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Page named 2004 commencement speaker

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

University officials announced Tuesday that Justice Alan C. Page, a Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and graduate of the class of 1967 will serve as the principle speaker during the University's 159th

Commencement ceremony May 16.

University President Father Edward Malloy said in a statement that Page was chosen because his ideals reflect the mission of the University.

"We speak in our mission statement of Notre Dame creating an environment that fosters the development in its students of those disciplined

habits of mind, body and spirit," Malloy said. "Few of our graduates better epitomize these ideals than Alan Page."

During the ceremony, Page will be presented with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree, his second honorary degree from the University. Page received an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1993.

Furthermore, the Notre

Dame Alumni Association bestowed the Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., Award on Page for distinguished service to the University in 1992 and was a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council from 1993 to 1999.

"It is testimony to the tremendous respect we have

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Trustees review strategic plan

By JOE TROMBELLO
Associate News Editor

The student affairs strategic plan, a portion of the University's overall strategic plan outlining Notre Dame's goals for the next 20 years, was met with positive feedback by

Trustees at their February meeting, according to Ann Firth, executive assistant to the vice president for student affairs.

Firth said that the Board provided feedback on numerous portions of the strategic plan but said they were especially interested in the residential life section.

"Residential life is a key area because it's so central to student life at Notre Dame," she said. "That's one [section] that generated a lot of feedback."

The student affairs plan calls for modifications and growth in six areas, including campus facilities, residential life, student development and faith formation, student services, diversity and technology and outlines ways of improving conditions in all of these areas. The plan proposed renovations of the University Health Center, an expansion of the LaFortune student center and a closer collaboration with the

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Irish leader Adams addresses campus

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams lauded the role of Irish America in the Northern Ireland peace process but stressed the need for more accelerated progress when he addressed a packed and enthusiastic audience in Washington Hall Tuesday night.

"That's what it's about — it's accelerating the process of change," Adams said.

After an introduction by Christopher Fox, the director of Notre Dame's Keough Institute for Irish Studies, Adams briefly outlined the political situation in the North and the role of Sinn Fein, the political party seeking the reunification of Ireland. Under his leadership, the party has entered fruitful peace negotiations with the British and has achieved increased electoral success. But Adams insisted the electoral element is not the most important aspect of Sinn Fein's role in the North.

"It's about what changes we bring about," he said. "Because other parties have been in power but haven't done a lot."

In the last two decades, Adams

and Sinn Fein certainly have done a lot. Adams was instrumental in negotiating the 1994 cease-fire and 1998 Good Friday Agreement — but it was the involvement of the United States and the international community, Adams said, which really jumpstarted successful talks with the British.

"Let there be no doubt that the role of Irish America was central," he said.

Under the Bill Clinton administration, Adams was granted a visa to visit the United States and meet with politicians for the first time, bringing international attention both to the Northern Ireland situation and to his position as a legitimate political figure.

"I was depicted as a terrorist, and people like me were depicted as nothing short of the devil incarnate," Adams said of previous coverage in the United Kingdom, adding that, before his U.S. visit, his voice could not be broadcast by British media.

"When the media here [in the United States] came to learn of this, they were so bewildered — so shocked — that in a short time that was changed," Adams said.

And other changes started too,

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Gerry Adams, president of Irish reunification political party Sinn Fein, speaks Tuesday night in Washington Hall.

Panel discusses Haitian crisis

By MERYL GUYER
News Writer

Met by an audience of Notre Dame faculty, staff and students, resident Haiti experts gathered in Debartolo Hall Tuesday to highlight elements of the country's current political and social plight.

Recent disparities and confusion among news reports prompted the assembly headed by Jean Marc Brissau, a Haitian citizen and administrator of the Lymphatic Filariasis Program in Leogane, Karen Richman, assistant professor of anthropology and three representatives from the Notre Dame Haiti Program: Sarah Peterek, Michele Sexton and director Fr. Tom Streit.

Members of the panel

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MERYL GUYER/The Observer

Karen Richman and Fr. Tom Streit participate in Tuesday's panel discussing the situation in Haiti in Debartolo Hall.

OIT installs connection successfully over break

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The Office of Information Technologies successfully activated a new Internet connection over break, greatly increasing the bandwidth to all campus buildings except dorms.

The connection had been activated twice before but was plagued by hardware failures each time. Before the final activation, which took place March 7, OIT asked its Internet Service Provider to re-engineer the connection with hardware from Cisco Systems and no problems were encountered during the third implementation.

"It has been working flawlessly," chief technology officer Dewitt Latimer said.

The new connection, which is a direct link to Chicago, allows up to

100 Mbit of bandwidth for Internet traffic and 100 Mbit of bandwidth for Internet II. The previous connection was limited to 24 Mbit of bandwidth for Internet traffic and 20 Mbit for Internet II. Latimer said that since the upgrade, the campus has been consuming about twice as much bandwidth as was allowed on the previous connection, with a maximum usage of 48 Mbit of Internet Traffic and 40 Mbit of Internet II.

OIT continues to route traffic from dorms on ResNet through a 45 Mbit connection with Gramtel, a South Bend Internet service provider. Once a redundant direct link to Chicago is installed, the ResNet traffic will also be routed out to the new connection, which will likely occur this summer. Latimer said this will not saturate

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INSIDE COLUMN

Down with Martha

Martha Stewart is going to jail, and I couldn't be happier. The fact is, I can't stand the woman.

Now, it's not for the reasons you might suspect. I'm not jealous of her homemaking skills. I don't have deep-seated insecurities because I can't make marshmallows from scratch or hand-craft a saddle over my lunch hour. I'm not threatened by the prospect of a powerful woman in business. I don't even mind that she's known as a mean-spirited person with a nasty temper.



Matt Bramanti

Senior Staff Writer

Nope, it's a lot simpler than all that. I don't like Martha Stewart because she's a scumbag.

She lied to federal agents, tried to cover it up and got caught. Now she's getting her just deserts.

Some people have argued that she's being singled out because she's a celebrity. I've heard people complain that former Enron boss Ken Lay has yet to face justice, even though his apparent crimes were much more serious. However, that argument ignores the fact that the Enron case is incredibly complex. Some of the top financial minds in the country assembled an intricate maze of transactions designed to inflate company profits and artificially improve Enron's balance sheet.

Martha's case was a lot more simple. She got an inside tip. She used it to dump her shares on an unsuspecting public. Then, when she was called on the carpet, she lied through her herbal tea-stained teeth. This wasn't a tough case to figure out. Barney Fife could've cracked it by the second commercial break.

It's safe to say that Martha's not going to hold up too well in the care of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. By most legal experts' best guesses, the domestic diva's next redecorating job will be in a federal prison farm in Danbury, Conn.

This is a woman who's used to whipping up roast duck a l'orange for fun. Now it looks like she'll be churning out license plates for a while. People like her just aren't built for prison. The homemaking maven built a \$2 billion media empire from scratch, and soon she will share a cell with two or three fellow convicted felons.

Now today, of course, is St. Patrick's Day. I propose we all take this opportunity to be anti-Marthas. This is the feast day when we celebrate the man who cast the snakes out of Ireland. So cast the doilies out of your life. Forget trying to cook a seven-course meal. Leave that towel on the floor.

I, for one, will leave my tackily decorated room, then head to North Dining Hall to wolf down a bowl of Frosted Flakes. By the time you read this, I'll be at the Linebacker Lounge, shooting pool and drinking large quantities of green beer.

As Martha would say: It's a good thing.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at bramanti.1@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's paper, an outdated advertisement for Legends was run. The corrected advertisement — containing the correct events and times — appears in today's paper. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY?



Anna Nussbaum

Sophomore Farley

"No comment."



Jenny Stelloh

Freshman Lyons

"Celebrating in the true Irish fashion."



Joseph Boyle

Sophomore Keenan

"Writing a philosophy paper ... yay!"



Laura Maclean

Sophomore Farley

"Guinness tastes like tar. I'm just saying."



Tony Jannazo

Junior Fisher

"Pretending to be Irish."



Vince Lyzinski

Sophomore Keenan

"Watching Leprechaun V: Leprechaun in the Hood."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Student Body President-elect Adam Istvan and Vice President-elect Karla Bell joined other students Tuesday in South Dining Hall to fill out the "Serious Cereal Survey." The annual survey is designed to gauge student opinion on next year's cereal options offered in both dining halls.

OFFBEAT

Woman gives birth to two sets of twins

HOUSTON — A Houston woman gave birth Monday to two sets of identical twins — something the couple said their doctor told them is only likely to happen in about 1 in 11 million pregnancies.

Sheryl McGowen gave birth by Caesarean section at the Woman's Hospital of Texas Monday to Jacob, Jacoby, Jason and Justin. The twins weighed from 2 pounds, 5 ounces to 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

McGowen, 35, had been taking fertility drugs. Two eggs were implanted in her

and both split, according to the Houston Chronicle's Tuesday editions.

Politician to hold post from jail

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — A politician who was convicted of buying votes was sentenced Tuesday to more than two years in federal prison, but he will continue to hold his post from his cell.

Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome has been in jail since he was convicted in October, when a federal judge said he was a danger to the community based on

alleged witness tampering during his trial.

Newsome has been working as the top county administrator from his cell under a state law that says that even convicted felons can't be removed until their appeals are exhausted. Newsome plans to appeal.

Newsome was among a group of Knott County residents charged in a crackdown on election fraud that netted 12 convictions, all stemming from an FBI investigation into the 1998 primary election.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "La Ciudad," with the theme "Life in the Metropolis" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies' and Looking Out/Looking In Film Series.

The Schola Musicorum: Abend-Musique XXII will hold a concert tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"Colloidal Constructs in the Absence and Presence of DNA," a lecture by Valeria Tohver Milam of the University of Pennsylvania, will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Debartolo 138. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

Juan Rivera of the Business School and Gil Cardenas of the Institute for Latino Studies will speak about NAFTA and the Economics of Migration tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture is the last in a series sponsored by the Program in Catholic Social Tradition.

The Glee Club will perform Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. For ticket information, contact the LaFortune Box Office.

A Homecoming Concert performed by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in Moreau's Little Theatre. The repertoire includes a variety of pieces recently performed on the Choir's East Coast Tour.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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University to establish campus Gender Center

Initiative grew from Norton presidency, continued by Pangborn senator Redfield

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

In an attempt to address pressing issues of gender, relationships and Christian faith at Notre Dame, a new Gender Relations Center will be established on campus in the fall.

Funded by the Office of Student Affairs, the GRC will be a resource center where students, faculty and administrators can access information about topics associated with gender. A library will provide literature on topics ranging from physical issues like sexually transmitted diseases, religious issues like the Church's view on homosexuality and mental issues like the emotional effects of society's dictated gender roles.

The Center also hopes to coordinate and support student clubs and organizations involved with gender issues and provide training for staff members who can impart knowledge to the students with whom they work.

According to GRC director Heather Rakoczy and Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, the Center's main focus is to provide a place and a means for students to discuss the issues of gender and Christianity more freely. The center has no political affiliation and is

meant to be a forum for both men and women.

"It is absolutely a resource for women and men," Rakoczy said. "I hope it gives us some clues about how to build relationships ... and true faith-based friendships."

However, establishing a center of this kind at a Catholic university is a more challenging task than creating one at a secular university, said Rakoczy, because of the need to connect the two seemingly contradictory notions of sexuality and Catholicism.

"At the very heart of Catholic moral teaching is the notion that each one of us is prized in our uniqueness as a creature of God," Poorman said. "In this sense, our Catholic identity provides us with a framework for all human interactions, including relationships between men and women."

"Obviously, there are many cultural messages which do not promote human dignity and mutual respect. It is my hope the Center will be a place where students can explore a

wide array of issues concerning gender relations."

The GRC is the result of a student-led initiative that was formally started three years ago by former student body president Brooke Norton. During the 2001-02 school year, Norton investigated gender studies and the role they played at Notre Dame as a way to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of female students at the University.

She proposed the concept of a "Center for Women and Men," which later became the basis for Pangborn senator Kaity Redfield's work on the subcommittee for gender relations.

After conducting research on the top-20 nationally ranked universities and colleges and discovering that all but Notre Dame had some form of gender studies center since the 1970s, Redfield and the subcommittee submitted a proposal to the Campus Life Council to set up a similar center at Notre Dame. A second proposal for the Center outlines in detail the programs of other univer-

sities unanimously favored by the CLC. Poorman recently released a letter to current student body president Jeremy Lao that formally stated his acceptance of the recommendation to create the GRC.

The need for a body such as the GRC becomes apparent in light of the fact that gender is the one aspect of social identity that Notre Dame does not explicitly address, according to Rakoczy. Oppression due to the class system is dealt with through the Center for Social Concerns, oppression due to race is handled by the Multicultural Students Programs and Services and homosexual oppression is brought to light by the Standing Committee. Gender relations, however, has no representational status in any governmental body, which Rakoczy said leads to an imbalance of social identity.

"[The GRC] is an umbrella network that will help connect faculty, students and administrators," Rakoczy said. "Gender will be our primary lens, but we will be looking to network with the CSC, MSPS, the Standing Club and any other clubs and academic departments."

Rakoczy was asked by Poorman to head the new Center in addition to maintaining her position as the rector of Pangborn because of her

extensive experience with studying gender roles and combining them with Christian theology.

"By virtue of the fact that I live with students, it brings some credibility to my understanding of what students need," Rakoczy said.

While Rakoczy may be the director of the GRC by title, it is her hope that the Center's agenda will emerge naturally with the help of committed student volunteers who can bring knowledge of the Center to their clubs, dorms and friends.

Both Rakoczy and Poorman agree students will benefit most from the Center by using it as a resource to bring diverse areas of their life into one clear focus.

"The creation of the Center will benefit students in many ways, as it encourages dialogue, provides information about campus programs and services, coordinates student clubs and organizations concerned with gender issues and provides training for those who work with students," Poorman said. "All of these things will contribute to a healthier campus climate for women and men at Notre Dame."

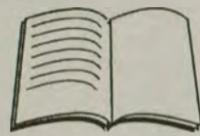
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"I hope it gives us some clues about how to build relationships ... and true faith-based friendships."

Heather Rakoczy
Pangborn rector



Happenings



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Applications for GHI due March 26

Applications are available for eight-week summer Global Health Initiative Health and Medical Service Learning Internships in rural Georgia, where students will receive great health and medical clinical experience.

Accepted students will receive a \$2000 scholarship, free travel, free room and board, but most of all, an experience of a lifetime. Applications are due Friday, March 26

HCA Info Sessions

Come learn more about how you can serve with Holy Cross Associates.

When: Monday March 22, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Where: CSC

Volunteer Opportunities

Tutors are needed to work with Washington High School students Monday through Thursday from 3-4 p.m. in the school's library. Contact Ann Power at apower@nd.edu

Lerner Speaks on Spiritual Politics and Social Healing

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

Rabbi Lerner is author of a number of books, including *Jews and Blacks: A Dialogue on Race, Religion and Culture*, *Healing Israel/Palestine: A Path to Peace* and

Reconciliation, and The Politics of Meaning: Restoring Hope and Possibility in an Age of Cynicism. According to former U.S. senator Paul Wellstone, "Lerner's ideas ought to inform our contemporary political discussion."

When : Thursday, March 25 at 5:00 pm

Where : 101 DeBartolo Hall

Engineering, Architecture Careers as Vocations

All students are welcome to come to this panel presentation by Notre Dame graduates who will reflect on how they have integrated faith and social concerns into their professions. Pizza will be served. Presenters:

John Goebelbecker '83 - Consulting Mechanical Engineer, Triodyne, Inc., Chicago, IL

Kevin Hayes '83 - Architect, President and CEO, Hayes Design Group, Pittsburgh, PA

Mike Schafer '75 '77 '80 - Electrical Engineer, Professional Specialist, Notre Dame, IN

When: Sunday, March 21, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Where: Center for Social Concerns, Coffeehouse

Ganey Award and Grants

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

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

Ganey Mini-Grant Applications Due March 22

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

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

Rock the Vote Night at Legends on March 18

On March 18, Legends will be host to the "ND Rock the Vote" kick-off event, sponsored by a number of groups including the College Democrats, College Republicans, Center for Social Concerns, Political Science Honor Society, and more.

Free food will be served, bands will be playing, and voters will be registering.

When: Thursday, March 18 9:00-12:00 pm

Where: Legends

CSC seminars have students serving for break

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

Instead of spending spring break on a cruise or taking a road trip, some Notre Dame students decided to emerge themselves in six service work seminars. Over the week-long course, 139 students journeyed to Appalachia, 14 to Washington D.C., 12 took part in the Migrant Experiences Seminar, four in the L'Arche Community Seminar, 14 in the Children and Poverty Seminar and approximately 12 in the Holy Cross Missions at Coachella Seminar.

The seminars, many of which grew from student interest and initiative, have been offered at Notre Dame for over 20 years. What makes them unique is that while many institutions offer alternative breaks, Notre Dame is one of the few that gives students one academic credit for their time. Participation in these experiential learning opportunities requires that students pass an application process and enroll in classes prior to, during and following their trips to enable full emergence in their respective communities.

Carl Loesch, director of four of the seminars, expressed his admiration for those students who are willing to take on service work "to learn the lessons of those taught on the margins of society and to learn from the people most directly involved with these issues," given their everyday course load and

extracurricular activities.

The largest of this year's seminars was in Appalachia, attracting over 100 students. The seminar involves two to three orientation classes beforehand to prepare students for the immersion work. Then they meet with people during the trip to learn more about pertaining issues. The students are required to take follow up classes and write respective papers after arriving back on campus.

Sophomore Kelly Kennedy, after learning about the seminar from the website, went with a group that stayed at Camp Andrew Jackson in Kentucky and worked on home repairs in the area.

"We began doing a little demolition work by ripping off siding and a front and side porch and continued during the week by putting up new siding, a new roof and building a new front porch," Kennedy said. "My dad would have been so proud — by the end of the week, I was using power tools like a champion — 'Junkyard Wars' style."

Kennedy also commented on the friendships she made with Notre Dame students along with students from other schools.

Sophomores Michelle McCarthy and Margaret Smetana participated in the Washington D.C. seminar over fall break. Given their favorable experience, both decided to return in the spring leading the seminar with a theme that "would focus on the upcoming 2004 election and faithful citi-

zenship," McCarthy said.

"Our seminar was very much education-based, so we spent the week meeting with a number of organizations and politicians with whom we discussed the idea of faithful citizenship," Smetana said.

Their trip also included running into presidential candidate John Kerry and watching U.S. Senators vote on budget issues from inside the Senate Chamber.

Junior Melody Gonzalez participated for a second year in the Migrant Experience Seminar with a group of students who traveled to Immokalee, Fla.

"There is no other way I would have wanted to spend my spring break," she said. "The experiences we went through and the people we met surpass any spring break on a beach. I knew the experience would be just as empowering as last year and I would come back with a lot of energy to continue fighting for justice."

Junior Shantha Ready chose the Holy Cross Mission in Coachella.

"We visited everywhere from an immigrant health clinic, to a middle school anti-drugs dance party, to a Mexican taqueria, to a trailer park home," Ready



photo courtesy of Debra Willing

Students participating in the CSC's Appalachia Seminar work at the program's Marge Booth site in Dry Creek, W. Va.

said. "Generally, the seminar was much more focused on spiritual development and learning than actually serving."

Freshman Ashley Braun, who also went to Coachella, said that while service was a part of the seminar, the focus centered mostly on the trip as an immersion experience into the unique culture and economy of the Valley.

"It's the sixth poorest area in the nation and is a major supplier of domestic produce, yet much of its poverty is invisible even to the affluent neighboring communities like Palm

Springs," Braun said.

Senior Tim Ducey, along with Teresa Hansen, led this break's Children and Poverty Seminar.

"Although eradicating poverty is an ominous task ... we come away from our trip wiser and stronger, ready to embrace the challenges before us, each of us in our own way, whether that be through education, law, medicine, business, non-profit work or perhaps simply just being there through advocacy programs," Ducey said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haiti forms new unity Cabinet

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's new prime minister formed a unity government Tuesday, filling 13 Cabinet positions but excluding members of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Lavalas Family party.

Aides to interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue circulated a list of names for the new 13-member Cabinet after Latortue met with interim President Boniface Alexandre at the National Palace.

Alexandre was to formally announce the Cabinet later. But Leslie Voltaire, a former Aristide Cabinet member, said no Lavalas Party members had been chosen.

Aristide spent his second day in neighboring Jamaica, where he returned Monday after two weeks exile in the Central African Republic.

He was given temporary asylum in Jamaica to meet with his daughters.

Israeli gunships rocket building

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter fired missiles at a Gaza City building Tuesday, killing two Palestinians and wounding 14, including a 2-year-old girl. The attack was the start of a new Israeli offensive sparked by a suicide bombing at an Israeli seaport.

The missile strike came just hours after Israel's Security Cabinet approved a new campaign of stepped-up raids into Gaza cities and towns and killings of Palestinian militants, including leaders of the violent Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups, an Israeli security official said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Snow hits Midwest, Northeast

NEWARK, N.J. — A late-winter snowstorm blew out of the Midwest and into the Northeast on Tuesday, making driving treacherous and closing schools just four days before the start of spring.

Up to 10 inches of snow was forecast overnight in parts of Ohio, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and New Jersey was expecting 9 inches. A foot of snow was possible in upstate New York and Massachusetts.

Wet roads were blamed for numerous highway crashes, including separate accidents that killed two people in Pennsylvania.

Sept. 11 panel names witness list

WASHINGTON — The federal panel reviewing the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks disclosed its witness list Tuesday for its two-day hearing on counterterrorism next week, with scheduled testimony from top officials from the Bush and Clinton administrations.

But the list omits one invited official: national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. She has repeatedly declined on the advice of the White House, citing separation of power concerns involving its staff testifying before a legislative body.

Commission officials, who haven't ruled out a possible subpoena, are still hoping she'll reconsider.

"We would certainly welcome her to appear if the White House changes its thinking," commission spokesman Al Felzenberg said.

STATE NEWS

Woman jailed for obscene gesture

EVANSVILLE — A woman made an obscene gesture toward an SUV Monday — one carrying the county sheriff and chief deputy — and ended up in jail, police said.

Mary Ann Sweeney, 33, of Evansville was stopped behind a bus.

She pulled to the left to get around the bus at the same moment a Ford Explorer started to pass. The SUV braked to let her in, police said.

Sweeney then "flipped off" the Explorer's driver, Vanderburgh County Chief Deputy Eric Williams, he said.

SPAIN

Police name bombing suspects

One Moroccan immigrant arrested in connection with Madrid train bomb attacks

Associated Press

MADRID — Police reportedly now suspect at least six Moroccans took part in the Madrid train bombings, and the United States is assisting a growing international investigation that is increasingly focused on Islamic militants possibly linked to al-Qaida.

A 45-year-old woman died of her injuries Tuesday, raising the death toll from Thursday's bombings to 201. Of the more than 1,600 wounded, eight are in critical condition.

Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela led a Mass at Madrid's cathedral Tuesday night remembering the victims of the bloodiest terrorist attack in Spain's history.

"The tragic attacks of March 11 have sunk us all into deep pain," intoned Varela, a huge black ribbon hanging from a wall above the altar. "To kill your own kind, to kill a brother, is to attack God himself."

The main suspect in custody in the attacks, Moroccan immigrant Jamal Zougam, has already been identified by Spanish Judge Baltasar Garzon as a follower of Imad Yarkas, the alleged leader of Spain's al-Qaida cell who is jailed on suspicion he helped plan the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

The daily newspaper El Pais reported Tuesday that police believe they have identified five other Moroccans who directly participated in the attacks and are at large. Spain's Interior Ministry refused comment.

Two people who were traveling on one of the attacked trains have said that Zougam was aboard just before the bombs began exploding, El Pais



A detained suspect, center, alleged to be connected to the train bomb attacks in Madrid is seen accompanied by two plainclothes police officers Tuesday. Spanish officials now suspect at least six Moroccan nationals took place in the bombings.

AP

said. With signs that the bombings were carried out by Islamic extremists who operate and have confederates in several countries, FBI agents are helping Spanish police in using fingerprints and names to seek a full picture of Zougam and four other suspects in custody, a senior U.S. law enforcement official said in Washington.

Spanish police have also arrested two more Moroccans and two Indians, but their possible role in the attacks has not been specified. European countries were searching their databases for any information pertinent to the attack.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "it's increasingly likely Islamic extremists were involved in these attacks. In terms of assigning responsibility, it isn't clear."

"It's not clear who these groups were," the official said, referring to whether they had links to al-Qaida and other extremist groups or even to the Basque separatist group ETA.

A suspected link between the Madrid bombings and suicide bomb attacks in Casablanca, Morocco, last year grew stronger Tuesday when French private investigator Jean-Charles Brisard described a phone tap in which

Zougam said he had met with Mohamed Fizazi, the spiritual leader of Salafia Jihadia, a clandestine Moroccan extremist group.

Salafia Jihadia is suspected of involvement in the Casablanca attack, which killed 33 people and 12 bombers and has been linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

Brisard told The Associated Press the tapped call is cited in a lengthy report written for Garzon's inquiry of the Sept. 11 attacks. Brisard, who is helping investigate the Sept. 11 attacks for lawyers representing some victims' families, has a copy of the report.

Police say Ohio shooter mentally ill

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The man wanted by police in a deadly string of highway sniper attacks has a history of mental illness and is believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition, authorities said Tuesday.

Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, lived with his mother within miles of where the gunman's bullets killed a passenger, shattered windshields, dented school buses and drilled into homes and a school.

"McCoy has had mental health issues in the past and is currently not on medication," the Franklin County Sheriff's Office said in a bulletin released to police departments across the country. "He is believed

to have suicidal or homicidal tendencies."

McCoy's sister Amy Walton pleaded Tuesday for him to give himself up.

"Charlie, we all love you very, very much and we're all concerned for your well-being," she said, reading a statement in front of the home where McCoy lives with his mother. "Mom and I need you to call us. We will arrange for you to come home. We love you, we miss you."

Authorities identified McCoy as a suspect Monday and released his picture, vehicle description and license plate.

Walton did not take questions after reading the statement and walked back into the house. McCoy's parents, both state

employees, could not be reached Tuesday and neither one was at work.

Chief Deputy Steve Martin would not say what evidence led investigators to McCoy, but newspaper and television reports said Tuesday that McCoy's family gave authorities at least one of his guns.

The Columbus Dispatch, citing unidentified sources, said a relative contacted police and said McCoy could be a suspect. It said McCoy's father, Charles Sr. — later gave police a 9 mm Beretta handgun, and on Monday it was ballistically matched to some of the bullet fragments recovered in the shootings.

The bulletin said McCoy was still believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition.

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Center for Social Concerns, among numerous other proposals.

"All of the six areas ... have been a good framework for thinking about student life into the future," Firth said.

The plan also calls for the creation of at least four new residence facilities within the next decade. The construction of these buildings is intended both to alleviate overcrowding of dorms and to provide space to increase the on-campus capacity. In 2001, 76 percent of undergraduate students resided on-campus. The plan hopes to increase this rate to between 81 to 83 percent by encouraging fewer upperclassmen to move off-campus.

However, the plan does not stipulate exactly how the residence facilities will be constructed, and Firth said that numerous focus groups and surveys have been conducted to give current students a voice in what the future residence halls will look like. The plan notes that "the construction of new residence facilities might also make possible other housing options, including coeducational housing and the creation of smaller, 'themed' residential communities within a larger facility." Apartment-style housing for upperclassmen is also being explored.

Firth said that Office of Student Affairs sent out about 1,000 surveys in February to undergraduates asking for their input, and notes that focus group discussions have also been held. Firth said that focus groups would continue to take place in the future.

"We are still very much in the process of gathering information," she said. "It's been a very productive process."

Firth said that results of the surveys are not currently available, as the office is also in the process of creating a similar survey for graduate students to be administered before the end of the academic year.

"The committee [on Residential Life] has said that they will make those results public ... it's just been a busy time for the collection of the information," she said. "We hope that we will capture ... the student experience of residence life at Notre Dame. We're asking current students to think about the future with us."

Keri Oxley, a senior and student representative on the committee, said that she and other members have been satisfied with student participation in the surveys and focus groups.

"We are pleased with the percentage of students that responded to the survey request," she said. "This is proof of the student body's commitment to residential life on our campus."

Oxley said that the committee, which consists of students, faculty, administrators, alumni and rectors, meets weekly to explore issues relating to the future of residential life. She added that the committee plans to create a report that compiles the results of the student surveys, feedback from focus groups and discussions in committee to Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs.

Oxley also said that she is pleased with the open-mindedness of committee members with respect to residential housing options and encourages students to voice their input to committee members.

"I have been amazed at the committee's openness to innovative ideas as we consider the future of residential life," she said. "We appreciate all input and take it into consideration as we develop our recommendations for the 10-year plan."

Firth said the construction of any new residence areas would not occur soon. She estimates the process could begin to occur anywhere from four to eight years in the future. The Board of Trustees will formally vote on the approval of the entire University strategic plan at its May meeting.

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the new connection, instead utilizing an average of 70 - 80 Mbit on the 100 Mbit connection.

"[This is] good and efficiently utilized, and it still gives us some headroom for spikes," Latimer said.

Once all campus Internet traffic is traveling through one connection, an application called a Packeteer will be used on the connection. The Packeteer currently runs only on the ResNet connection and limits the amount bandwidth of peer-to-peer file sharing, which is often used for sharing illegal copyrighted material, and also redirects infected machines to a special Web site.

Latimer said he did not expect this to be a problem.

"Sharing illegal copyrighted material is sharing illegal copyrighted material whether it's on campus or in the dorms," Latimer said.

Latimer said that after the connection had been re-engineered, the original hardware vendor, who OIT declined to name, identified the problem in their system.

"The other vendor did discover their bugaboo, a dollar late," Latimer said. "But it was a manufacturing error in their chip."

Latimer said that while OIT has not received any compli-

ments about the new connection, they have also not received any complaints.

"That's our source or indication of success is when we don't get complaints," Latimer said. "We seldom get kudos."

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he said. People in the North began to have more confidence that peace could happen, and talks eventually began with British leaders. While Adams said the peace process ultimately would have occurred, with or without U.S. involvement, "We wouldn't have got a peace process when we got it."

Despite such impressive gains, however, Adams said a lot of work still needs to be done. He said the cease-fire, discussions and agreements were positive steps, but "the hard bit has been implementing it."

Peace is not simply the absence of war, he said; it is "the presence

of justice."

Adams said that policing is "still not to the point where republicans and nationalists can be part of it," there is not yet a bill of rights and there is still a "huge presence" of British soldiers in Northern Ireland.

"There are still people within the British establishment who think they still have an empire," Adams said. "And we are that empire."

However, he said, he believes the goals of peace, equality and reunification will be achieved.

"If there's a political will to sort matters out, matters will be sorted out," Adams said.

He encouraged the audience, especially young people, to research the situation for themselves and to contact their representatives.

"One person can make a difference," Adams said. "There is such a thing as the power of one."

The lecture ended with a question-and-answer session, and, before Adams left, Fox presented him with a Notre Dame varsity jacket. And at the beginning of his lecture, Adams had addressed Notre Dame itself, saying that the University changed attitudes toward the Irish at a time in history when they were "vilified as being lazy, incompetent, drunk, always squabbling, always fighting."

"I think ... what happened here was to actually turn that caricature back," Adams said, adding that the University is "now universally known as a top-level aca-

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

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Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,184.67	+81.78	
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NASDAQ	1,943.09	+3.89
NYSE	6,489.71	+44.59
S&P 500	1,110.70	+6.21
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,242.29	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,428.90	+16.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.34	+0.04	11.70
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.22	+0.06	27.16
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.08	+0.02	25.18
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.49	+0.34	23.12
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.96	+0.04	4.20

Treasury			
30-YEAR BOND	-1.36	-0.64	46.47
10-YEAR NOTE	-2.12	-0.80	36.88
5-YEAR NOTE	-3.40	-0.93	26.43
3-MONTH BILL	+0.64	+0.06	9.38

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.02		36.68
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+3.00		402.60
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.20		97.65

Exchange Rates			
YEN			108.9
EURO			0.8151
POUND			0.5518
CANADIAN \$			1.334

IN BRIEF

Fed holds rates at 45-year low

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers, worried about companies' inability to create new jobs, held interest rates at a 45-year low on Tuesday and signaled anew that they will be slow to order any future increase that could cramp the economy's recovery.

Private economists viewed the Fed policy statement as more somber than its comments after a similar meeting in late January, reflecting the fact that the central bank has seen two disappointing monthly employment reports since then.

Stocks fall with Fed statement

NEW YORK — Wall Street looked past an underwhelming statement by the Federal Reserve on Tuesday and rebounded smartly as bargain hunters picked up stocks battered by a week of heavy losses.

The market focused on economics and earnings, particularly a bright outlook from manufacturing giant 3M Co., which upped its quarterly and full-year estimates. The Commerce Department also reported that the construction sector remained healthy.

Stocks bounced around for much of the day as investors first awaited the Fed's decision on interest rates and accompanying statement, and then fell in disappointment as the central bank confirmed the market's assessment that job creation is lagging.

Dollar falls to new low against yen

NEW YORK — The dollar hit a three-week low against the yen Tuesday, but was little changed against the euro after Federal Reserve policymakers signaled no shift in the outlook for interest rates.

The Federal Open Market Committee not only left its key interest rate at a 46-year low of 1 percent, as expected, but also reiterated its stance that inflationary pressures are low enough that it "can be patient in removing its policy accommodation."

CONSTRUCTION

Housing starts continue slide

Officials blame rough weather for recent slide in new residential construction

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of housing projects commenced by builders declined for the second straight month in February as bad weather in some parts of the country forced construction delays.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the number of residential buildings under way fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.86 million units in February, representing a 4 percent decrease from the previous month.

Although economists were forecasting a rise in residential construction in February, the level of housing projects in January turned out to be higher — a rate of 1.93 million units started — than first thought, according to revised figures. That made for a smaller decline in activity than reported a month ago.

Even with the declines, both January and February's levels of activity were still considered healthy, economists said.

In fact, the number of residential projects under way in February still marked a sizable 13.1 percent increase from the same month a year ago.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials gained 81.78 points to close at 10,184.67.

The Federal Reserve decided Tuesday to hold a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent, where it has been since June. Fed policymakers said they would be patient in ordering any possible rate increases.

Home sales reached record high levels in 2003, powered by low mortgage rates. Economists believe 2004 also will turn out to



Construction progresses on a home in Illinois. The residential construction industry marked a decline in February below economists' forecasts.

be a good year for home sales.

The average rate on benchmark 30-year mortgages last week dropped to 5.41 percent, the lowest level in eight months. The decline moved rates on 30-year mortgage closer to a record low of 5.21 percent reached in the middle of June.

"The housing market is getting a second wind from lower mortgage rates and will remain strong throughout 2004," predicted Robert McGee, chief economist at U.S. Trust.

Home builders feel good about market conditions, although they are slightly less bullish about sales for March as well as sales over the next six months, according to a monthly survey by the National Association of Home Builders.

"The tremendous pace of home sales in last year's final months has apparently given way to a more sustainable level of activity in early 2004. This climate of stability is a positive sign heading into the spring home buying season," said Bobby

Rayburn, the association's president and a home builder from Jackson, Miss.

Tuesday's report showed that residential construction rose in the Northeast and the Midwest in February, but fell in the South and the West.

"It was unusually wet and cold in the South and the West," said David Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders. "So we were prepared to see some erosion in starts in those two regions."

ENERGY

High gas prices fail to hurt demand

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite near record-high gasoline prices, U.S. motorists continue to increase consumption and, with supplies tight, that is helping to keep fuel costs propped up.

The Energy Department reported Monday that nationwide retail gasoline prices averaged \$1.72 per gallon last week. Meanwhile, the price of oil surged to \$37.44 per barrel on futures markets, the highest level in more than a year, in part because of the rising cost of motor fuel.

"Gasoline demand has been pretty spectacular of late," said Tom

Kloza, director of Oil Price Information Service, a Lakewood, N.J., publisher of industry data.

The most recent statistics from the Department of Energy show that gasoline demand has been roughly 3.7 percent higher than last year over the past four weeks.

Average daily gasoline consumption for the month ended March 5 was about 8.9 million barrels, up from 8.5 million barrels a year earlier.

Analysts attribute this increase to improving economic conditions, rising population and consumers' preference for gas-guzzling SUVs.

"Year after year, we have increasing demand, even throughout the

recent economic difficulties," said AAA spokesman Geoff Sundstrom.

"For most people, their use of gasoline is inelastic," Sundstrom said. "That is, in the course of a typical day, they need to drive back and forth to work, get their kids from school and go to the supermarket."

At most, Sundstrom added, there might be "an incremental response to higher gas prices."

In the future, Sundstrom believes Americans may shift to more fuel efficient vehicles again as they did in the 1970s when the country faced gasoline shortages. Only this time, the response could be purely price driven, he said.

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for [Page] that we would invite him to accept a second honorary degree and, this time, speak to our graduating class," said Malloy in his statement. "We're delighted that he has accepted and will honor us with his presence."

Page became the first black justice to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1993. His earlier law career includes time as the state's assistant attorney general and with the law firm of Lindquist & Vennum.

While attending Notre Dame, Page played defensive end on the football team, and as a senior he helped lead the Irish to a national title in 1966. He graduated in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in pre-law and was drafted by the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

Page earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978 while continuing his NFL career.

Page, along with his wife, Diane, also established the Page Education Foundation in 1988. The foundation provides college scholarships for minority students to attend Notre Dame and other colleges and universities in Minnesota.

"There are Notre Dame students who are attending the University on the Page Educational Grants that they have received," said Dennis Brown, associate director of news and information. "For 10 or 12 years, [the scholarships were] exclusively for Minnesota students to attend Minnesota colleges and universities. ... This is a fairly new component to the foundation, and [Page] is very proud of that. We're certainly delighted to have that."

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shared their personal experiences in Haiti along with points of view on the exile of former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Although some speakers said they regret the way in which he was removed from office, all agreed that the first democratically elected leader left a campaign promises unfulfilled and abused his power.

"Instead of sticking with what he preached in the beginning which was peace and nonviolence, I saw too much evidence with my own eyes that he had veered toward what is admittedly a tradition in Haiti and that is: violence to control the masses," Streit said. "Any president in this country would be impeached for those offenses ... He was the best hope for the country ... And had he made some other choices he could have been the Nelson Mandela of our hemisphere."

Brissau agreed that Aristide became absorbed in his desire for power, attesting that Aristide won support through his speech and citing that his image was represented in public posters that portrayed water and other assets, when in

reality the resources were never made available. Aristide's election to office in 1990 was won with over 67 percent of the popular vote in a 12-party field. Since that date and since his re-election in 2000, the results have been contested and popular support of the president has been difficult to quantify.

Professor Richman began the panel with a brief history of political events in Haiti beginning with Columbus' landing on the island of Hispaniola, now shared between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, and ending with the exile of Aristide on Feb. 28, 2004. Richman pointed to the fact that the former slave state declared itself a free nation in 1804, making it the second free nation state in the western hemisphere after the United States. The history also highlighted moments of United States involvement in Haiti, such as the American-led effort to restore Aristide to power in 1994 after his fall from office due to a military coup in 1991.

Richman also provided information on the socioeconomic background of the country in addition to statistics on recent democratic elections. From his standpoint, Haiti is characterized by a peasant system, in which farmers work several

small plots of land and while most continue to live in poverty, they are independent workers on their own property. Richman described the social class system as a "peasant society [which is] in a way separate from the small ruling class who tend to be mulattoes, who tend to be the descendants of French planters ... and who basically control the import export trade."

He argued that one way to preserve grassroots development in the country is to promote growth through the peasant system rather than create a wage labor force, whose labor would benefit companies that are not based in Haiti. Several members of the panel mentioned U.S. business interests in Haiti as a driving factor of American intervention in the past and present.

Michele Sexton addressed the issues of human rights in Haiti, which have been further neglected following the political upheaval. According to Sexton, political issues may not be at the heart of the crisis in Haiti.

"It doesn't really matter to me who is president in Haiti, it matters most for

these people to get those resources [food, water, healthcare, and education] so that they can care about politics," Sexton said.

The Haiti Program is part of the Center for Tropical Disease Research and Training with a basis in biological sciences. The program sends biology students and administrators to work with Brissau and other Haitians at the Hospital Sainte Croix in Leogane in an effort to defeat the mos-

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Michele Sexton professor

quito-borne parasitic disease lymphatic filariasis. LF is closely associated with poverty, but in 1997 the World Health Council deemed it one of few current diseases

that can actually be eliminated.

Despite ongoing political unrest in Haiti, representatives of the LF program in Leogane have continued their work, with the grounds of the hospital even serving as refuge for the Haitian Minister of Health during the height of violence, according to Streit and Peterrek.

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Undergrad, grad students react to tuition hike

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

In addition to the 6.9 percent increase in undergraduate tuition, the Notre Dame Board of Trustees decided to raise graduate school tuition 7 percent for next school year, making costs total \$28,970 for Graduate School and \$29,740 for Law School and Masters in Business Administration.

Parents and graduate students received the news in a letter last week from University President Fr. Edward Malloy.

Both graduate and undergraduate students hold strong opinions

on the increase.

Topher Goggin is a second-year law student who understands the escalation in tuition, but said it could affect some people tremendously.

"A lot of students get frustrated because it's a big chunk of money ... but at the same time, you have to look at endowments and how they are work," he said. "It's just something we have to deal with."

Goggin explained that a large proportion of graduate students pay for graduate school themselves. "It adds to the debt load when they get out," he said.

In addition to many younger students in Notre Dame's graduate

programs, adults who are enrolled in law school will have to face "hefty financial shock" causing a large "pinch in pocketbooks," Goggin said.

Goggin further suggested that students get an idea of pending cost increases based on past percentages. The University doesn't want to be in a position to be unaffordable, he said. "Trustees have goals they are trying to meet. I'd be more concerned if they were dipping into financial aid," Goggin said.

Jen Mulreany, a sophomore English major, thinks that the tuition increases are unfair and unneeded. "I find it hard to believe

that with so many people lined up to donate buildings and with the little financial aid available, that they need more money ... I think they have enough," she said.

Garrett Hohimer is a first-year law student who also faces the tuition increase: "A lot of us are on grants or fellowships ... most people are financing through loans," Hohimer explained.

"I won't really see [effects] immediately and I suppose that's fortunate," he said. Hohimer is optimistic that a law school degree from Notre Dame will provide him a good paying job to help pay off the debt that he will face upon graduation.

Hohimer hopes that the increase in tuition will go toward improving resources, whether for the law school or for the University at large, such as more computer labs, more wireless connections and a possible expansion of the law library or other University resource centers.

In the letter, Malloy wrote that with the past economic instability, the University has had to "cut costs while diligently protecting the priorities of our academic mission and the quality of student life."

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Brown speaks on gays, demands human rights

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Human Rights Watch deputy program director Widney Brown lectured in Saint Mary's Stapleton Lounge Tuesday night on the topic "Equality for All? Sexual Orientation and Human Rights." Speaking to a crowded audience, Brown focused her discussion on the basic goals of Human Rights Watch.

"At Human Rights Watch, we believe that all people are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that people should not be excluded from activities, like, marriage for example, based upon their sexual orientation," Brown said. "And although this sounds like a simple, blanket statement, you'd be surprised how often this belief is violated."

Brown, who worked at Human Rights Watch since the late 1990s, shared research she had completed looking into the attitudes towards lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people.

"We interviewed LGBT students in rural areas, and in bigger cities like New York and San Francisco, and essentially we found the same things happening," she said. "When kids tell me school is fine, and I ask them what fine is, and they say it's fine because they usually can just skip gym class, or they have an English teacher who lets them hide in her room, everything is not fine."

Students who face problems like these are often told to repress their identity because it is different from the norm, Brown said. Although Brown encourages the freedom of expression, she said it is often something LGBT people are told to suppress.

After fielding questions from the audience, Brown turned her attention to gay marriage and the recent advancements made in that area. Despite the backlash that has occurred, Brown said a step forward is a step in the right direction.

"The right to marriage is something that all people need and should have," she said. "There are currently 347 laws in my home state of New York that allow married people benefits that unmarried people do not have. When you're telling gay and lesbian people they can't get married, you're denying them those benefits even if they should be entitled to them."

Brown's lecture was the first in a three-day lecture series in honor of Women's History Month. Junior Sara Tallman will lecture today at 4:30 p.m. in Welsh Parlor, Haggart College Center. She will speak on "The Legal and Religious Debate Over Same Sex Marriage." On Thursday, Carolina Monsivais will have a poetry reading at 7 p.m. in the west wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

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Students meet Indiana governor during break

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

While many of their classmates jetted off to tropical climes, three Dillon students stayed in the Indiana cold. But don't feel sorry for them — they were guests at Gov. Joe Kernan's residence in Indianapolis.

The students — juniors Darrell Scott and Brian Toussaint, and senior Dan Boston — were invited to stay in the governor's guesthouse over spring break after Boston met Indiana first lady Maggie Kernan on a flight from Miami in February.

"We just started chatting on the plane," Boston said. "She told me she was married to Joe Kernan, and I said 'that name sounds familiar.'"

When the first lady — who, like her husband, hails from South Bend — learned that Boston was a Notre Dame student, she said he was welcome to visit the Kernans at their official residence. Gov. Kernan is a 1968 Notre Dame alumnus and played baseball for the Irish. Boston and Mrs. Kernan exchanged contact information, and soon after the flight, Boston emailed her to schedule a visit.

Toussaint said the students received celebrity treatment during their brief stay with the Kernans.

"They had a kitchen stocked for us, which was nice," Toussaint said. "It was pretty decked out."

After a tour of the governor's mansion, the students accompanied Gov. Kernan and



Photo courtesy of Dan Boston

Notre Dame students Dan Boston and Darrell Scott, left, and Brian Toussaint spent part of their spring break with Indiana first couple Joe and Maggie Kernan.

his wife to Conesco Fieldhouse to watch the Indiana Pacers take on the Toronto Raptors. Toussaint said traveling by motorcade has its benefits.

"Having the state patrol drive was pretty sweet," Toussaint laughed. "They don't have much regard for the traffic laws."

Boston said it was remarkable that the Kernans were so accessible.

"He actually took time out of his busy schedule to take us to a basketball game," he said.

After the game, the students returned to the mansion, where they continued to speak with the Kernans on subjects ranging from Irish baseball to global politics.

"We got a quality, solid hour [with the Kernans]," Toussaint said. "They couldn't have been

nicer and they couldn't have shown more care."

The students were also treated to a guided tour of Indianapolis, as well as a look at the governor's private office in the Statehouse.

"We actually got to go past the guards," Toussaint said. "We really got a behind-the-scenes look at his office."

Boston said Mrs. Kernan went so far as to write him a glowing letter of recommendation to recruiters at Hewlett-Packard. Boston also praised the governor's personable nature.

"He's well-known as a nice, considerate person," Boston said. "He really listened to everything we said."

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Group sponsors health fair to be held next week

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Graduate Student Union leaders encouraged participation in the upcoming Health and Wellness Fair at Tuesday's meeting. Formerly Health-E Day, the event will be held on March 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Stepan Center. It is intended to promote good nutritional and physical habits among graduate students and their families, in addition to providing a forum for entertainment and socialization.

A tentative schedule of events for the fair includes an Aikido demonstration, an Indiana University-South Bend dental clinic presentation on dental hygiene, a talk on eating disorders and diet fads, a seminar on stress management and relaxation training and a presentation by Eurogym. There is also a run around the Saint Mary's and St. Joseph's lakes at noon. Event funding has not been finalized, however, and changes to the program are possible.

Entertainment for children of the graduate students will also be provided, and will include activities ranging from sack races to crafts.

Publicity and procedures committee chair Alison Dekoschak emphasized the evolution of this year's Health and Wellness Fair from last year's Health-E Day.

"[The Fair] is different from last year's, so those who went last year can't really use it to compare," Dekoschak said. "We've tried to make a lot of improvements, and I think we've come up with something different and new."

A committee composed of GSU president Martiqua Post, vice presidents Belinda Byrne and Meg Garnett, health care committee chair

John Young and publicity and procedures committee chair Alison Dekoschak have been planning the fair since February.

In other GSU news:

♦ The group unanimously approved constitutional changes to the structure of the GSU committees for the second week in a row, confirming them as official. The changes will divide the quality of life committee into two separate orientation and quality of life committees, and divide responsibilities among the two social committee chairs into fall and summer/spring semesters. The stipend for the quality of life committee was also raised to \$700 from the previous \$500.

♦ The last day to submit applications to run for GSU president and vice president is Monday, and there is at least one person running already Post said. Electronic elections will be held March 29.

♦ A \$300 subsidy on next year's health insurance was approved for those graduate students on the MegaLife plan who receive a stipend from the University, said Young. The subsidy will increase to by \$50 increments for two years after that.

♦ Quality of life committee chair Crystal Blount encouraged graduate students to attend an open meeting regarding the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools critique of Notre Dame's assessment process. The meeting will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. in McKenna Hall, and will provide students with a venue to give the NCACS feedback on their opinion of the quality of teaching and learning at the University.

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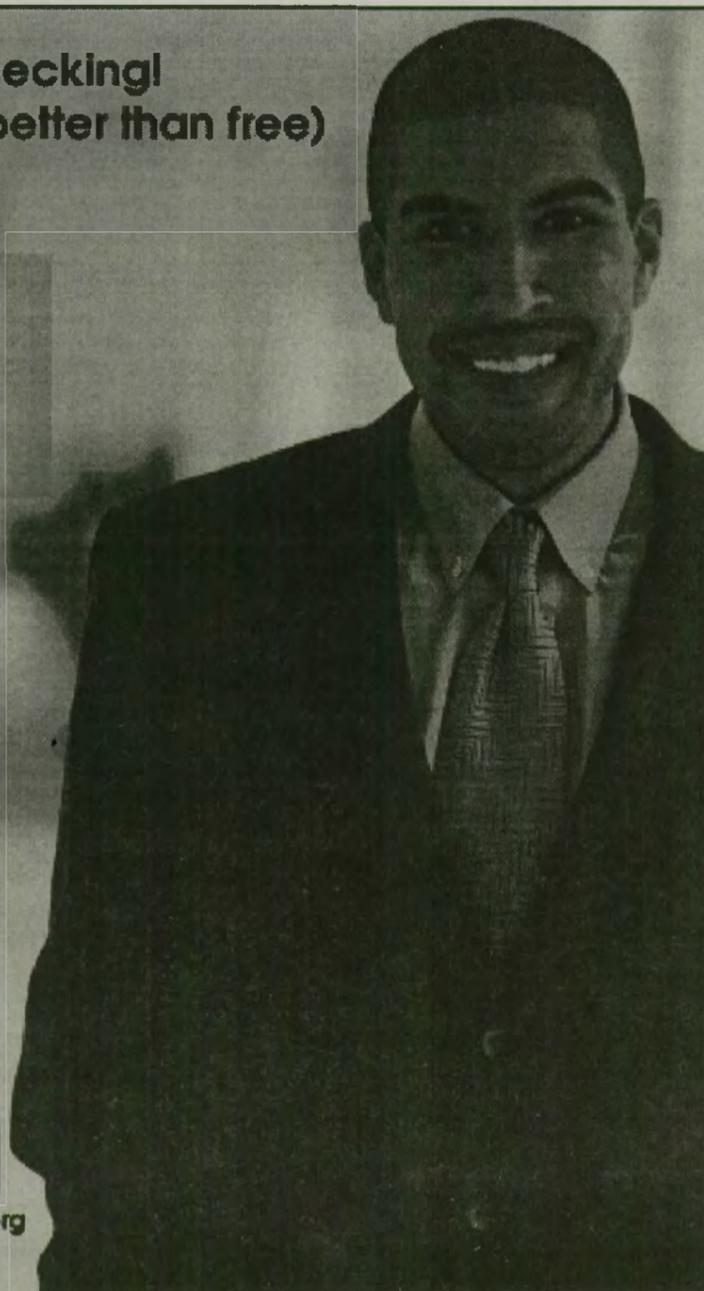
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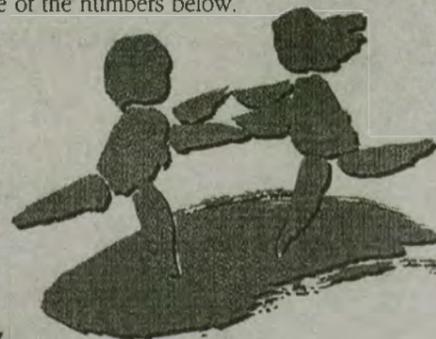
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March Madness not the same

It's not the end of the world. Our lives will move on. It's only a game. There's always next year.

Sure, we can tell ourselves all the Dr. Phil-inspired self-help clichés to ease the pain, but no words can completely take away the stinging emptiness. March just isn't the same this year. Not with our beloved Fighting Irish missing out on the euphoric Madness that is sweeping across 65 other college campuses right now.

Since this is a sports commentary, what's a few more unimaginative clichés between me and you? Cut me some slack here; I'm still recovering from spring break, and I really can't think of any more creative ways to get my point across. Besides, clichés never hurt anybody. They're just the sign of a boring writer. But that's our little secret. So don't tell nobody! (Don't tell nobody about the double negative either.)

Maybe, this bitter pill would be a little easier to swallow if Notre Dame had a losing record or played in a lesser-known conference like the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), where typically only the conference tournament champion earns a bid. But Notre Dame, with a record of 17-12, does not fall under either of these categories. Thus, we're left with another cliché to describe our fate. Life's not fair. Yeah, no kidding. No matter how much those self-proclaimed "bracketologists" want to defend the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee and their precious mathematical formulas, there was nothing fair about Notre Dame missing the Big Dance this year. Call me biased if you want, but the facts of this case are indisputable.

First and foremost, the Irish do not compete in the little, mid-sized or slightly above average East. They compete in the Big East — emphasis on the word "Big" — and Notre Dame still finished with a winning 9-7 record even though they were the only team to play Connecticut, Pittsburgh and defending national champion Syracuse twice each. For that matter, Notre Dame played the most difficult schedule of any team left out of the field and far more difficult than many of the at-large teams who earned bids.

Once again, though, for unknown reasons, the NCAA Selection Committee has slighted the premier conference in the country not just by rejecting Notre Dame, but also giving Big East teams the lousiest draws in the tournament. Yeah, yeah, all the sports know-it-alls like to say the ACC is the toughest conference. But in the past four years, Big East teams have claimed just as many titles as the overhyped ACC — two each. Yet all that Connecticut, the Big East regular season and tournament conference cham-

ion, can muster is a lousy two seed. Meanwhile, everyone's perennial favorite, Duke, who has an equal number of wins as Connecticut, still garnered a No. 1 seed despite losing the ACC Championship game to a Maryland team that until last weekend was in danger of missing the NCAA Tournament altogether. Pittsburgh, the runner-up in the Big East Tournament by one point, drops to a ridiculous No. 3 seed and gets shipped out to play in Milwaukee, where they will likely meet hometown favorite Wisconsin in the second round.

Along these same lines, the NCAA sent Syracuse, Providence, Boston College and Seton Hall miles away from their regional fan base. Equally as dumbfounding, none of these teams earned a seed above five. Meanwhile, Wake Forest and N.C. State, despite stumbling down the stretch, earned No. 4 seeds and get to play their first round games in Raleigh and Orlando respectively. What gives?

Forget the ACC though. What's with Conference USA earning six bids, the Atlantic 10 earning four, and the Mountain West earning three? With their recent success in the tournament, the mid-major conferences certainly deserve more at-large bids, but not at the expense of more worthy teams with winning records in the power conferences like Notre Dame.

I'm not saying UAB, Richmond, UTEP, DePaul, Air Force and BYU should not be in the tournament. But if they are going to be included, so should Notre Dame. There's not enough space to present a comparison between Notre Dame and each of these aforementioned teams to explain why the Irish are a more appropriate selection, so let's just break down two.

Air Force v. Notre Dame: At 22-6, Air Force has an impressive overall record, and to their credit, they were the regular season champions of the Mountain West Conference. But the Falcons best wins came against Utah and their only notable non-conference

win was against a weak California team. For what it's worth, not that those top-secret rating systems are worth much, Notre Dame boasts a higher RPI, allegedly the most influential of all the rankings, than Air Force. The Irish also boast a considerably higher RPI than late-season charger Washington, but that's a whole different story.

Richmond v. Notre Dame: Richmond reached the magic number of 20 wins, but they finished fourth in the six-team Western Division of the Atlantic 10 behind George Washington, a team that did not even qualify for the NCAA Tournament. Richmond did beat Kansas on the road during the regular season, but the Jayhawks might be the most overrated team in the tourna-

ment considering they did not defeat one top-25 team all season. (If you're looking for a first round upset, University of Illinois-Chicago over Kansas might be a safe bet.) Richmond has an RPI only one higher than Notre Dame, but their schedule was in a different stratosphere than the Spiders', which puts the Irish over the top.

Comparing these teams, though, is an exercise in speculation. Truthfully, the Irish have only themselves to blame for their predicament. With one or two more wins, they never would have been on the bubble in the first place. But this still does not negate the fact that Notre Dame got robbed, jobbed, hosed and a bunch of other potty words not fit to print.

You can sugarcoat it and try to put a positive spin on it all you want, but the NIT is like taking your friend Katie to the prom. Sure, you'll still have a good time, but you'd have a better time with Elena, that hot girl you had a crush on for four years of high school but never could find the courage to ask out.

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OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear."

Thomas Jefferson
Former U.S. President

The 28th amendment: an economic opportunity

While my girlfriend and I were dining in a restaurant over spring break, we happened to eavesdrop on a slightly disturbing conversation between two couples of senior citizens who were discussing homosexuality. "What is the difference between a gay and a lesbian? Do they go out together?" asked one confused old man. "I'm not sure, but the good thing is, eventually they'll all be wiped out of the gene pool because they can't reproduce," replied another. "We should really just send them all to an island somewhere," suggested one of their wives. "What about Australia?" recommended the other thoughtful woman.

Joey Falco

Forty Ounces
of Falco

With opinions like these circulating amongst many conservative elder statesmen around the country, it is no wonder that our President and his Congress are cracking down hard on the recent fad of gay marriage, much to the dismay of liberals everywhere. So in an ideal example of the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" philosophy, I have decided not to sit around fighting a losing battle against a moralistically conservative President who might very well pursue a career in televangelism when he leaves office. Instead, I now set my liberal roots aside and stand in strong support of the proposed Constitutional amendment that would place an official ban on gay marriages, and here's why.

It doesn't take the keen insight of a

Big East basketball official to realize that the speculated 28th amendment on gay marriages would bear a striking similarity to another hallmark of the American legislative process, the 1920 prohibition of alcohol. Both originated in the form of religious admonitions against their respective behavior, and then both later received goading from powerful special interest groups like the "Anti-Saloon League" and more recently, the "Republican Party."

Not to mention the fact that the proposed prohibitions were completely transformed from purely moralistic to entirely political issues, with President Herbert Hoover lauding one as "a noble experiment," and President Bush referring to the other as vital for "the stability of society" in a speech during his already heated contest against Democratic candidate John Kerry.

For these reasons, and many others into which I lack ample space to properly delve, I hope to carry forth another legendary aspect of the alcohol prohibition era into the potential gay marriage prohibition days of tomorrow. I'm talking, of course, about bootlegging.

That's right, you heard it here first. I plan on becoming the Al Capone of the twenty-first century. Now while you're repeatedly smashing your face into a concrete wall for not thinking of this ingenious idea first, I will begin to unfurl my master plan.

Everyone has heard the legendary reports of Capone and his ruthless Chicago mob providing illegal alcohol — the so called "bathtub gin" — to millions of thirsty patrons at his "speakeasies." It is also fairly common knowledge that the mob boss' ascension to wealth and power was facilitated immensely by the restrictive actions of the United States government.

Consequently, I see no reason why I could not take similar actions and one day become the most powerful bootlegger of gay marriages in America — I am an O'Neill Hall Mobster, after all, and I don't believe in coincidences.

So after Washington's conservative cronies successfully eliminate the already meager supply of gay marriage licenses being offered by earthy-crunchy liberal governments in San Francisco, Portland, and small towns in New Mexico, New York and New Jersey, an enormous black market

demand for these licenses will need to be met. This can then easily be accomplished in the clandestine establishments that I will set up throughout America, which will fittingly be known as "queer-easies."

After the underground word spreads about my "queer-easies," I will soon be Scrooge McDuck-ing it in the oodles of money that my brilliant scheme generates. Just like Capone met the demand for alcohol in the Roaring Twenties, my glorious example of capitalism at work will meet the people's demand for gay marriage licenses in the era that will one day be dubbed the Flaming Aughts.

So go ahead, President Bush. Give homosexuals a kick in the chaps. Throw them off their bucking broncos. Ride them out of town with your Smith and Wesson flailing. Spread your intolerant evangelism throughout America; or at least all the way from El Paso to Fort Worth. It doesn't matter to me.

I'll be right there, a Capone-like Donald Trump of the future, making my millions off your conservative funders. And one day, with any luck, I'll be able to sit you down in a board room just like the Trumpster's and utter the words that John Edwards' other America has been longing to hear for quite some time.

"You're fired."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Socialist victory not a step in the right direction

When I heard of the Socialists' victory in Spain, I was almost as disgusted as when I read yesterday morning's Peter Quaranto op-ed. Let's just look at this from the facts. There are only two plausible scenarios — either ETA did it, or Al Qaeda, or some splinter group thereof, was responsible. Either way, the motives of the Spanish socialists, and those who voted for them, are warped beyond comprehension.

1. If it was ETA, then Aznar's government was right to blame them first. Furthermore, if Basques were responsible for that bombing, how can it be said that Spain's participation in the Iraq occupation brought terrorism to the kingdom, and thus the Popular Party needed to be punished?

2. If it was the Islamists, the logic is even more inane. Al Qaeda attacks Spain because Spanish troops helped to occupy (not invade) Iraq? Why, how could this be, if there is supposedly no connection between the war in Iraq and the war on terror?

The results of this election were most definitely altered by the bombings. The Popular Party was cruising along, five points ahead of the Socialists. They ended up losing by six percent. That's an 11-point swing in less than a week, and doesn't happen if there's no attack; this is incontrovertible.

Either way, it is a victory for terrorists. The far Left in Europe is shamelessly, and traitorously, exploiting this situation. Not a day after his party won, the Socialists' leader had announced that he would pull Spanish support for the occupation, called the war a "disaster," and publicly proclaimed that the ties between Spain and the United States should be weakened.

Unbelievable. Here was an opportunity for liberalism to prove that it was committed to defeating this century's greatest evil, and its response was nothing more than appeasement.

Dan Ornelals
senior
Dillon Hall
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



MOVIE REVIEW

'Starsky & Hutch': Fun but forgettable

By COURTNEY MCKAY
Scene Movie Critic

Starsky & Hutch, loosely based on a 1970s television show, lacks a strong script and memorable comedic scenes, but still has enough episodes of hilarity to prove a decent movie for an hour and a half of mindless laughs.

Teamed up for their sixth movie together, Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson play detectives David Starsky and Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson, mismatched misfits on the 1970s Bay City police force. Despite their conflicting personalities, the duo is partnered together by their exasperated boss, captain Doby (Fred Williamson). The tense Starsky, with his by-the-book work ethic, and the laid-back Hutch, who has been known to pocket a few dollars from the wallets of dead victims, must team up to catch the ruthless drug pusher Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn). Unbeknownst to the police, Vaughn has recently invented a form of cocaine that is completely undetectable by drug-sniffing dogs and tastes strikingly like artificial sweetener, all while planning a bat mitzvah for his daughter.

"Starsky & Hutch"



Director: Todd Phillips
Writer: John O'Brien and Todd Phillips
Starring: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Snoop Dogg, Vince Vaughn and Amy Smart

Stiller shines in his role, and Wilson, while still playing the mellow, charming character he for which is best known, tones down his mannerisms a notch allowing Stiller and his slapstick, spastic antics to take the lead.

Ultimately, however, the supporting actors steal the show. Brilliantly cast, Snoop Dogg, as police informant and pimp Huggy Bear, delivers some of the funniest lines of the movie, including, "I know some people who know some people who rob some people." The sight of his scrawny body covered with archaic wiretapping devices may be the best scene in the movie. Will Ferrell also is hilarious in the role of Big Earl, the dragon-loving, hairnet-wearing convict with a crush on Hutch. Actresses Juliette Lewis, Carmen Electra and Amy Smart also turn in talented performances.

Although a plot emerges occasionally, most of the time the movie seems like a series of stitched-together comedy sketches. This lack of real plot direction, as well as careless camera angles from director and co-writer Todd Phillips, adds to the campy atmosphere that harkens back to cheesy television programs of the 1970s and gives the movie a feeling of authenticity.

Despite some slow moments, there are many gems throughout the film.



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Legendary cops Ken Hutchinson (Owen Wilson) and David Starsky (Ben Stiller) continue in their never-ending quest to bust criminals from their Ford Torino.

One scene includes Starsky and Hutch going to question a suspect and being attacked by his knife-hurling son. Another amusing scene has Starsky and Hutch going undercover at a charity dinner. Starsky transforms into the deep-voiced, over-the-top Ward Finkle, whose tagline is the command, "Do it." Perhaps the movie's most memorable scene is the nightclub disco dance-off, reminiscent of the

walk-off scene in Stiller's other movie, *Zoolander*.

Although it is full of clichés and predictable story lines, *Starsky & Hutch* is amusing enough to satisfy those looking for something silly, enjoyable and fun.

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DVD REVIEW

'Intolerably' cruel and mediocre

By EMILY IAROCCI
Scene DVD Critic

Despite an all-star cast, the movie *Intolerable Cruelty* was certainly nothing to rave about. While the acting was done well, as would be expected from such wonderful actors as George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Geoffrey Rush, and Billy Bob Thornton, the story was rather slow and not very interesting. *Intolerable Cruelty* was directed by the Coen brothers, who have also worked as producer (Ethan), writer (Joel) and director (both brothers) in such films as *The Big Lebowski*, *Fargo* and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

The main screenplay writers were Robert Ramsey and Matthew Stone. Information concerning other works by these writers could not be found. If the two are somewhat inexperienced screenplay writers, then their efforts in this screenplay should actually be commended. However, if they are experienced screenwriters, they should receive some criticism for a slow-moving plot that is

only partially capable of grabbing the viewers interest. While a handful of specific scenes within the movie were very good, it just wasn't put together well and did not flow.

Clooney plays Miles Massey, a very successful and infamous divorce attorney. While he is as accomplished as a divorce attorney can be, he feels that his life is lacking something. Nothing seems to satisfy him or initiate any sort of positive emotion. He is bored with life.

One day he meets Marilyn Rexroth (Zeta-Jones), the wife of his adulterous millionaire client, Rex Rexroth. Massey immediately seems to fall in love with her but continues to honor his client and does all that is in his power to prevent Marilyn from receiving any benefit from the divorce.

Marilyn seems to be after only one thing in life — money. The remainder of the movie follows her attempts to acquire money from weak men and to humiliate Massey as revenge for causing her to lose her divorce case. Along the way however, she discovers that she, like Massey, is also bored in life. She finds that maybe there is something between her and Massey that she should explore.

Marilyn Rexroth is the most interesting character in the movie, and the portrayal of this gold-digger was successfully performed by Zeta-Jones. Her best scenes were those in which she was talking with her gold-digger friends. Those where Zeta-Jones was being



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Divorce attorney Miles Massey (George Clooney) meets his match in the form of beautiful gold-digger Marilyn Rexroth (Catherine Zeta-Jones).

seductive with Clooney to get what she wanted, because she was aware that he had an intense interest in her. Clooney was also very convincing in his role, as an emotionally stunted, utterly bored man. Billy Bob Thornton's supporting role was very well performed, though I am not going to give away what his character was, it would ruin one of the better parts of the movie. It is unfortunate that such a great cast was still unable to make up for the lack of quality within the plot.

The DVD has good quality. The picture and sound are very clear. The extras available on the DVD however, are lacking. The standard extras are available such as, about the movie and outtakes.

The DVD doesn't have any deleted scenes, or alternate endings, which would have been nice. Also, the about the movie parts are not well done, and the outtakes are pretty bland. The funniest part about the outtakes is the shots of George Clooney when he messes up, both intentionally and accidentally because he has very amusing facial expressions. Therefore, the DVD did not do anything to increase the value of the movie itself.

All in all, *Intolerable Cruelty*, was mediocre, both in the plotline, and as a DVD, but the acting was impressive.

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Intolerable Cruelty

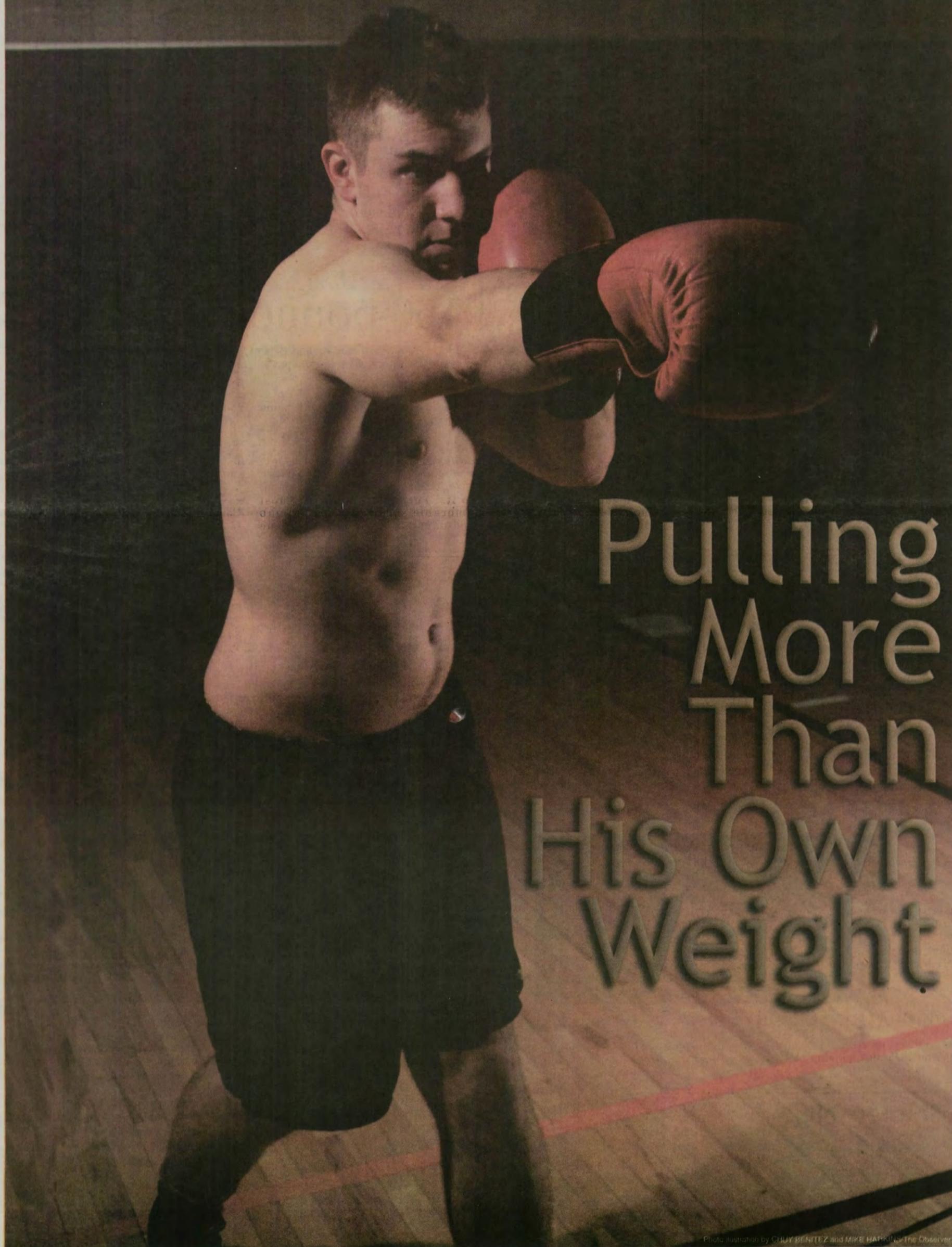
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Valenzuela

Despite being his first year in Bengal Bouts, Michael Schmitt has already made a name for himself by tearing through the early rounds of the tournament. In last year's finals, Jon Valenzuela went the distance with former champion Shawn Newburg, showing the two-minute rounds were not an issue for his stamina.

Throughout the tournament Valenzuela has appeared confident and composed, especially in dealing with a serious challenge from Pedro Alves in the semifinals. Meanwhile, in the semifinals against Larry Hofman, Schmitt didn't show even a moment's hesitation. The exchanges in tonight's match will feature numerous combinations and a lot of contact. This one may come down to who is better suited for the longer rounds.

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LUKE DILLON VS. PAUL ROBINSON

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LUKE BUSAM
Robinson
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Dillon
JOE HETTLER
Robinson
PAT LEONARD
Robinson

Luke Dillon showed a tremendous ability to take a hard punch and deliver an even harder one in his semifinal match against the taller Mike Pfizenmayer. He will have to do so again tonight if Dillon is to win his first Bengal Bouts title.

Dillon's opponent, Paul Robinson, displayed a remarkable ability to throw high quality punches after finding himself on the ropes in his semifinal match. Neither Dillon nor Robinson is afraid to brawl for a score and both can take a hard shot. Dillon's right hook will certainly be a major factor tonight. Robinson showed his punching power in the semifinals as well by doubling over his opponent, Todd Strobel, early in the third round and ending the match.

155-pounds



NATHAN LOHMEYER VS. MIKE PANZICA

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Lohmeyer
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Lohmeyer
JOE HETTLER
Lohmeyer
PAT LEONARD
Lohmeyer

The judges will have their work cut out for them when Nathan Lohmeyer and Mike Panzica start exchanging punches as both boxers employ a distinctly aggressive ring style. Neither boxer could ever be called hesitant in the ring and both drew blood from their opponents in the semifinals.

Lohmeyer overcame Mark Basola for his first trip to the finals tonight and Panzica edged out the skilled Brandon Gasser to earn his place tonight. Lohmeyer and Panzica both seem to believe the best way not to take a punch is to throw a punch. This fight will feature serious amounts of contact and both boxers' heads will be ringing when the six minutes are up.

160-pounds



COLIN KERRIGAN VS. WILLIAM PHILLIP

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Phillip
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Kerrigan
JOE HETTLER
Kerrigan
PAT LEONARD
Kerrigan

Colin Kerrigan returns to the finals to defend his 160-pound title tonight against senior Bill Phillip. Though this is Phillip's first trip to the finals, he has proven himself to be one of the premier boxers in the tournament. In the semifinals Kerrigan showed his versatility by attacking both the head and body of his opponent, Alex Roodhouse.

In Phillip's semifinal match against Justin Alanis, Phillip refused to let an exchange end on anything but his own terms, always finishing with a score. Their styles should match up well tonight, with Kerrigan picking his punches and Phillip patiently waiting to land high-quality scores.

180-pounds



JIM CRISTOFORETTI VS. ERIC CALLAHAN

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Christoforetti
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Christoforetti
JOE HETTLER
Callahan
PAT LEONARD
Callahan

It's hard to imagine two fighters with less similar styles than Eric Callahan and Jim Christoforetti. Callahan rarely doesn't throw a punch and Christoforetti is rarely taking one. Callahan overcame his semifinal opponent Larry Rooney by using his jab relentlessly and following with flurry after flurry of upstairs rights and lefts.

Christoforetti, on the other hand, patiently dismissed the advances of his opponent Denis Sullivan and rarely allowed his opponent's attacks to find anything beside a protective glove or the space where his head once was. Callahan is sure to keep the punches coming tonight and Christoforetti will try to keep them from coming too close.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT



BILLY ZIZIC VS. JOHNNY GRIFFIN

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Zizic
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Zizic
JOE HETTLER
Zizic
PAT LEONARD
Griffin

When Billy Zizic and Johnny Griffin step into the ring tonight it won't look like a typical Bengal Bouts fight. Zizic has used his years of ring experience to establish himself as the program's best technical fighter, and Griffin is a great natural fighter. Both use their feet better than any other fighters in the tournament, and their heads move as much as their hands.

This match will come down to who can throw off the advances of their opponent more often, and Zizic will no doubt be switching his stance a number of times. Though both are elusive fighters, contact will certainly be made, and if you happen to look away when either one of these skilled fighters lands a punch, the crowd will let you know.

150-pounds



T.J. D'AGOSTINO VS. JOHN PRIBAZ

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
D'Agostino
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
D'Agostino
JOE HETTLER
D'Agostino
PAT LEONARD
D'Agostino

While these two seniors may move with the dexterity of lightweights, they both punch with the power of much heavier fighters. D'Agostino seeks his second career Bengal Bouts title tonight, but the devastating left hand of Pribaz stands in his way.

In the semifinals, Pribaz took advantage of the defensive style of Galen Loughrey, out-throwing and out-scoring the junior captain. D'Agostino will not be nearly as receptive to his advances tonight, and if Pribaz gives his powerful opponent any daylight to score, D'Agostino will capitalize, and eventually pull away with the championship.

153-pounds



RYAN DUFFEY VS. COREY HARKINS

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Duffey
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Duffey
JOE HETTLER
Harkins
PAT LEONARD
Duffey

Both Ryan Duffey and Corey Harkins won in close split decisions over evenly matched opponents in their semifinal fights. Duffey used his longer jab to overcome the advances of Bobby Gorynski. Meanwhile, Harkins' advances and strong right secured his victory over Tim Huml.

Duffey and Harkins should match up well tonight, as both are technically sound fighters with a tendency for counterpunching. Tonight will be Harkins' first experience with the longer, two-minute rounds of the finals. Duffey fought in last year's finals, losing a split decision to Paul Harris. This will be a close fight with a lot of clean contact and scoring.

165-pounds



ROSS BARTELS VS. PATRICK DILLON

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Dillon
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Bartels
JOE HETTLER
Dillon
PAT LEONARD
Dillon

In the semifinals Ross Bartels won the best fight of the night against Alex Fergus, and he will need to do the same tonight if he is to overcome senior captain Pat Dillon. Dillon has been impressive overcoming the distinctly different styles of Craig Thompson and Pat McMorrow. Tonight he meets a unique fighter in Bartels, who overcame Fergus with relentless punches. Bartels will likely bring the fight to Dillon tonight, throwing everything but the kitchen sink.

Dillon's right hand is as equally as impressive as Fergus' but he may have an advantage in his more technical defense and his ability to box with his feet. Bartels' reach could be a bit of an issue, but Dillon has shown a proclivity to taking a lead punch to score more.

170-pounds



TOMMY DEMKO VS. BRIAN NICHOLSON

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Demko
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Demko
JOE HETTLER
Demko
PAT LEONARD
Nicholson

Both of these hard-working seniors won split decision victories in the semifinals to earn their first ever trip to the finals. Nicholson was at his best when he stayed outside and used his one-two combos to pick off his advancing opponent. Demko is more of an attacker and uses his jab primarily to set up a devastating right.

Both have a tendency to brawl when contact starts, but will fare better tonight by closing in with hard, sticking punches. In the past Demko has shown that he has no problem taking a punch or two in order to set up his strong right and tonight's fight may present him with an opportunity to do just that.

HEAVYWEIGHT



STEFAN BOROVINA VS. NATHAN SCHROEDER

PICKS

LUKE BUSAM
Borovina
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Borovina
JOE HETTLER
Schroeder
PAT LEONARD
Borovina

Though these two can punch harder than anyone in the tournament, don't expect either to rely on just one hand or for this to deteriorate into a bar room brawl. Borovina and Schroeder aren't typical heavyweights.

They both move extremely well and use their jabs to set up massive power punches. Borovina returns to defend his heavyweight title tonight and his speed and defense remain his greatest assets. If he gets caught too close to Schroeder's powerful hooks, he will be in for a devastating shot. Borovina's power, however, is nothing to overlook. Though he gives up a few pounds to the heavier Schroeder, he maintains the ability to end the fight with a solid punch.

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Stefan Borovina - Heavyweight

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Holding his own

Senior captain Stefan Borovina decided to compete as one of the lightest heavyweights

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Every Notre Dame boxer can claim at least one remarkable moment. It can be as simple as a preliminary round win, as glorious as back-to-back titles or as nauseating as a broken nose. But it's a guarantee that every Bengal Bout boxer has at least one great story to tell the grandkids.

Over the years senior captain Stefan Borovina's forward-looking attitude has given him enough stories for a busload of grandkids. To understand Borovina one doesn't need to know that this year will be his third appearance in the finals, or that he hasn't lost a fight since March 2002 or that his speed and dedication to technique have changed how people see the heavyweight division. To understand Borovina, one must simply know that he is a boxer who has never shied away from a challenge.

Even as a freshman, Borovina was doing things that many veterans never do and after only a few weeks with the club, he was generating his first amazing story. He came to practice one day feeling particularly good and left feeling particularly terrible.

"I was really fired up and I wanted to get in the ring as much as possible," Borovina said.

Borovina said he felt fine after his first sparring session

of the day so he went in again against a slightly tougher opponent. That one also went well, and Borovina was felling optimistic. As practice was winding down, one of the senior captains at the time, Josh Thompson, wanted to spar, but couldn't find an opponent. The freshman Borovina then volunteered, making the veteran captain his third opponent of the day. That third session didn't go quite as well as the first two.

"He beat me all over the ring. It was ugly," Borovina said. "I think I got knocked into the ropes, knocked down, I can't really remember. I went home after that and went right to bed because I was so beaten."

And that was only the middle of novice training. Borovina had taken on three opponents in one day before he had even went to his first workout with the entire club.

After that day, Borovina began to push his limits even further. Over winter break, he went home to Long Island and continued working out at a nearby gym.

"Training at home over winter break during freshman year, I was sparring with guys who were maybe going to turn pro," Borovina said. "I wasn't good enough for them. I was terrible, but it gave them a body, and it gave me experience."

The experience he earned at that gym was not something

Borovina would soon forget. A sparring opponent backed Borovina into a corner during a match and caught him with a nasty hook under the temple. Borovina was out in a flash. He hit the mat where he regained consciousness and was able to finish the match despite the temporary outage.

"I didn't really have a choice," Borovina said. "Everyone was telling me to get back in there and finish."

Borovina said taking that shot to the temple was a bit of a confidence builder.

"I learned from that that I wasn't afraid of getting hit because I don't think I'm ever going to get hit like that again," Borovina said.

It wasn't until his sophomore season of Bengal Bouts that Borovina found his niche in the heavyweight division. As a freshman he fought in the light heavyweight division, but due to a scarcity of boxers in the heavyweight division he decided to try his hand there as a sophomore.

"There was only like five boxers in it, not even enough for a weight class," Borovina said. "Coach Tom Suddes came up to me and asked if I would mind fighting heavyweight. I had pretty much sparred everybody in that division, so I didn't mind."

Borovina decided to stay at the light heavyweight level just in case there was a change of plans. When he learned shortly before weigh-

"I try to take the mystery out of the whole thing. It's nothing to get hyped-up over. It's just the work, it's the training you do over the season, the work you put in down in the boxing room that comes out when you go in and fight."

Stefan Borovina
Bengal Bouts captain

ins that he would best fit in heavyweight, he was too light for the division.

"I didn't want to look like the little guy, but I realized I would still be light. So I took stuff out of [my] book bag — a calculator, coins, my wallet and whatever loose stuff I

had in there," Borovina said. "I got on the scale with my pants on and that stuff in my pockets and it got my weight up to 204 or 202, just barely heavyweight."

Rather than have the program doctors and nurses worry about him being too light, Borovina decided just to fake it.

"I knew if I weighted in under the weight limit some of the doctors might have a problem with it," Borovina said. "So I figured I'd just rig the

thing and weigh in at the right weight."

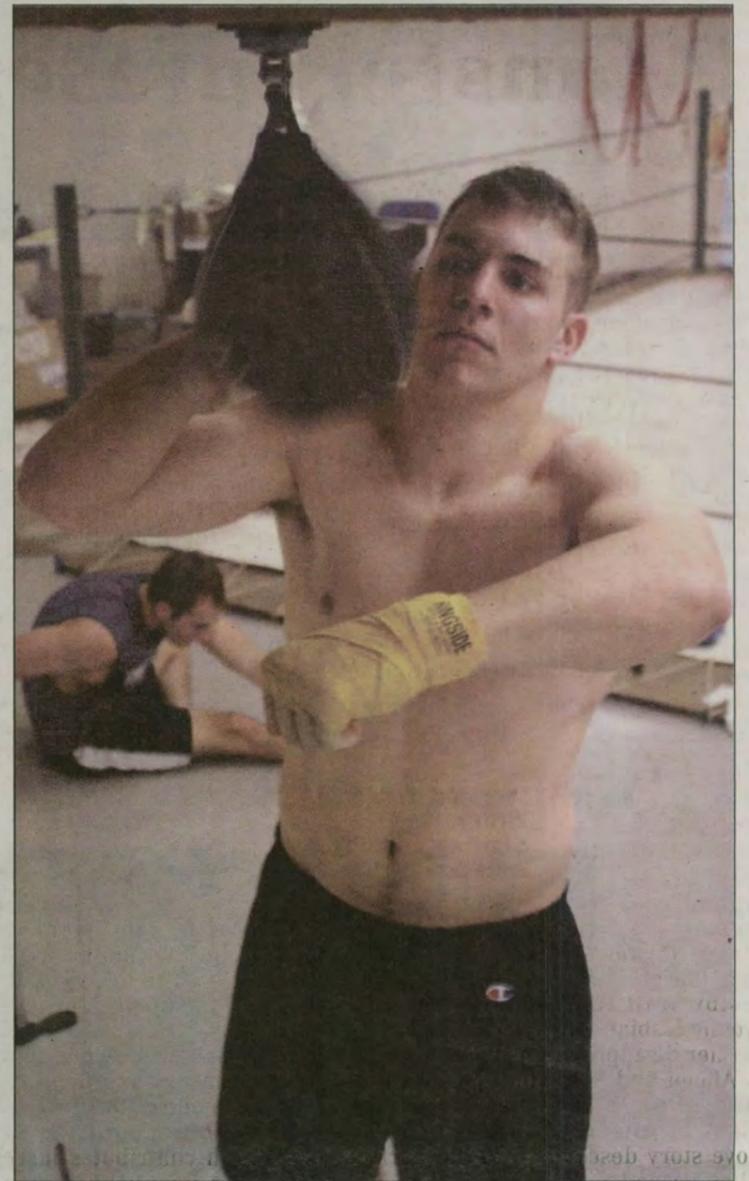
Borovina advanced to the finals that year where he faced 265-pound Carlos Abeyta. Despite the ridiculous weight difference and a right cross that sent him very briefly to the mat early in the match, Borovina considers that fight the best of his career.

"After that punch it looked like I just got killed. I remember in the background there was an 'Oh,' then a collective perplexed silence after I rolled over and jumped up to fight again," Borovina said. "The point was that I overcame a weight advantage. I lost in a split [decision], but I really boxed well and was aggressive and didn't give up."

Since that mismatch, Borovina has not lost. Last year, in his second trip to the finals he earned his first heavyweight title and tonight he aims to earn his second. Borovina said he doesn't feel any added pressure this year, being only one of two defending champions.

"I try to take the mystery out of the whole thing. It's nothing to get hyped-up over," Borovina said. "It's the work, it's the training you do over the season, the work you put in down in the boxing room that comes out when you go in and fight. You can get caught up in stuff, but you have to get over that."

"You just get in there and do your job."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Stefan Borovina warms up before practice. Borovina has not lost since March 2002, and he defends his title tonight when he fights Johnny Griffin.



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Stefan Borovina lands a punch in his semifinal victory over Douglas Pope. Borovina boxes in the heavyweight division despite the fact that he barely weighs enough to qualify for the division.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Monster' presents haunting true story

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Movie Critic

While it has nothing to do with creatures lurking under the bed or in the closet at night, there is a good chance that *Monster* will make you want to sleep with the lights on. This film recounts the true story of Aileen Wuornos (Charlize Theron), America's first female serial killer in a way that is utterly haunting.

Aileen, a prostitute, was executed in 2002 after a Florida jury charged her with the murders of six men. However, returning to the actual locations of the murders, writer and director Patty Jenkins presents aspects of Aileen's life preceding the crimes.

The film opens as Aileen despairingly stumbles into a local bar, fully prepared to spend her remaining five dollars on one last drink. However, Aileen's plans to end her life are cut short when she meets Selby Wall (Christina Ricci), a shy, young lesbian who has been sent away by her disapproving parents.

Aileen and Selby quickly fall in love, and Selby soon brings meaning and light to Aileen's existence. Yet, this love story descends into the dark tone that pervades the rest of the film as one of Aileen's clients brutally rapes her. In response, she kills him in self-defense. Ultimately this event triggers Aileen's rapid deterioration.

On one level, this film is successful because it provides the audience with a story that transcends the typical "based on a true story," ankle-deep depictions. Instead, Jenkins masterfully fleshes-out Aileen's character by focusing on her motivation rather than the crimes themselves.

Additionally, Jenkins poignantly documents the romance between Aileen and Selby without intentionally trying to break taboos or making their relationship seem overly sexual. Unlike most movies that use homosexuality as a subplot, Jenkins focuses on the mutual love rather than the sexual attraction between the two women.

Rather than creating a black-and-white tale of good versus evil, Jenkins wields a palette of grays. Aileen's character truly makes the movie because she evokes an entire spectrum of emotions from the audience.

Surprisingly, the audience can sympathize with her early in the film because her desperation is so tangible, and her plight is partly justified. However, by the end of this film, Jenkins does an equally good job of drawing pure disgust from the viewers as Aileen enters the final phases of her spiritual demise.

By this time, it's no secret that Theron contributes largely to the role in her breakthrough performance. While it is jarring to see the beautiful Theron transformed into a physically unkempt woman, the life Theron breathes into this character is far



Aileen Wuornos (Charlize Theron), America's first female serial killer, and her lover, Selby Wall (Christina Ricci), face their troubles together in "Monster."



Director: Patty Jenkins
Writer: Patty Jenkins
Starring: Charlize Theron, Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern and Lee Tergesen

more unsettling.

She slides into the role flawlessly, donning a new set of mannerisms, and bringing a range of emotional intensities. Without missing a beat, she fluctuates from mania to agony to paranoia and back again. The film is worth seeing just to witness Theron flex her newfound acting muscle. She is truly stunning in the most disconcerting way possible.

Ricci's performance, however, is less impressive. Although her character is supposed to be meek and naïve, Ricci's portrayal occasionally ventures over the top.

While the film presents an interesting spin on a strangely compelling character, the film as a whole is pro-

foundly disturbing on a number of levels. For one, it brings attention to the cruelty and violence from which we're continually sheltered. Simultaneously, it raises important questions about our society and how it contributes to the sometimes heinous reactions of individuals.

Overall, the film borders somewhere between depressing and frightening. However, between Theron's performance and Jenkins' insightful representation, this film becomes worthy of the \$8 ticket price and a handful of *Monster*-induced nightmares.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Depp lifts film past predictability

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Movie Critic

All work and no play fortunately do not make Johnny Depp a dull boy. In a rather short period of time, Depp has managed to propel himself from a niche actor to one of Hollywood's hottest names. *Secret Window*, directed by David Koepp, helps to solidify Depp's rising popularity in Hollywood.

Depp has always been a minor star in Hollywood. He has a rather impressive resume with over thirty films to his credit. However, it wasn't until *Pirates of the Caribbean* came out that Depp really became a household name. While his follow-up, *Once Upon A Time In Mexico*, didn't set many fires, it was a solid mainstream movie that once again showcased Depp's talents.

Without Depp, *Secret Window* is merely an average movie with fairly predictable twists and no real memorable moments. With Depp, *Secret Window* is a terrific movie.

In a way, this is Depp's first starring role since he gained his newfound popularity. In *Pirates of the Caribbean*, he had

Orlando Bloom and Geoffrey Rush to help carry the film. In *Mexico*, Depp had Antonio Banderas and Willem Dafoe, among others, to lighten the burden. *Secret Window* is centered solely upon Depp's character, Mort Rainey. And Depp pulls it off, carrying the entire movie.

One thing true about Depp is that he brings the characters that he plays to life. Mort Rainey is a truly sympathetic character. He has quirks, much like Captain Jack Sparrow of *Pirates of the Caribbean*, that help to flesh out the character. These peculiarities worsen as Rainey's mental condition continues to erode throughout the film.

It should be noted that the trailer paints this movie as almost a supernatural thriller. This is not true. It is about a writer, who after an unfortunate turn of circumstances finds himself haunted by John Turturro's character John Shooter, who also happens to be a fellow writer. The events that happen in this movie could really happen to just about anyone, as neither the stalker nor circumstances supernatural.

The instances in the trailer that you see are the touches of Stephen King shining through, as he wrote the short story ("Secret Window, Secret Garden") that the movie is based on. However, this



Reclusive writer Mort Rainey (Johnny Depp) finds himself threatened by fellow author John Shooter (John Turturro) in the new thriller "Secret Window."

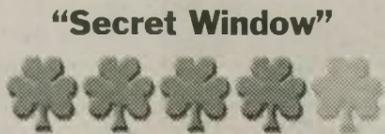
movie also owes a lot to Alfred Hitchcock, as many of the elements of the film seem borrowed from the master of suspense. The hero appears ordinary whose only real fault is some bad luck. The nemesis also appears fairly average.

The plot itself is fairly simple without too many bells or whistles. Personally, there are worse combinations than a King/Hitchcock combo. *Freddy Got Fingered* comes to mind.

However, these very traits can be the movies own downfall for some. Those with a familiarity of either King or

Hitchcock's work will often find this movie rather predictable, or even dull. Those with a familiarity of both will find themselves recounting the other movies or books that shared similar plot points. For those people, this movie may still be worth a watch just for Depp's portrayal of Mort Rainey. Able to evoke laughs, chills, sympathy, sometimes without even delivering dialogue, Depp made the movie more than merely watchable.

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Director: David Koepp
Writer: David Koepp and Stephen King
Starring: Johnny Depp, John Turturro, Maria Bello, Timothy Hutton and Charles Dutton

NBA

Grizzlies mount comeback to defeat Sixers

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — Philadelphia guard Allen Iverson was back in the 76ers starting lineup and he was ranting again — about a non-call on Memphis' Bo Outlaw.

Outlaw's steal at midcourt led to the go-ahead basket by James Posey with 15.5 seconds left and helped the Memphis Grizzlies to an 82-79 victory over the 76ers on Tuesday night.

"He didn't just foul him one time," Iverson said. "He fouled him three or four times. He was just smacking his arms."

Pau Gasol had 22 points and Posey scored the final four as Memphis erased a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit with defense and key shots down the stretch. The biggest defensive play came with about 20 seconds left, on Outlaw's steal. The ball eventually ended up in the hands of Earl Watson who dished off to Posey for the layup and an 80-79 lead.

"I was just being aggressive, trying to get the ball," Outlaw said. "It came loose, and that was it. I didn't even know it came loose."

Posey added two more free throws with 7.8 seconds left.

Iverson's last-second 3-pointer was off the mark, and the Grizzlies had their 42nd win, guaranteeing the franchise's first winning record.

Iverson returned to the 76ers starting lineup after missing four games with a bad knee, and two days after he refused to play when interim coach Chris Ford told the star guard he would come off the bench.

Iverson finished with 10 points, all in the first half. He missed all seven of his shots in the second half, mainly while reserve point guard Earl Watson was defending him. He also received a technical for arguing a non-call.

"It's hard to believe that our team fought really hard and played well throughout the game, then to lose on a play like that is really tough," Ford said. "Everyone in the building knew what was taking place. They were yelling from their bench to take a foul."

"It's very hard to take a loss like this."

Clippers 110, Suns 98

The Los Angeles Clippers' big three of Quetin Richardson, Elton Brand and Corey Maggette got the best of Phoenix's top trio of Amare Stoudamire, Shawn Marion and Joe Johnson, and it paid off in a rare road victory.

Richardson had 32 points for the second consecutive game and 12 rebounds, Brand scored 27 points and Maggette had 23, as the Clippers snapped a four-game losing streak and a six-game road skid, beating the Suns.

"They paid a lot of attention to Elton and that opened it up for everybody," Richardson said. "We played good defense and when we do that, we have a chance."

"A road win is definitely a good one."

Heat 96, Hornets 83

The Miami Heat couldn't have picked a more opportune time to get on a winning streak at home.

Dwyane Wade scored 23 points to lead Miami over the New Orleans Hornets for its season-best sixth straight home win.

"It was a game that we wanted, a game that we needed on our home floor," Wade said.

With the win, Miami remained tied with the New York Knicks for seventh in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat never trailed and outscored the Hornets 18-11 in the final 9:17. While the Heat are soaring at home, New Orleans has lost seven straight on the road.

Caron Butler finished with 20 points and Rafer Alston added 17, including a 3-pointer in the first quarter that set a franchise record for making at least one 3-pointer in 34 consecutive games.

Baron Davis had 23 points to lead the Hornets, who played without injured starters Jamal Mashburn and P.J. Brown and finished the game with nine players.

"This was a terrible loss and a terrible game to be a part of," Davis said. "We have to put it behind us."

New Orleans' Jamaal Magloire and Miami's Lamar Odom each were ejected in the third quarter, and there were seven technical fouls in the game.

Trail Blazers 100, Bucks 99

The Milwaukee Bucks prevented Damon Stoudamire from taking the shot he wanted with the game on the line.

The Portland Trail Blazers guard still managed to win the game.

Stoudamire picked up a loose ball as the shot clock wound down and made a fall-away jumper with one second left to lift Portland to its fourth straight win.

"I hit the one that counts,"

said Stoudamire, who made only six of 19 shots. "That's all I care about."

Portland blew a 20-point lead in the third quarter and was trailing 99-98 with six seconds to go when Portland coach Maurice Cheeks called a play for Stoudamire. Milwaukee's Brevin Knight played tight defense, though, so the inbounds pass went into the lane to Zach Randolph.

The Bucks converged on Randolph and the ball came loose with four seconds left. Stoudamire grabbed it and made the winning 12-footer as the shot clock expired.

"There wasn't a lot of time," he said. "I just had to get something up."

Milwaukee called a timeout with 0.6 seconds left and protested that there was a shot-clock violation before Stoudamire's shot. Replays, though, showed one second was left on the shot clock as the ball left Stoudamire's hands.

In addition, Milwaukee coach Terry Porter thought Stoudamire traveled before shooting while acknowledging that Randolph may have fouled in the lane.

"It's just a tough scenario to call," he said.

Joe Smith's jumper for Milwaukee missed as time expired. The Bucks have lost four straight and six of seven.

SuperSonics 118, Hawks 110

Brent Barry doesn't put much stock in Seattle's two-game winning streak.

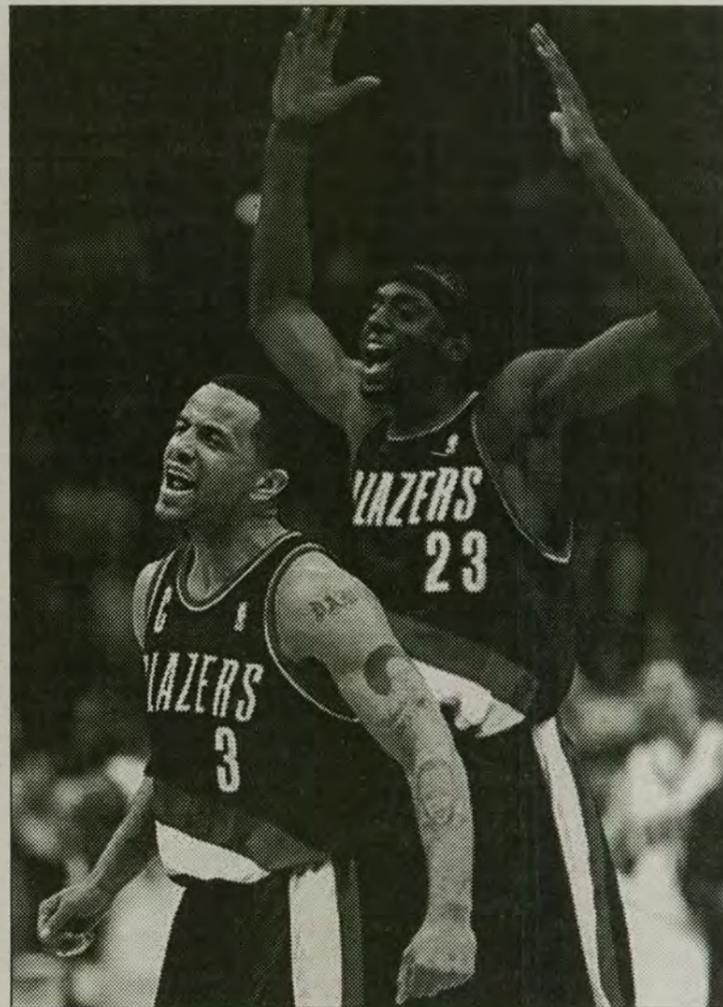
Barry scored a season-high 28 points, Ray Allen added 27 and the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Atlanta Hawks to win two straight for the first time in 25 games.

"We've beaten two teams that have been struggling all year long," Barry said. "We can't get excited about beating those kinds of teams."

The Sonics improved to 4-1 in their last five games in Atlanta, but Seattle entered with just one victory in seven games and three of 14 overall.

"I missed six weeks with a broken hand," said Barry, who returned from the injured list last week. "These last two games are the only legitimate chances I've had to play. I don't know what the doctor put in my hand, but it's working. I think I have a little bionic motion."

Stephen Jackson scored 39 points for the Hawks, who have lost six of seven. Jackson, who has at least 30 in three of five games, hit four straight free throws on consecutive possessions to cut the lead to 99-93



Damon Stoudamire and Darlus Miles celebrate after Stoudamire's game-winning shot against the Bucks Tuesday.

with 6:11 remaining.

Barry, who scored 25 points in a 115-101 victory Saturday at Orlando, had 17 points in the second quarter, as many as the Hawks. He went 4-of-5 on 3-pointers.

Barry didn't score again until his straightaway 3 made it 107-99 with 3:20 remaining.

He added a final 3 at the 2:11 mark before hitting a pair of free throws that built the lead back to eight with 53.6 seconds left.

"He was going three, four feet behind the 3-point line, knocking shots down at the end of the shot clock sometimes," Atlanta guard Bob Sura said. "Nothing you can do about that. But overall they shot the ball well from the 3-point line, which hurt us."

Knicks 114, Wizards 110, OT

Isiah Thomas angrily addressed the team behind closed doors. Lenny Wilkens called it an embarrassment. The players were ashamed.

No, the New York Knicks did not lose Tuesday night.

After five overtime defeats, including an excruciating one several days earlier, the Knicks

finally won a game that lasted longer than 48 minutes by defeating the Washington Wizards.

But the close nature of the game against what should have been an overmatched opponent led to a testy team meeting in which the Knicks were read the riot act.

"He was very mad. He knew this was a terrible win," Penny Hardaway said of the tirade by Thomas, the team president. "It's almost unacceptable — it is unacceptable, to barely win a game like this against a team that doesn't have any playoff hopes, and on your home floor."

Tim Thomas scored 32 points and Stephon Marbury had 16 points and 14 assists as New York narrowly defeated an opponent that had been struggling — which is an understatement — all month.

New York remained tied with Miami for seventh place in the Eastern Conference.

Isiah Thomas did not comment on his postgame remarks except to say he spoke with the team — and to apologize for keeping the locker closed for nearly 30 minutes.

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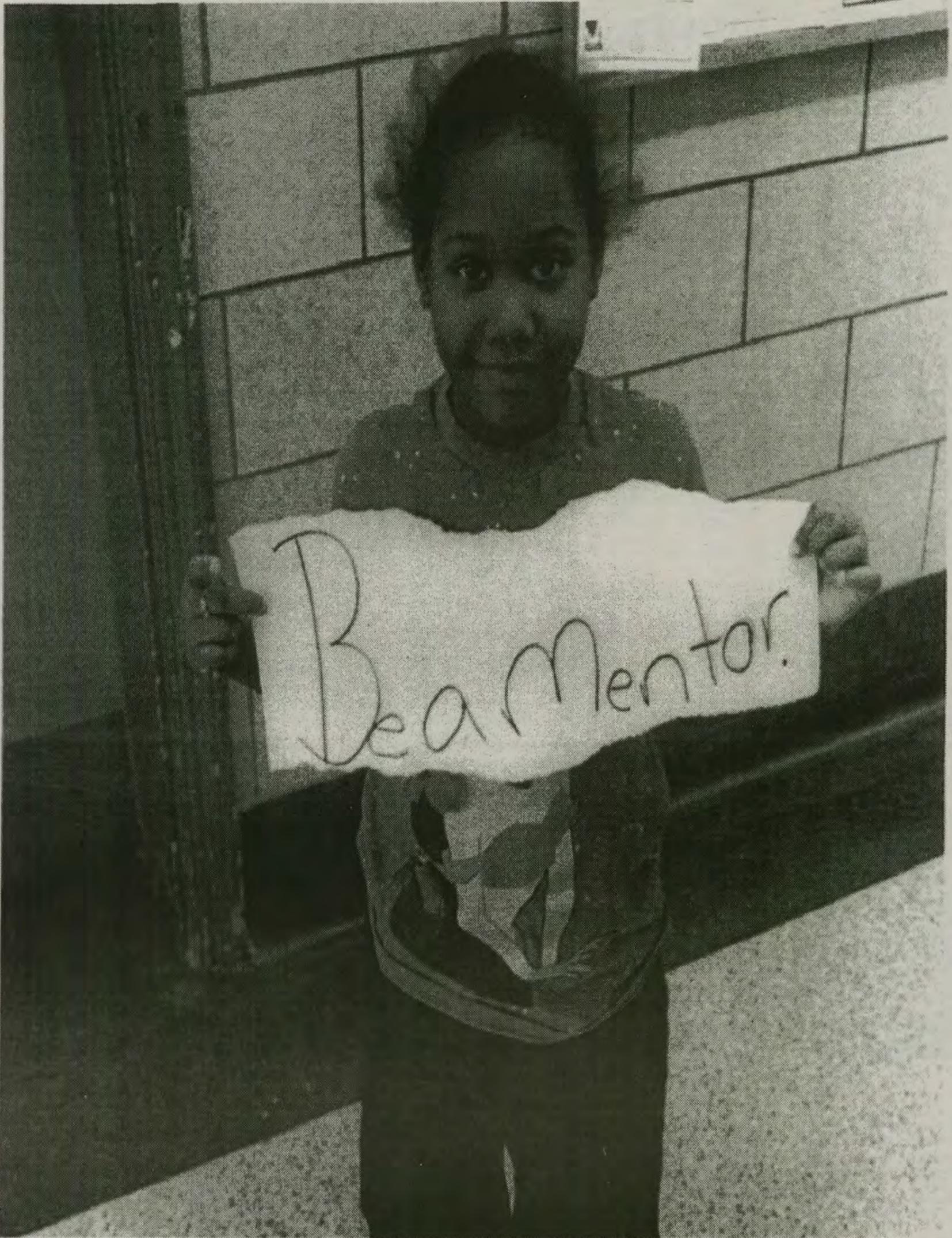
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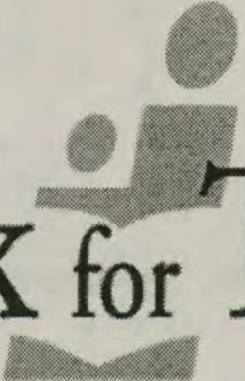
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Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Quarterback Drew Henson signed an eight-year contract Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys, the latest step in his transition from baseball to the football.

Henson's agent, Tom Condon, said the contract will be submitted Wednesday to the NFL Management Council for its approval.

The Cowboys gave the Houston Texans a third-round pick in 2005 in exchange for Henson.

Henson is guaranteed \$3.5 million and can become a free agent after four seasons if he or the Cowboys void the final four seasons of the deal. He'll make the rookie minimum of \$238,000 this season and can raise his annual base salary based on playing time.

The Texans selected Henson in the sixth round of last year's draft. Houston, which already has David Carr at quarterback, planned all along to deal the former Michigan starter who spent three full-time seasons playing baseball in the New York Yankees' organization.

Henson, 24, worked out for 20 teams in Houston earlier this offseason.

Henson completed 214 of 374 passes (57 percent) for 2,946 yards and 24 touchdowns with only seven interceptions in his three seasons at Michigan.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Georgetown fires coach Esherick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Craig Esherick was fired Tuesday by Georgetown after a 13-15 season, the Hoyas' third straight out of the NCAA tournament.

President John J. DeGioia made the announcement in a statement.

"After careful deliberation I have decided that it is time to make a change in leadership in our men's basketball program," he said.

Esherick, who succeeded John Thompson as coach in 1999, had his contract extended through 2009 a year ago. He indicated in the last two weeks that he was safe in his position and told people to "stay tuned," referring to the strong recruiting class he had for next season.

"I ain't going anywhere. I may be here for another 30 years," Esherick said recently, adding it was unfair to judge a college coach solely on wins and losses.

Esherick has been heavily criticized by students and alumni in recent seasons, but the words "Fire Esherick" were heard in chants and seen on campus posters this season like never before. A protest rally had been scheduled for Wednesday in front of DeGioia's office.

The Hoyas lost their last nine games, their longest losing streak since the Thompson era began in 1972. They barely qualified for the Big East conference tournament each of the last two seasons, backing in this year only when Miami lost a home

game to West Virginia on the final day of the regular season.

Even so, DeGioia gave Esherick a vote of support two weeks ago, saying he had confidence that Esherick "is the right person to strengthen and lead our program."

A message left for Esherick at his home was not immediately returned.

Fans have also been upset with athletic director Joe Lang, who said a year ago that an annual NCAA tournament berth was an "unreasonable expectation" for Georgetown.

There has also been concern over the sport's finances. The university, in a report to the Department of Education, tal-

lied a loss of more than \$800,000 for the men's basketball program during the 2002-03 academic year.

Georgetown has sold out only one game since moving to the downtown MCI Center in 1997 — and that was this season against then-No. 1 Duke, whose fans filled the upper half of the arena.

The state of the program was a far cry from the days of Thompson, who led the team to the 1984 NCAA title and regular appearances in the NCAA tournament for two decades.

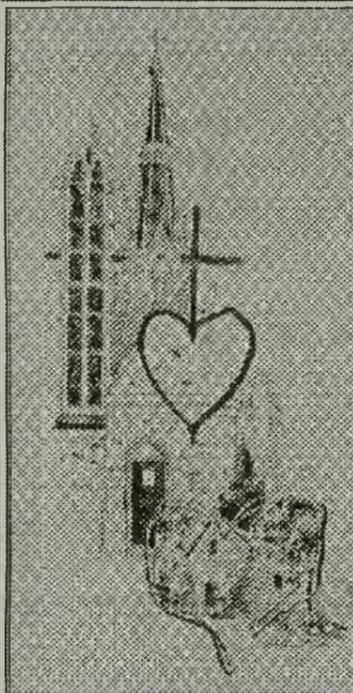
Esherick played for Georgetown under Thompson and was the Hall of Famer's assistant from 1982 until suc-

ceeding him when Thompson resigned for personal reasons in the middle of the 1998-99 season.

Esherick had a 103-74 record as head coach, making the NCAA tournament just once — in 2001. The Hoyas lost to Boston College in the opening round of the Big East tournament last week, the first time in the tournament's 25-year history they did not reach the quarterfinals.

The Hoyas opened the season 10-0.

"I am dedicated to sustaining that tradition of excellence which means a great deal to our university community and the many fans of Georgetown basketball," DeGioia said.



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NCAA BASKETBALL

Florida A&M rattles Lehigh in play-in game



Lehigh players look on from the bench during the NCAA tournament play-in game Wednesday night. Lehigh lost the game to Florida A&M, 72-57.

Associated Press

DAYTON — The NCAA tournament's only team with a losing record is getting the hang of climbing brackets in March.

Terrence Woods, the nation's most prolific 3-point shooter, found his touch in the second half Tuesday, leading Florida A&M to a 72-57 victory over Lehigh in the play-in game.

After opening the season with 10 losses in 11 games, the Rattlers (15-16) found themselves celebrating the first NCAA tournament victory in school history.

And they're still one win away from break-even.

"This is a monumental day for Florida A&M," coach Mike Gillespie said. "One more time for all the people who say we don't belong here: I'm not going to apologize. We earned our way here."

Next, the Rattlers (15-16) head to Columbus for a first-round game Friday against Kentucky, hoping to do much better than their three play-in predecessors.

Northwestern State, Siena and North Carolina-Asheville fell hard in their first-round games against top seeds, losing by an average of 26 points.

"As for Kentucky, they put their shoes on just like we do," said Woods. "I feel we have a chance, just like we did against Lehigh."

Lehigh (20-11) had little chance once Woods blocked out his ailments and locked in on the rim. He bruised his thigh in the Mid-Eastern Athletic tournament on Saturday and couldn't practice before the play-in game.

He had trouble in the first half, when his back stiffened as well. His stride and his shot got better as the game went along, and he finished with 21 points and a 5-of-10 performance from behind the arc.

"Once I got loose, I felt OK," said Woods, who was 4-of-6 from the field in the final 20 minutes. "In the second half, I felt a whole lot better."

Guard Tony Tate also hurt his leg in a pileup and had to leave the game temporarily. He gri-

maced often and finished with nine points on 1-of-8 shooting.

Even with their limps, the Rattlers had more than enough.

Lehigh led for less than a minute in its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1988. The Patriot League winner fell to 0-14 in the NCAA tournament.

The atmosphere at the University of Dayton Arena was typical for the tournament's opening game. Small contingents of family and friends sat behind the benches and cheered each score, but most of the 7,808 fans sat quietly in the 13,266-seat arena, waiting for some drama.

There wasn't much, and most of it involved Woods.

The 6-foot-3 senior guard with the smooth release led Division I with 139 3-pointers last season, the fourth-highest total in NCAA history. He led the nation again this season with 129, shooting 39.8 percent from behind the arc.

He had a stiff gait in warmups and missed his first three shots: a reverse layup and two short jumpers. Woods limped to the bench less than five minutes into the game.

With their best shooter shutting in and out of the lineup, the Rattlers couldn't crack an extended defense that took away their specialty. Florida A&M shot almost as many 3s as free throws this season, but its wide-open offense was tame without Woods.

In the second half, it got rolling.

Woods came off a screen and hit a 3-pointer between two defenders, sparking a nine-point run that built the lead to 16 points midway through the half. Lehigh was only 2-of-15 from the field as Florida A&M pulled away.

"We knew we could get back in it if we played some defense, but Woods started making 3s," said Austen Rowland, the Patriot League's player of the year. "We had hands in his face, but he kept making shots."

Rowland was just 3-of-14 from the field for eight points. Kevin Tempest led Lehigh with 13.



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NBA

League will warn Nelson about contact policy

Associated Press

OAKLAND — The NBA wants Don Nelson to stay out of Avery Johnson's business — even if it might be with Nelson and the Dallas Mavericks in the near future.

The NBA said it plans to talk to Nelson, who last week made contact with the veteran Golden State guard via e-mail and offered him a position on the Mavs' coaching staff starting this postseason.

"We're going to speak to Coach Nelson and tell him that those types of actions aren't appropriate," NBA spokesman Tim Frank told The Associated Press on Monday night. "I don't think the intent here was to cause a problem, but it's not allowed in our rules to have contact with players on other teams."

It was unclear whether Nelson would face disciplinary action by the league or only receive a warning.

Golden State general manager Garry St. Jean has spoken with league officials, who contacted him after the incident.

"The league has had discussions with us and we'll let them render a decision on whether or not that [contact with Johnson] is something that is in everybody's best interest," St. Jean said.

Before Dallas played in Sacramento on Thursday night, Nelson said he had e-

mailed Johnson — his former player with Golden State and Dallas — and offered him a coaching job.

"He's got a standing offer from me to join my staff at any time," Nelson said. "I was hoping he would join us for the playoffs if they don't make it and be a part of our organization again. I love working with the guy. I think he will be a good head coach."

Johnson, in his 16th NBA season, has said he plans to go into coaching soon, but hasn't given a timeline.

Before Monday night's game against San Antonio, the 38-year-old Johnson said he hasn't replied to any of Nelson's e-mails because of his commitment to the Warriors.

After the Warriors' 97-80 win, he reiterated his stance.

"I don't want anything to take attention away from me playing basketball right now," said Johnson, who had seven points and three assists in 16 minutes.

"This is what I'm getting paid to do," he said. "If something happens in the future, or if someone thinks I can move in that direction, then we'll have to evaluate that when the time comes. Right now, the focus has to be on basketball and this team."

Johnson is signed through June 30.

Warriors coach Eric Musselman avoided the subject.

"I just worry about the 12 guys in uniform," he said. "That's all I'll comment on just worry about him with the Golden State Warriors."



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ND Disability Awareness Week
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BOXING

Klitschko gets shot at heavyweight title

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A heavyweight championship fight will be held in Los Angeles for only the second time in 45 years, with Vitali Klitschko a participant in both.

Klitschko will face Corrie Sanders at Staples Center on April 24 for the WBC heavyweight title made vacant by

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	40-25	.615	5-5	-
New York	30-37	.448	4-6	11
Miami	30-37	.448	5-5	11
Boston	30-38	.441	7-3	11.5
Philadelphia	28-39	.418	5-5	13
Washington	20-45	.308	3-7	20
Orlando	19-50	.275	3-7	23

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	49-17	.742	8-2	-
Detroit	43-25	.632	9-1	7
New Orleans	35-31	.530	5-5	14
Milwaukee	34-32	.515	5-5	16
Cleveland	30-36	.455	8-2	19
Toronto	28-38	.424	3-7	21
Atlanta	21-45	.318	3-7	28
Chicago	18-48	.273	2-8	31

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	46-21	.687	5-5	-
San Antonio	44-24	.647	6-4	2.5
Dallas	42-24	.636	6-4	3.5
Memphis	41-25	.621	7-3	4.5
Houston	39-27	.591	7-3	6.5
Denver	36-32	.529	4-6	10.5
Utah	34-33	.507	7-3	12

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	49-17	.742	7-3	-
LA Lakers	44-23	.657	7-3	5.5
Portland	33-33	.500	5-5	16
Seattle	28-38	.424	3-8	21
LA Clippers	26-40	.394	2-8	23
Golden State	26-40	.394	1-9	23
Phoenix	22-45	.328	4-6	27.5

NFL



New Philadelphia Eagle Terrell Owens displays his new jersey at a press conference Wednesday with Eagles owner Jeffery Lurie. Owens had demanded a trade after being shipped to Baltimore.

Wish granted as Owens joins Eagles

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens will get his wish to play for the Philadelphia Eagles, following a settlement reached Tuesday before an arbitrator could rule on the star receiver's case to become a free agent.

The San Francisco 49ers, Baltimore Ravens and Eagles agreed to a deal to send Owens to Philadelphia, which will sign him to a seven-year contract.

The Eagles sent a fifth-round draft pick to Baltimore and defensive

end Brandon Whiting to San Francisco. The Ravens get back the second-round pick they sent to the 49ers for Owens.

"If the arbitrator ruled he was a free agent, he could have gone anywhere. This was the Eagles assuring that he came to them," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players' Association.

Owens, who spent eight sometimes controversial seasons with San Francisco, was supposed to become a free agent March 3. But his agent, David Joseph, failed to file papers voiding the final years of his contract by a

Feb. 21 deadline.

The 49ers then dealt the four-time Pro Bowl receiver to the Ravens on March 4, after Owens had agreed to a contract with the Eagles that reportedly included a \$10 million signing bonus.

Owens protested the trade to the Ravens, refused to show up for a physical and insisted he wanted to play for the Eagles. The union filed a grievance on Owens' behalf to make him a free agent.

Stephen Burbank, the arbitrator for disputes between the NFL and its players' union, heard two

hours of arguments from lawyers Monday concerning the case, but didn't issue a ruling because a compromise was reached.

The Ravens said they had hoped to get Owens.

"Our collective mind-set is to improve this team," coach Brian Billick said. "We'll keep doing this through the draft, free agency and in other ways. It's a disappointment to not get T.O., but I'm confident in our abilities to raise the Ravens to the next level."

Owens gives the Eagles and quarterback Donovan McNabb the No. 1 receiver the offense has needed.

USILA Men's Lacrosse Polls

rank	team	record	points
1	Johns Hopkins(8)	4-0	198
2	Maryland(2)	3-0	188
3	Syracuse	3-0	184
4	Rutgers	4-0	156
5	Duke	3-1	145
6	Georgetown	2-1	137
6	Princeton	2-1	137
8	North Carolina	4-1	134
9	Navy	3-1	104
10	NOTRE DAME	1-2	100
11	Cornell	2-1	93
12	Denver	5-1	87
13	UMBC	2-1	84
14	Holstra	2-2	83
15	Army	3-1	64
16	Loyola	1-2	56
17	Massachusetts	2-2	29
18	Air force	2-2	23
19	Ohio State	2-2	18
19	Towson	1-2	18

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Purdue at NOTRE DAME, 7 p.m., ESPN2
LSU at Oklahoma, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Trail Blazers at Pacers, 7 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

FIGURE SKATING

Four Continents Championships, 1 p.m., ESPN

IN BRIEF

Troy Vincent signs six-year contract with Buffalo

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Troy Vincent knows he won't be counted on to be the savior of a Buffalo team that underachieved last year — and that's fine with him.

"I'm just going to fit in," Vincent said during a telephone conference Tuesday after he signed a six-year contract with the Bills. "I didn't want to go to a place where I was the key and the main component that was going to get a team to the promised land."

Vincent saw players on the Bills roster such as Takeo Spikes, London Fletcher, Nate Clements, Drew Bledsoe and Eric Moulds, and immediately knew he could be a more-than-capable addition.

"I believe I can be one of the components bringing things together," said Vincent, a five-time Pro Bowler. "I've made plays in the past and I expect to make plays in the future to help this organization get back to

where they once were."

The 32-year-old cornerback has played 12 seasons, the last eight with the Eagles. A 1992 first-round pick of the Miami Dolphins, he has 42 career interceptions.

Vincent will replace cornerback Antoine Winfield, a four-year starter, who signed with Minnesota earlier this month.

"We addressed a need by filling a void left by a very good player," Bills head coach Mike Mularkey said. "It was the biggest void we needed to take care of before we moved on."

The Bills were the first team Vincent met with when the free-agency period began in early March. He also visited Cincinnati and Kansas City.

Vermont again suffers travel horrors

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Vermont's trip to its first-round game in the NCAA tournament at least was better than last year's.

It took the Catamounts nine hours to get from Burlington to Buffalo on Tuesday, a trip that should have taken less than two hours.

"Nine hours. It was 40 last year. We have 31 hours to spare," Vermont coach Tom Brennan said minutes after landing at the airport in Buffalo. "We spent four hours on the ground in New York. It was horrible."

The Buffalo area was expected to get from 8-to-10 inches of snow from a lakefront storm that started Tuesday morning and was expected to end midday Wednesday. There were winds of 20-30 mph.

The first-round games, two of which lead to the East Rutherford Regional and two of which go to the Phoenix Regional, are Thursday.

If any school knows about horrors in making its way to the NCAA tournament, it's Vermont.

Last year, the Catamounts were stranded overnight in the Denver airport by a snowstorm.

FENCING

OSU ousts Irish at conference tournament

Irish lose both titles for first time in 20 years to finish season

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team stayed at home over spring break to host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships on March 6-7 but still found itself in a foreign location – second place.

Ohio State (No. 5 men, No. 2 women) came into the Joyce Center and took both the men's and the women's title, marking the first time in 20 years that the Irish did not take first in either division.

The Buckeyes won five of the six events while Notre Dame did not win a single title. Second-place finishes were the best the Irish could muster, losing the men's epee final, the women's saber final and the women's foil final — all to Ohio State. The Notre Dame teams took second place in each of their respective divisions.

For the Buckeyes, the win avenged the losses suffered by their men's and women's teams at the hands of the Irish during their last visit to the Joyce Center. Notre Dame defeated the Ohio State men 15-12 and the women 14-13 at the Notre Dame Dual Meet on Jan. 31.

Head coach Janusz Bednarski attributed the poor play to a couple factors, but cited attrition as the primary reason.

"We don't have all the best fencers at this moment for different reasons," he said. "The teams we beat on the way had a big will to win. We had a will but when you don't have somebody with you it's hard to [win]."

One of the missing Irish was senior All-American and 2002 NCAA epee champion Kerry Walton, who was invited to try out for the United States National Fencing Team. Two other seniors, All-American foilist Derek Snyder and foilist Matt Castellan, did not suit up for personal reasons. Also, even though freshman saber Angela Vincent did fence, she had been in the hospital the night before with an illness.

While the lack of star power did contribute to the loss, the Irish also received uncharacteristically poor performances from normally reliable squads. The women's foil team, which includes the "A-Team" of Alicja Kryzcalo and Andrea Ament, lost their final by a narrow 5-4 margin. Women's saber dropped their championship match as well, losing three consecutive bouts and falling by a 5-3 score.

The men's saber team fared even worse. The usually dynamic freshman tandem of Patrick Ghattas and Matthew Stearns could not make it out of the semifinals as they were blanked 5-0 by Ohio State.

Buckeye saber Adam Crompton, who Bednarski called "a top fencer in the nation", returned from an academic suspension that had kept him out of the Notre Dame Dual Meet to help exact revenge upon the Irish. Ghattas and Stearns both were frustrated at the referee calls made during their bouts. Both argued with futility to have many calls overturned.

One of the few bright spots of the day came courtesy of the women's epee team.

Without Kerry Walton, the women's team faced an extremely difficult first bout of the day in the quarterfinals against Ohio State. However, the trio of Amy Orlando, Rebecca Chimahusky and walk-on Marielle

Connor pulled off a convincing 5-2 win over the Buckeyes. The Irish were led by the play of freshman Amy Orlando, who shocked Ohio State All-American Alexandra Shklar in an intense 5-4 bout.

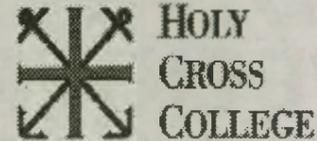
While the team struggled as a whole, fifth-year senior Forest Walton said that poor play resulted from lack of motivation. "This really doesn't count for anything, it doesn't affect our individual standing and it doesn't count towards our NCAA point total. It's just pride for winning," he said. "A lot of people went into this knowing that it really didn't count for anything besides

bragging rights, so they kind of had a relaxed attitude."

The Irish resume practice during spring break to prepare for the NCAA Regional Qualifier on March 14. The qualifier determines which

fencers will compete in the National Championships on March 25-28.

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Irish-Boilers has significance for many

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

For a first-round NIT matchup, tonight's game means too much for too many people.

Start with Notre Dame coach Mike Brey. As soon as the pairings were announced Sunday night, he heard from his mother Betty. While that isn't unexpected, the reason is.

Brey's mother is a Purdue graduate. "I've been getting a lot of pressure [Sunday and Monday]," Brey said. "This is a big one for the Brey family."

While Brey's mother has been serenading him with the Purdue fight song, Brey grew up learning all about the Boilermakers.

Now enter Chris Thomas, who knows all about growing up on a basketball court in West Lafayette, Ind.

Thomas spent his childhood growing up at Purdue basketball camps. One year as a member of the older league, and a relative unknown middle-schooler at the camp, Thomas won the camp's MVP award

and started to garner the attention of Purdue's assistant coaches.

"I won a lot of awards and that's probably the most successful I've been in any camp I've been to," Thomas said.

In between learning to shoot with his left hand and running across campus between the gym, dining hall and dormitories, Thomas developed a natural affinity to the campus and even considered attending Purdue at one point. Thomas' father, Frank, was good friends with former Purdue assistant coach Frank Kendrick and the relationship between Thomas and Purdue grew.

"I really thought about it. The opportunity was great for me, but it faded away," Thomas said. "My growth was definitely stemmed through them."

Thomas has another significant connection to this game — Pike High

School teammate David Teague is a sophomore guard for the Boilermakers. Thomas and Teague grew up together playing for rival middle schools.

While Teague always had the talent to be a star player, he had a difficult time grasping the mental side of the game, Thomas said, especially when Teague would commit three fouls in two minutes.

That is until halfway through high school.

"It's the biggest improvement I've ever seen in a teammate of mine between his sophomore and junior year," Thomas said. "He's just smarter. He always had a stroke. He just didn't know how to play. He stepped up everything in his game. He can score on anybody, defend and rebound."

One more connection for Thomas relates to Boilermaker guard and South Bend native Brandon McKnight. Three years ago, McKnight finished as the runner-up to Thomas for Indiana's Mr. Basketball award.

While Thomas is trying to ignore all of the outside pressure, all of these connections for Thomas have put one strain on the Indianapolis native.

"Everybody is calling," Thomas said, "for extra tickets."

The connections for Brey and Thomas don't even mention former Notre Dame and current Purdue center Ivan Kartelo returning to Notre Dame after transferring to Purdue in 2001. Or the fact that these two football rivals haven't played on a basketball court since 1966.

All of the connections turn a first-round NIT game into something personal.

"From Purdue's point of view and Notre Dame's point of view, you are a little disappointed that you aren't in the NCAA Tournament," Brey said. "I think it is going to be an electric night in here [tonight] and I think that is great for both teams."

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Irish coach

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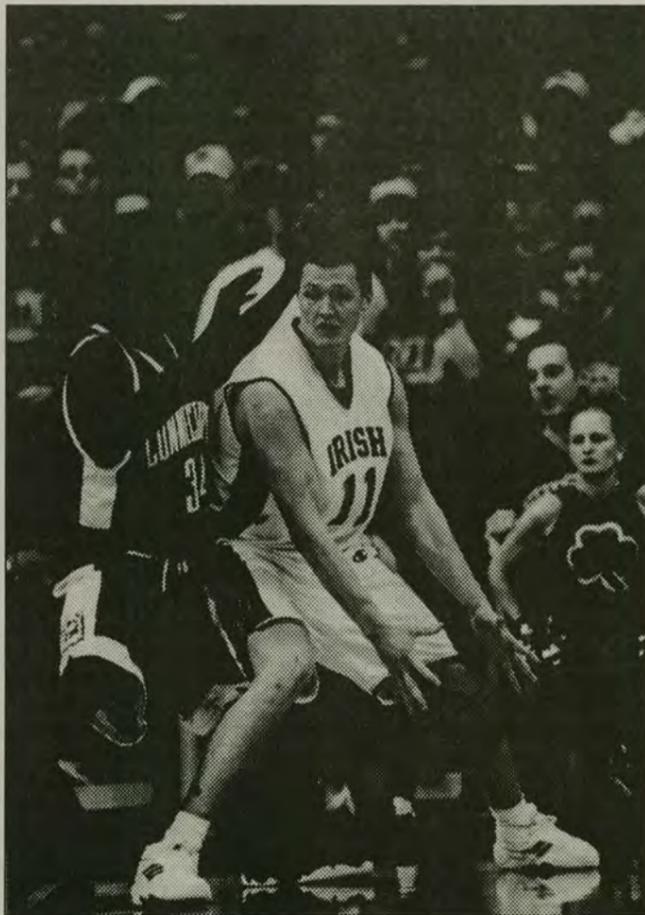
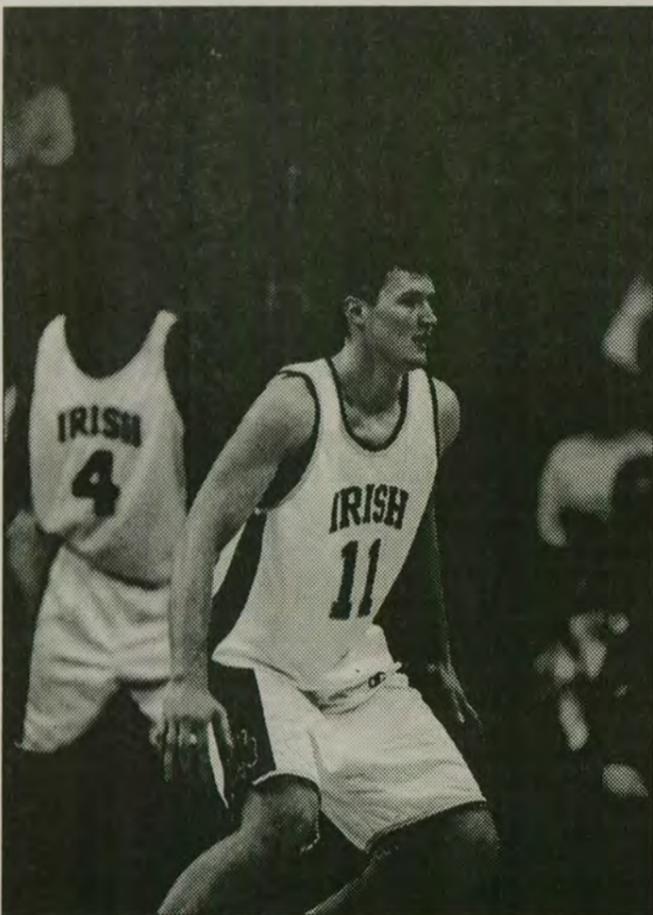


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Chris Thomas shoots a fade away jumper against Kentucky this season. The Irish face Purdue for the first time in 38 years tonight in the NIT.

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Brey has only been to the NIT once before (with Delaware) and he lost in the first round. But this year, he has a team that ended the season playing relatively well and is eager for an NIT title.	With Francis out, the Irish have relied on an open attack that succeeds or fails based on how well the Irish are shooting. Notre Dame's defense has also been impressive.	Cornette and Timmermans aren't your prototypical big man, as both have the range to step away from the basket and drain long shots. However, Notre Dame doesn't have a true rebounder on the court at the start.	Thomas, Quinn and Jones have provided the bulk of Notre Dame's point production thus far, and if the Irish want to advance, they'll have to continue their scoring.	His play in the Big East Tournament established Cornett as a bona-fide low-post presence who can rebound and score. And it boosted Falls' confidence when he hit that big shot against West Virginia.	Most teams fade when faced with an NIT bid, but Brey is convinced the Irish won't do that. Playing at home before what will surely be a boisterous St. Patrick's Day crowd, the Irish have a lot going for them.
PURDUE	Keady is a legendary coach at Purdue who has led the Boilermakers to a Final Four appearance. He has loads of postseason coaching experience and has been coaching at West Lafayette longer than any Irish player has been alive.	The way Purdue plays physical basketball, they could almost play in the Big East. They have quick guards who rely on screens to get open and play tough man-to-man defense.	Ex-Golden Domer Kartelo is Purdue's leading rebounder, and he has help down low from Booker and Kiefer. The Boilermakers don't use their big men to score, but to set screens and disrupt opponents.	Lowe and Teague key a Purdue offense with their quick style of play. They are also great 3-point shooters, as both make more than 37 percent of their 3-point attempts. They are also the only Purdue players who average double-digit point totals.	Keady plays a nine-man rotation — relatively unusual in college basketball. But he rotates his players in to help take advantage of mismatches and to keep fresh bodies on the floor at all times.	Purdue is 4-7 on the road, and they'll face a hostile Joyce Center crowd. But there are many Purdue-Notre Dame connections that give the Boilermakers extra incentive to play.
ANALYSIS	Keady's experience gives him the edge here. He knows how to condition his team in front of a hostile crowd. Plus, playing at Notre Dame might be a little personal for the Boilermaker coach.	When Brey said Purdue plays like Pittsburgh, that's not good news for an Irish team that struggled against physical teams in the Big East. While the Irish are plagued by sporadic play, Purdue's style is fairly consistent.	While the Boilermakers lack a true scoring threat down low, that plays right into Notre Dame's hands because the Irish big men are quicker and more likely to cause matchup problems.	Teague and Jones have slightly similar styles of play, but the balance is tipped in Notre Dame's favor by Thomas and Quinn, who combine solid shooting with quickness.	While Cornett and Falls have played well recently, the Boilermakers have the edge because of their sheer numbers and ability to wear down opposing teams.	Notre Dame. At home. On St. Patrick's Day. The Irish may lose, but it won't be because the crowd isn't into it. And don't be surprised if the Irish wear green tonight, as they traditionally do when playing on the Irish holiday.

Ex-Irish player returns tonight



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Ivan Kartelo played for the Irish for two seasons before finally transferring to Purdue. Kartelo returns to the Joyce Center today, this time as a member of the Boilermakers.

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

In what could be his last college basketball game, Purdue center Ivan Kartelo returns to the place where he played his first two seasons.

Notre Dame senior captain Torrian Jones was a freshman on the team in Kartelo's last season with the Irish. Jones feels the Irish have a good idea of what to expect after playing with transfer Dan Miller last season.

"I'm sure [Kartelo] will have a lot of emotion coming back, similar to Dan Miller when we went back to Maryland last year," Jones said. "He'll have a lot of emotions riding on the game."

Kartelo is known for his physical play and on a physical team like the

Boilermakers, Jones doesn't expect Kartelo to back down tonight.

"He's definitely going to be going out there and competing hard. He's going to be physical, some might say too physical, but that's something you have to deal with every game," Jones said. "He's going to want to go out there and play hard."

Kartelo saw his minutes decrease significantly during his second year at Notre Dame. After averaging more than 13 minutes per game in all 37 games his freshman year under Matt Doherty, Kartelo only played an average of 5.5 minutes in 16 games his sophomore year under Mike Brey. The major drop in playing time was the

main factor in Kartelo's decision to transfer.

Kartelo was a major influence in getting former Irish player Jere Macura to attend Notre Dame. When Kartelo announced he was transferring in April 2001, it was rumored Macura was also going to transfer, but Macura stayed for his four years.

Despite his transferring, Jones feels there isn't bad blood between Kartelo and any players on the Irish roster or members of the coaching staff.

"I think he left here on pretty good terms," Jones said. "I think Tom and myself had a good relationship with him."

Kartelo averages 20.5

minutes of playing time per game and is averaging 5.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest. He also ran into some off-court trouble when, on Feb. 22, Kartelo was arrested for punching a bouncer at the Wabash Yacht Club. Purdue coach Gene Keady limited Kartelo to eight minutes on the court in the game following his arrest.

Before the arrest, Kartelo was also battling an injury to his hip, but that won't keep him from playing tonight.

"I think it will be good. He's dealt with some injuries and some problems on and off the court," Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. "It's always a great opportunity to come back to a place where you love and once played for."

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Brey: Irish may change scheduling philosophy

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

In the wake of a brutal schedule that may have been too tough for the Irish to overcome, Mike Brey said he will re-examine the way the Irish schedule their non-conference matchups in the future.

But it's a sticky balance where Notre Dame must balance its desire to play in nationally-televised games against playing tough games that could keep the Irish out of the NCAA Tournament, he said.

"In a lot of ways, we were fodder for our TV contract," Brey said.

Part of Notre Dame's difficult schedule, which was ranked the 27th-hardest in the country, had to do with the elimination of divisions in the Big East conference. As a result, each team played every other league team at least once and played three teams twice.

The system was changed by the conference this year in order to maximize the amount of marquee matchups to generate additional television revenue. So while other league teams played repeat games against weak opponents, Notre Dame went 2-4 against NCAA Tournament teams Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Syracuse, who they played twice.

Although the Irish appeared on national television 13 times — the most of any Big East team — the marquee opponents they were required to play to earn the TV exposure necessary to sustain a basketball program may have hurt the Irish, Brey said.

"Darn if you do," Brey said, "and darn if you don't."

Brey doesn't want the Irish to back off their non-conference schedule, which has traditionally been one of the league's toughest since Brey took the helm. And the NCAA selection committee often overlooks relatively average won-loss records if a team schedules tough teams out of conference.

"We can't back off our non-league schedule," the Irish coach said. "We want to play UCLA, and Michigan, and Indiana and DePaul."

"But playing Pitt, Pitt and Kentucky — that might be different."

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long between meetings that the last time Notre Dame and Purdue met, the 3-point line didn't exist and national television games were a rarity.

Purdue coach Gene Keady blames former Irish coach Digger Phelps for stopping the rivalry. When Phelps arrived at Notre Dame seeking to turn it into a national power, he phased out Notre Dame's traditional Midwestern opponents in favor of a more high-profile national schedule.

Years passed between meetings. When Keady arrived at Purdue in 1980, he brought the philosophy that the

Boilermakers should play every team in the state. But Notre Dame and its national schedule made meetings between the two difficult.

When Brey arrived at Notre Dame three years ago, fans clamored for him to restore traditional rivalries against DePaul, Marquette and UCLA. But only a few — including his mother, who is a Purdue graduate — asked about the Boilermakers.

Brey eventually opened communication with Purdue, but Keady refused to renew a series unless the Irish played their first game in West Lafayette because the last meeting between the two schools took place in South Bend. But the Irish, already burdened with difficult schedules, were reluctant to add

another tough road game. "It's not being selfish, but making sure you have the right amount of home games in the rotation of your schedule," Brey said, "and you don't play on the road for six straight weeks like we did during my second year."

Fortunately for those who wanted to see an Irish-Boilermaker game, the NIT took care of any leftover issues. The result is a game that has an NCAA Tournament feel.

"It's going to have such a great fan base not only from our fans, but their fans," Torrian Jones said. "It's going to give a tournament-type atmosphere."

Brey is confident the Irish have shrugged off any lingering disappointment about not playing in the NCAA Tournament. And while many bubble teams who fall to the NIT struggle in

the first round, Brey believes that Notre Dame's 7-3 stretch to end the season is an indicator of the high-caliber basketball the Irish are playing.

"Our seniors have played so well for us, they don't want basketball to end," Brey said.

"And our young guys, I think it's important for this young nucleus that's coming back to keep playing as long as we can play."

Of course, it doesn't hurt to play in a game local fans have been clamoring to watch for years.

"There will be a lot of hype around the game and the atmosphere will be great," said Chris Thomas, an Indianapolis native. "Hopefully we can give a good show."

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Indiana native Chris Thomas shoots against Indiana University. The Irish play against Purdue today.

Monogram

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right to their opinion and although they may have been well intended," the letter states, "the content of their letter contained assertions that rendered it detrimental to Notre Dame."

The letter also praised the Notre Dame athletic department and said that many of the claims in the alumni letter were wrong.

The Monogram Club is an organization composed of Notre Dame alumni who earned a monogram during their tenure in South Bend. The club's board contains nine former football players, and the president, Dave Duerson, played football and is a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

"We don't want to get into a media fight with this group," said Michael Heaton '68. Heaton formerly served as the head of the Chicago Alumni Association and now is the club's legal counsel. "We consider it a family issue. We want to keep this in the family. We want to deal with this in-house."

Heaton criticized the authors

of the original letter for releasing the letter to the public without having discussed their concerns with the Monogram club or other University representatives.

"If you're telling me that they had gone to the University and had been rebuffed time and time again, then perhaps you could go public," he said. "Since that didn't occur, I can't see what good is coming from it."

Tim Kelley, one of the principal writers of the original letter, declined to comment on the Monogram Club's response. But in a previous interview, Kelley said the group only decided to release the letter to the media when it received no response from the Board of Trustees.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said his department has a policy of responding to every inquiry it receives. But since the alumni letter wasn't addressed to him, he did not contact its authors.

"We respond to every inquiry, every letter and every e-mail, and we've done that since I arrived," White said. "I've never seen the letter, and I can say that in good faith."

In an interview a month ago, Kelley said the decision to write a letter grew out of a decade-long discontent with how the

University managed its football program and was not directly related to Notre Dame's 5-7 2003 season. The letter, he said, was intended to express dissatisfaction with the internal organization at the University and not head coach Tyrone Willingham. The letter also was an attempt to emphasize the importance of football success to the trustees.

The original letter also charged that current administrators had "proven incapable" of running the football program at championship-caliber levels, a charge Heaton vehemently denied. "The letter indirectly criticized a lot of people," he said, later adding, "Nobody is more passionate about football than [White]."

Heaton also disputed the alumni authors' claims that football, along with Catholic identity and academic excellence, formed the three pillars on which Notre Dame was built.

"I don't think I would take it to that level, and I don't know if any of the other players would do it," said Heaton, who won a national championship while playing for Ara Parseghian. "We think football is very important, but nobody told us that it was the third most important thing at the University."

The Monogram Club's letter did not specifically address the concerns raised in the alumni letter, which called for the athletic director to be evaluated based on the success of the football program, more leeway in selecting football coaches and the appointment of an executive vice president.

But Heaton said that many of the letter's original claims contained factual errors that contributed to increased misperception, including minimizing the role of White in overseeing the football program, an oversimplification of a complex athletic department and assuming that football is not a high priority in the administration. The Monogram Club, he said, is in a better position based on its close relationship with athletic department officials to understand the department's inner workings.

"We agree it's important, we agree it's successful," Heaton said. "But I think they don't understand the athletic department and the Monogram Club. To that extent, they're raising an issue they have strong feelings about, but the insinuation and the innuendo is not true. All you have to do is meet with the people in charge and you'll know it's not true."

Heaton also said that the letter writers timed the release of their letter at a time that could have had negative financial effects on Notre Dame. When the letter was released in early February, he said the Irish were still hammering out details related to the NBC contract and the future of the Bowl Championship Series. "The more we have dissension in our own group," Heaton said, "the more they can do with us as they wish."

The original letter submitted to the Board of Trustees contained 412 signatures, although the Web site ndnation.com says that number has since grown to over 2,200. Heaton said, however, that he thinks other alumni have been upset by how the matter was first raised in the media.

"People say to me, 'What's going on down there?'" he said. "It's a negative on the University."

"We don't want to fight with these guys. We want to bring them back into the fold and to ask us what we know and to show them that we're going to address the issues they find important."

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the team was led by seniors Cutler 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 at No. 3 and Spriggle 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 4. Junior Miranda

Mikulyuk won her match 6-0, 6-1, while sophomore Kate Bowler, 6-2, 6-3 also triumphed at No. 5.

In doubles Cutler and Spriggle won as well, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. Palombo and freshman Grace Gordon defeated Amanda Dworak and Amy

Meissner of UW-Green Bay 6-4, 7-5 in No. 3 doubles.

The Belles then traveled to Orlando, Fla. and went 4-3 versus numerous opponents. Beginning on March 7, the Belles were victorious with dominating wins over Kings College (9-0), Haverford (8-1)

and John Carroll (7-2) on March 8. The following day Saint Mary's dropped their first match of the trip when they were defeated by Wesleyan University (6-3), but the team bounced back to beat Sacred Heart (6-3) on March 10.

Saint Mary's concluded its

trip with losses to Youngstown State (8-1) and Wheaton College (6-3). Overall, the Belles did very well against the competition and currently hold a 5-3 record.

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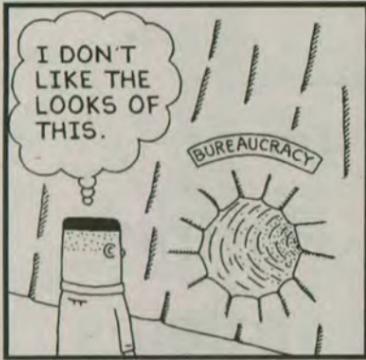
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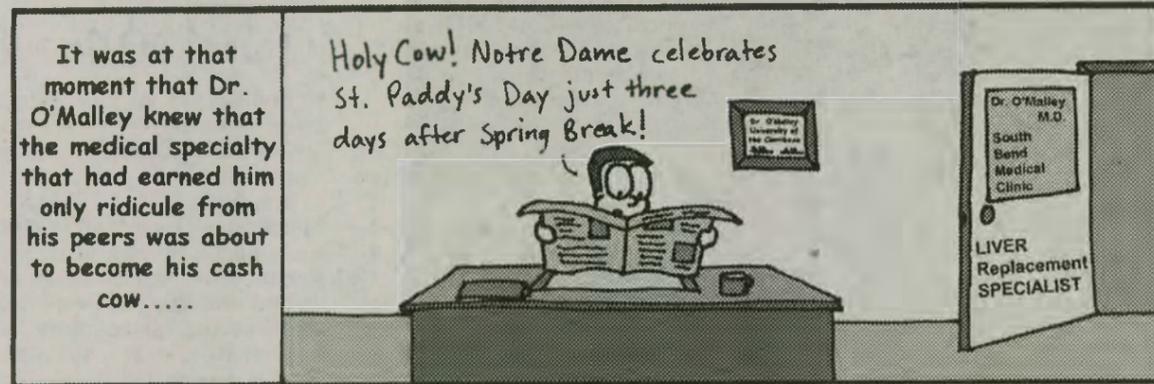
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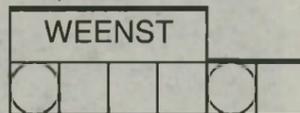
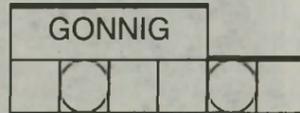
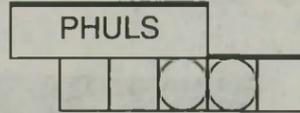
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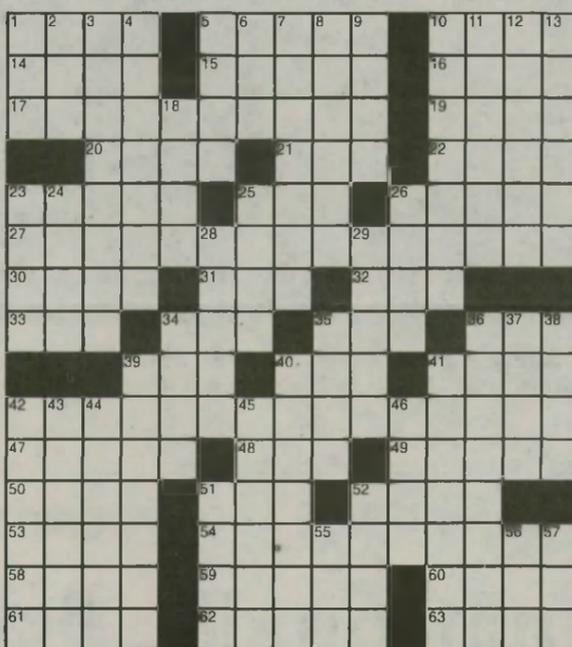
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 - 5 Professional pitcher
 - 10 Atomic groups: Abbr.
 - 14 Trash can, e.g., on a computer
 - 15 Lollapalooza
 - 16 What Hamlet called Polonius
 - 17 Late beloved entertainer
 - 19 Steak order
 - 20 Some diner orders
 - 21 Prince ___ Khan
 - 22 Suffix with prank
 - 23 Up to now
 - 25 Be in the red
 - 26 Home, sweet or not
 - 27 17-Across's alias
 - 30 California's San ___ Dam
 - 31 Like some phone nos.
 - 32 Flight board abbr.
 - 33 Part of a hookah
 - 34 Least amount of caring
 - 35 Longtime record label
 - 36 Dandy
 - 39 "My country" fol-lower
 - 40 "Nice!"
 - 41 Wine: Prefix
 - 42 Where 17-Across was inducted in 1990
 - 47 3-D graph line
 - 48 Last: Abbr.
 - 49 Violinist Zimbalist
 - 50 Declines
 - 51 ___-Magnon
 - 52 Like community property
 - 53 Lit ___ (college course, slangily)
 - 54 17-Across's first national TV show
 - 58 Repeated call to a dog
 - 59 Crop up
 - 60 Biblical shepherd-turned-prophet
 - 61 Former Iranian president Bani-
 - 62 Sportscaster Jim
 - 63 Handshake's meaning, maybe
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Author Umberto
 - 3 Hair holder
 - 4 Low socks
 - 5 Juice drinks
 - 6 Haircuts
 - 7 Nontraditional haircuts
 - 8 Pretty shrub
 - 9 Part of a Mad. Ave. address
 - 10 Chocolate and almond treat
 - 11 One with a silver tongue
 - 12 1960's TV western
 - 13 Dorm room staple
 - 18 James of jazz
 - 23 Scopes trial grp.
 - 24 Suffix with ptero-
 - 25 Normal force felt on earth



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- 28 Like the "Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral" lullaby
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- 35 Ale ingredient
- 36 Dreaded
- 37 Treater's phrase
- 38 Pound piece
- 39 Popular party game
- 40 Permit to enter
- 41 Like some vehicles
- 42 Moravians, e.g.
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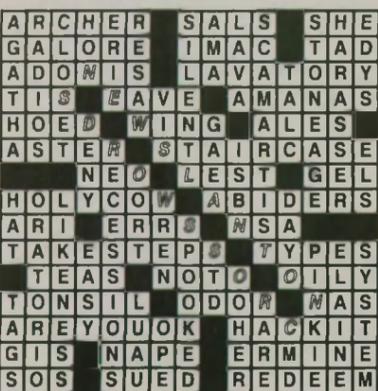
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Anticipation rises to a boil

Irish, Boilermakers meet for the first time in 38 years

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame students come to South Bend from across the nation, often with little appreciation for in-state rivalries.

So when Irish coach Mike Brey calls tonight's first-round NIT game against Purdue Notre Dame's biggest home game of the season, he's not just referring to the fact that a loss means Notre Dame's season is over.

He knows that among Indiana fans, in-state rivalries can generate as much energy as Final Four games.

"We've had arguably maybe the best home regular season schedule in the history of our program if you talk to some of our long-time season ticket holders," he said. "I don't think there is a bigger game in the regular season than this one when you talk to the community."

Then again, that's to be expected from two schools that sit 100 miles apart but haven't played in 38 years. It's been so

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Torrian Jones looks to pass during a game against Indiana on Dec. 10. The Irish will play against Purdue, another in-state rival, today in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament.

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FOOTBALL

Former athletes respond to letter

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More than a month after several hundred alumni signed a letter to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees criticizing the way the football program is managed, a group of former Notre Dame athletes responded by saying the letter shouldn't have been released to the media because it damaged Notre Dame's image.

In a letter obtained by The Observer, the Board of Directors of the Notre Dame National Monogram Club said the decision to make the alumni letter public created a "media frenzy" which hurt the University's image, impeded the overall administration of the University and athletic department and negatively affected revenue resources and athlete recruitment.

"It is our opinion that although the authors ... have a

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FENCING

Irish qualify for nationals

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Basketball is not the only collegiate sport caught up in the rush of March Madness. On March 14, the Notre Dame fencing team began its run towards a repeat championship at the Midwest Regional Qualifier at Northwestern's Crown Sports Pavilion.

Led by the foils of Derek Snyder and Alicja Kryczalo, the Irish finished the day projected to secure 10 of 12 positions for the National Championships held from March 25-28. Head coach Janusz Bednarski remains hopeful that freshman epeeists Amy Orlando and Aaron Adjemian will receive at-large bids for the remaining two positions.



Freshman epeeist Aaron Adjemian, left, fences during a meet in January. Adjemian still needs to qualify for the NCAA finals.

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"They had a good season so I would be surprised if at least one of them would not be there," he said.

A national selection committee will meet Friday to make the final determinations for individuals selected to com-

pete in the National Championships. The committee takes into account a variety of factors including performance both before and during the Regional competi-

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look ahead after early matches

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles captured their third consecutive MIAA Tournament Championship last season. Led by a fifth-year head coach with a career record of 64-19 in Dee Stevenson, the tennis team hopes to build upon its past winning ways heading into this season.

The team began the year with a 6-3 win in the season opener over Wisconsin-Green Bay on Feb. 21.

"I feel we have as good of a chance of winning the conference as ever before," senior Kris Spriggle said. "We lost our No. 5 and No. 6 singles

players from last year, but our current players are just as strong, if not stronger. We are confident going into this season, but will not take anything for granted, as each team in the conference has gotten stronger over the past year."

The Belles return numerous key players. Jeannie Knish has the No.1 spot and is no stranger to the MIAA singles championships. Kaitlin Cutler compiled a 17-1 record last year and will be seeking an MIAA title as well as Spriggle (15-2) and Kristen Palombo (14-4).

In the singles matches against Wisconsin-Green Bay,

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