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STUDENT SENATE

Senate questions department changes

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

Senators unanimously approved a letter voicing student reaction to the impending changes to the Department of Economics at Wednesday's meeting.

Jeremy Staley, Sorin senator, presented a letter his committee drafted regarding the recent decision to divide the Department of Economics into two separate departments.

"We felt it was our duty to take a leadership position. Everyone agrees students should participate in decisions that affect them. We wanted to guarantee [the administration] heard what students thought," Staley said.

This letter addresses the need for changes in the department in order to better qualify economics majors for graduate school, as well as better prepare them for the academic rigor of graduate schools. It also addresses concern that any changes in the Economics Department will affect the retention of talented professors.

The letter states there are outstanding professors in the department, as evident by the student-elected recipient of last year's Frank O'Malley Teaching Award, Jennifer Warlick. The Senate's Academic Affairs Committee is concerned that

any changes made to the structure of the department will estrange current professors and pose a hindrance to any improvements in the degree program that need to be made.

Staley hopes this letter will bring attention to the need for student voice in major decisions regarding their education.

"We want to ensure a student voice in the next decision that affects students. We want to create a dialogue between administration and students," Staley said.

Senate unanimously approved this letter, which will be sent to University President Father Edward Malloy and to the Executive Committee of the Academic Council.

Staley said this letter comes as a response to the lack of student input involved in making decisions in this situation.

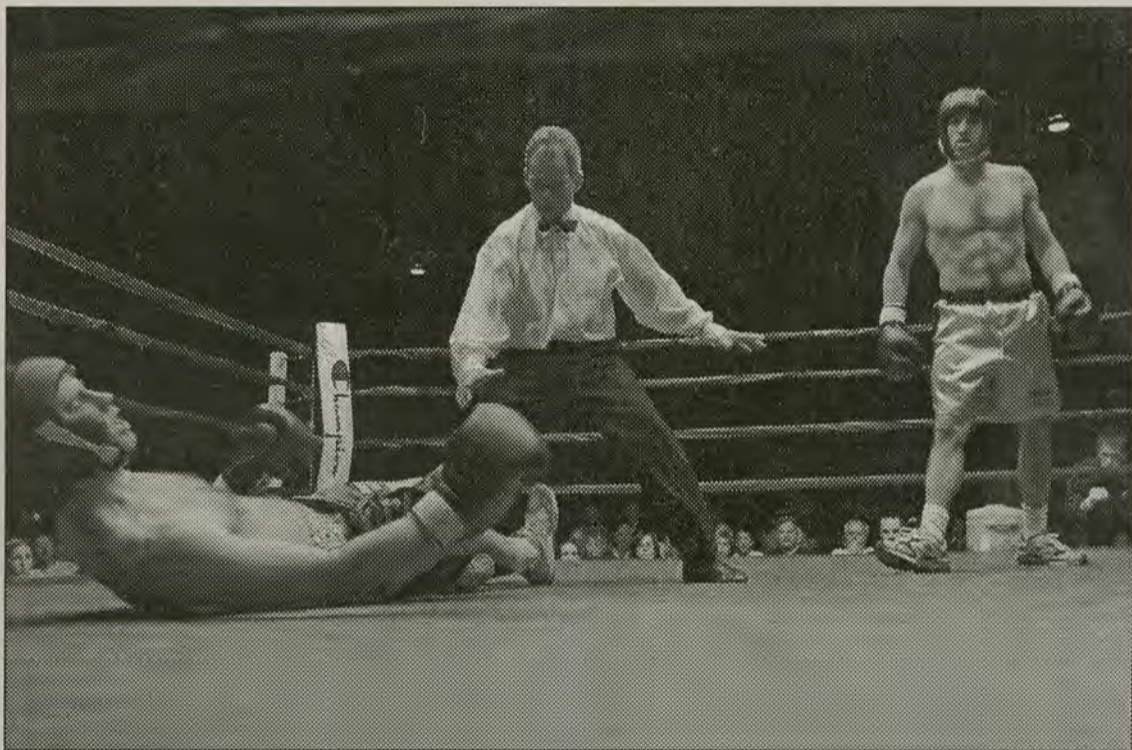
In other Senate news:

◆ The Senate unanimously approved nominees for the three top positions of the Student Union Board for the 2003-04 school year. Those approved include, Charles Ebersol, board manager, Kimberly Zigich, director of programming and Lauren Meagher, chief controller.

◆ The Senate unanimously approved the two nominees

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KNOCKOUT PUNCH



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Referee Tom Suddes stops the fight after Tom Pierce, right, sends Bill Phillp to the mat with a strong right in the first round of the second fight in the 160-pound category.

ACLU warns of privacy threat

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union, highlighted the risks that increased monitoring has on individual rights in his lecture, "Bigger Monster, Weaker Chains: The Growth of an American Surveillance Society."

His talk was based on the mid-January report the ACLU released expressing its concern with the growing capabilities of technology to track American

citizens' every move.

"We are at a point where privacy in America is at a great risk," he said.

Steinhardt, inaugural director of the ACLU's Program on Technology and Liberty and a member of the US delegation to the G-8 summit on cyber crime, began his speech by describing the futuristic, surveillance society depicted in Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report" while illustrating that current technology has made possible the violations of privacy and other adverse ramifications that the movie portrays.

"What the film depicts is what we called in our report the surveillance society — a society in which every movement, utterance, action — even our thoughts — can be tracked and monitored," Steinhardt said.

Steinhardt mentioned the numerous ways in which new technology and government legislation have contributed to the rise of a society that values and uses surveillance to undue extremes. In particular, Steinhardt explained the Total Information Awareness

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SMC elects class officials, high turnout reported



LINDSAY GAYDOS/The Observer

Mary Pauline Moran and Sarah Catherine White pose after being elected vice-president and president, respectively, of the Sophomore Class Council. Elections took place at Saint Mary's on Wednesday.

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students turned out in large numbers to cast their votes for class leadership positions.

According to Alison Joseph, Board of Governance elections commissioner, the voter turnout was amazing for all three classes. Fifty-two percent of upcoming seniors participated in the online election, along with 38 percent of sophomores and 46 percent of freshman.

"The increase in voter turnout could definitely be due to the convenience of online voting," said Joseph. "But the candidates also did a very good job campaigning, which really helped raise voter awareness and participation."

Upcoming seniors elected

Desiree Paulin and Kris Spriggle as their class president and vice president.

"We're so excited that we won, but what's even more amazing is that over half of the class voted," said Paulin. "It projects that our class may be very participatory next year."

Mary Leppert will serve as the new senior class secretary and Betsy Mitchell as class treasurer.

The elected Paulin/Spriggle ticket will now focus on establishing a diverse and hard-working board, and they said

they look forward to an exciting and successful senior year.

Of the 38 percent of sophomores who voted, 69 percent elected Sarah Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran as their junior class president and vice president. The Pernotto/Kierl ticket received 26 percent of the vote, while five percent abstained.

"The voter turnout was impressive and we'd like to thank those who voted. It's so important that everyone in our class has a voice," said White. "The increase in voter turnout is definitely a reflection of growing class involvement."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Need a cab?

Need a cab? You're in the wrong place.

Let's be reasonable — nobody likes taking a cab and cabbies are, in general, a shady lot, prone to bouts of abrasiveness and body odor. It really isn't a true cab ride unless the car is a little dirty, the driver arrives a few minutes late and you're slightly overcharged.



Andrew Thagard

Still, it's a news flash to no one that cabs in South Bend are a little below average. I can't confirm this, but it may be a city-wide ordinance that South Bend cabs must be built before 1974, that cab drivers must be chain smokers and that the dispatcher answers the phone on a limited basis.

The South Bend area has five major cab companies, including ABC, City, Michiana, Shamrock and Yellow. As a junior, I have taken cabs numerous times, mostly to and from the airport over breaks. I can recommend none of them. I have ridden in cabs from each company, had bad experiences with all of them, vowed never to use them again and then called back despite this promise.

I have taken cabs encased in mud, ridden in cars with strange townies that just seem to be along for the ride with no apparent destination and called one company only to be picked up by another. Interestingly enough, of all the times I've been driven from my dorm to the airport I have never been charged the same fee twice despite the fact that the distance doesn't appear to be changing.

The main problem I have with cabs, however, is the dishonesty factor. Need a cab to anywhere? It'll be there in 15 minutes. Riiiiight.

When you call back 30 minutes later to check up on its status it's still on the way — just another 15 minutes. The cab will not be there in a quarter of an hour. It is not on its way. There may not even be a cab.

Why then, why this insanity? Just tell us that it's not coming. We'll call a different company, we'll make other arrangements, we'll walk there. Just be honest, please.

But that's wishful thinking I'm afraid.

A word to the wise: Spring Break is less than two weeks away. Don't start your break on a bad note. Find a friend to drive you to the airport, hitchhike, bundle up and walk, but whatever you do don't take a cab.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Thagard at athagard@nd.edu

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Drury lectures on danger of date rape at Saint Mary's	Bush rejects Canadian deadline for Iraq to disarm	Federal court charges two former Kmart VPs	Students weigh in on affirmative action	Columnist celebrates animation comeback	Redskins let one of NFL's top running backs go
Patrick Drury, SOS advocate coordinator, led a discussion on date rape at Saint Mary's Wednesday. Drury emphasized that a woman cannot prevent a rape.	President Bush rejected a Canadian proposal that gives Iraq until the end of March to disarm. Bush said that Saddam Hussein must disarm without delay.	A court indicted two former Kmart vice-presidents on federal charges that claim their actions inflated the company's earnings.	Notre Dame seniors debate the pros and cons of affirmative action and the University's decision to join a suit against Bush's recent decision.	Scene Columnist Jack Watkins discusses the renaissance of animation, citing films like "Shrek," "Spirited Away" and "Ice Age" as proof.	The Washington Redskins released Stephen Davis, the No. 3 all-time rusher to beat a Friday deadline to get under the \$75 million budget cap.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Jamil Mahuad, former president of Ecuador, 4:15 p.m. at The Hesburgh Center, Room C-103.
- ◆ Photography exhibit, "Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs," all day at The Snite Museum of Art.
- ◆ Lecture by Girard Sagmiller, "Dyslexia: My Life," 7 p.m. at Debartolo Hall, Room 101.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lily Campaign Mardi Gras Celebration, 11:45 a.m. at Stapleton Lounge.
- ◆ Art Exhibit, "Women in Holography," all day at the Moreau Art Gallery.
- ◆ Women of Faith Conference, Friday, 2 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Public intoxication citation issued**
NDSP issued a citation for public intoxication at the Main Gate. The case is currently being referred for administrative review.
- Employee sustains injury**
A University employee working in a Food Services Support Facility was transported for treatment of a laceration.
- Telephone call under investigation**
NDSP is investigating an alleged telephone harassment complaint that occurred in the landscaping department.
- Student vehicle towed**
A Notre Dame student's vehicle was towed from main circle for a parking violation.
- Unlocked bike reported stolen**
A student reported that his unlocked bike was stolen from outside of the Coleman-Morse Center.
- NDSP continues vandalism investigation**
NDSP is continuing to investigate a case of vandalism at Fischer Hall. Currently, suspect information is being developed.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Texas chili, minestrone soup, cream of broccoli soup, french onion soup, mushroom stroganoff, pepperoni, cheese, vegetable, and chicken fajita pizzas, tuna casserole, blueberry pancakes, vegetable eggrolls, pork fried rice, chicken taco and chicken and cheese chimichanga.	Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chops, rotisserie chicken, herb-backed pollock, scalloped corn casserole, wild rice with pine nuts, tangy grilled chicken sandwich, soft pretzels, szechwan vegan noodles and Caribbean BBQ chicken wings.	Today's Lunch: Vegan burritos, Mexican rice, herbed pasta, sandwich provincial, fried rice bar, chicken tenders, rolled broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, grilled beef, turkey breast, Asian vegetable soup and Canadian cheese soup.
Today's Dinner: Pepperoni, cheese, vegetable and chicken fajita pizzas, minestrone soup, Texas chili, cream of broccoli soup, tomato soup, grilled pork chops, grilled tilapia, baked noodle casserole, sesame chicken breast, vegetable eggrolls, chicken taco, California rancho rice and portabello fajita.	Today's Dinner: Sausage calzones, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked pork loin, BBQ chicken, scallop and vegetable stir-fry, beef and pepper casserole and flame-roasted fiesta corn and peppers.	Today's Dinner: Fettuccine pasta, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, Texas style brisket, chicken fajita and cheese pizzas, vegetable and cheese chimichanga and briyani rice and cashews.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's article "Sharon remembered in campus Mass: Hundreds attend memorial Mass held in Basilica," Cedric Alvarez was incorrectly recognized as Chad Sharon's Resident Assistant. Dane Paulsen was actually Sharon's R.A. The Observer regrets the error.

Drury lectures on danger of date rape at SMC

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

In conjunction with Madison Hospital's SOS rape crisis center, Saint Mary's security held a date rape prevention discussion to educate students about preventative steps that can be taken to decrease the chance of date rape occurring. Patrick Drury, SOS advocate coordinator, led the discussion.

Drury began the discussion by asking if it is even possible for a woman to prevent rape. According to Drury it is impossible for a woman to prevent a rape from occurring to her, but there are certain behaviors that can result in risk reduction.

"The only way a woman can prevent rape is by choosing not to rape someone else," he said.

Drury said 90 percent of rape survivors are women and men commit 99 percent of all rapes. He, however, pointed out that men are rape victims, too. Drury also said that one in three women in the U.S. is raped and that one in four college-aged women been raped or assaulted.

"Most times these are not crimes of sex, but crimes of power and control through using sex," Drury said.

Sexual assault is defined as conduct of a sexual or indecent nature toward another person that is accompanied by actual or threatened phys-



LINDSAY GAYDOS/The Observer

Patrick Drury from Madison Hospital's SOS rape crisis center held a discussion at SMC on the high risk of date rape, especially to women. The discussion was meant to clarify facts about rape and learn ways to prevent it.

ical force or that induces fear, shame or mental suffering. This can include rape and attempted rape, child molestation, incest, sexual harassment, obscene phone calls and indecent exposure. According to Drury, rape is a sexual assault, but not all sexual assaults are rapes.

An important aspect to determining what constitutes a rape is finding whether consent was given. According

to Drury there are four situations in which it is legally impossible to give sexual consent: if you are intoxicated, mentally handicapped, under the legal age limit, or unconscious or asleep.

"If you don't have the freedom to say no, you don't have the option to consent," Drury said.

Drury acknowledged that most rapes occur in everyday situations and that 84 per-

cent of women raped knew their attackers for at least a year. Drury said there are no big signs to look for and that there are no warnings typical of a rapist.

However, Drury said that there are risk reduction actions that women can take when in social situations. Reducing alcohol intake, watching your drink being poured and protecting it are all ways to reduce risk.

Taking these actions can also protect potential victims of date rape drugs, such as GHB or Rohypnol.

Until recently, date rape drugs were completely odorless, tasteless, colorless and easily dissolved in liquids. Scientists have added certain chemicals to GHB and Rohypnol so that there are not easily used as a date rape drug. Rohypnol is now manufactured so that it will turn blue in liquids and GHB is made so that it leaves a salty aftertaste. Drury said if there is any suspicion of these drugs being used, it is best just to pour the drink out.

According to Drury, if someone tells you they have been raped, one of the first things to do is make sure they are safe and to suggest that they go to a hospital. If a victim goes to a hospital within 72 hours of being raped evidence can still be collected and the victim will also be tested for STD's, treated for injuries and receive counseling.

"Every woman acts differently," he said. "It is important to listen to them, talk less and listen more."

Drury also said it is important to believe what you are told and that you don't blame her or allow her to blame herself.

He ended his discussion by pointing out that every hour, 28 women are raped in the U.S.

"While we sat here for the past hour and a half, 42 women have just been assaulted," Drury said.

Saint Mary's students that have raped can contact campus security by dialing extension 5000 or using any of the blue light phones on campus. Students can also dial 911 from any phone on campus.

In 2001, there was one forcible rape and two incidents of forcible fondling reported. This school year there has been one forcible rape reported to campus security in September.

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Program (TIAP), a currently on-hold government program run by Adm. John Poindexter that plans to collect volumes of private information on every citizen.

"The notion of TIAP is very ominous," he said. "The government is going to collect huge volumes of information about us ... everything about us ... [and is] somehow going to be able to predict future dangers on the basis of all this information. Spielberg's nightmare of 2054 is Poindexter's dream of 2003," Steinhardt said.

In addition to this and other similar government programs, Steinhardt described the technological advances that will contribute to the growth of a surveillance society. He mentioned a proposal by Washington, D.C. police to install large spreads of surveillance cameras to monitor the population and also mentioned technological developments like face recognition and genetic

capabilities that would further increase the amount of information the government could possess about each citizen and the surveillance that could be conducted. Steinhardt also said that laws protecting citizens from undue surveillance are no longer functional.

"As the surveillance monster grows stronger every day, we weaken the chains that keep it from entangling our lives. The body of law that prevents us from [invasions of privacy] is still very much in the legal era of the stone age," he said.

Steinhardt also said society lacks the ability to examine the larger picture of the rise of surveillance and monitoring, preferring to examine specific proposals or technological advancements rather than considering the larger effect that such privacy invasions could have on America's citizens.

"What has been lacking is looking at the bigger picture, an attempt to step back and say what kind of society are we creating, what is the consequence of [surveillance programs]," Steinhardt said.

In addition, he mentioned

that although individuals' liberties are continuing to be curtailed, citizens are not being offered any means to protect themselves from these violations.

"The reality of all this ... is in exchange for this loss of liberty we are not being offered any more security," he said.

By beginning to examine the larger picture of the creation of a surveillance society, by reviving the Fourth Amendment and enforcing regulations on the government's use of new technological advancements and by enacting laws that protect personal privacy, Steinhardt said the problems associated with the rise of a surveillance society could be curtailed.

Steinhardt's lecture was funded in part with a grant from the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning's Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education. The Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values, the Law School and the Computer Applications Program also sponsored his talk.

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Changes

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for next year's assistant student union treasurers, Claire Fadel and Matthew Kinsella.

♦ Jesse Norman, O'Neill senator, reported to the Senate on his meeting with officials

"We want to ensure a student voice in the next decision that affects students."

Jeremy Staley
Sorin senator

from OIT. This meeting, said Norman, included discussion on the segregated bandwidth policy currently in place at OIT.

OIT officials said they are looking into connecting with downtown Chicago in order to facilitate greater bandwidth for the University.

Norman said they also discussed increasing publicity

to students regarding where they can find help with computer problems.

♦ Senate unanimously passed an amendment regarding the election of off-campus Senators. The former policy stated that Senators had to reside off-campus in order to run for the position. The new amendment states that students who live on-campus, but will reside off-campus for their entire term as senator, may run for the position.

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Election

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Along with Meghan Hargrave, the newly-elected class secretary, and Molly Welton, class treasurer, White and Moran said they can now focus on serving their class.

"With the many talents in our class, the possibilities are endless. It will be a privilege to serve our class and we are looking forward to bringing everyone together junior year," said White. "As we become upperclassmen, I have confidence that we will all lead the school by our enthusiasm and example."

The freshman class elected Michelle Fitzgerald and Amy Oliva as their sophomore class president and vice president. Erin McQueen and Kellye Mitros joined them as class secretary and treasurer. The Bauer/Goers ticket captured 30 percent of the vote, while 4 percent abstained.

"The victory is exhilarating, and we're really excited to have the opportunity to serve," said Fitzgerald, sophomore class president elect. "It's an honor."

With their campaign and election behind, the newly elected sophomore class officers said they will now concentrate on pulling together a diverse class board that best represents their class.

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Bush rejects Canadian deadline for Iraq to disarm

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration on Wednesday rejected a Canadian plan to set an end-of-March deadline for Iraq to disarm, saying a decision on military force cannot be delayed. President Bush said Saddam Hussein must comply "one way or the other."

Expanding his case against the Iraqi leader, Bush accused Saddam of being a menace to peace in the Middle East. "The danger with Iraq is that [Saddam] can strike in the neighborhood," Bush told Hispanic leaders at the White House.

Later, addressing a conservative think tank in Washington, the president outlined his plans for both the Middle East and Iraq after Saddam.

Bush's remarks were part of an administration-wide campaign to try to swing reluctant allies behind a U.S.-British-Spanish resolution that would authorize war unless Saddam quickly rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

There was some evidence that Bush was gaining ground, including signals that Mexico would back the resolution at the U.N. Security Council, where the United States needs nine of 15 votes and no veto. But new obstacles emerged, including the Canadian compromise plan that threatened to siphon votes from

Bush.

Saddam is trying to convince U.N. nations that he is complying with their anti-arms resolutions, despite what the United States says is ample evidence that he is not. In a rare interview with a U.S. journalist, Saddam dismissed U.S. efforts to encourage his exile.

"We will die here," Saddam told CBS TV's Dan Rather.

While State Department officials fanned out across the world to press Bush's case, the president met with Azerbaijan leader Geidar Aliev. The country, 250 miles northeast of Iraq, has backed U.S. calls for Saddam's disarmament.

Bush spoke by telephone with Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy of Hungary and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

The Canadian leader is trying to bridge bitter differences posed by Bush's war-making resolution and a French-Russian-German proposal to continue weapons inspections until at least July.

Chretien's plan would give Iraq until the end of March to complete a list of remaining disarmament tasks identified by U.N. weapons inspectors.

Coolly receiving the plan, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said it "only procrastinates on a decision we all should be prepared to take."

Aides said Bush fears the Canadian proposal would serve only to string out the confronta-



President Bush shakes hands with Attorney General John Ashcroft after remarks to the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. Bush used the opportunity to reiterate his desire for a timely regime change in Iraq.

tion with Saddam, who they say is playing for time.

"He is a master of disguise and delay," the president said of Saddam. "Saddam will be disarmed one way or the other."

A senior Defense Department official said it will cost \$60 billion to \$85 billion for military operations in Iraq and elsewhere.

Another official, also speaking

on condition of anonymity, said the State Department and related agencies are discussing foreign aid and diplomatic activities ranging from \$12 billion to \$18 billion.

E-mails reveal NASA engineers' concerns about shuttle

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

One day before the Columbia disaster, senior NASA engineers raised concerns the shuttle's left wing might burn off and cause the deaths of the crew, describing a scenario much like the one investigators believe happened. They never sent their warnings to NASA's brass.

"Why are we talking about this on the day before landing and not the day after launch?" wrote William C. Anderson, an employee for the United Space Alliance LLC, a NASA contractor, less than 24 hours before the shuttle broke apart.

After intense debate — occurring by phone and e-mails — the engineers,

supervisors and the head of the space agency's Langley research facility in Hampton, Va., decided against taking the matter to top NASA managers.

Jeffrey V. Kling, a flight controller at Johnson Space Center's mission control, foresaw with haunting accuracy what might happen to Columbia during its fiery descent if superheated air penetrated the wheel compartment.

Kling wrote just 23 hours before the disaster that his engineering team's recommendation in such an event "is going to be to set up for a bailout [assuming the wing doesn't burn off before we can get the crew out]." Kling the following day was among the first in mission control to report a sudden, unexplained loss of data from the shuttle's sensors in the

left wing.

The e-mails released Wednesday describe a far broader discussion about the risks to Columbia than the concerns first raised three days earlier by Robert Daugherty, a NASA senior research engineer at Langley. He was mostly concerned about the safety of the shuttle landing with flat tires or wheels damaged from extreme heat.

Among the messages was one from Daugherty's boss at Langley, Mark J. Stuart, to another Langley supervisor, Doug Dwyer, describing Daugherty as "the kind of conservative, thorough engineer that NASA needs."

One e-mail, from R.K. "Kevin" McCluney, a shuttle mechanical engineer at Johnson Space Center, described

the risks that could lead to "LOCV" — NASA shorthand for the loss of the crew and vehicle. But McCluney ultimately recommended to do nothing unless there was a "wholesale loss of data" from sensors in the left wing, in which case controllers would need to decide between a risky landing and bailout attempt.

"Beats me what the breakpoint would be between the two decisions," McCluney wrote.

Investigators have reported such a wholesale loss of sensor readings in Columbia's left wing, but it occurred too late to do anything — after the shuttle was already racing through Earth's upper atmosphere and moments before its breakup.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

N. Korea reactivates nuclear reactor:

North Korea has reactivated a reactor at its main nuclear complex, the first step toward production of additional nuclear weapons, U.S. officials said Wednesday. Pyongyang currently has the ability to produce five or six plutonium bombs from 8,000 spent fuel rods in a matter of a few months. The new step, disclosed by two sources familiar with the North's military activities, could enable them to build additional weapons in about a year.

House of Commons supports Blair:

British lawmakers on Wednesday backed Tony Blair's determination to disarm Iraq, but rebels from his own Labor Party mounted their biggest challenge to the prime minister since he came to power in 1997. While the government carried two votes decisively, the losing dissenters made a stronger-than-expected showing, underlining the strength of opposition to war among Britons and within Blair's party.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Supreme Court favors abortion protesters:

In a victory for abortion foes, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that federal racketeering and extortion laws were wrongly used to try to stop blockades, harassment and violent protests outside clinics. The 8-1 ruling lifts a nationwide ban on protests that interfere with abortion clinic business. Abortion rights supporters said they fear the ruling will lead to a reprise of screaming matches and physical confrontations outside clinics.

Loved ones mourn nightclub victims:

Grief-stricken friends and relatives of Providence, R.I. said goodbye Wednesday to two men who perished in the Station nightclub fire, while members of the rock band Great White arrived to tell a grand jury their version of how it all began. More than 200 people crowded into a Pawtucket funeral home to pay tribute to Dennis Smith, 36, who had gone to the nightclub concert because a friend had an extra ticket.

Court indicts 4 for sending \$4M to Iraq:

Four Arab men were indicted Wednesday on federal charges they illegally sent at least \$4 million to Iraq through a Syracuse-area charity called Help the Needy. Separately, a University of Idaho graduate student was indicted for allegedly failing to disclose on his visa application his relationship with an organization that operates Web sites praising suicide bombings. The prime minister emphasized that the House of Commons vote was not about whether Britain should go to war against Saddam Hussein — he said it was too soon to decide.

Fire spreads through nursing home:

A suspicious fire ripped through a Hartford, Conn. nursing home before daybreak Wednesday, killing 10 people and forcing 100 residents — some of them bedridden, elderly and confused — into the freezing cold. Police said they wanted to question a resident about the blaze. The fire at the Greenwood Health Center also injured 23 people, seven critically.

Design chosen for Trade Center

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A cluster of sloping, angular buildings with a 1,776-foot spire that would be the tallest in the world was chosen Wednesday as the blueprint to redevelop the World Trade Center site, The Associated Press has learned.

Architect Daniel Libeskind's design beat a plan by an international design team known as THINK, which envisioned two 1,665-foot latticework towers straddling the footprints of the original towers, said a source familiar with the selection. An official announcement is expected Thursday.

The choice of the soaring design, which pays homage to the year America declared its independence, was made by a committee of representatives from the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the offices of the governor and mayor.

Both Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg favored the Libeskind plan, an important factor in the decision, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

LMDC Chairman John Whitehead telephoned Libeskind with the news, the source said, telling the architect his "vision has brought hope and inspiration to a city still recovering from a terrible tragedy."

Libeskind, who is based in Berlin, declined comment. The source said he told the LMDC chairman that being selected is 'a life-changing experience.'

Deciding what to do with the 16-acre site in Lower Manhattan has been wrenching at times. Relatives of the nearly 2,800 people who died at ground zero called for memorials with a sense of respect and grace, while business officials and others said the city cannot afford to lose too much office space.

The Libeskind design called for 70 stories of offices, with airy 'gardens of the world' beckoning tourists above office level. It included five starkly geometrical towers and several smaller cultural buildings around the foundations of the fallen towers.

The plan, which may undergo revisions, also called for a Park of Heroes, and a memorial encompassing the footprints of the fallen towers. The spire was designed to house a garden all the way to its top, and not office space, because 'gardens are a constant affirmation of life,' Libeskind said in December.

He has estimated the cost of building his design at \$330 million.

Developer Larry Silverstein, who owns the lease on the trade center site, said earlier this month he was not satisfied with either plan.

Howard Rubenstein, a spokesman for Silverstein, said Wednesday he "has great respect for the architect," and looks forward to working with him to "get this project moving."

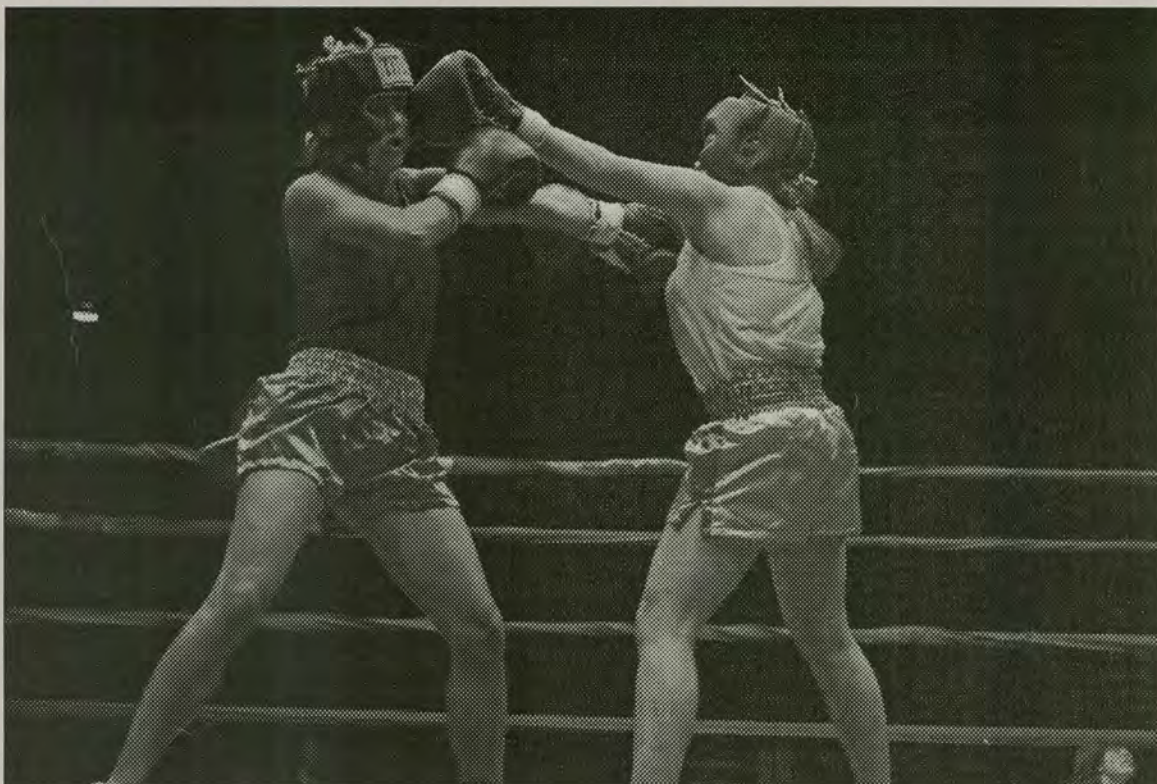
Rubenstein said Silverstein had no comment on the elements of the plan.

The design competition was launched after an initial set of plans, released in July, was derided as boring and over-stuffed with office space. Nine proposals were unveiled Dec. 18.

The two finalists each featured buildings surpassing Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest in the world. The World Trade Center towers stood 1,350 feet tall, and would have had to be 35 stories taller to equal Libeskind's spire. A small number of telecommunications towers would still be taller than the spire.

After the two finalists were chosen, both were asked to revise their designs to make them more easily realized. Libeskind, whose original design called for a memorial 70 feet below ground, reportedly changed that to 30 feet, allowing for infrastructure and transportation underneath.

BENGAL BOUTS



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Shelley Skiba, left, spars with Lauren Conti in the second set of exhibition bouts by the Notre Dame women's boxing club. Wednesday was the last day of women's bouts for this year's Bengal Bouts.



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NASDAQ	
1,303.68	↓ -25.30
S&P 500	
827.55	↓ -11.02
AMEX	
826.82	↓ -1.76
NYSE	
4,653.98	↓ -59.40

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NORTEL NETWORKS (NT)	+1.46	+0.03	2.08
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-4.05	-0.57	13.51
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-2.22	-0.55	24.22
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-2.44	-0.59	23.66
HEWLETT-PACKARD (HPQ)	-15.46	-2.81	15.37

IN BRIEF

U.S. auto official calls for safer SUVs

A top federal auto safety official who has said he wouldn't buy his children certain sport utility vehicles told senators Wednesday that automakers, not the government, should be responsible for making SUVs safer. Dr. Jeffrey Runge, the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, tried to repair a rift he started last month when he said he wouldn't buy his children an SUV with a high rollover risk "if it was the last one on Earth." He told the Senate Commerce and Transportation Committee Wednesday that every current SUV model meets basic federal safety standards, so there's no reason to remove them from the market.

Vehicle sales plummet nationwide

Jittery consumers, rising gasoline prices and a paralyzing snowstorm have combined to curb U.S. vehicle sales this month, analysts say, and automakers are turning to an old standby — incentives — to provide a boost. "I can honestly say it's the first lousy month I've had in a couple of years," said James T. Botsacos, a Toyota and Hummer dealer in Flemington, N.J., who predicts his February sales will be off 25 percent from last year. Like many dealers on the East Coast, Botsacos closed his business on the President's Day holiday as a snowstorm hammered the region. He spent the next two days digging out.

SEC pushes for more rights to fine

The Securities and Exchange Commission wants authority to fine individuals and companies without going to court, the agency's top enforcement official said Wednesday. Under current law, the SEC can impose fines on its own through a so-called administrative process only if the individual or company being fined is regulated by the SEC. In all other cases, the SEC is required to file a federal court action seeking financial penalties.

Former Kmart execs face suit

◆ Court charges two former VPs for false reports

Associated Press

DETROIT

Two former Kmart Corp. vice presidents were indicted Wednesday on federal charges that claim their actions inflated the company's earnings for part of the year before the retailer filed for bankruptcy.

Enio "Tony" Montini Jr., 51, and Joseph Hofmeister, 52, were charged with securities fraud, making false statements to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and conspiracy to commit those offenses.

Separately, the SEC accused Montini and Hofmeister in federal court of accounting fraud. The SEC is seeking the return of financial gains related to their alleged actions, including a \$750,000 retention loan that Montini received from Kmart.

The SEC also seeks civil penalties and asks to bar them from serving as officers or directors for publicly traded companies.

Montini, of Rochester Hills, is a former senior vice president and general merchandise manager, and Hofmeister, of Lake Orion, is a former divisional vice president of merchandising. Their attorney called the charges "wrong and unjust."

The indictment alleges that from November 2000 to about Jan. 21, 2002, Montini and Hofmeister conspired to have the company improperly include a \$42.3 million payment from one of its vendors, American Greetings, in its financial report for the second quarter of 2001.

The money was actually subject to repayment under certain circumstances and therefore should not have been fully booked by Kmart in that quarter, the indictment said.

According to the indictment, the defendants' false statements to Kmart's



AFP Photo

Signs announce a closing sale on the windows of a Kmart store. Financial woes and corporate scandal have rocked the company.

accounting and auditing divisions resulted in Kmart's filing with the SEC a quarterly report that overstated Kmart's operating results by \$42.3 million for the period and helped Kmart meet Wall Street's earnings expectations for the period.

Attorney Mark A. Srere denied that the pair engaged in fraud. He said no investors were harmed by Kmart's decision to record the payment and said it had nothing to do with Kmart declaring bankruptcy.

"Both Mr. Hofmeister and Mr. Montini have spotless records in over 30 years of business experience each," Srere said. "Both Mr. Hofmeister and Mr. Montini received no personal gain from Kmart's decision to

record as revenue the \$42 million."

Kmart filed for bankruptcy on Jan. 22, 2002, and plans to exit Chapter 11 protection by April 30.

If convicted, Montini and Hofmeister each face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$1 million fine on the securities fraud charge, and five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the conspiracy and false statements charges.

U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins, who read from a prepared statement and left without taking questions, told reporters, "these two individuals made false statements to Kmart's accounting division."

Both men were let go by Kmart in May 2002 when the company cut a dozen

jobs at its Troy headquarters. At the time, the retailer said the cuts were part of an effort to streamline the retailer's senior-level management team and reduce its geographic divisions from five to two.

"It's not appropriate for us to comment on this," Kmart spokesman Jack Ferry said Wednesday. "We've cooperated with all of the outside investigations, but we can't comment on this announcement."

After Montini left Kmart, he went to work for Rite Aid Corp. Karen Rugen, a spokeswoman for Rite Aid, said Montini voluntarily resigned from the Camp Hill, Pa.-based company on Wednesday. He was senior vice president of category management.

Senators support Greenspan view

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Democratic senators on Wednesday accused the White House of mounting a whisper campaign against Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan for not fully endorsing the president's tax cut plan. They put forward a resolution supporting Greenspan.

As the central bank chief sat at the witness table at a Senate Banking Committee hearing, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., spoke of "an ongoing, orchestrated whisper campaign to discredit" Greenspan, who heads an independent agency.

"Some in the administration are sending a clear message: You are either with us or against us," Schumer said. "It is a heavy-handed attempt to corrupt the objectivity of the Fed that is so vital to the confidence of our financial markets."

He gave no examples. White House officials dismissed the notion of any such campaign.

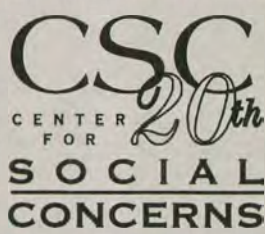
"Everyone from the president on down has enormous respect for Chairman Greenspan," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said.

The Bush administration is trying to persuade Congress to approve the \$670 billion tax-cut plan, including a centerpiece proposal to slash the tax

on investor dividends. President Bush predicted Tuesday that Congress would enact the plan and bolster the faltering economy, which White House advisers said was being slowed by the threat of war in Iraq.

Greenspan, in testimony to the committee two weeks ago, warned that further tax cuts should be paid for. That led Democrats to proclaim that Greenspan had delivered the "kiss of death" for Bush's proposal. The White House pointed out that Greenspan had endorsed the dividend tax proposal.

The Fed chairman said future tax cuts should be paid for, either by spending cuts or tax increases.



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As people of faith, we at the Center for Social Concerns are deeply concerned about the threat of a pre-emptive war on the part of our nation's leaders as a means of dealing with the mounting threat posed by the Iraqi government. Over many centuries our Christian tradition has established both the just war tradition and a strong support for nonviolence, including a strong presumption against war. We strive to know our Christian tradition and to apply it to present day circumstances. As one Center within this Catholic University, we encourage prayerful reading of the following summary of the Bishops' position on Iraq issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (February 6, 2003) and invite you to consider your own active and faith-filled response.

In an effort to continue the education and dialogue already present and active on our campus community, the Center for Social Concerns has available a resource webpage <<http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu>> and will be offering dialogue and educational opportunities after Spring Break.

Summary of the Bishops' Position on Iraq

Office of Social Development & World Peace
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
February 6, 2003

The Issue

The United States seems to be ever closer to going to war with Iraq. The first report of the inspectors to the UN Security Council acknowledged Iraq's steps on access but faulted its lack of clear commitment to disarmament. As the United States responds to calls for more evidence to support its position, the UN Security Council will be considering whether to take up a new resolution authorizing force against Iraq or whether to give inspections more time to work.

Last October, Congress voted overwhelmingly to grant the President the power to go to war with Iraq, authorizing the President to "use the armed forces of the United States as he determines to be necessary and appropriate in order to defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq."

USCCB Position

Moral obligation to address threat Iraq poses. We have no illusions about the behavior or intentions of the Iraqi government. The Iraqi leadership must cease its internal repression, end its threats to its neighbors, stop any support for terrorism, abandon its efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction, and destroy all such existing weapons. The United States should be commended for pressing for the resolution that led to the return of inspectors to Iraq. Iraq should continue to be pressed to comply fully with Security Council resolutions. All involved should work to see that UN action will not simply be a prelude to war, but a way to avoid it.

Moral concerns about the use of military force. People of good will may differ on how to apply just war norms in particular cases, especially when events are moving rapidly and the facts are not altogether clear. It is difficult to justify the resort to war against Iraq, lacking clear and adequate evidence of an imminent attack of a grave nature. With the Holy See and bishops from the Middle East and around the world, the U.S. Bishops Conference fears that resort to war, under present circumstances and in light of current public information, would not meet the strict conditions in Catholic teaching for overriding the strong presumption against military force.

Just cause. The Catechism of the Catholic Church limits just cause to cases in which "the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations [is] lasting, grave and certain." (#2309) The Bush administration's proposals to expand dramatically traditional limits on just cause to include preventive uses of military force to overthrow threatening regimes or to deal with weapons of mass destruction would create troubling moral and legal precedents. Moreover, consistent with the proscriptions contained in international law, a distinction should be made between efforts to change unacceptable behavior of a government and efforts to end that government's existence.

Legitimate authority. Decisions concerning possible war in Iraq require compliance with U.S. constitutional imperatives, broad consensus within our nation, and some form of international sanction. That is why the action by Congress and the UN Security Council are important. As the Holy See has indicated, if recourse to force were deemed necessary, this should take place within the framework of the United Nations after considering the consequences for Iraqi civilians, and regional and global stability. (Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, Vatican Secretary for Relations with States, 9/10/02).

Probability of success and proportionality. The use of force must have "serious prospects for success" and "must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated" (Catechism, #2309). Not taking military action could have its own negative consequences, but the use of force might provoke the very kind of attacks that it is intended to prevent, could impose terrible new burdens on an already long-suffering civilian population, and could lead to wider conflict and instability in the region. War against Iraq could also detract from the responsibility to help build a just and stable order in Afghanistan and could undermine broader efforts to stop terrorism.

Norms governing the conduct of war. The justice of a cause does not lessen the moral responsibility to comply with the norms of civilian immunity and proportionality. The United States has improved capability and has made serious efforts to avoid directly targeting civilians in war, but the use of military force in Iraq could bring incalculable costs for a civilian population that has suffered so much from war, repression, and a debilitating embargo. In assessing whether "collateral damage" is proportionate, the lives of Iraqi men, women and children should be valued as we value the lives of our family and citizens of our own country.

Alternatives to war. The United States, in collaboration with the international community, should continue to pursue actively alternatives to war in Iraq. It is vital that our nation persist in the very frustrating and difficult challenges of maintaining broad international support for constructive, effective and legitimate ways to contain and deter aggressive Iraqi actions and threats. In addition to the UN inspections, the military embargo could be enforced more effectively while political sanctions and much more carefully-focused economic sanctions which do not threaten the lives of innocent Iraqi civilians should be maintained. Addressing Iraq's weapons of mass destruction must be matched by broader and stronger non-proliferation measures that are grounded in the principle of mutual restraint.

Action Requested

Urge your Member of Congress and President Bush to work with other world leaders to find the will and the ways to step back from the brink of war with Iraq and work to fashion an effective global response to Iraq's known threats that both recognizes legitimate self defense and conforms to traditional moral limits on the use of military force.

Resources

USCCB, "Statement on Iraq," (11/13/02); Letter of Bishop Wilton Gregory to President Bush, (9/13/02); "Catholic teaching on War and Peace"; See www.usccb.org/sdwp

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The 2003 summer session will begin on Monday, June 16 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 1 (final exams). Some courses—primarily in science and languages—will begin and end before or after these dates. The *Summer Session Bulletin* contains complete schedule information. The *Bulletin* is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Thursday, February 20. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the *Bulletin*, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).

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Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 19, through the course add and drop dates published in the *Summer Session Bulletin*. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

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THE CALL

'Joe Millionaire' to have second edition

Associated Press

Flush with the success of 'Joe Millionaire,' Fox executives said Wednesday that they are readying a second edition.

Fox would not say when the hit reality series would return or how a sequel would differ from the first, which was based on a joke that everyone but the female competitors were in on.

"It can't be done identically to the first one for all the obvious reasons," said Sandy Grushow, Fox Television Entertainment chairman.

Grushow said the network "has come up with a notion that carries all of the same values forward. We're obviously optimistic that it will perform extremely well when it returns."

An estimated 40 million viewers watched the final hour of the series on Feb. 17, helping lead Fox to its first-ever victory in a ratings 'sweeps' month among viewers aged 18 to 49.

CBS was the most popular network in February when viewers of all ages are counted.

But networks like Fox, NBC and ABC are intensely interested in the youthful demographic because it's craved by advertisers.

The chaotic February sweeps was marked by intense competition for Michael Jackson programming and reality series like 'American Idol' and 'The Bachelorette' that could be moved and expanded in a scheduling chess game.

CBS President Leslie Moonves called it the "craziest sweeps in the history

of television."

NBC Entertainment Chairman Jeff Zucker said it was "nutty" and his ABC counterpart, Lloyd Braun, called it "wild and woolly."

All of those assessments left Grushow somewhat miffed.

"The comments are so transparent that it borders on being comical," he said. "If they feel that February was ridiculous or crazy or nutty, they ought to be ready for ridiculous or crazy months of March, April and May."

Zucker congratulated Fox and noted it was the first sweeps month NBC had lost in the 18-to-49-year-old demographic since February 2000.

"Obviously, it's disappointing that we didn't win," Zucker said.

"But it's far more a credit to what Fox did than what we didn't do."

One of NBC's top priorities for this summer and next year is to develop a successful relationship-based reality series along the lines of 'Joe Millionaire' and 'The Bachelor,' he said.

Meanwhile, ABC announced Thursday it was preparing a fourth edition of 'The Bachelor' that "has the heir to a well-known family, a 'Dynasty'-like family," ABC executive Susan Lyne said.

Fox is about to debut 'Married by America,' a series based on the idea that it can marry off two longing-for-love people who had never met.

In April, Fox presents 'Mr. Personality,' a series that 'explores how looks effect love,' said entertainment President Gail Berman.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Approximately 9,000 other voices

Thousands of students, faculty and staff from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's did not sign a petition opposing a potential U.S.-led war with Iraq. The petition appeared yesterday as an ad in The Observer, included the signatures of approximately 600 people superimposed over the phrase, "Hear Our Voice," and was the feature of a front-page article written by Helena Payne for the Wednesday Observer.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing war with Iraq might cite the just cause tenet of Catholic just war theory as a primary motivating factor in their decision to abstain from endorsing the petition. They could mention that "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," a United States Catholic bishops' pastoral on war and peace, endorses war "to protect innocent life, to preserve conditions necessary for decent human existence and to secure basic human rights."

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq could combine this 1983 Catholic Pastoral teaching with CIA-generated facts concerning human rights abuses under Saddam Hussein including Hussein's use of mustard gas in Panjwin in October-

November 1983 leaving 3,000 Iranian and Kurdish casualties, his murder of another 2,500 Iranians on Majnoon Island in February-March 1984 by the same method, his April 1987 mustard-gas attack that left 5,000 Iranians dead or wounded in al-Basrah, his deployment of tabun and mustard gas against some 3,000 Iranians at Hawizah Marsh in March 1985 and 5,000 more at al-Basrah in April 1987 and his use of sarin and mustard gas against 3,000 Iranians in October 1987 at Sumar/Mehran.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff could also take into account Hussein's Stalinist purges of his Ba'ath party, chemical attacks on Kurds in Iraq, his documented chemical experimentation on Iraqi jail inmates and his tyrannical political oppression of any semblance of an opposition party.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq heed the words of Fadel Sultani, President of the National Association of Iraqi Writers, who stated in response to peace protesters, "Did they not realize that oppression, torture and massacre of innocent civilians are also forms of war?"

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq could

cite the violation of 17 U.N. Security Council resolutions since 1990, including those designated 678, 686, 687, 688, 707, 715, 949, 1051, 1060, 1115, 1134, 1137, 1154, 1194, 1205, 1284 and 1441 as primary examples of Hussein's unwillingness to abide by international law and as a pretext for armed intervention.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq may also believe that a war in Iraq remains ideologically consistent with a worldwide war on terror due to Hussein's \$25,000 rewards to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers and his ties to terrorist groups operating throughout the world.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty, and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq may have considered Saddam Hussein's flagrant human rights atrocities, his contempt for the 17 UN security council resolutions passed in order to limit his destructive capabilities and his close ties to terrorism and thought to themselves, "Hear our Voice."

Timothy Bonadies

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Feb. 26

Economics department isn't in touch

Go into the community and survey its poor. Cook a dinner with the budget of someone living at the poverty line.

Question whether there is a link between consumption and happiness. These are just a few examples of the unique experiences an economics major can have at Notre Dame, where the social and moral dimensions of economics are emphasized.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the economics department believes these are valuable learning experiences. Some members of the department think that the economics major should focus solely on mathematical and theoretical models.

It is true that without its theories and formulas, economics would be nothing more than empty, untested, uneducated predictions. However, I feel it is possible to have a first-rate economics program without splitting the department into two. If some members of the department are concerned that Notre Dame economics students aren't being taught enough math and theory, why not just add more required classes in these areas? With only ten required classes, economics majors have plenty of room in their schedules for Linear algebra, real analysis, econometrics and other beneficial classes. We can still compete with the top economics programs in the country, but we need to do it on our terms, not theirs.

Here at Notre Dame, not only do the economics professors teach us the theories and mathematical models, but they show us how these can be applied to help change the world into a better place. We are not being taught how to maximize profit without being shown how it affects different groups of

people. We are not being taught about trade barriers without being shown that it influences total welfare. We are not being taught about wages without looking at what it does to employment levels of the poor. In short, rather than giving us lots of fancy models and theories and then throwing us out into the world to put our knowledge to whatever uses we please, they are giving us a glimpse of the complicated, and too often ignored, relationship between economics and morals.

I recently overheard the following joke. An economist and a professor are up in a hot air balloon when a fog bank rolls in, making it impossible for them to discern where they are or land. When the fog rises hours later, all they can see are fields. Finally they see a farmer out tending his crop, so they drop down lower and yell to him, "Where are we?" The farmer looks up at them and responds, "You're in a hot air balloon." The professor then turns to the economist and says, "He must be an economist. He is absolutely right and absolutely useless at the same time."

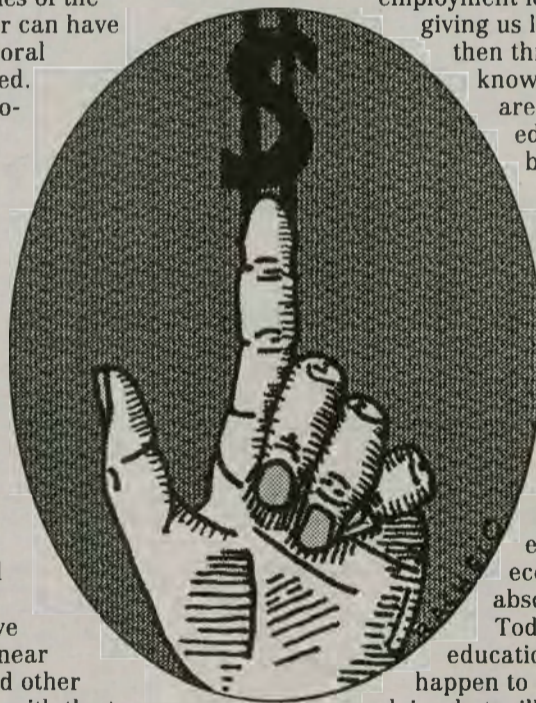
Today's economic students are getting an education that will ensure that this will never happen to them. Perhaps the real questions to ask is what will the future hold if the only thing tomorrow's economic majors can tell you is that you're in a hot air balloon?

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"Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius. A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein."

Joe Theisman
former quarterback

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examining different perspectives on affirmative action

Legacy policy hinders diversity

To all African-American students at Notre Dame: Have you ever been asked the question, "What sport do you play?" by a white student who assumes that the only role a person of color has at this institution is to compete in athletics? Regardless of your athletic participation, perhaps you should answer with an equally offensive question of your own: "Are you here because your daddy went here?"

I recently read that Notre Dame received a record total of more than 12,000 applications for the class of 2007. According to Daniel Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment, the applicant pool this year is more ethnically and racially diverse. This may be due to the Willingham Effect.

One aspect of the admissions process that recently has come under fire is the explicit preference granted by most schools, including Notre Dame, to children of alumni. Proponents of affirmative action point out that these favored applicants tend to be disproportionately white and disproportionately wealthy.

As Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards remarked, "This is a remnant of 16th century British aristocracy and has no place in 21st century American democracy."

The class of 2006 features 23 percent children of alumni, yet just 16 percent minorities. I propose a noble goal to the administration that would speak volumes about its commitment to diversity: Enroll an equal number of legacies and minorities for the class of 2007.

Many believe this practice of rewarding applicants because of their parents' achievements is blatantly unfair. I concede that I see the value in maintaining the level of legacy enrollment that the

administration deems appropriate to preserve the unique sense of family at Notre Dame. For a university committed to social justice, however, I see no justification for desiring a level of legacy enrollment that exceeds the level of underrepresented minority enrollment.

I challenge the administration to seek an equitable balance between these two groups that deserve special consideration. Such a balance would demonstrate clearly our

University's commitment to racial diversity and destroy the image that some have of Notre Dame as a school for rich white kids. This goal should be made public and the action taken to attain it should be affirmative. The message it would send to society about our commitment to racial diversity might do the same for the image of the university as hiring Tyrone Willingham has done for the football program.

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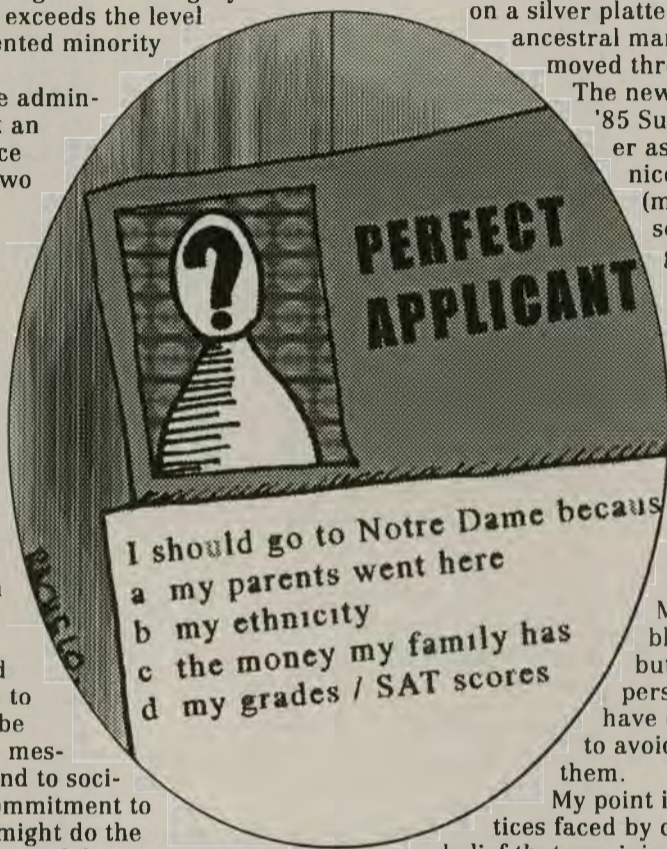
Injustice cannot be rectified by another injustice

I love being a white male. Who wouldn't? Life has been handed to me on a silver platter with any hint of difficulty polished away. The ancestral manor is so beautiful in the summer (my family moved three times for financial reasons before I was 12). The new car on my 16th was a given (I got to drive the '85 Subaru POS my brother had received 3 years earlier as his first car). Vacationing in the Hamptons was nice, but I always preferred our winters in the Alps (my mother raised my brother and I on a public school teacher's salary). Of course, I knew I was going to attend Notre Dame; how could they turn me away with Daddy's double Domerhood and my 1600 SAT — thanks Kaplan. (My parents went to undistinguished public colleges and my mom couldn't afford a test prep course for me — I got a 1540.)

When you paint people by race or gender, you use much too broad a brush. As a "minority" or a woman, if you support others based on their race or gender, do not be surprised if white males claim that it is just to support other white males because of their race and gender. It is not — in either instance. That is why I believe Martin Luther King spoke of the ideal of a "color-blind" society, a society not of blacks and whites, but simply of people. Because it is difficult being a person. Some have it easier than others, but we all have our challenges in life. The privileged may be able to avoid their obstacles, but that only makes me pity them.

My point in writing this letter is not to belittle the injustices faced by certain groups. Rather, it is an expression of my belief that one injustice cannot be rectified by means of another. Please remember when you speak of whites or males: For every one Rockefeller, there are 10 regular schmucks like me.

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Grammar and Ensler mar the 'Monologues'

Next week on campus there will be two performances of "The Vagina Monologues," the play that has done so much to bridge the gap between modern feminism and Tourette's Syndrome.

The "Monologues" are a series of soliloquies written by Eve Ensler based on her interviews with a diverse group of women, from Bosnian rape victims to a lesbian dominatrix. Between the longer monologues there are sections which relate an assortment of the responses Ensler received to the questions, "If your vagina could talk, what would it say?" (sample answers: "Oh, yeah," "Bonjour") and, "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" The vaginas' sartorial choices ranged from the practical "jeans" to the wholly inexplicable "purple feathers with twigs and shells."

This is certainly an innovative line of inquiry, but one wonders why Ensler didn't pursue it further: "If your vagina went to college what would it major in?" or perhaps, "How does your vulva feel about welfare reform?"

Ensler's writing is stupefyingly bad. Her sentences do not merely lack meaning, they actively resist it, like Zen koans. Despite the absence of a finite verb or any discernable meaning, the following is a

complete sentence:

"To satisfy ourselves, to teach our lovers to satisfy us, to be present in our vaginas, to speak of them out loud, to speak of their hunger and pain and loneliness and humor, to make them visible so they cannot be ravaged in the dark without great consequence, so that our center, our point, our motor, our dream, is no longer detached, mutilated, numb, broken, invisible or ashamed."

This is the English language gone on holiday. It makes as much sense to speak of vaginas' "loneliness" and "humor" as it does to talk about their love of opera or their penchant for French cuisine. No nuance of sense would be lost if the above quotation were replaced with two words, "Vaginas — Hooray!"

The sentence quoted was clearly never spoken by any of Ensler's interviewees. To verify this just try reading it out loud. Lots of people write third-rate poetry and too many of them perform it, but nobody — nobody at all — actually speaks like that. The monologues are based on the experiences of women in the same way that some films are "based on actual events."

The tendency to speak of vaginas as if they were people should also be viewed with suspicion, since the cumulative effect of this trope is to reduce women to their body parts; as one of the monologues concludes, "my vagina, me." The play does not blur the distinction between women's

experience and their experience of their bodies; it obliterates it.

After watching the play last year, I imagined how one of Ensler's interviews might have gone with a variety of famous women including Sally Ride, the first American woman in space.

In my vision, Ensler's eyes glazed over when Ride described the experience of looking down upon the Earth from her shuttle and she almost fell asleep while Ride talked about her Science Club, founded with the aim of encouraging women to enter the male-dominated world of professional science. When Ride finished, Ensler turned on her tape-recorder. "So, do you think if your vagina got dressed it would wear a space helmet?" she asked empoweringly.

In one monologue a vulgar slang term for the vagina is "reclaimed" by being repeated at ever increasing volumes. Shouting rude words can provide a sense of release from pent-up frustration, but this is nothing more than primal scream therapy masquerading as a political act.

Even Ensler's writing isn't bad enough to completely stifle the power the piece about a Bosnian rape victim has to disturb, but like the other monologues it lasts for only a few minutes and is immediately followed by another on a wholly different topic (in this case the story of a vagina which is "pissed off" about tampons and thong underwear, grievances which in the context seem embarrassingly

trivial). This is not consciousness-raising; it is channel surfing through women's experiences.

Much of the "Monologues" appeal derives from the way it encourages those involved with the play to picture themselves as participating not in an illiterate piece of theater, but in a cosmic struggle between absolute good (lesbianism, orgasms) and absolute evil (patriarchy, grammar). But the play's pretensions to be challenging modern society are a sham, pure self-deception. It no more challenges the assumptions of contemporary culture than do "Sex and the City" or "Cosmopolitan" magazine.

"The Vagina Monologues" is ill-conceived and abysmally written. The stories on which the monologues are based have been so thoroughly filtered through Ensler's own ideology that the play lacks value even considered as documentary. Rather than praising the work, feminists should be play's most insistent critics, because women deserve better than this.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Old School' has fun of college without the brains

By ADAM WELTLER
Scene Movie Critic

Step 1: Turn off brain. Step 2: Enjoy movie.

Every now and then it's nice to find a movie that requires little to no mental effort to enjoy. Indeed there are more than a few of these movies in theaters currently, but *Old School* lives up to expectations as an entertainingly lowbrow comedy in the tra-

dition of such quality films as *Road Trip* and *Animal House*.

Animal House it's not, but director-screenwriter Todd Phillips (who also helmed *Road Trip*) packs enough laughs into *Old School* to keep the audience smiling, and stars Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell form a comic trio of characters that come off equally hilarious and familiar.

The film begins with the dilemmas of three friends: Mitch, Beanie and

Frank (Wilson, Vaughn and Ferrell respectively) are each in his early thirties and becoming more disenfranchised with adult life. Mitch, a real estate lawyer, discovers his longtime girlfriend has been cheating on him with several people — at the same time. Beanie resents his life as husband and father of two, one of which, the baby, is frequently strapped to Beanie like a backpack. Frank, newly married, struggles to adapt to life as a married man and put his days as ultimate party animal Frank "The Tank" behind him.

Mitch's breakup with his girlfriend due to his distaste for her gang-bang fetish gives the men the perfect excuse to relive their college glories by throwing a "Mitch Martin Freedom Festival" in Mitch's new house near the local college campus. The popularity of the party encourages the group to form a new fraternity, one with no age restrictions or public service requirements whatsoever. The members range from college students to middle-aged businessmen to an 80-plus-year-old Navy veteran named Blue.

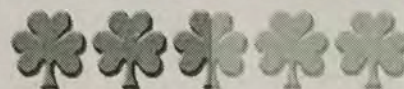
In classic fraternity movie fashion, the boys run into trouble with the college dean (Jeremy Piven). In this case, he is the one they used to beat up when they all attended college togeth-

er, and they must struggle to keep their fraternity alive. Luckily, Mitch is a lawyer, so the men have more resources than the average fraternity.

First things first — this is a stupid, stupid movie. But it's an amusingly stupid movie. The movie draws laughs, but not as much as it should. Luke Wilson, a talented actor but never an especially funny one, plays a decent straight man to the antics of Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell. Vaughn plays the same comedic character he's been playing since *Swingers*, once again to humorous effect.

Ferrell practically saves the movie once he reverts back to his Frank "The Tank" mode and starts yelling, streaking and bonging beers like a champ. And for all the guys out there: don't worry, all the nudity in the film isn't Ferrell. *Old School* follows the fraternity college movie handbook to the T, but fails to produce any particularly memorable scenes — although Ferrell's soulful rendition of *Dust in the Wind* comes mighty close. Essentially, if you've seen the previews and laughed, go see the film so you can laugh at those parts again. Otherwise, you might want to wait for video.

"Old School"



Director: Todd Phillips

Writers: Court Crandall and Todd Phillips

Starring: Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn



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Mitch Martin (Luke Wilson) is comforted by his friends, including "Frank the Tank" (Will Ferrell) with a KY Jelly wrestling match held by their fraternity.

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NDCinema spices up already wild Thursday

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

Admittedly, it is a tough choice, deciding between watching "Scrubs" or "Are You Hot?" It's also tough deciding between TV or spending your scarce hours and your hard-won dollars at Boat Club. (The Heartland boycott is still in effect, isn't it?) The only thing to count on is that either homework's done and tests are studied for before 8 p.m. or they are cast into the academic abyss.

NDCinema, formerly Cinema at the Snite, offers an escape from Must See TV, the bars and schoolwork.

Students have the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre to thank for this often-superior alternative. State-of-the-art digital projection and sound turn the Hesburgh Library Auditorium into a nocturnal theatre once a week every Thursday. Great, you say, another Thursday evening destination to submit to the procrastination gods. Well, the culture gods and procrastination gods are in agreement here, at least. If you're going to blow that time, you might as well take something away from it — and so, in that respect, NDCinema offers a decent ROI.

Since the beginning of the semester, the series has shown the somewhat controversial, highly sexualized class-conflict commentary "Y Tu Mama Tambien," the Student Film Festival, "Secret &

Lies," the neo-realist "Petits Freres," "Go Tigers!" and Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine." That last one is allegedly good, but the rest were indisputably worth any ND student's time.

Tonight, "The Adventures of Felix" will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Carey Auditorium. For those of you who don't get around to foreign and independent cinema, or simply lack the interest, this is a chance to take a risk and test your appetite for something out of the ordinary. This movie in particular is a French comedy about a man who, after getting the pink slip, hitchhikes to southern France seeking his absentee father.

Later in the semester, students can expect to see such cinematic gems as "One Hour Photo," where Robin Williams takes a turn for the psychotic. The beautifully shot story of Catherine the Great's rise to power is related in "The Scarlet Empress." In "Bread and Tulips" the viewer follows a capricious Italian housewife's search for identity.

One that absolutely cannot be missed is from Krystof Kieslowski's celebrated Three Colors trilogy, based on the colors of the French flag. "Bleu," which will be shown April 3, is a film about liberty from the French motto, which corresponds to the flag. Specifically it deals with liberty with respect to the main character's attempt to withdraw from her old reality and find herself, only to be drawn back in by the strength of familial bonds and friendship.



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Robin Williams takes a serious and psychotic turn in "One Hour Photo," one of the films offered by NDCinema this semester.

Ben Kingsley, of "Gandhi" fame, is in the leading role in the frenetic Brit gangster flick "Sexy Beast," which follows *Bleu*. More great movies follow, and every one deserves a few hours of your time. Take a break from the usual and

make at least one trip to an NDCinema screening this semester.

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NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

Animation Renaissance

Last year, "Shrek" became the first movie to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. This year, in all probability, "Spirited Away" (also known as *Sen to Chihiro no kamakushi*) will take possession of a less dubious distinction — the first movie to clearly deserve the honor and lose to a more pedestrian film that made a lot more money.

I should make a couple things clear — I'm not an anime guy. I start to get a rash when people around me watch "Cowboy Bebop" and my little sister's love for *Sailor Moon* never sat right with me. So it took a lot of critical acclaim, and access to a DVD of dubious legality, to coax me into watching "Spirited Away." What's more, I have no desire to attack "Ice Age" or "Lilo & Stitch," the prohibitive favorites. Well, no desire to attack "Ice Age." "Lilo & Stitch" is part of what's wrong with animated features today in general, and I'll get to that later.



Jack Watkins

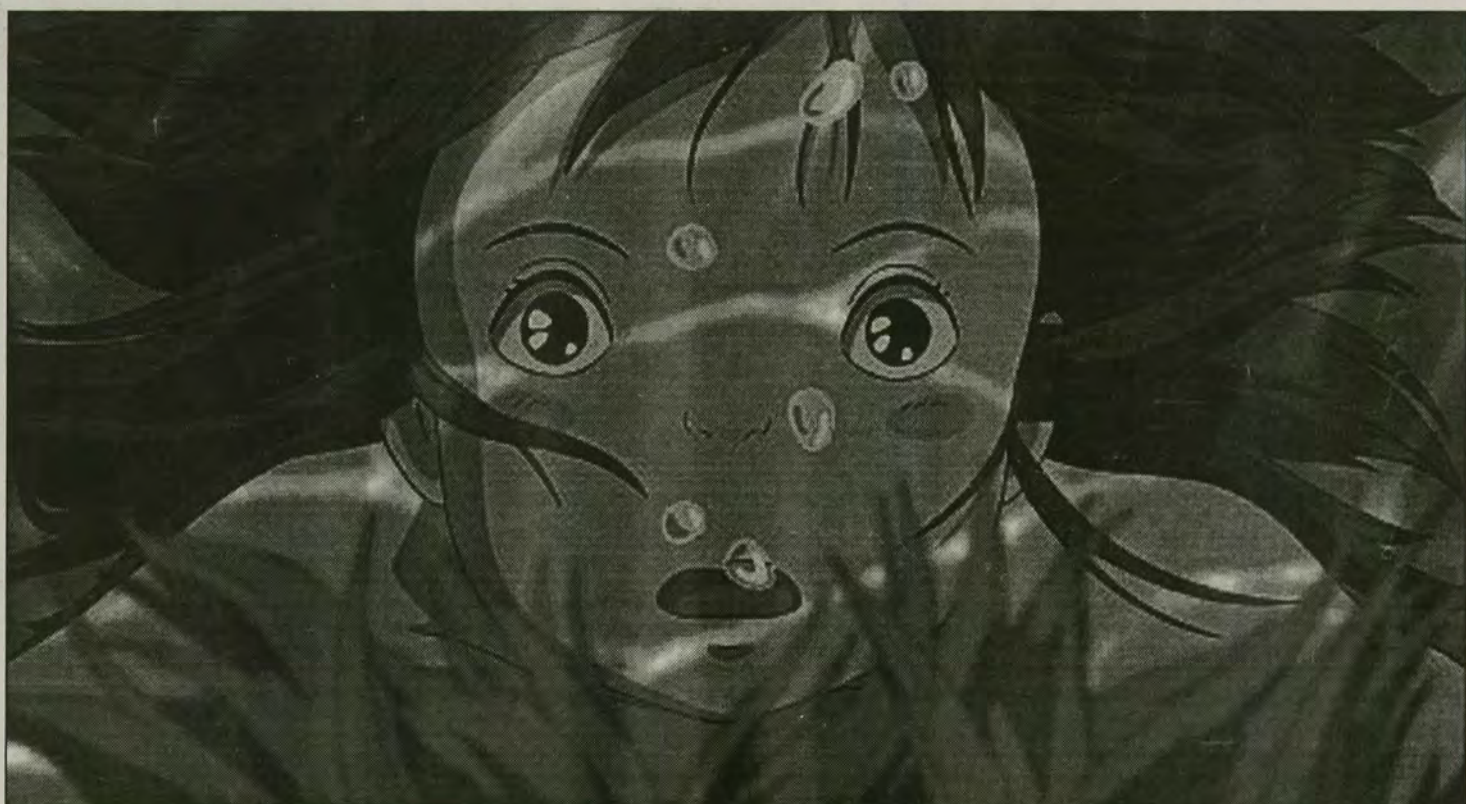
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The visually imaginative and genuinely touching "Spirited Away" is up against "Ice Age" and "Lilo & Stitch" for Best Animated Feature at this year's Academy Awards.

her parents.

As the plot may indicate, this is a story about a child, but not a "kid's movie." While it is a family movie that kids should certainly be allowed to see, "Spirited Away" is entertainment for the whole family, adults and adolescents included. The plot is occasionally grim, the violence (when it occurs) is real and treated with deadly seriousness, a far cry from the rambunctious cartoon fare Disney offers. Chihiro is a slave to the spirits, and is often treated unfairly, with no guardian or moral authority to stand up for her. And yet, due to her own courage and resourcefulness, she is able to make the best of what she is given, and eventually, to triumph over her poor

circumstances.

The director, Hayao Miyazaki, widely considered a genius in Japan, has mixed universal fairy-tale elements with specifically Japanese cultural mythology, giving the film an odd feel for American audiences, almost as if the world Chihiro stumbles into is one we've seen in a dream, but is somehow alien to us. Of course, this strange feeling accentuates the many strengths of the movie, forcing us to further identify with Chihiro and her plight, and yet allowing us to experience, along with her, a sense of wonder at her surroundings.

"Spirited Away" transcends the greatest flaw in the now-annual animated Disney extravaganzas — it teaches a moral lesson without being preachy or sappy. There is no culminating speech or tearful embrace to close the film, no pat one-line message a la "Lilo & Stitch" ("Family means no one gets left behind"). Instead, there is a portrait of a girl who leaves behind her immaturity and takes on the responsibilities of an adult. Even better, this change does not occur abruptly, but slowly over the course of the entire movie. This allows for a unity of story and moral, and a depth of character development rarely seen in the animated rivals of "Spirited Away."

Which brings me right around to what's wrong in the world of animated features. With rare exceptions, like 2001's "Waking Life," animated films are almost all cookie-cutter clones marketed to the under-12 crowd, with, at best, a few in-jokes to keep adults entertained. What's worse, they are almost always musicals, which results in a number of painful experiences. Here, Disney's competitors, not the

Mouse itself, are the main offenders. Nevertheless, my readers might be thinking, these are children's movies. Kids like singing. Kids like stupid plots and meaningless cartoon violence. And all this is true.

But the Academy has a great opportunity here. "Waking Life" wasn't qualified for last year's Oscar (it was filmed and animated over the film — apparently a no-no), but "Spirited Away" is nominated. By giving the award to "Spirited Away," the Academy could encourage artistic and multi-layered animated films. While I hesitate to call such a trivial controversy an "issue," or to promote the "cause" of good animated movies, anything that will save our generation from sitting through thousands of hours of "Pocahontas" and "The Pebble and the Penguin" clones is worth doing.

But in all probability, the Academy will honor either "Ice Age," an unremarkable film with great CGI animation and a fantastic take at the box office (nearly \$400 million) or "Lilo & Stitch," Disney's amazingly sappy take on its stock themes of incomplete families, acceptance and "being yourself," complete with stupid and redeemable villains, more-or-less innocuous ethnic stereotypes and songs — thankfully, this time, Elvis, not singing and dancing routines. This is exactly what does not need to be encouraged, and what was not encouraged last year, when "Shrek," which is as much a send-up of Disney's predictable style as anything else, won.

The Academy will probably blow this chance, and honor the wrong film. But see "Spirited Away" anyway, even if, like me, you don't like Japanese animation. You'll be surprised at how good it is, and as you lose yourself in Miyazaki's melancholic otherworld, you just might feel an extra touch of regret when you contemplate all the opportunities that have been missed in American animation.

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"Spirited Away" tells a fairy-tale story filled with magic, but keeps the emotions and moral lessons more realistic than typical American animated features.

NBA

McCarty's 3 hands Pacers 6th consecutive loss

Associated Press

BOSTON

Walter McCarty hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 24.9 seconds remaining, and Boston extended Indiana's longest losing streak in 10 years to six games with a 71-69 victory Wednesday night.

After McCarty's 3-pointer gave Boston a 69-67 lead, Jermaine O'Neal, who led the Pacers with 31 points and 13 rebounds, missed two free throws with 10.2 seconds left. In the final 10 seconds, Pierce and McCarty each converted one free throw before Reggie Miller shot an airball at the buzzer despite a wide-open look.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 18, Pierce had 16 and Tony Delk added 14 points and nine rebounds.

Ron Artest missed the game for Indiana after being suspended for the third time this season, this time by head coach Isiah Thomas.

The last time the Pacers lost six straight was Feb. 1993. They have lost nine of 13 overall.

Trailing 54-48 with 2:42 remaining in the third, the Celtics went on an 11-0 run featuring seven points by Pierce. The Pacers went 6:20 without scoring before O'Neal hit a pair of free throws to cut the lead to 59-56. O'Neal's basket with 6:42 remaining in the fourth snapped an eight-minute drought without a field goal.

Miller missed three 3-pointers in the final quarter and had only nine points.

Walker's mid-range jumper with 3:17 remaining gave Boston a 38-29 lead, its biggest of the first half. He led all scorers with 11, while Pierce, who was in foul trouble for most of the half, missed his only shot attempt and had 2 at the break.

After falling behind 10-2, McCarty hit a pair of 3-pointers to cap a 13-0 run with 4:12 remaining in the first. The Pacers had 10 turnovers and shot 25 percent after one, but only trailed 21-14.

J.R. Bremer made his 21st start for Boston, but was 0-for-7 from the field and is 3-for-20 in the last three games.

Nets 105, Knicks 76

Jason Kidd scored 21 points and the New Jersey Nets ended a season-high three-game losing streak by shutting down Allan Houston and embarrassing the New York Knicks 105-76 Wednesday night.

Richard Jefferson added 17 points and 10 rebounds as New Jersey limited the Knicks to 37.2

percent shooting in handing New York its most lopsided loss of the season.

The game between the Hudson River rivals lacked emotion, and a simmering tiff between Knicks forward Latrell Sprewell and Nets coach Byron Scott over some recent comments by Scott never escalated. The two spoke briefly in the third quarter, but what they said could not be heard.

Sprewell gave the Nets some anxious moments, hitting two early jumpers. But he never got untracked and finished with a team-high 13 points on 5-for-14 shooting.

Houston, who had 28 in a win over the Rockets on Tuesday, was never a factor, scoring six points — 16.1 less than his average. He was 3-for-11 from the field.

The game was competitive until the final 90 seconds of the first half.

A baseline jumper by Michael Doleac pulled the Knicks to 42-40 with 1:50 left in the half. New York didn't score again until Houston hit his final basket of the game on a 15-footer with 8:57 left in the third.

By that time, the Nets had scored 13 straight points — the final seven of the first half and first six of the second.

Kerry Kittles had five of his 13 in the span and Jason Collins added four. Kidd added a layup and made a nice no-look pass to set up a dunk by Kenyon Martin, who spent most of the second quarter in the Nets' locker room with an upset stomach.

New Jersey led by as many as 17 points in the third quarter, and the final score represented the largest margin of the game.

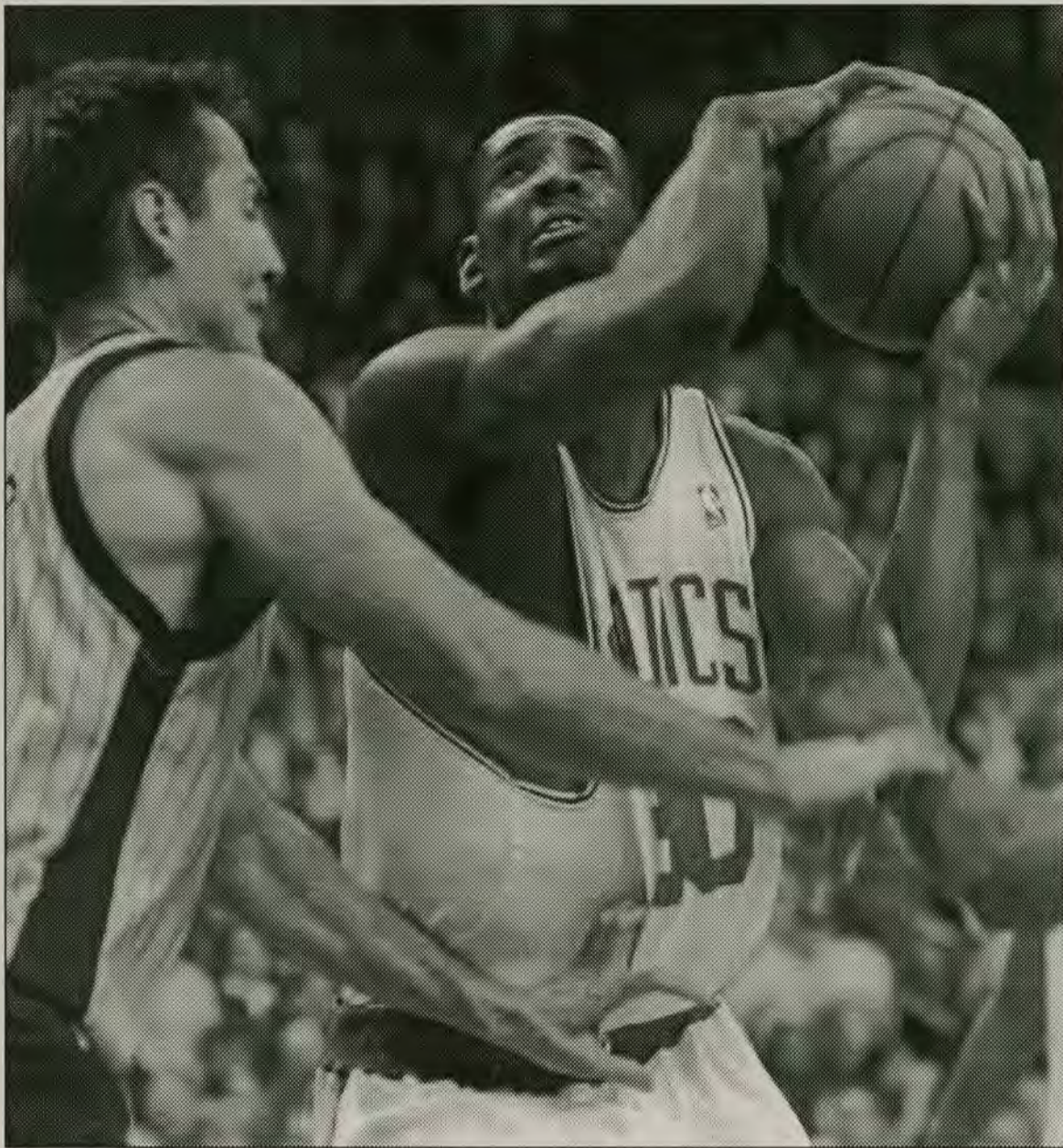
76ers 111, Grizzlies 107

Allen Iverson scored 34 points and Eric Snow had his first career triple-double with 22 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, leading Philadelphia to its seventh straight victory, 111-107 over Memphis Wednesday night.

Keith Van Horn added 21 points and nine rebounds, and Iverson had nine assists for Philadelphia, which is 7-0 since the All-Star break.

Pau Gasol tied his season high with 32 points, Jason Williams had 19 and Mike Batiste added 15 for the Grizzlies. Memphis, which has the third-worst record in the NBA, had won three of five, including victories over Indiana and Utah.

The Sixers (32-24) are in fourth place in the Eastern Conference. Six of their last



Boston's Mark Blount takes a shot at the basket in front of Indiana's Jeff Foster during the first half of Boston's 71-69 victory Wednesday.

seven victories have come against teams with losing records.

The Grizzlies, who trailed the almost the entire game, finally tied it at 92 on a steal and dunk by Earl Watson 2:38 into the fourth. After Wesley Person missed a free throw that would've given Memphis the lead, Iverson hit a running 14-footer to make it 95-93.

Memphis got within 101-100 on a putback by Batiste, but Van Horn made a turnaround jumper. Gasol's short turnaround cut it to 103-102, but Van Horn answered with a turnaround hook shot and Snow made two free throws for a 107-102 lead with 1:57 left.

After Snow missed two free throws with 15 seconds remaining, Shane Battier missed a 3-pointer that would've tied it with 6.6 seconds left. Snow got the rebound to record the triple-double, then iced it with a free

throw.

The Grizzlies again were without Mike Miller, who averaged 17 points in his first two games after being traded from the Orlando Magic. Miller had back spasms and has sat out two straight.

The Sixers led 59-50 after a driving layup by Iverson with 2:31 left in the first half. But the Grizzlies scored eight straight on a jumper by Batiste and consecutive 3-pointers by Williams.

Suns 118, Bucks 112

Stephon Marbury scored 41 points, including 35 in the second half, to help the Phoenix Suns snap a four-game losing streak with a 118-112 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night.

Joe Johnson added 20 points for Phoenix. Marbury surpassed 40 for the fourth time this season and the second time this month,

finishing two points shy of his season high.

Gary Payton led Milwaukee with 26 points. Sam Cassell had 24 points, and Toni Kukoc 23.

Marbury scored 18 points in the third quarter to give Phoenix a nine-point lead going into the fourth quarter. The Bucks wiped out that margin in the first six minutes, and Tim Thomas sank a 3-pointer to put Milwaukee up 97-96 with 6:14 left.

Marbury made two jumpers, and Dan Langhi added a third to give Phoenix a 105-100 lead with 3:47 left.

The Bucks closed within a point, but another jumper by Langhi and Marbury's layup with 1:51 left put the Suns back up by five, 109-104. The Bucks never got closer.

Marbury made three straight 3-pointers to help the Suns open up a double-digit lead in the third quarter.

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NFL

Stewart released from Steelers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Steelers finally cut ties to Kordell Stewart on Wednesday, releasing the enigmatic quarterback who led them to two AFC title games but perplexed them with his inconsistency.

The move, a foregone conclusion for weeks, allows Stewart to become an unrestricted free agent and gets the Steelers under the 2003 salary cap, which kicks in this week-end.

The Steelers were about \$2 million over the cap before waiving Stewart, but they clear \$6.3 million of cap room — Stewart's 2003 salary — by letting him go. Stewart will count \$1.62 million against the cap, as the prorated share of the signing bonus he got in 1998.

Stewart has known since he was benched early in the season for Tommy Maddox that the Steelers would trade or release him, and he said recently he welcomes the chance to start again in the NFL.

"I'm going to have a chance to win a championship, I'll promise you that," he said.

Stewart was known as "Slash" in his early days with the Steelers in the mid-1990s, when they used him as a multidimensional threat who would line up as a receiver on one play and a quarterback the next.

He took the Steelers to the AFC championship game in his first year as a starting quarterback in the 1997 season, but threw three interceptions in a 24-21 loss to John Elway-led Denver at Three Rivers Stadium.

He later lost his starting job twice — at the end of a 6-10 season in 1999 and again at the start of the 2000 season as the Steelers missed the playoffs for three straight seasons. But he rebounded to unexpectedly lead the Steelers to a 13-3 record and the AFC title game in 2001, winning team MVP honors and making the Pro Bowl.

But, again, he threw three costly interceptions in an AFC championship game loss at home, this time to New England, and he was benched this past season after the Steelers lost their first two games and were in danger of losing a third.

He got off the bench only

occasionally after Maddox came off the bench to rally the Steelers to a comeback victory against Cleveland on Sept. 29, starting and winning games against the Bengals and Jaguars when Maddox was hurt. But Maddox goes into the 2003 season as the starter, with his backup still to be determined.

"In order for us to comply with the salary cap, we are forced to make some very difficult decisions," coach Bill Cowher said Thursday. "He was a terrific player for us and always handled himself as a consummate professional. We wish Kordell all the best as he continues his NFL career."

Cowher praised Stewart for remaining a team player last season and not publicly debating the decision to bench him, though Stewart was clearly stung and angered by the decision.

The 30-year-old Stewart leaves the Steelers with the second-most passing yards in Steelers history (13,328) and ranked 13th in rushing (2,561 yards).

Arizona, New Orleans, Baltimore, Carolina and Chicago might be among the teams interested in signing Stewart.

Redskins cut their No. 3 all-time rusher Davis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Stephen Davis, one of the NFL's top running backs for the last half-decade, was cut Wednesday by the Washington Redskins in a long-expected move to help get the team under the salary cap.

The Redskins also released former starting safety Sam Shade and tight end Walter Rasby as they beat a Friday deadline to get under the \$75 million cap.

Davis, who turns 29 Friday, leaves as the Redskins' No. 3 all-time rusher with 5,790 yards, just 85 yards behind second-place Larry Brown. He is the only player in franchise history to run for 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

But Davis' bruising, straight-ahead style didn't mesh with Steve Spurrier's pass-happy Fun 'n' Gun offense. Grumbling at times over the offensive game plan, Davis had just 207 carries for 820 yards in 2002, compared with an average of 326 carries for 1,385 yards in his three seasons before Spurrier's arrival.

Davis also missed four games and parts of two others with knee and shoulder injuries, but his per-game carries and yards were down some 20 percent even when factoring in the injuries.

The Redskins either had to cut Davis or renegotiate his contract, which would have counted \$11.4 mil-

lion against the cap in 2003. Under the cap's complex rules, the team saves \$5.2 million by cutting Davis and \$1.6 million by cutting Shade.

Davis, a fourth-round pick from Auburn in 1996, could be an attractive free agent for several teams, including the Dallas Cowboys. The Redskins' archrival will need a running back if Emmitt Smith doesn't return.

The favorite to take Davis' spot in Washington is Ladell Betts, a second-round pick from Iowa who ran for 307 yards as a rookie last year.

Shade was a three-year starter in Washington before losing his job to Ifeanyi Ohaletse seven games into last season. Rasby played two seasons with the Redskins, catching 18 passes for 206 yards in 20 starts.

The Redskins also cut rookie punter Craig Jarrett, who played in the last four games last season after Bryan Barker was injured.

Meanwhile, the Redskins might be losing two players they had planned to keep. Negotiations have stalled with defensive linemen Daryl Gardener and Carl Powell, with both set to become free agents Friday.

Gardener was a find late in training camp last year, adding run-stopping force and locker room leadership to the defensive line.

The Redskins targeted him as their top pending free agent to re-sign, and agent Neil Schwartz offered to include safeguards in the contract in case.

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TITLE IX

Panel at odds over enforcement of law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The law requiring equal opportunity for male and female athletes can be better enforced and explained, but the push to loosen the rules should be rejected, two dissenting members of a Title IX review study commission said Wednesday.

Their views, outlined in detail in their minority report, aim to counter a series of proposed changes in how colleges carry out the landmark anti-discrimination law.

Critics, building a campaign around actors, athletes and leading senators, hope to spur opposition from a nation of parents.

In a morning news conference opponents also tied the proposed Title IX changes to President Bush.

"We plead with the president and the secretary of education and the Congress to understand the implications of the recommendations," said Julie Foudy, an Olympic gold medal winner in soccer and an author of the dissenting report.

"It could result in substantial losses to women in athletic opportunities," she said.

Education Secretary Rod Paige was set Wednesday to receive those recommendations, compiled by his Title IX panel, as well as the minority report from Foudy and fellow commission member Donna de Verona.

At issue is the enforcement of Title IX, which prohibits sports discrimination at schools that receive federal money. The commission came up with ideas intended to increase the flexibility of the law, but opponents see an attack on women's civil rights.

"These proposals are based on the stereotype that women are not as talented or interested in sports as men, or

that men are entitled to greater athletic opportunities," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. "Those myths are contrary to the ideals and principles that led Congress to pass Title IX."

The commission's chairman, Stanford University athletic director Ted Leland, had hoped to avoid the awkwardness of competing reports by negotiating with his two dissenting members. But several phone calls failed to help; Leland viewed the commission's work as centrist while Foudy and de Verona said it would "critically weaken this important civil rights law."

The minority report asserts that Title IX, in ensuring more opportunities for women over the last 30 years, has not been the cause of any cuts in men's sports. That point of contention is central to the work of the commission and many of its recommendations.

The minority report says there are fewer girls and women in sports because of "persistent discrimination" against them, not because of a lack of interest among females. Overall, the report says the commission gave short shrift to dissenting views, unfairly focused on men's sports, rushed its work and failed to even assess the impact of its ideas.

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said she will ask for a hearing on whether the commission conducted a fair process. Other legislative moves to try to block the commission's ideas could follow, she said.

What's needed, the minority report says, is an educational campaign so schools can better understand how to meet any part of the law's "three-part" test. That test, the heart of Title IX enforcement, could change significantly if Paige adopts the commission's ideas.

NCAA

Texas lawmaker proposes stipends

Associated Press

AUSTIN

Saying college athletes should cash in on at least some of the millions of dollars they generate for their schools, a Texas lawmaker has proposed letting state universities give them up to \$200 a month.

A bill filed this week by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, would allow the schools to set up grant programs that would give the money to scholarship athletes.

It's only fair, Wilson said, to give something back to the football, basketball and baseball players who put on the uniform and represent their schools.

"These kids are raising a lot of money for the schools," Wilson said Tuesday. "[Many] of them won't graduate and the schools know it. They're being used for the schools'

benefit without any kind of compensation."

Wilson has filed the bill in previous sessions with no success. But this time, it comes on the heels of legislative action in Nebraska, where lawmakers are considering a bill that would allow the University of Nebraska to pay its football players a stipend.

There are some big hurdles for Wilson's bill, the biggest being the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which doesn't allow such payments.

The stipend for a scholarship athlete would be considered a special benefit, said NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro. Any school who paid it would put the athlete's eligibility at risk as well as face potential penalties for the entire program.

"You're basing it on the selection of them as a scholarship athlete," Renfro said. "It's an extra benefit and not per-

missible."

Renfro also noted financial aid programs available for athletes who are strapped for cash, including Pell Grants (which pay up to more than \$3,000 a year), and other NCAA assistance programs.

Typically, a full scholarship at a Division I school provides the student athlete with tuition, room and board and books. At major universities, athletes also are given access to special tutoring and academic counseling.

Wilson dismisses critics who say that should be enough.

"You could make the same argument about the farmer who buys feed for the hogs and gives them antibiotics to keep them healthy and then makes sure they have enough space so they can grow and in the end slaughter them," Wilson said. "Those ungrateful pigs, they should've been happy."

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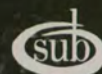
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807 Mass

8:00 p.m.
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RCIA Session

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8:00 p.m.
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10:00 p.m.
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tuesday 3.04

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7:00 -8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Confirmation Session #11

7:00 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Weekly Spanish Mass

10:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 3.05

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship

8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

10:00
Morrissey Hall Chapel

considerations....

RAs @ Notre Dame

Giving Something Back

by Fr. Jim King, C.S.C.

Director of Vocations, Congregation of Holy Cross

Hundreds of juniors have been interviewing this month for RA positions across campus. Though many view it as the capstone of their Notre Dame experience, RAs spend a good amount of time performing unrewarding tasks — making rounds, filling out RCR's, checking bathroom conditions, and just staying up late hanging around — interspersed with bursts of crises and confrontations.

During interviews, no one ever says they like long hours, getting friends in trouble, or cleaning up Friday night vomit, but candidates typically do mention their gratitude for how their own freshman year RA welcomed them to Notre Dame. As a result, the prospect of helping next year's freshmen and transfer students make the adjustment to the University is both appealing and rewarding.

Almost every applicant says, "I want to give something back." Still, it's remarkable that the most popular way for seniors to do that is through a position that dumps them into a fishbowl of intense scrutiny from peers and seriously curtails their social lives during their final year. Yet, there is no shortage of candidates in most halls, and Notre Dame may be the only major university in the country where juniors or sophomores aren't needed to fill those spots. Why?

It could be that the training and development of RAs is the most distinctive, if not most important, part of Notre Dame's

"We shall always place education side by side with instruction. The mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for eternal life."

Rev. Basil Moreau, C.S.C.

educational mission. Many universities have outstanding academics, championship sports teams, and vibrant campus ministries. But, uniquely at Notre Dame, an RA is a "foot-soldier" in ministry, the individual most immediately responsible for the personal welfare of each student in a section.

An RA is an extension of the rector, who has a *pastoral* responsibility for every individual under his or her roof. As they are obliged to know each person in the hall by name, it's the RA's duty to know everyone in their sections and to *care* for them, whatever that may entail, from having lunch with a freshman eating alone to turning in a friend whose behavior is out of control.

Tourists, who come briefly to gaze, leave campus overwhelmed by the Dome, the Grotto, and football pagentry, but most enduring for those who dwell here is the daily experience of hall life and memories of those who shaped it. RA applicants approach their senior year with gratitude, wanting to give something back, primarily because others cared enough to know them and form them into a community that became a second home. The main difference between residential life at Notre Dame and most other universities is that the priority here is ministering to people, not managing housing. Being an RA is an essential part of the mission, not just a job, and that is no accident.

It has been part of the plan ever since Father Sorin hopped off the boat in New York 162 years ago. The founder didn't arrive with much money, but he did bring an educational philosophy rooted in the principle that *"the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart."* He inherited that from the Holy Cross founder, Rev. Basil Moreau, C.S.C., who insisted that priests and brothers instruct students inside the classroom *and* teach them how to live by caring for them outside it.

The University has grown exponentially since then. Most professors and employees aren't Holy Cross religious, and there are 164 seniors in RA positions that didn't exist in Fr. Sorin's day. But it's still the same mission — preparing people not just for careers but for lives of faith and service. More than anyone else here, RAs are trained, challenged, and formed to care about fellow students so they too grow in their desire to give something back. Many universities shape minds, but this one moves hearts, and that makes all the difference at Notre Dame.

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7:00 p.m.

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Hos 2: 16b, 17b, 21 – 22 2nd: 2Cor 3: 1b – 6 Gospel: Mark 2: 18– 22

AROUND THE NATION

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	37-21	.638	4-6	0
Philadelphia	31-24	.564	7-3	4.5
Boston	31-25	.554	5-5	5
Orlando	29-29	.500	5-5	8
Washington	27-29	.482	5-5	9
New York	24-32	.429	4-6	12
Miami	19-37	.339	3-7	17

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	37-20	.649	5-5	0
Indiana	37-20	.649	4-6	0
New Orleans	31-27	.543	7-3	6.5
Milwaukee	28-28	.500	4-6	8.5
Atlanta	21-36	.368	3-7	16
Chicago	20-38	.345	3-7	17.5
Toronto	17-36	.321	7-3	18
Cleveland	11-46	.193	2-8	26

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	44-13	.772	6-4	0
San Antonio	39-17	.696	8-1	4.5
Minnesota	37-21	.638	9-1	7.5
Utah	33-23	.589	5-5	10.5
Houston	30-27	.526	4-6	14
Memphis	17-38	.309	4-6	26
Denver	12-45	.211	1-9	32

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	40-18	.690	7-3	0
Portland	36-20	.643	6-4	3
LA Lakers	31-25	.554	8-2	8
Phoenix	30-27	.526	4-6	9.5
Golden State	27-30	.474	6-4	12.5
Seattle	24-31	.436	3-7	14.5
LA Clippers	19-36	.345	2-8	19.5

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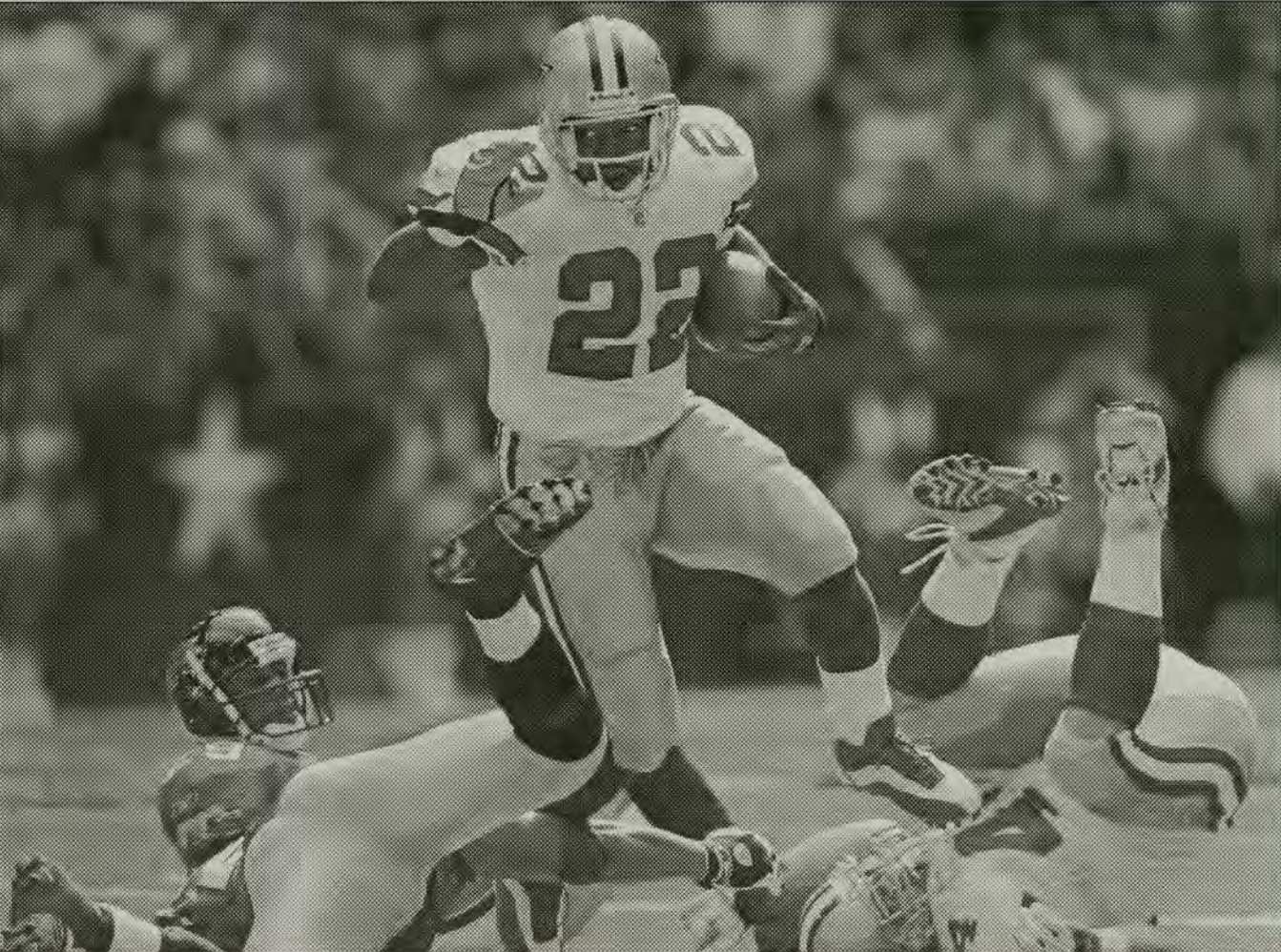
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2	Michigan	17-6-1	35
3	Ohio State	15-7-2	32
4	Michigan State	14-9-1	29
5	Northern Michigan	12-11-1	25
6	Western Michigan	12-11-1	25
7	NOTRE DAME	11-10-3	25
8	Miami	11-11-2	24
9	Alaska-Fairbanks	9-11-6	24
10	Nebraska-Omaha	9-15-2	20
11	Bowling Green	4-17-3	11
12	Lake Superior	2-21-1	5

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

West Division

team	W-L	Pct.	Overall
Syracuse	9-3	.750	19-4
Pittsburgh	9-3	.750	19-4
NOTRE DAME	9-4	.692	21-6
Seton Hall	8-4	.667	14-9
Georgetown	5-8	.385	13-11
West Virginia	4-8	.333	13-11
Rutgers	3-10	.231	11-14

NFL



Emmitt Smith broke Walter Payton's career rushing record last season despite having a lackluster year for the Cowboys. Dallas owner Jerry Jones will decide soon if Smith will be on the roster for the 2003-2004 season.

Smith's future with Cowboys in doubt

Associated Press

AUSTIN
Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday he expects to decide by the end of the week whether Emmitt Smith will remain with the team.

Jones said he visited with Smith on a flight from Dallas to Austin, where the running back was honored by the Legislature for becoming the leading rusher in NFL history.

"We know he's NFL royalty, he's Dallas Cowboys royalty," Jones said. "But this is about the future of the team. We're looking at

the future of the team and there are a lot of things involved. It's not about Emmitt's ability to play. We know he can play."

Smith's status has been in doubt for months because of his contract and age. He turns 34 in May and was due a base salary of \$7 million next season, with a salary-cap figure of \$9.8 million. If released now, he'll still count \$4.9 million against next season's cap.

He's coming off his least productive season since he was a rookie, but said last month he believes he can still gain 1,300 yards. In October, Smith passed

Walter Payton for tops on the career rushing list. His record total is 17,162 yards.

Asked if he would consider being a backup in Dallas or anywhere else, Smith said he would "weigh all options, that much I will do."

While Smith was being honored in Austin, new Cowboys coach Bill Parcells held his first team meeting.

Backup running back Troy Hambrick, who has made no secret of his desire to replace Smith, said Parcells didn't mention Smith's absence.

Smith was born and

raised in Florida, and attended college there. He moved to Dallas after being drafted in 1990 and has been there ever since.

"I've been a proud citizen in the state of Texas for 13 years now, going on 14, so I look at Texas as my home now," Smith said when asked if he'd consider playing elsewhere.

Smith later was honored in the Senate, where Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said his chamber should draft a resolution suggesting the team keep Smith.

Smith told representatives that he was appreciative of the honor and the work they do.

IN BRIEF

Veterans Committee names nobody to Hall of Fame

The first vote of the Hall of Fame's new Veterans Committee finished in a shutout: No one got in.

With Hall of Famers themselves doing the voting, all 41 of the men on the ballot fell short of the necessary 75 percent vote total to gain enshrinement in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman and New York Mets manager Gil Hodges came closest, getting 50 votes in totals released Wednesday, falling 11 shy.

Minnesota hitting star Tony Oliva was second among the 26 players on the ballot with 48 votes and Chicago Cubs third baseman Ron Santo was third with 46.

Santo said he was "devastated," thinking this was his time.

"It hurt me. It really hurt me," he said at his house in Scottsdale, Ariz. "I'm not going to kill myself, don't get me wrong. But all indications ... were giving me a feeling it was going

to happen.

NL umpire Doug Harvey received 48 votes, the most among the 15 managers, umpires and executives on the "composite" ballot, where 60 votes were required for election.

Jordan skips practice to recover from thigh injury

Michael Jordan sat out practice with a stiff right thigh and could miss Thursday's game between the Washington Wizards and the Houston Rockets.

Jordan was kneed in the leg after colliding with Reggie Miller in the fourth quarter of Tuesday night's 83-78 victory at Indiana. The injury is just above the knee that required surgery last season.

"He's going to come in here and have treatment today and tomorrow," coach Doug Collins said Wednesday. "Hopefully, he'll loosen up and be able to play, but he was very stiff today."

The Wizards also activated center Jahidi White for the first time this

season. White replaces Etan Thomas, who was placed on the injured list with a bruised left eye socket after taking an elbow in the face against the New Jersey Nets last week.

Jackson to protest Augusta

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition has requested an application for a permit to demonstrate at the Masters in April.

Jackson's group has indicated it will protest in support of Martha Burk, the chairwoman of the National Council of Women's Organizations, who is leading the fight against the Augusta National Golf Club's all-male membership.

Col. Gary Powell of the Augusta-Richmond County Sheriff's Department said Wednesday he received requests Tuesday from Jackson's group and from an unidentified man from Maine who supports Augusta National.

around the dial

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Marquette at Louisville 8 p.m., ESPN2

NHL

Blackhawks at Flyers 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Rockets at Wizards 7:00 p.m., TNT

Kings at Mavericks 9:30 p.m., TNT

BENGAL BOUTS — 170 POUNDS - HEAVYWEIGHT

Cosse's fists do some talking in win over Knust



Tommy Demko, left, and Christopher Pearsall exchange blows. Pearsall won in a quick decision.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Clay "The Mouth of the South" Cosse let his fists do the talking in the first semifinal in the 170-pound weight division. Cosse, the brash senior from Chalmette, La., used his lesser stature to his advantage in defeating junior Matt Knust.

Cosse remained low throughout the bout, using his quickness to dodge several blows from Knust. Neither fighter was able to land many punches, but the ones that Cosse landed were enough to earn him the unanimous victory.

Joyce def. Voss

Rob Joyce did his part to guarantee a No.1-No. 2 matchup in the finals this year. Joyce, the second seed, will face No. 1 Cosse in the finals Sunday.

Joyce advanced to the finals with a unanimous decision over senior Jason Voss. The match was even until near the end of the second, when Joyce pushed Voss to the ropes and connected with several hard hooks.

The referee went over to check if Voss was dazed, and though he wasn't, Voss couldn't come back against Joyce. In the third period, a hard right hook by Joyce that made Voss stumble back several steps sealed the deal.

180 pounds

Pearsall def. Demko

Last year, Tommy Demko advanced to the semifinals before losing to eventual runner-up Matthew Sarb. This year, Christopher Pearsall gave Demko his second early exit.

Early in the first, Pearsall, a senior, landed a tremendous right that knocked Demko to the mat. Although Demko was able to continue with the fight and did a good job of coming back to make it close, he was unable to overcome the early blow.

Pearsall landed two hard rights right at the end of the match with Demko on the ropes, en route to his split decision victory over the No. 1 seed.

Groebner def. Rooney

The second semifinal in the 180-pound division was no less

exciting than the first, with senior Andrew Groebner earning a split decision win over junior Larry Rooney.

Despite Rooney's ability to pin Groebner to the ropes three times during the bout, the junior was unable to answer several hard punches. At the bell of the second, Groebner connected with a tremendous right that snapped Rooney's head back.

In the third round, Rooney was able to pin Groebner to the corner, but it was too late for the junior to make a serious comeback. Groebner will face Pearsall in the finals Sunday.

190 pounds

Lynk def. Gathinji

John Lynk's quest to defend his championship in last year's Bengal Bouts is still on track, despite the valiant effort by senior Mwangi Gathinji.

Both boxers came out of the gate firing, and each landed several good punches before they started to drift apart and play a more defensive game. The bout was closely matched going into the third round, when Lynk started to pull away.

The No. 1 seed Lynk connected hard with a right that sent Gathinji backpedaling, then followed with an uppercut and a right hook. Lynk landed two more rights before the final bell that may have helped to secure his split decision over Gathinji.

Zizic def. Otlewski

William Zizic showed there was more to boxing than just throwing punches — you have to stop them too. The junior put on a blocking clinic in defeating senior Patrick Otlewski.

Otlewski tried to connect with his punches, but Zizic's agility enabled him to successfully block almost every blow. The few punches that Zizic was able to connect on were enough to defeat Otlewski, who fought rather defensively as well.

Zizic's victory sets up a rematch of last year's semifinal, in which Lynk defeated Zizic.

Heavyweight

Burton def. Abeyta

The Bengal Bouts had its own David vs. Goliath fight this year, as sophomore Darryl Burton upset No. 1 seed and third-year law student Carlos Abeyta.

Burton used an aggressive style to get in as many punches as he could against Abeyta, even when the two fighters were wrapped up. Burton's strategy changed to a more defensive one as the match continued.

The strategy almost backfired, as Abeyta mounted a comeback, but it wasn't enough as Burton earned the split decision victory.

Borovina def. O'Connor

It will be a matchup of "Killer B's" when Burton faces off in the finals against Stefan Borovina, who won a called match against Ben O'Connor.

Borovina connected with his punches early and often, as the burly junior dominated the lankier O'Connor. After getting O'Connor on the ropes early in the third, Borovina attacked with a vicious string of hooks that dazed O'Connor.

The referee called the match just 40 seconds into the round, declaring Borovina the winner.

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pointers from Ratay. But the Panthers (11-14, 3-11) fought back and used a 12-2 run of their own to get back in the game and tie it at 19.

Notre Dame responded by ending the half on a 19-5 run and led 38-24 at the break. The Irish shot 50 percent in the first half, compared to Pittsburgh's 29.6 percent shooting.

However, the Irish couldn't carry their momentum from the first half over into the second. Pittsburgh cut the Irish lead to six at 45-39 with 10:57 left in the game on a Mandy Wittenmyer field goal. Wittenmyer led Pittsburgh with 23 points, while Laine Selwyn added 11 points, a team-high 10 rebounds, six steals and four assists for the Panthers.

"We're disappointed in the loss. I don't want to take anything away from Notre Dame. I thought they played well," Pittsburgh coach Traci Waites said. "But to some degree I just don't think we gave ourselves a chance to win."

Notre Dame built its lead back up to 13 at 71-58 on a Katy Flecky jumper with 1:01 left. McGraw then substituted her bench players into the game, but had to pull them with 18 seconds left after the Panthers knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers.

"At this time of the year you want to be peaking," McGraw said. "You want to be going into the tournament ready. You want to be showing the NCAA tournament committee 'Hey we want to get a good seed, we're a good team.' The Big East teams should be worried about who's got to play us in the tournament, [but] right now they're all licking their chops. They can't wait to get Notre Dame."

The Irish out rebounded the Panthers 39-30, but turned the ball over five more times than Pittsburgh. At times the Irish made crisp passes to the interior where LaVere or Flecky would put in an easy layup. But at other moments, the Irish made sloppy passes, let Pittsburgh players drive to the lane and allowed Wittenmyer to almost single-handedly keep the Panthers within striking distance.

"It's incredibly frustrating for me because we had a very poor practice yesterday, and I thought we played like we practiced," McGraw said.

Notes:

♦ With a 3-pointer early in the first half, Ratay tied Sheila McMillen for first all-time in career 3-pointers made at Notre Dame. It was the 249th trey of her storied career.

♦ Saturday will be the last time seniors Karen Swanson and Ratay step onto the Joyce Center's court in an Irish uniform. The Irish face Seton Hall at 4 p.m. that day.

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Irish guard Alicia Ratay tries to get rid of the ball while she is triple teamed by the Panthers. Notre Dame defeated Pittsburgh 77-69 Wednesday at the Joyce Center.



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BENGAL BOUTS — 150-165 POUNDS

Vargas gets close decision to advance to finals

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Nicaraguan Juan Diego Vargas won another close match with a split decision victory over Ryan Rogers.

Vargas circled to begin the match, but engaged quickly with hard combos to Rogers' head and body. Rogers held the ring well in the first, and Vargas dropped his head and let his hands stray from his face a bit when he got in trouble, but Vargas dominated the first round.

In the second, Vargas held the ring from Rogers and sent him to the corner one minute in with a fast, hard upstairs flurry. Rogers came out slightly more tentative in the third as he waited for Vargas to throw and attempted to counter.

Rogers came on very well at the end of the match prompting a clinch. The final five seconds of the match saw no exchanges. Rogers' punches were straight and accurate throughout the bout, but Vargas threw a great deal more, going almost three to one on punches with Rogers. Vargas was bound to land more and did so in his split decision victory.

Gasser def. Lohmeyer

Brendan Gasser won a unanimous decision in a brawl with Nathan Lohmeyer and will meet Vargas in the finals Sunday.

Round one began with a 15-second exchange and a bevy of punches, although few straight, from each fighter. Little separation was found between the two during the round or throughout the fight.

Round two began in a similar fashion with nearly 20 seconds of solid punches. Gasser looked strong in the second, and he landed a large number of punches as Lohmeyer's hands left his face.

One minute into the round, Lohmeyer was warned for pushing Gasser to the ropes after a clinch. The blood was cleaned from Gasser's face.

Lohmeyer charged Gasser and sent him to the ropes to start the third, landing a hard right before a counter by Gasser. Both fighters were visibly tired and clinched at 1:00. After the clinch, Gasser forced Lohmeyer to the corner, and the round ended shortly after. Little air was seen between the two fighters throughout the bout as Gasser earned his unanimous decision win by being more aggressive and finding his target with his one-tuos.

155 pounds**Kerrigan def. Loughrey**

Colin Kerrigan earned his first trip to the finals with a split decision victory over Galen Loughrey.

Loughrey's defense was once again strong in this match as his left hand remained at his temple and moved only for a quick jab to set up his right. Loughrey was patient and comfortable in the ring as Kerrigan circled him in the first round.

In the second, Kerrigan was successful and scored often as he drove to Loughrey's body. Loughrey's defense was strong around his head, but Kerrigan's constant body shots produced a strong round.

Kerrigan landed a big right 19

seconds into the final round and forced Loughrey to the ropes late in the round. Loughrey's one-tuos scored a number of times, but he continued to take shots to his body. The fight was close as the split decision victory reflects.

Keppel def. Schaefer

Steve Keppel overcame a number of stops to clean the blood from his face to win a split decision victory over Greg Schaefer.

Keppel began the fight by forcing Schaefer to two different corners with strong charges on the taller fighter. Schaefer was caught unguarded a few times in the match and was sent to the corner at 55 seconds in. Schaefer drew blood on Keppel after an exchange in the corner with five seconds left in the first and landed a hard left to end the round.

After a fast exchange to start the second round, Keppel was cleaned at 15 seconds in. Schaefer was more aggressive in the second, but still forced to fight backing up due to Keppel's constant charges. The match was stopped at :30, :55 and 1:05 to clean Keppel and again at 1:28 to clean both fighters.

Although Schaefer fought primarily backpedaling, he did find success with his one-tuos. Schaefer struggled to find a score in the third round and missed many of the punches he threw while moving away from the ever-advancing Keppel. The fight was stopped twice more in the third to clean Keppel, but he won a well-earned split decision victory.

160 pounds**DeSplinter def. Enterline**

Mark DeSplinter out-boxed a brawler in his win over John Enterline.

Enterline altered his sometimes barroom style to meet the technical form of DeSplinter. Both fighters circled each other to start the match, testing each other's reach. There was little contact, but each moved and boxed well throughout the first. DeSplinter moved back often in the round and neither fighter made significant contact.

Round two brought more solid boxing, but few hard exchanges. DeSplinter was a bit more aggressive and jabbed a great deal, keeping the charging Enterline from scoring. When DeSplinter stood his ground, his one-tuos were accurate.

In round three, Enterline relentlessly pursued the backpedaling, jabbing DeSplinter, but was unable to engage DeSplinter in any hard exchanges as he did to opponents in earlier fights.

Pierce def. Phillip

Senior Captain Tom Pierce has enjoyed two called fights and under three minutes of boxing in the 2003 Bengal Bouts. Wednesday, Pierce earned a victory over Bill Phillip with a right hook that was near textbook perfection.

Pierce held to his gritty style to start the fight and held the ring well against the taller Phillip. He jabbed in to close distance effectively and followed with hooks to the head and body. Pierce sent Phillip to the mat at 1:20 into the first round with a close, powerful,

bent-arm punch that was nearly impossible to defend.

The finals of the 160-pound class will be a match of two good fighters with drastically different styles as the powerful, brawling Pierce will meet the technical, jabbing DeSplinter.

165 pounds**Gough def. Dillon**

Charlie Gough's final push in the third round won him a split decision victory over junior captain Pat Dillon.

Dillon was aggressive and appeared the better boxer in round one with a number of upstairs combinations that forced Gough to the corners. Dillon held the ring well and landed hard shots throughout the round. Gough scored a number of times when he chose to initiate and was able to land several jabs on different occa-

sions as Dillon's right fell late in the round.

Throughout the second, Gough occasionally picked off Dillon as he attacked, but Dillon seemed willing to take an occasional shot in order to score a number of hard punches to Gough's head. Dillon's footwork saved him a few times in the second as he avoided Gough's advances and continued to throw combinations upstairs.

At the start of round three, two rights to Dillon's head prompted a stop in the action for a cleaning. Gough pushed hard throughout the round to match the bleeding, though undeterred Dillon, who was unrelenting with his combinations upstairs. An impressive exchange ended the bout and both fighters, the junior captain and the upsetting freshman, left everything in the ring as the final bell sounded.

Fergus def. Yost

Alex Fergus won a unanimous decision victory over Mark Yost and will meet Charlie Gough in the finals Sunday.


Fergus moved comfortably and swiftly throughout round one, and slipped a left-right by Yost flawlessly. Fergus jabbed well and moved better to finish the round.

Round two began with a great flurry by Fergus that sent Yost to the corner. Yost backpedaled often and took several jabs from Fergus. Yost had a strong, illegal backhand to Fergus's head and received a warning at 50 seconds in.

In the final round, Fergus appeared a bit tentative while Yost jabbed well, but his first two rounds earned him a the unanimous decision victory.

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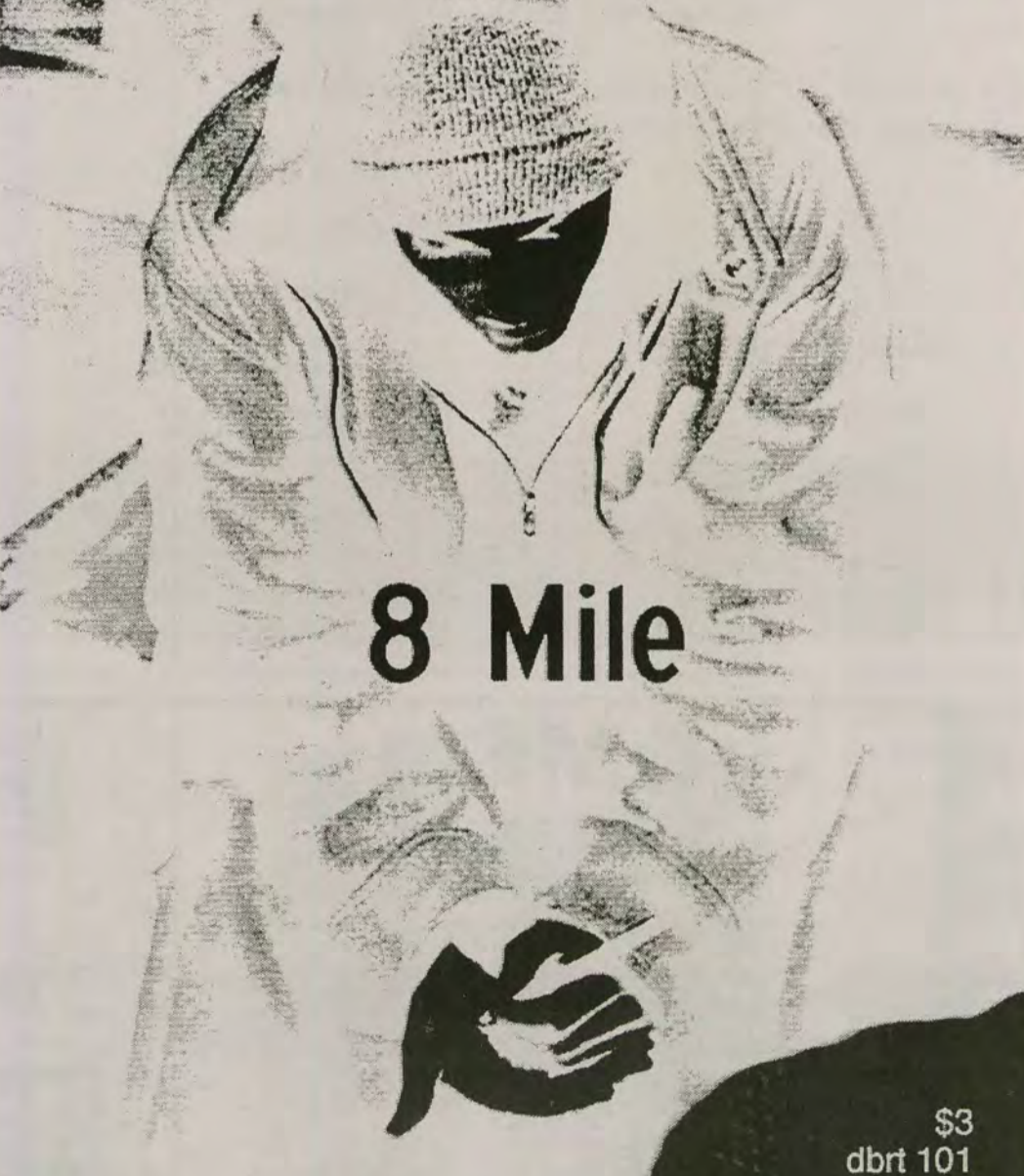
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Venting her frustrations



Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast moves past a Pittsburgh defender during Wednesday night's action in the Joyce Center. The Irish won the contest 77-69.

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◆ McGraw not pleased despite Notre Dame's 77-69 victory

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Instead of addressing her team immediately after facing Pittsburgh Wednesday night as she usually does after games, Irish coach Muffet McGraw stormed directly into the press conference room and impatiently waited for questions from the press.

Despite beating the Panthers 77-69, McGraw was far from pleased with her team's performance.

"I thought we played poorly. I would just like to leave it at that," McGraw said. "I thought it was a team effort and it was not a good one."

McGraw didn't just think her Irish struggled in one area, but in almost every aspect of the game.

"I didn't feel like we were mentally focused. ... We didn't understand time-and-score, we didn't take care of the basketball, we didn't execute the offense," McGraw said. "I think the list is fairly endless to what we didn't do and very short as to what we did [well]."

Notre Dame (16-9, 8-6) did have five players score in double figures, led by Courtney LaVere's 14 points off the bench. Irish guard Alicia Ratay contributed

her first double-double of the season with 12 points and a season-high 11 rebounds.

"... Right now they're all licking their chops. They can't wait to play Notre Dame."

Muffet McGraw
Irish head coach

Sophomore forward Jacqueline Batteast added 10 points, eight rebounds and three assists for the Irish.

"We did not play well. We have to play better," Batteast said.

The Irish jumped out to an early 15-3 lead behind two 3-

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BENGAL BOUTS

Lynk teaching basics he learned as sophomore

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Former three-time champion Mark Criniti taught then-sophomore John Lynk a few basic lessons about boxing in a semifinal bout two years ago.

"Keep my hands up, move a little bit more," Lynk said.

But that fight started a relationship between the two accomplished fighters.

"Mark is great," the defending 190-pound champion Lynk said. "I have asked him to be in my corner this year, and he is a great coach."

Now as a senior captain, Lynk is teaching what he learned from Criniti and the other boxing captains to the new fighters.

"We are trying to get every one to learn the basics," Lynk said. "We teach a basic style of boxing so they can work with it."

Besides teaching the basics inside the ring, Lynk tries to

teach the younger boxers about what the Bengal Bouts truly mean.

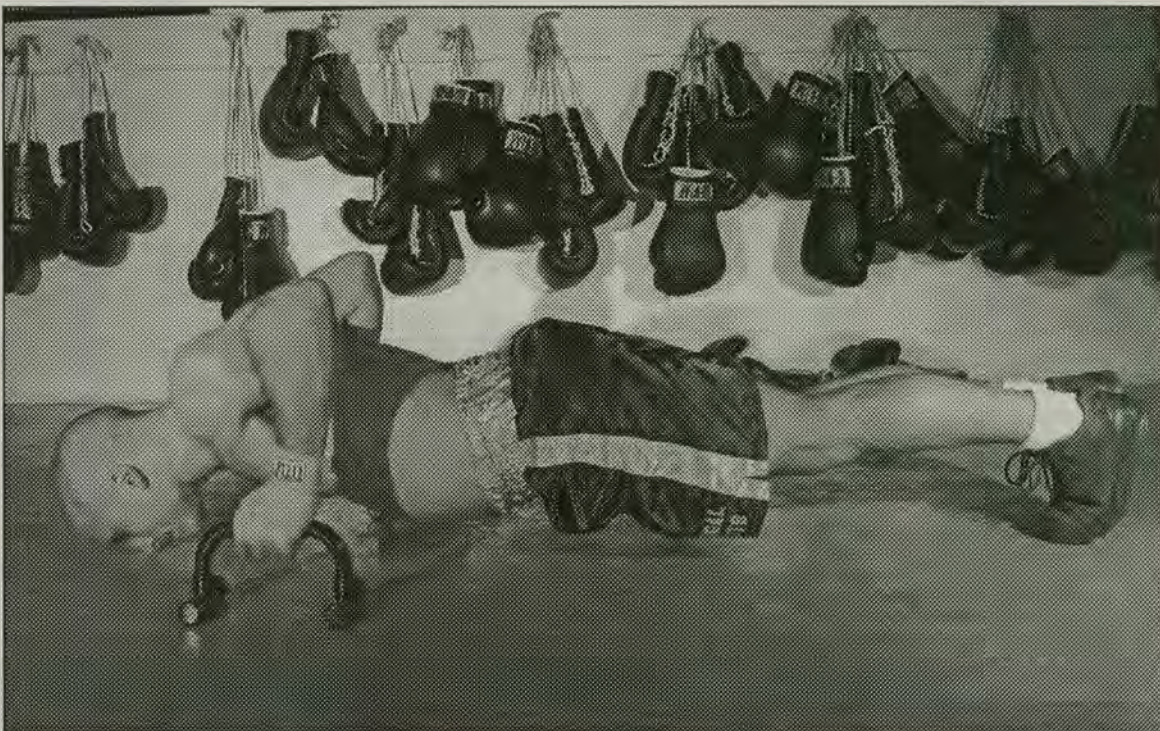
"We try to encourage a lot of charity work," Lynk said. "We have gone to a church in a Hispanic community and help them fix it. We try to do some random things as well as helping the missions in Bangladesh."

With all students having little time to participate in extra-curricular activities, the Bengal Bouts gives students an opportunity to do two things that many have done for most of their lives — athletics and service.

"Boxing is a great sport and a lot of fun," Lynk said. "Everybody has a limited budget of time so it's great to be able to get a sport and a service project in at the same time."

Lynk didn't think about boxing until a friend approached him in the weight room as a freshman and planted the seed of joining

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LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior captain John Lynk does push-ups in preparation for the Bengal Bouts. In his role as captain, Lynk has taught the basics of boxing to the younger boxers.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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