field, including 11-of-22 from 3-point range, while the Wildcats shot 35 percent (22-of-62).

Matt Freije and Chuck Moore each had 19 points for Vanderbilt, while freshman Brian Thornton added 17.

Tayshaun Prince led Kentucky with 24 points, while Rashaad Carruth added 22.

The Wildcats last led at 11-9 on a basket by Cliff Hawkins with 14:55 to go in the first half. Freije grabbed a rebound and scored to tie the game at 11, and Corey Smith hit a 3-pointer that gave Vandy the lead.

Vanderbilt outscored Kentucky 20-8 at one stretch in the first half, including a 9-0 spurt capped by a 3-pointer by Plavich.

Kentucky looked ready to make a run to take the lead near the end of the half, getting within 41-36 on a layup by Carruth with 2:44 to go. But Moore scored the final five points of the half for a 46-36 lead.

Vandy built the lead to as much as 53-38 in the opening minutes of the second half when the Wildcats tried to wake themselves up by going to a full-court press.

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BENGAL BOUTS: 155-POUNDS — 160-POUNDS

Heckmann advances to final round with TKO

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

Senior captain Brock Heckmann advanced to the finals when the referee stopped his contest with senior Chris Pettit one minute and 25 seconds into the third round.

Forced to modify the aggressive style that had worked in two previous victories, Pettit was never able to go on the attack in the semifinals. The methodical Heckmann followed his usual script of fighting with strength and at sharp angles from the center of the ring. His strong right hand found its mark early, as Heckmann attacked both the body and head.

Despite his left-handed technique, Pettit could not divert Heckmann's straight pursuit or land enough punches to wear on his opponent's stamina. Heckmann appeared calm and light on his feet even near the end of the match.

While Pettit attacked in the third round with all the energy he had left, Heckmann was able to pin the action against up the ropes and in the corners, where the fight finally ended.

Heckmann's quest for a second consecutive Bengal Bouts title will end one way or another against sophomore John Nowak, a lefty whose unyielding attack earned him a split decision over junior Mike Melby Wednesday night.

The taller of the two contestants, Melby used his reach advantage well in the first round but never enough to stop Nowak's strong left hands. Often working without a jab, Nowak flustered his opponent with repeated shots to the head, particularly in the second round when he added a winding right hook.

Nowak's punches landed with

greater frequency as the fight went on, and in the third round, he sealed the victory with a flurry that seemed to attack Melby from all directions and sides.

Nowak strategically attacked Melby and clinched with him in order to avoid being hit. The effort was enough to impress the judges and give Nowak a shot at Heckmann on Friday night.

160-pounds

The opening match in the 160-pound division was arguably the most rousing of the night, as top-seeded Christ Kitalong outlasted the spirited John Murphy in a split decision victory.

A boxer who combines strength and speed with fluid movement, Kitalong dominated the first round by snapping his punches out quickly to fend off Murphy's incessant offensive. Murphy continually tried to drive Kitalong to the ropes where he could neutralize the taller boxer's reach. Kitalong adjusted, dipping his punches into Murphy's body to widen the distance between the two fighters.

By the middle of the second round, Kitalong was still unable to fight in his own style and resorted to brawling with Murphy in every portion of the ring. Murphy's ability to dictate the nature of the fighting made the remainder of the fight close.

When Kitalong wanted to use combinations and angles, Murphy lowered his own head and made the other fighter slug it out.

Kitalong made a second adjustment in the third round that may have ensured his victory, when he began ducking around Murphy's charge and clinching to slow the pace of the action.

Freshman Mark DeSplinter will be Kitalong's reward in the finals on



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior Brock Heckmann lands a blow to the head of Chris Pettit Wednesday night. The captain, Heckmann, advanced to the final round with his victory.

Friday, after winning a split decision over sophomore Pat Dillon, the second seed in the 160-pound weight class. Equal in height and using similar styles, DeSplinter and Dillon fought evenly throughout the first two rounds. DeSplinter continued to use his long jab, while Dillon relied on a jab that set up his two-handed combinations.

While Dillon did not seem phased by the combinations that DeSplinter continued to throw in the final round, nei-

ther was he unable to stop them. DeSplinter will fight for the championship on Friday after outscoring his opponent with aggressiveness and power. A resident of Alumni Hall, DeSplinter is the only freshman to advance to the Bengal Bouts finals.

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ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, Feb. 28

- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Coleman-Morse Center
- 5:00 p.m. *From Mass Conversion to Inquisition in Medieval Spain* lecture by David Nirenberg, Medieval Institute
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6:00 p.m. Date Week Night at the Movies 14, buses leave from Hesburgh Library Circle at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Lecture by Katherine Clay Bassard, *Private Interpretations: Race, Nineteenth-Century Biblical Hermeneutics and the Poetry of Frances E.W. Harper*, Hesburgh Center
- 7:00 p.m. Film: *Wing Chun*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. NAACP Relationship Forum *Music, Sex and You...* featuring Abe Thompson and LeAlan Jones, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m. Play: *The History of King Henry IV*, Hesburgh Center Auditorium*
- 7:30 p.m. Play: *Crave*, Washington Hall Lab Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Film Screening, *Household Saints*, DeBartolo 129
- 8:00 p.m. ND Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert, Washington Hall
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Best of Acoustic Cafe, Reckers
- 9:00 p.m. Movie: *Gen-X Cops*, Carey Auditorium
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *The Royal Tennenbaums* and *Black Sheep*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

Friday, March 1

- 5:00 p.m. ND Women's Tennis vs. Wisconsin, Eck Tennis Pavilion (starts at 4:00 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Coleman-Morse Center
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 5:30 p.m. Institute for Latino Studies Gallery Reception, McKenna Hall
- 6:00 p.m. ND Men's and Women's Track: Alex Wilson Invitational, Loftus Sports Center
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 7:00 p.m. ND Ice Hockey vs. Bowling Green, Joyce Center Fieldhouse
- 7:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:30 p.m. - Midnight Concert: *Collegiate Jazz Festival*, Washington Hall*
- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *The Royal Tennenbaums* and *Black Sheep*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 7:30 p.m. Play: *The History of King Henry IV*, Hesburgh Center Auditorium*
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- 8:00 p.m. Bengal Bouts Finals, Joyce Center Arena*
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 8:30 p.m. Trip to Movies 14. Buses leave Hesburgh Library Circle at 8:45 p.m.*
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- 10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Monopoly, LaFortune Student Center

Saturday, March 2

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6:00 p.m. A Discussion with Actress Michelle Yeoh, McKenna Hall
- 6:00 p.m. ND Men's and Women's Track: Alex Wilson Invitational, Loftus Sports Center
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- 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Playground Night, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

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BENGAL BOUTS: 125-POUNDS — 145-POUNDS

Newburg, McMahon win unanimous decisions

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

With the top seed in the Bengal Bouts' lightest weight class, junior Shawn Newburg received a bye into Wednesday night's semifinal round. Newburg showed little evidence of ring rust, however, as he punched aggressively and moved actively to score a unanimous decision over senior Derrick Bravo.

Bravo used a strong jab in every round of the fight, adding to it a straight right in the third round for a few impressive 1-2 combinations to Newburg's head. He never was able to slow Newburg with flurries of punches, however, and appeared to tire near the end of the fight. Newburg's feet kept their bounce until the final bell, allowing him to fend off punches and stay on the offensive.

While his strong right hand began slowing Bravo in the first round, it was Newburg's smooth and continuous movement that helped him move on to the Finals.

He will now face senior Jason McMahon, who also earned a unanimous decision in the semifinals with a victory over junior Lance Hedron. McMahon kept control of the ring, but pressed the tempo of the fight and never came off the attack. He answered the second round bell with particular fury, beginning the round with a quick combination and a powerful overhand right.

Hedron stayed strong throughout, but could never gain enough of a foothold to mount a

counter-offensive. McMahon looked fresh even in the fight's latter stages, as he continued to throw strong punches to the body and head. He will now fight Newburg for the 125-pound title on Friday night, in a match-up of two smooth and strong boxers.

135-pounds

In the 135-pound weight class, only a few punches separated the winners and losers of the semifinals. Both fights in this division Wednesday night resulted in split decisions, beginning with the first matchup of two seniors where Matt Fumagalli outlasted Rich Rendina.

Trying to capitalize on his reach advantage, Rendina was aggressive from the start of the first round. His long jab kept Fumagalli at bay in the center of the ring, but Rendina was no match for Fumagalli's quick hands when the action moved along the ropes and corners.

Using his combinations on the taller Rendina's body in the second round, Fumagalli attacked both his body and head in the third. As the final bell approached, the two fighters went toe to toe, at which point Fumagalli appeared to rely on a surplus of energy. Despite all the jabs that he absorbed from Rendina, Fumagalli remained active in the open and tight spaces to outscore his way to Friday night's final.

His next opponent will be third-seeded T.J. D'Agostino, a sophomore who outlasted his classmate and second seed Tony Hallowell to advance. Hallowell, as a freshman, upset the defending 130-pound champion

Fumagalli last year. The chance for a rematch between those two fighters fell short in the semifinals, when D'Agostino earned himself a shot at Fumagalli and the title.

Hallowell demonstrated his strong right hook and snappy movement in the first round, dominating by dictating the pace of the fighting. But D'Agostino smartly calmed the action in the second, using combinations of high and low punches to keep Hallowell off balance.

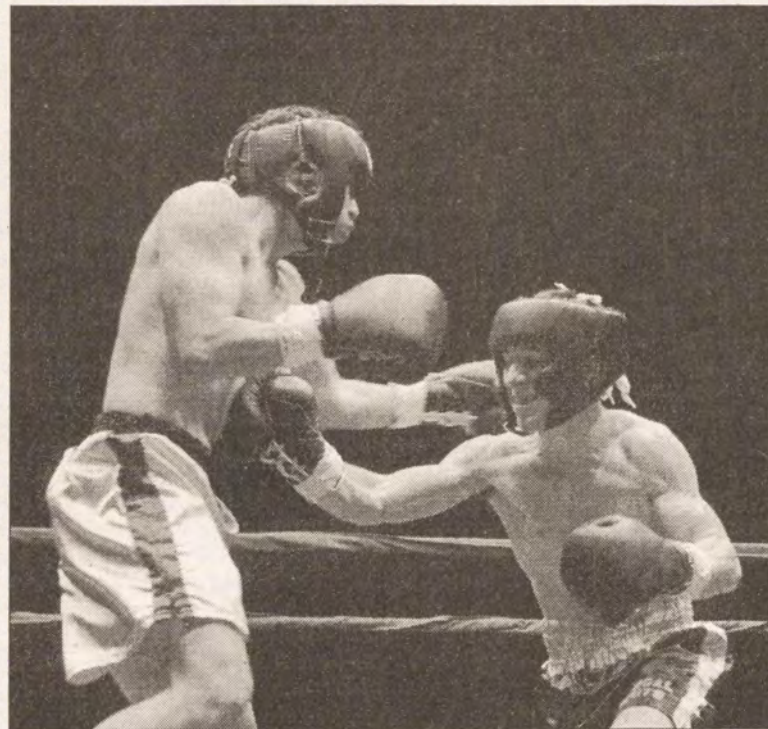
While Hallowell continued to press the action, coming out hard to start the third round, D'Agostino continued to fight downhill. Realizing he had to compensate after a slow start, D'Agostino scored several hard shots to Hallowell's head in the third to escape with a narrow victory.

145-pounds

Junior Andrew Harms fought his best match of this year's Bengal Bouts, taking control of the ring in the first round to score a bell-to-bell unanimous decision win over freshman Sam Fuller.

Straying from the center of the ring only when he moved forward to attack, Harms used a powerful straight hand to Fuller's head. While the freshman southpaw landed several strong punches in each of the first two rounds, he was unable to ever go on the attack against his technically sound opponent.

Harms persisted with his offensive in the second round, using combinations to the head and body, and particularly a left hook, which was enough to hand Fuller a standing-8 count.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Derrick Bravo, left, throws a jab but Shawn Newburg, right, lands a blow to the body as Newburg advanced to the finals.

In the third round, Fuller came alive by showing more aggressiveness, a strong defense and landing several straight lefts. He was playing catch-up at that point in the fight though, and still never really stopped Harms from throwing punches.

The No. 1 seed at 145-pounds, Harms will now fight for the title against senior and second-seeded Jemar Tisby, who won a unanimous decision over freshman Nathan Lohmeyer.

As has been the case in each of his fights, Tisby was forced to fight up at a taller opponent with a decided reach advantage. Tisby picked his spots to pounce

and then came at Lohmeyer's body and head with speedy inside combinations. Moving smoothly around the ring, Tisby remained unfazed by the long jabs that Lohmeyer repeatedly landed.

Lohmeyer was especially aggressive in the third round, but not enough to deter Tisby's careful calculation and straight punching. The senior found the time and space to throw all of his weapons at his opponent, both aiming for and landing in a long, wide target area.

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Men's

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Carroll finished with 19 points on the night and shot 6-for-9 from the field.

Every time the Irish inched closer to recapturing the lead, St. John's had an answer down the stretch. Hatten's penetration opened up the perimeter shooting for the Red Storm as sophomore guard Willie Shaw scored eight points in the final four minutes of the game.

"I thought we did a good job of shutting down Hatten in the final six minutes of the game," said Brey. "They're other guys really stepped up tonight. This game was huge for the Red Storm, and it showed. My hat goes off to Willie Shaw for hitting big baskets down the stretch."

With 20 seconds left to go in the game, the Irish found themselves trailing by five points. Chris Thomas nailed a 3-point shot from the corner to cut the Red Storm lead to two with 10 seconds remaining.

On the ensuing possession, Notre Dame immediately fouled Hatten, putting him on the free throw line. Hatten made his first shot, but missed his second attempt. Hatten quickly rebounded his missed shot, but then slipped on the Madison Square Garden floor resulting in a traveling violation, giving the Irish still one final chance to tie the game with eight seconds remaining.

Before Notre Dame inbounded the ball, Red Storm coach Mike Jarvis called a timeout to set up a defensive strategy. Jarvis elected to double-team and pressure Chris Thomas in the backcourt. With no one open to receive a pass, Thomas failed to dribble the ball past half court. With time winding down, Thomas' half-court heave bounced

off the glass preserving the win for the Red Storm.

"I was proud of our guys tonight," said Brey. "We gave ourselves a chance to win at the end. We need to learn from this and come back strong on Saturday."

St. John's and Notre Dame now have identical overall records and Big East Conference records (19-9, 9-6 Big East). Each team will most likely finish third in its respective division of the Big East.

Even if the Irish win against Providence at home on Saturday, Syracuse still needs to lose its final two games against Villanova and Boston College for the Irish to finish second in the West and earn a first-round bye in the Big East tournament.

Despite the loss, Brey still feels confident of the Irish's chances to earn a post-season berth in the NCAA tournament.

"Our resume is very strong," said Brey. "Tonight didn't do anything to diminish our chances. We want to send our seniors out with a win on Saturday at home against Providence."

Notes:

♦David Graves broke Elmer Bennett's record of most games played at Notre Dame. Graves is now the all-time leader with 125 career games.

♦Chris Thomas finished with 10 assists pushing his season total to 214. Thomas has now tied has tied the all-time mark for assists in a single season at Notre Dame.

♦The Irish take on Providence at home on Saturday. The game starts at 4:00 p.m. and will be nationally televised on CBS.

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BENGAL BOUTS: 165-POUNDS — 170-POUNDS

Matassa reaches finals

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Matt "The Meat Hook" Seidler proved to be every bit the athlete that Chris "Stay Outta My Business" Matassa was, but in the end, Matassa's boxing skill won out.

In their 165-pound semifinal bout Wednesday night, Matassa picked his spots well enough to earn a decisive unanimous decision victory over Seidler. What probably made the difference was Matassa's very quick delivery. When Seidler would wind up to deliver hooks inside, Matassa would stun him with a precise left jab, right cross combination. Seidler worked inside and successfully landed some combinations, especially in the second round, but Matassa was never in serious trouble and always managed to punch out of it. By the third round, Seidler had tired and Matassa held him off to earn a trip to the finals.

Facing him in the finals will be Clay "The Mouth of The South" Cosse, who earned a unanimous decision victory over Mark "The Holy Ghost" Yost. Cosse, the stronger of the fighters, controlled most of the fight, consistently landing right hooks that kept Yost from getting inside. Yost was able to land some good jabs in the second round, but when he did land he was unable to do as much damage as Cosse. By the third round, Yost had a great deal of trouble scoring points and was never really a threat.

"I've got a pretty tough face, a pretty tough head, and also I throw pretty strong punches, so when people hit me I try to keep coming, and I tend to wear them down," Cosse said.

170-pounds

The only thing missing in the semifinal bout between Domingo "Lunes" Maynes and Evan

"Dysfunctional" Oliver were some bar stools and pool cues.

An all-out brawl from start to finish, the two fighters stood toe-to-toe for most of the fight, shoving and swinging wildly at each others' heads. In the first round, the inside action became so intense that Maynes knocked Oliver to the canvas, although it was ruled a push. Then, in the second round, as the two became tangled on the ropes, Maynes came dangerously close to throwing Evans out of the ring and onto the photographers near the scorer's table.

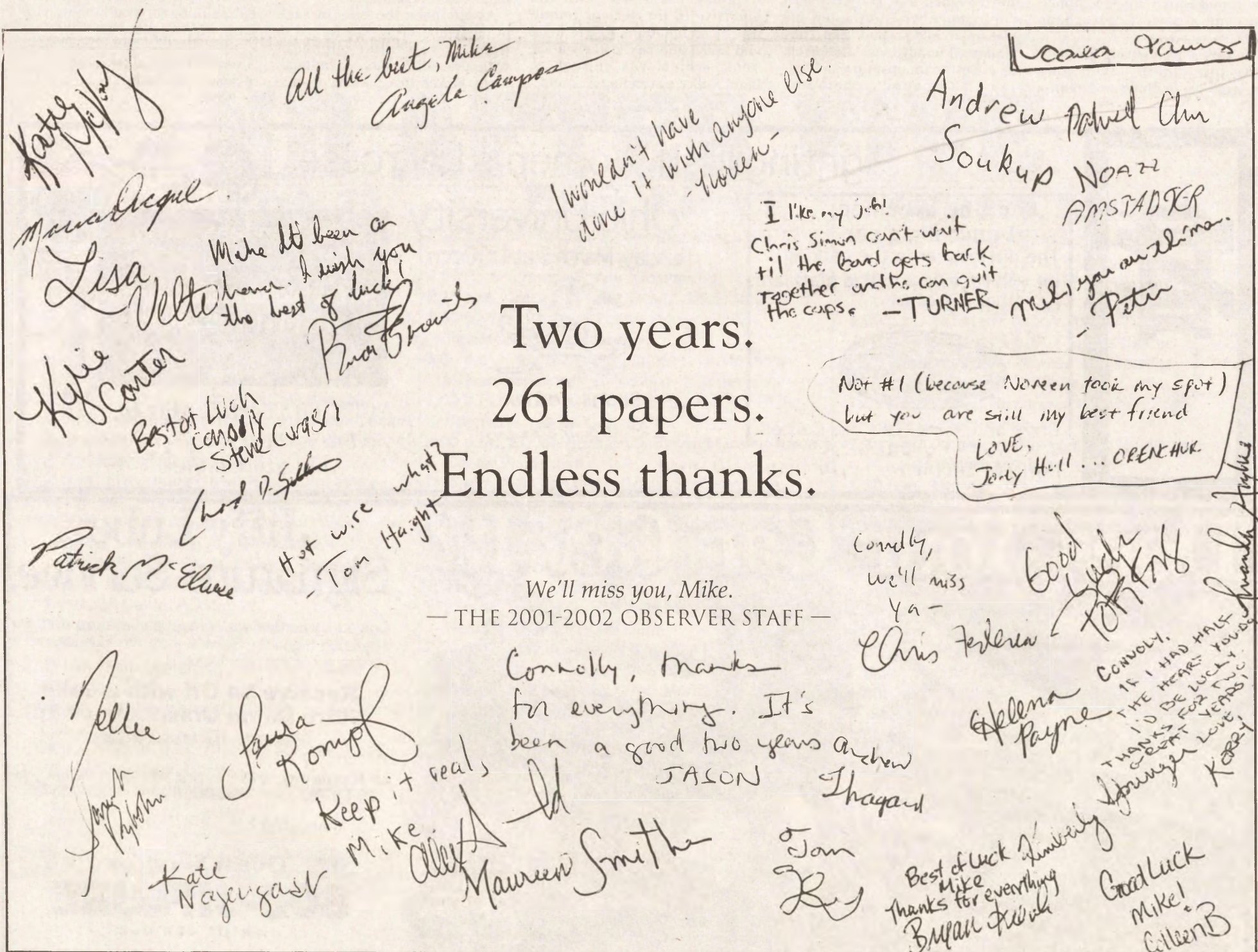
Maynes got the best of most exchanges in the first round, and looked as if he might have the edge.

Oliver let Maynes come to him more in the second, and landed some hooks when the charging Maynes opened himself up. In the third round the fighters still fought in close, but threw more jabs, probably because they were so exhausted from the melee that was rounds one and two. A tired Oliver let his hands down a bit and Maynes was able to connect on some jabs, which might have been the difference in a close split decision victory for Maynes.

In the other semifinal bout, Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez had early trouble landing combinations against Matt "The Booster" Knust but did establish a presence inside, and was usually on the offensive. Knust came back in the second and did some charging of his own, connecting on some solid hooks when Hernandez opened himself up.

Eventually though, Hernandez became more accurate with his punches when the two slugged it out and turned in a solid third round to secure the unanimous victory and trip to the finals.

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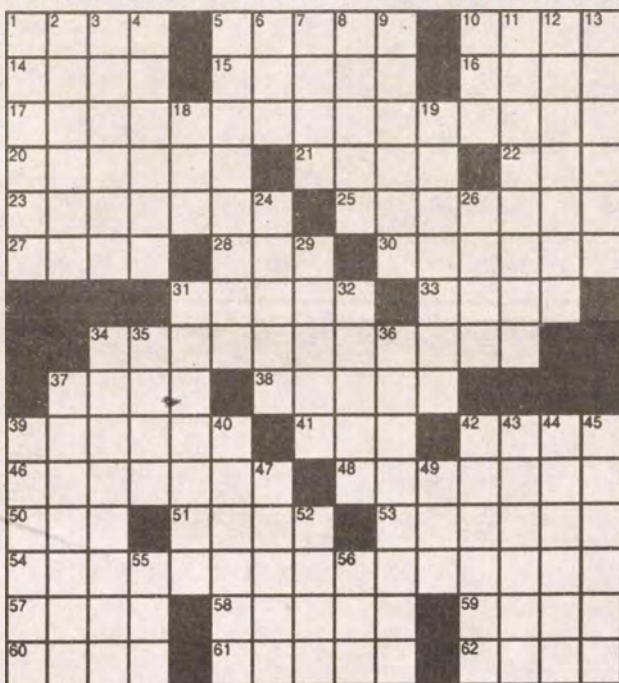
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- Place to feel a jet stream?
- Classical symbol of wisdom
- Toughens
- Shackle
- Necessity for an opening act?
- It may get stuffed: Abbr.
- 48-Across's look
- Stop-off
- Doesn't just please



Puzzle by Sherry O. Blackard

- Just barely
- Raced down?
- Lewis Carroll and others
- Haloed one, in Le Havre
- Air
- Catastrophic
- Good witch of note
- Bad witch, e.g.
- Big California industry
- Wellspring
- Product
- Stevenson scoundrel
- Hanged Irish patriot
- Nonexistent
- Algonquian-speaking people
- With 27-Across, Fort Lee, e.g.
- The Little Giant

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bernadette Peters, Mario Andretti, Gavin MacLeod, Elisa Fiorillo

Happy Birthday: You will be concerned with helping those in need this year. Your dedication will be respected and admired by the people you encounter along the way. You have a great sense of what will work and therefore you should find the success you're searching for. Your numbers are 9, 15, 19, 23, 25, 33.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make an effort to get to know your peers better. You need to combine a little business with pleasure. Some difficulties while traveling may prevail so be extra cautious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be able to work with fine detail today. Combine a creative project with getting together with friends and socializing. Romance can be yours if you make plans early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let depression get you down. Stop doing so much for everyone around you and start doing for yourself. Consider your own needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You really need to get out and do things that will stimulate your mind and get you moving in a positive direction. Close friends will be happy to join you. Make plans to take a short trip or consider catching up on correspondence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like making a career move today. Your emotions regarding your position are running high and if you aren't getting where you want to go, you may have to think about the reasons why.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Birthday Baby: You want the best of everything. You are artistic, creative and outgoing. You enjoy entertaining, and will be known for your lavish parties. You love sports and will be a competitive player. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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You'll be caught between wanting to say something and not feeling confident enough to do so. Don't back down; it will only grate on your own nerves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Something is brewing behind closed doors. Be careful what you say to whom today. You may be taken the wrong way. You should be involved in some sort of creative project that will allow you to develop your talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An opportunity to do something unusual will attract you. You can ask for favors and get sound advice from close friends. Someone you meet will want to help you get ahead but don't consider contributing cash to any joint financial venture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've been working too hard and it's catching up to you. Someone you care about may be difficult to get along with. Back away; you haven't got the strength to deal with discord today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stop thinking about the things you would like to do and start putting your plans into motion. You can make things happen if you take the initiative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you haven't been taking care of your personal paperwork it is certainly the time to do so. Someone you have a deal with may not be taking care of his or her end of the bargain.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be all emotional with regard to a relationship that you are in. An older member of your family may be a little worrisome for you. You must realize that you can't do everything for everyone.

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ND HOCKEY

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 @ 7:05PM

FREE GREEN BEAN BAG BEARS to 1st 500 fans!!
(Gate 3 only, Doors open at 5:45)



pizza to 1st 250 ND students

New York Firefighter to be celebrity guest rider on the Zamboni!



VS. BOWLING GREEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 @ 7:05PM

SENIOR NIGHT!!
Trading cards to 1st 500 fans sponsored by Post-game autographs!



pizza to 1st 250 ND students

Win a chance to ride the Zamboni during period breaks!

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SPORTS

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BENGAL BOUTS: 180-POUNDS — HEAVYWEIGHTS

Three more rounds



Kevin Brandl, left, slides a jab by the head of Joshua Kaakua, right, in the 190-pound weight class semifinals Wednesday night. Brandl won the fight and will face John Lynk in the finals Friday.

◆ Walk-on football player advances to finals in first year of competition

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Senior Matt "Missile" Sarb warned his opponents to "watch their ribs" prior to his 180-pound semifinal bout against sophomore Tommy "Gun" Demko. Demko took the advice and covered his midsection, but forgot to cover one other body part — his face.

Nineteen seconds into the second round of their fight, the football walk-on punished Demko with a right hook that sent blood as well as the "Gun" to the canvas for good.

Early in the fight, it looked as if Demko may wear down Sarb by throwing numerous wild combinations and averting trouble. Yet all it took for Sarb was one powerful punch.

In the first 180-pound contest, two-time champion senior Mark "Bright Lights, Big City" Criniti faced senior Keith "Little Ball of Love" Arnold. From the start, Criniti used his quickness and agility to land punches on the bigger Arnold. Yet Arnold countered by being patience, fighting off Criniti's combinations and then striking when the opportunity arose.

But Criniti chipped away at Arnold's advantage throughout the three rounds and won a unanimous decision to advance to his third

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Red Storm rains down on Irish in New York

◆ Irish blow halftime lead for the third time in five games in 84-81 loss

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

It was deja vu all over again.

In a story line all-too familiar this season, Notre Dame took a lead into the locker room at halftime, only to see the lead evaporate in the second half. Two weeks ago, the Irish suffered consecutive heartbreaking losses to Rutgers and Syracuse in which each game went down to the last possession.

Tonight, it was St. John's turn to beat the Irish with a hard-

fought 84-81 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Notre Dame held a 47-40 halftime lead, thanks to great interior passing and quick transition baskets. Irish post players Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan did an outstanding job beating St. John's defenders down the floor for easy layups and dunks. Humphrey led the Irish with 16 points in the first half. He finished with 29 points and 11 rebounds.

"He played fabulously," said Notre Dame coach Mike Brey. "He set the tone for us early. I just want to keep him healthy as we head into the post-season."

Fellow senior David Graves provided the offense from the perimeter by scoring 10 points and making three 3-point field goals in the first half. He finished

with 11 points.

After tying a career-high with 32 points in last Saturday's victory over Miami, Irish point guard Chris Thomas struggled in the first half and didn't score a basket. He only scored eight in the game.

While the Irish were unstoppable on offense in the first half, they couldn't contain Marcus Hatten. After the Irish jumped out to an 11 point lead with five minutes left in the first half, Hatten kept the Red Storm in the game. He scored four straight baskets to pull the Red Storm to within three points late in the first half.

"Marcus Hatten is such a great player," said Brey. "He can do it all out there. He is so difficult to defend because he forces you to double team him. This leaves

other guys open for big shots."

The Irish shot a torrid 70 percent in the first half but were unable to sustain their firepower in the second half. As was the case in the Rutgers and Syracuse losses, the Notre Dame offense went cold at the beginning of the second half.

Notre Dame only scored one field goal in the first 10 minutes of action and the Red Storm picked up their defensive pressure as soon as St. John's coach Mike Jarvis inserted fan-favorite 7-foot-3 center Curtis Johnson into the line-up.

"I know [Johnson] hasn't played much this season," said Brey. "But he provided a real spark for them in the second-half. His play really brought the fans back into the game."

While Johnson provided key

blocks and smothering defense on Ryan Humphrey, Hatten and senior Andrew Glover generated the offense in an 11-1 run for the Red Storm. Hatten finished the game with 28 points and Glover chipped in with 20.

The Red Storm captured the lead for good with 12:20 remaining in the second half.

Despite their dismal start to the second half, Notre Dame still had a chance to win the game at the end, thanks to the play of Matt Carroll. Although he did not start, Carroll showed no ill effects from the ankle injury that kept him out of last Saturday's victory against Miami. The junior guard hit three straight 3-pointers with less than five minutes to go to bring the Irish back into the game.

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Hockey vs. Bowling Green, Friday, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Basketball vs. Providence, Saturday, 2 p.m.
- ◆ ND Women's Basketball at Big East Tournament, Sunday, 6 p.m.

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