Costly Madeleva renovation prompts new plans

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

In the next several years, Madeleva Hall will be more than likely not exist on Saint Mary's campus.

As part of the Master Plan, the College has decided to build a new classroom building that will replace Madeleva, and probably lead to the removal of the old building.

"As we started to determine the cost of all of our options, the dollars per square foot for renovating Madeleva just got as high as building a new one," Keith Dennis, vice president of Finance and administration said.

The original goal of this project, which the College was to renovate Madeleva to correct some of the problems with the building. "Several fire codes needed to be met and plumbing and air circulation were a problem. Currently, Madeleva does not have an adequate air exchange system, according to Dennis. In addition, the size of the faculty offices needed to be increased. "The offices in [Madeleva] tend to be 95-100 square feet in size," Dennis said. "The appropriate size is typically 150 square feet. Our goal was to make every office 150 square feet with a window."

Currently, the classrooms in Madeleva are used for most of the College's liberal arts classes as well as several science and math courses. "What we're planning is a modern office and classroom building," said John Delee, director of facilities at the College. "It will have modern ventilating and lighting systems."

The new facility will also be the home for the Center for Intercultural Leadership, a result of a Lilly Foundation grant the College received this year. "With the center for Intercultural Leadership in the building, it became obvious we had to have an addition," Dennis said. "It (the renovation) just got unmanageable."

In addition to cost considerations, building a new structure will relieve some of the logistical issues a long renovation would cause. "With any moderate amount of renovation, half of Madeleva would have to be shut down for a year," Dennis said. "Where do we put all those classes?"

The new building will likely be located north west of where the science hall is currently located, but plans for the new building have not yet been drawn. A meeting is planned with MPA, the architectural firm hired for the construction. MPA, run by Bill Coleman, also designed the plans for Robinson Hall.

Although the fate of Madeleva has not yet been decided, Dennis thinks it is most likely that the building will be torn down. "The other dilemma is what to do with Madeleva," Dennis said. "It could come down or could be converted to a multipurpose center. Probably the most likely outcome will be to tear [Madeleva] down."

In addition to the Madeleva renovations, the stage of the Master Plan calls for converting the dining hall into a student activities building. A new structure will be connected to serve the needs of the student body.

After determining the cost of both options, Saint Mary's will probably replace Madeleva Hall instead of rebuilding. The new building will have larger offices for faculty and modern ventilation and lighting.

Bederman: Media presents unrealistic image of women

By ELIZABETH ZANONI
News Writer

History Professor Gail Bederman has an annual Tuesday night entitled "Women Throughout History" in the basement of Cavanaugh Hall.

The discussion commenced after viewing a short film entitled Killing Us Softly 3: Advertising and the Image of Women. The film, hosted by specialist Jean Kilborne, is a study of gender representation in advertising and the media.

In the film, Kilborne recognizes that advertising, a $180 billion dollar a year industry, sells not only products, but also values, attitudes, concepts of love and sex and the desire for normality.

"For women, the mass media focuses primarily on their physical appearance and presents an unrealistic and idealized image to young impressionable viewers," although these images are "impossibly perfect, a core belief in American culture remains that if women try hard enough, they can attain a perfect body type."

Kilborne presents contemporary ads in newspapers and magazines that depict women in contradictory fashions. Although women are very often portrayed as sex objects and they are also shown to be childlike and passive. In both cases women are portrayed as powerless, said Kilborne in her film.

"She makes a strong case," said Bederman at the end of her movie, "We try to be colorblind. We try to have a standard for when we will ask for the death penalty and when we will not."

Black Law Students Association questions race and death penalty

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

In perhaps an unusual way of celebrating Black History Month, Notre Dame's Black Law Students Association brought together four African American males Tuesday night to discuss racism in America.

These four men — two of them lawyers and two of them law school professors — addressed race as it relates to the criminal justice system in a panel discussion entitled "The Disproportionate Application of the Death Penalty on African Americans."

"We should do more things like this at the law school," said Richard Garnett, the Notre Dame law school professor who moderated the discussion.

The anti-death penalty Garnett was joined by two other abolitionists, Speedy Rice of Gonzaga Law School and Richard Kammen, a capital litigator with over 20 years of experience in death penalty cases. One of the most significant factors in a prosecutor's decision to seek the death penalty is the race of the victim, according to Kammen.

"If the victim is black, the case is more likely by a huge margin to be a capital case," Kammen said. "The race of the defendant also has tremendous significance. There is a vein of racism that pervades many, many jurisdictions."

Rice cited statistics indicating that while African American males make up 6 percent of the general U.S. population, 43 percent of death row inmates come from this demographic.

"You can't say something is going on," said Rice. "African American crime is not substantially higher than their rate in the population. It's not disproportionate. The one death penalty advocate on the panel, St. Joseph County prosecuting attorney Christopher Toth, disagreed with that assessment.

"We try to be colorblind. We try to have a standard for when we will ask for the death penalty and when we will not," Toth said. "Prosecutors in St. Joseph County, according to Toth, will typically ask for the death penalty..."
I am a Protestant at a Catholic institution. Most of my friends are Catholic. My girlfriend is Catholic. It seems normal to me.

As a matter of fact, when I was deciding to attend Notre Dame, it did not even cross my mind that there was much of a difference between Protestants and Catholics.

Much to my surprise, I arrived on campus and found that many Catholics consider Protestantism to be a foreign religion.

Over the past two years, I have had people tell me that I think Catholicism is a better chance of getting into heaven than Protestants. I have had Catholics remark that they do not know too much about my “religion.”

This is absurd. Statements like these are completely missing the true point of Christianity. I try to go to the basilica as often as possible on Sunday mornings. As an Episcopalian, I know the service by heart and feel spiritually satisfied at the end of the worship.

Granted, I do not believe that the Virgin Mary was conceived of the Holy Spirit and I do not pray to the Saints. I do not believe that the Pope is infallible. I may not believe in purgatory or the importance of confession. I do not think that the bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ during Communion.

But, really, how defining are these dogmatic differences? Is my faith really that different because I do not practice all of the Catholic traditions?

We are all Christians. We all believe in the message of Christ and we all have a faith in the Holy Trinity. We all read and learn from the same Bible. I have no trouble or qualms with the Catholic traditions. They are important to the Catholic church, and they help people feel a closer connection with God.

I realized after I came here that the rift between the sects of Christianity exist not solely because of the differences in tradition, but more so in the biases that people have towards each other. We too often become caught up in distinctions, and consequently are blinded to the similarities between groups.

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Copy Editor

The Profile

Nate Phillips

University of Florida students will begin helping Holocaust survivors on Friday. They are important to the German government and German corporations.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — When the sequel to the 1999 blockbuster "American Pie" hits theaters this summer, don't expect any references to Michigan State University — regardless of the fact that the university was represented several times in the original film. Earlier this month, Universal Studios sought permission to represent MSU in a short scene in the sequel, titled "Secret Hispanic," but the request was rejected by university officials. Terry Denbow, university spokesman, said the scenes did not appropriately represent MSU. "It was a classroom setting that was not deemed appropriate or reflective of our classrooms or our students," Denbow said, also the vice president for university relations. "Not all identity and use of your name is good public relations or advances the appropriate image of our students. But Denbow said he didn't know if filmmakers asked permission to reference MSU in the original film, which grossed $230 million worldwide. Denbow went on to comment that the University turns down similar requests on a regular basis.
Women doctors share professional success secrets

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Where there is a will, there will be a way for female physicians of the 21st century, said five women doctors at a panel discussion Tuesday.

"If it's something you love, then it's always going to be possible, because you want to do it," said Dr. Judy Wiseman, a family practice physician at Memorial Hospital who believes that mission, vision and passion are the keys to a successful career. "If you don't see the option out there that you want, you can make it."

But despite their optimism, these female physicians admitted that it's tough to make it alone.

"Make sure it's what you want and that you have faith in yourself. You really have to believe you want to do this," said Dr. Judy Wiseman, a family practice resident. "You need people to be there for you and to make it known when you need people."

Dr. Ellyn Stecker, who has been in a private solo family practice for 18 years, noted that a woman doctor's boyfriend or husband in particular must be supportive.

"Having a flexible partner is crucial," she said. That flexibility, together with innovation, is what will help female physicians to successfully manage the delicate balance between their practices and personal lives, said the panelists. This balance is particularly important for women who hope to work.

"You have to work within the system," said Dr. Rebecca Moskwinski, who works at Notre Dame's department of health services. Moskwinski said that her position in college health, while allowing her to work during the academic year but not during the summer, is just one of many possibilities for female physicians who want to have a family.

Lewis urged female pre-medical students to consider taking time off as a viable option even if doing so will delay taking board examinations.

"Do what you think is the best thing for you," she said. "Sometimes you have to make your own way."

Stecker said that the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which took effect in 1993, has helped female physicians do just that. The FMLA provides 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for mothers and fathers upon the birth or adoption of a child. But FMLA isn't a perfect solution, said Lewis.

"It's really great on paper. You have a legal right," she said. "But sometimes you have to work for that right."

And according to Wiseman, employers, efforts to protect their own interests are an issue not only when a female physician becomes pregnant, but sometimes before she is even offered a job.

"They look at you as a woman interviewing and expect you to want to work part-time," she said, noting that employers are often surprised to hear that she prefers full-time employment. Wiseman also said that when she tells and interviewer of her preference, that person often assumes she wants to work full-time only temporarily and asks for how long she intends to do so.

Ultimately, success as both mother and doctor will depend on a woman's ability to accept and adapt to unexpected circumstances, said Moskwinski, who described herself as "a real career person" prior to the birth of her first child during her residency.

"I'll take six weeks off and I'll be right back to work," she said of her expectations at the time. Instead, she gave birth to twins and had to take four months of leave.

"Things don't always work out the way you plan," she said. "You have to make do."
as the dining hall.

At their weekend meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the schematics of the buildings and gave the go-ahead for construction documents.

"Our goal is to have the construction documents done this summer," Dennis said. No firm goals are set for breaking ground on either structure because construction plans and fundraising are not yet completed.

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in four types of murder cases: multiple murders, murders of children, murders of police officers and murders involving torture.

"This is our policy — barring other extraordinary circumstances," said Toth. "You have to be sure you don't apply the death penalty so there's insidious racism against blacks.

Racial discrimination, however, is not the only problem. Kammen and Rice have with capital punishment. Other factors, such as the economic status of the defendant, also determine whether district attorneys seek the death penalty, Kammen said.

"We in this country don't kill rich people," he said. "If O.J. Simpson had been O.J. Jones, that probably would have been a capital case."

Political considerations also play a role in decisions to seek the death penalty. Kammen said:

"You cannot understand the death penalty in American unless you understand one thing—it is driven by politics," he said. "The case that becomes the death penalty case is symbolic, and in that sense it is driven by politics.

But the death penalty is just one problem in the criminal justice system, according to Rice, who added that 50 percent of the U.S. prisoners are African American males.

"I think this system is corrupt. I think it is corrosive to our society. And I think it's the death penalty that drives the corruption," he said.

Another underlying factor in this debate over racism is the more basic question of whether capital punishment is right even when applied fairly, the panelists all pointed out.

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Fire ants invade Australia:** Dangerous South American fire ants have invaded one of Australia's largest cities, and officials are concerned the insects will migrate further. The fire ant has a savage bite that can kill people who suffer allergic reactions to its venom, the Queensland State Department of Primary Industries said Tuesday. The ant can also cause root damage to some crops, the department said.

**Tank shell kills Palestinian man:** Naim Badarin, a Palestinian man was killed when a tank shell hit his house. The tank was left unprotected after it crashed and the driver and the FBI has been notified. The server to store a cache of downloaded music legally, but was left unprotected after it crashed and the driver and the FBI has been notified.

**Arizona drug tunnel found:** Federal agents discovered a 25-foot dirt tunnel that was apparently being used to smuggle drugs across the Mexican border, and seized 198 cocaine bricks - runs from the Nogales house to the home and discovered 198 cocaine bricks valued at $6.5 million wholesale.

**California gun law effective:** California's 1990 law banning the sale of handguns to convicted criminals reduces the risk they will commit violent, gun-related crimes in the future, according to a new study.

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**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**IU computer security compromised:** Like a prank buying treasure, a Web surfer in Sweden used an unprotected Indiana University server to store a cache of downloaded music and video files. The surfer entered the name of a list of more than 3,000 student names and identification numbers. University officials believe the student file was removed from the server accidently, but IU police are investigating the incident and the FBI has been notified. The server was left unprotected after it crashed and the person who brought it back up failed to properly configure the server's security.

**Zapatista rally for native rights**

Zapatista leaders Subcomandante Marcos is surrounded by media and supporters Feb. 27, as he prepares to continue leading the Zapatista march from Oaxaca in southern Mexico. They expect to reach Mexico City March 11.

**Bush supports Cuban trade embargo**

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43rd Collegiate Jazz Festival begins today

Special to The Observer

Today at 7:30 p.m., the festival officially begins featuring a performance by Georgr. Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall, the session will end with the traditional Judge's Jam, featuring saxophonist and helist Lew Tabackin, trumpeter Conte Candoli, pianist Joanne Brackeen, bassist Richard Davis and drummer Terri Lynne Carrington.

A judge's clinic at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Notre Dame Band Building will feature free instruction sessions by the panel of judges. The Saturday night session will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall, to be followed by the awards ceremony.

Tickets will be sold at the door. For Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College students and faculty, tickets are $4 for the Friday night session and $5 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for $5. Admission for the general public is $8 for the Friday night session and $5 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for $12. Children under 12 are admitted free to all festival activities.

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the Kilborne's movie. Bederman began her talk by asking her audience if they saw themselves affected by advertising. Although Bederman, a professor of women's history, referred to herself as a "professional feminist," she admitted to still being affected by the media. "It becomes so persuasive because it is encompassing," said Bederman.

The question sparked a conversation between attendees that touched on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to the image of women in the media and on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. Bederman listened and responded to campus issues such as the increased number of female students with eating disorders, the problems with gender relations, and the negative stereotypes of Saint Mary's women.

More than one participant pointed to the irony in the decision of Saint Mary's to prohibit the Vagina Monologues, a play depicting femininity, while hosting the Keenan Review, which often slaps Saint Mary women with many debilitating stereotypes.

Another member of the audience recalled her disappointment with the fact that the University of Notre Dame has to give away student tickets for the top ranked women's basketball game while tickets for the men's team remain expensive. The discussions closed with Bederman imploring her audience to continue communicating and challenging their peers through discussion of images of women in society.

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Democrats vow to fight tax plan

**Party instead supports $900 billion tax relief**

Associated Press

Democrats WASHINGTON greeted President Bush's first address to Congress with denunciations of his planned tax cuts and warnings that he is leading the nation toward another era of federal deficits.

When the president proposes ideas that work for all Americans, "like his literacy initiative or increases in military pay, we will work with him and work hard," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said in the Democratic response to the speech.

"But when he insists on proposals that threaten the prosperity of all Americans ... we will fight and fight hard," Daschle said.

Democrats made clear that the new era of bipartisanism the president has been talking about does not extend to them accepting Bush's $10-year, $3.6 trillion tax cut.

"If what we heard tonight sounds too good to be true, it probably is," said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, who joined Daschle in giving the Democratic response.

"President Bush's budget numbers simply don't add up. Ours do. His plan leaves no money for anything except tax cuts. Ours does.

"Democrats say the real cost of the Bush plan, when interest losses and other factors are added in, is well over $2 trillion and will consume almost all the projected non-Social Security surplus over the next decade. Democrats have proposed a $900 billion plan."

Bush and his GOP hawks say they are confident they can enact the tax cut and retain enough to protect Social Security and Medicare and meet the nation's top education and defense needs.

Gephardt said Bush was leading the nation down the path taken by Ronald Reagan in 1981 when he pushed through a big tax cut in his first year in office while boosting defense spending. "The whole '80s and most of the '90s was the politics of deficits," he said. Bush, he said, "is now trying to drive the wagon into the same ditch."

"It was a huge mistake," Daschle says in the Democratic response. "It took us 18 years, four acts of Congress and a lot of hard work by the American people to get out of that ditch."

"Underneath the soft rhetoric said House Democratic Caucus Chairman Martin Frost of Texas, "his tax plan is just as unfair and irresponsible as anything we've seen from right-wing Congressional Republicans over the past several years."

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said, it would be "sheer madness" to approve Bush's tax cut when the nation has pressing infrastructure needs and a demand for a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

"We are going to be very shortsighted and prove ourselves to be poor stewards if we go for a tax cut of this size," Byrd and Gephard said. They both voted for the 1981 Reagan plan because they wanted to give the new president a chance and because it had support from voters at home. They said this time will be different.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., in a speech on the Senate floor, said the nation is at a crossroads. "I want to sound the alarm today," he said, "that unless we act wisely with the bountiful growth we have had, we risk throwing it all away."

Bush addresses Congress on budget

Bush WASHINGTON President Bush beckoned a divided Congress Tuesday night to support a large and retroactive tax cut, declaring in a nationally televised address, "The people of America have been overcharged and on this behalf, I am here asking for a refund."

The 39th day of his presidency, Bush pledged to set the nation on a "different path" by slashing federal debt while increasing spending for popular programs such as education, environmental protection and health research.

Bush, the first Republican president since Dwight D. Eisenhower to address a GOP-led Congress, reached out to Democrats with a promise to tackle Social Security reform and end racial profiling. In a nod to conservatives, he renewed his call to privatize portions of Social Security and restrain government spending, which would require cuts at several federal agencies.

Democrats warned that Bush's $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax-cut plan would jeopardize the nation toward another era of federal deficits. Speaking for his party, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said enacting a large tax cut without a full understanding of future federal income is "an amazing demonstration of irresponsibility."

Bush appeared relaxed and confident during his 49-minute speech, receiving several standing ovations from Republicans and polite applause from Democrats. Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Cabinet, along with one Supreme Court justice, Stephen Breyer, joined lawmakers in the historic House chamber for the annual ritual. Applause and standing ovations began on one side of the aisle and rippled to the other, depending on the politics of the issue.

Making the hard sell for tax cuts, Bush said, "Democrats say my tax plan is too big." Democrats cheered the line, making clear they agreed.

"Others say it is too small," Bush continued, drawing applause from Republicans. "I respectfully disagree. This tax relief is just right."

Not even the pageantry of the moment could extinguish all echoes of last fall's recount. There were audible boos on the Democratic side of the aisle as the Senate was announced. It was a reaction to the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that stopped recounts in Florida and handed the presidency to Bush.

Standing before a Congress often mired in gridlock, Bush said, "Let us agree to bridge old divides," though he added: " Bipartisanship is more than minding our manners it is doing our duty."

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Democrat, used her speaking time for criticism from the political right, politely applauded Bush.

With the government awash in budget surpluses, the nation's 43rd president never nothing for everybody over the next decade: $1 trillion in debt reduction, increased spending for education, conservation programs and protections for Social Security and Medicare.

Bush announced the outlines of a budgetapproaching $2 trillion. It favors education, law enforcement and other popular programs, while culling spending in NASA, freezing the federal contributions to the arts and humanities and reducing assistance to the homeless.

"BUBBLE BOY" HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Coming to the club this Wednesday night is our annual "Bubble Boy" hockey tournament. Teams of two will match up against each other and play three 40 second periods. Winners advance to the finals and might even get a chance to play in the "city-wide" tournament in downtown South Bend. Of course, the winners of this Wednesday night's tourney will also get prizes (t-shirts) and all participants get retro pint glasses from our sponsor. "Moaning Lisa's" will also be playing this Wednesday night (no cover with club membership). Must be 21 or older with valid ID.
Rwandan troops withdraw marking first pullout since war

Associated Press

Rwandan troops began pulling back from their positions around a town on the front line of the war in Congo early Wednesday, marking the first major withdrawal since the war began 2 1/2 years ago, a Rwandan commander said.

About 3,000 troops were leaving Pweto, said Col. Karaka Karenze, head of operations for the Rwandan army. Five U.N. military observers were to monitor the pullout near the Zambian border, as agreed under a peace plan reached last year in Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

"This is generally in support of the peace process, but also a goodwill gesture which we hope will bring an appropriate response from the government in Kinshasa," Karenze said. Kinshasa is Congo's capital.

Rwandan soldiers began to leave their positions around midnight in order to pack before a five-day trip by convoy to Pepa, 160 miles northeast of Pweto. Karenze said all the troops were scheduled to pull out of their positions by midday Wednesday.

Karenze said control of the town will be turned over to the Congolese Rally for Democracy, a Rwandan-backed rebel group in Congo. But he added that if Congolese government troops or their allies try to enter Pweto, his troops will return in force.

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The Organization of African Unity and the United Nations managed to hammer out a peace agreement in Lusaka, Zambia last May. The accord calls for the withdrawal of foreign troops, with U.N. peacekeepers establishing a buffer zone between the government troops and the rebels. It also calls for a national debate on the future of the country, a new constitution and a new government.

But Kabila essentially ignored the accord, blocking the deployment of U.N. troops in government-held areas and continuing to bomb rebel positions. Rwanda retaliated by capturing the southeast Congo town of Pweto, the location of a major airfield, in November.

Kabila was assassinated in January, leaving his son in power and creating an opportunity to revive the peace process. President Joseph Kabila quickly agreed to fully implement the peace accord, and the warring sides recently committed to begin troop withdrawals by March 15, a deadline set by the U.N. Security Council.
Mardi Gras rocks New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

An estimated million or more people jammed the city's streets on Mardi Gras for the Big Easy's raucous, licentious, alcohol-fueled celebration.

Tourists stood agape in the French Quarter as three women strode the crowded, narrow streets wearing nothing but sandals, bikini thongs and elaborate swirls of brightly colored body paint.

"It's like nothing else in the world — the world's biggest freak show," said Wolf Martin, an Angeles software engineer.

Olivier Zissler, a visitor from Nice, France, was amused by the Fat Tuesday from Nice, France. "This is the one day a year where I am a New Orleanian feel superior to everyone else in the country who are at their desks checking e-mail and voice mail, while I've been out here since before dawn drinking beer," said Lloyd Wehrle, a New Orleans native who now lives in Atlanta.

"And we don't have the riots that other parts of the country have with gatherings this big. We know how to have a good time. It's controlled craziness." Late Tuesday, sanitation workers found police officers mustered near Bourbon Street, preparing for the end of the party and Lent, the austere period of self-deprivation that begins Wednesday.

In Philadelphia, a mob of revelers smashed the windows of several businesses.

Suburb votes to take over 'mob haven'

Associated Press

CHICAGO

With federal election monitors looking on, voters in Cicero went to the polls Tuesday to settle a fight for control of the corruption-plagued and ethnically divided Chicago suburb.

The town has had the image of a mob haven ever since Al Capone made it the base of his bootlegging empire in the 1920s, but there were no reports of major problems at the town held primaries for town president, an office tantamount to mayor.

One election judge, an off-duty correction officer, was asked to remove the pistol plainly visible in a holster on his hip. He did.

Observers sent in by the Justice Department under the Voting Rights Act were stationed at polling places to ensure fair treatment for Hispanic voters. A court order issued in October, federal officials can monitor elections in Cicero for the next five years.

"The people of Cicero have been victims of abuse and intimidation for too long," said Joseph Mario Moreno, who ran against lawyer Victor Armendariz for the Democratic nomination. Both are Hispanic.

On the GOP side, two-term Town President Betty Loren-Maltese was an easy winner based on unofficial returns provided by Cook County Clerk David Orr. With all 65 precincts reporting, she led former police Chief Emil Schullo, 6,958 to 644 votes, Orr spokesman Scott Burnham said.

Schullo is among nine Cicero officials indicted on federal charges over the past three years. He is accused of taking part in a $75,000 embezzlement scheme.

Loren-Maltese has been accused of no wrongdoing herself, but her campaign fund was reported to have invested in a golf resort with ties to a mobster's widow.

A mong Democrats, Moreno easily won over Armendariz. Coming home from a Christmas party, Moreno was charged by Cicero police with drunken driving. The charges were dropped for lack of evidence.

Loren-Maltese supporters then handed out 27-year-old court papers suggesting Moreno was an adulterer and wife beater. That turned out to be a case of mistaken identity.

The papers referred to a different Joseph Moreno. Cicero, with a population of about 70,000, was for decades a center of Eastern European immigrants who loyally voted for the local Republican organization's candidates. Today, Hispanic residents make up an estimated 60 percent of the population.

Loren-Maltese last year asked for a referendum to raise the residency requirement for town candidates from 12 months to 18 months. That would have kept Moreno and Armendariz off the ballot.

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This is a scenario common to all people in all walks of life but it is especially poignant for college students. Okay, only repressed college males who love music from REM's middle period.

Anyway, listen in on one side of this telephone conversation between a couple — let's call the male "Joey" and the female "Debbie."

Joey is enrolled at a big state college and Debbie attends a small, obscure liberal arts college in the Pacific Northwest. These two are testing the waters of a long distance relationship — they have been suffering for four months.

This is Joey's part: "Hello, Debbie... What do you mean I sound different?... No, I'm fine... Of course I am happy to feel feelings about you... From now on, really... Honey, don't... No... I don't hate you... — and then five hours and 67 games of free cell phone bill later — "Ay, I love you too. Call me tomorrow."

Lord, have mercy on the roommates of long distance lovers if for no other reason than for having to overhear such drivel on a nightly basis. There is something unnatural about long distance relationships, but I can't quite unravel the mystery — yeah, the mystery is it's hard to stay intimate with a distant connection.

Let us begin with high school sweethearts, those gentle and kind lovers that fall apart like rickety windmills in the slightest breeze. Commonly, they have been together for a year and a half and they decide to stay together after senior year, the prom, graduation — I know you've met these poor fools.

They go to different schools and inevitably one of three main failure scenarios manifests itself: the "I can get the same thing, only right next door, though not literally because we have same-sex dorms" pretext, which is self-explanatory; the "I was so drunk and I cheated on you at a party" pretext, also obvious and the abstract-yet-popular "I need my freedom to explore" pretext.

If something like one of these takes place head to Defon Four or at minimum — prepare for a bloody revolution. These scenarios wipe out most fledgling long distance affairs; the survivors are viewed with uplifted expression, "Look at these kids."

Commonly, they have experience but some remain inflicted for years to come. Most people learn their lesson after a heartbreak experience but some remain inflicted for life.

Eric Long

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings."

John F. Kennedy

former president
Addressing a physical and emotional disorder

Victim gains freedom from food

An alcoholic can give up drinking; a drug addict can give up drugs. But what can food addicts do? We have to eat. This was my struggle when I first came into Overeaters Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who are suffering from eating disorders.

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The disease only progressed as I got older. I saw doctors, therapists, and dietitians. I went from gorging myself to starving myself. There was no healthy way of eating. I was in a rut. I felt as though even God didn’t care. The pain made me desperate. The disease only progressed as I got older.

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Anonymous
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Healing requires support

The prevalence of eating disorders is one of the biggest problems facing our student body. Many universities have similar troubles — one out of five college women has an eating disorder — but Notre Dame is a different type of school and should respond differently.

We must understand that obsession with food is contagious. When one woman comments that she is fat, most of the women will view themselves in the same way. Constant calorie counting, taking diet pills, guilt after meals, and compulsive exercise, such anxiety and obsession keeps us from happiness.

Many people with such an unhealthy relationship with food creates an environment which is conducive to eating disorders. We must work to destroy an environment which perpetuates the disease.

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True friendship transcends race

Speaking from a male perspective, we need our women of color to be supportive and understanding of our actions. Men also have to support and love our women as well; we want to be loved and respected. Plato has been doing in implying that man has to fully understand his soul in appreciating the nature or beauty of an earth. The problem that arises on earth occurs when some women and men attempt to place a racial boundary on love.

Love is meant to be colorblind. An African-American man who appreciates and loves a woman for all the gifts and greatness that he brings to this earth has a deep understanding of himself and the world around him. If a man of color can accept a woman for who she is, what role she plays in society and her independence then race and religion.

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Jourdan Sorrell
freshman
Siegfried Hall
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I was powerless! Well I sure seemed to be unable to stop binging. That was powerlessness to me. Was my life unmanageable? Well when I wasn’t eating I was sleeping. I was barely getting by with my classes, my social life consisted of a trip to the grocery store to stock up on bingie foods. That was unmanageability to me.

Today things are much different. I have just marked the one year anniversary of my recovery in OA. Things are not all roses but I am so much further ahead than where I used to be. I am building a relationship with a power greater than myself and that is slowly filling the hole that I have always tried to stuff with food.

I have lost weight, but its importance has seemed to fade as I am learning how to live one day at a time. I’ve learned that the diagnosis and programs I had been on had failed because they were treating only the physical symptoms, not the spiritual and emotional.

For those who suffer from an eating disorder, you are not alone. There is hope and there is a solution. So many resources are available, whether it’s another program in the area or another program. You did not ask to have this disorder but you do not have to suffer from it. Break the isolation.

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from eating disorders. There are no dues or fees for membership. For information on meetings in the South Bend area visit the web site: www.region5oa.org or call (219) 239-6556.

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Mating of praying mantises teaches wise dating lessons

Sometimes I feel that life would be better lived as a praying mantis. Oh yes, the lanky, green insects we pay little heed to live the life of goddesses. They meet their partner, mate and then eat them. Could life be any better? All the joys of dating, and they even get a free meal out of it.

Think about it. None of the awkward silences. No expensive gifts. Obligation is at a minimum, and, aside from the devoured partner, everyone goes home happy.

However, the odds are that if you are reading this, then you’re probably not a praying mantis. (Or if you are, you’re an extremely gifted bug.) And because the dating rituals of these insects aren’t com­monly analogous to the human world, chances are that for you, dating isn’t quite so effortless.

Let’s face it. We all spend a great deal of our time thinking about, noticing and chasing the opposite sex. It’s like a game of tag in grade school — except dating offers less rewards than proclaiming a person “it.” Dating is, really, a great idea. It’s a way to attain all sorts of important people skills, brings a new twist to your weekend activities and it gives you someone to celebrate with on national holidays.

As wonderful as dating sounds, however, there is a catch — you have to get there. And when it comes down to it, praying mantises aside, it’s not always as easy as meeting and mating.

There’s a whole host of reasons that is far from the ease of the meet­ing and mating phenomenon. However, when it comes down to it, dating really is a great idea — as long as it’s not "insect­ual."

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The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, in the Hesburgh International Center auditorium.

Bard’s "star-crossed lovers" return in modern production

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

A bloodcurdling scream comes from the normally tranquil Hesburgh International Center for Peace Studies auditorium.

"Shakespeare is not just for English majors. He wrote his plays for every­one," Lisa Marie Fabrega, director of "Romeo and Juliet," said.

"Romeo and Juliet," performed March 1 through 3 in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Costumes are simple in this show so the audience can focus on the performance rather than confusing period-costume intri­cacies.

In the end, the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company is about having fun. "Shakespeare is not just for English majors," Fabrega said. "He wrote his plays for everyone."

"Romeo and Juliet" will be performed March 1 through 3 in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office and stand-by tickets will also be sold at the door.

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company does have space limitations, how­ever, and thus must stick to a strict last-name policy.

All ticket holders not present 10 minutes before the start of the show may have their tickets voided and resold because of high numbers of patrons wanting to see the show each night. Entrance into the theater after the performance starts is prohibited.
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Griffin records two steals, leads Syracuse to victory

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The note Allen Griffin posted beside his locker Tuesday night was all the inspiration Syracuse's senior point guard needed.

It read: "15 points, 15 assists. You only have one senior night. Give us something to remember."

And so he did, getting 14 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in his final home game to lead No. 19 Syracuse to an 80-64 victory over Pittsburgh.

"It's funny, and you all might think I'm joking and lying, but I called it before I came over here (tonight)," Griffin said after the first triple-double of his life. "I'm just happy to go out on a note like this."

Senior forward Damone Brown also had a big night with 21 points and 10 rebounds as Syracuse (21-7, 9-6 Big East) took sole possession of second place in the Big East West Division with a one-game lead in the regular season.

"That just put us on our shoulders tonight," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "He did everything for us. This was a big win, so we get to ride (wins in the conference). We're trying to get better and want to play better."

Pittsburgh (14-12, 6-9) needed wins to boost its bid for a bid for an at-large NCAA tournament bid.

Syracuse's offense is currently second in the first half to take command, knocking down 10 of 18 shots for 56 percent from the floor. The Panthers scored just 23 points in the first half.

Syracuse used its 10-point lead in the final minutes of the second half against No. 2 Duke.

"They just came out with more intensity than we did," said Hawkins, who had five points and seven rebounds. "They just came out with a high level of energy and brought it to us."

Griffin upped the lead to 22 points in the second half. Damone Brown hit two free throws, nailed a 3-pointer from the right corner, fed Billy Celuck for an easy layin, and then hit a spinning layup in the lane to make it 51-29 with 16:58 to play.

While Pitt's 3 midway through the half boosted the lead to 63-36, but the Panthers rallied with a 12-0 run. Zimel Stevanovic began it with the first of his two 3-pointers and Knight finished it with a three-pointer-plus-1 play to tie it 94:6 remaining.

"To get up 27 in this league is almost never done," Boeheim said. "Then, when you relax for just a minute, we left a couple of our shooters out there, they knocked them down, and all of a sudden they're back in the game."

**MARYLAND, DUKES**

Maryland's highest and lowest moments of the season have come against No. 2 Duke.

The 16th-ranked Terrapins blew a 10-point lead in the final minutes of the second half a week ago at home, but got revenge in Cameron Indoor Stadium by beating the Blue Devils 91-80 yesterday.

"I can't say enough about our character," coach Gary Williams said. "Our guys went through what we did in College Park, to lose a game like we did and then come down here and get the win, that's really big."

Jason Williams re-injured his sore calf in the second half and Duke played the final 9 minutes without center Carlos Boozer, who hurt his right foot.

Krzyzewski said he believed Boozer broke a bone in his right foot.

"I just know there is a slight fracture," Krzyzewski said. "I would say for the first couple of weeks we're not going to have him."

"We just have to circle the wagons and go."

Jianan Dixon was the offensive and defensive hero for the Terrapins (19-8, 9-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), scoring 28 points and getting five steals.

"I said we were back on track a couple of games ago," said Dixon, who was 11-for-20 from the field. "We just need to win one and after that I said we were back and we're going to show it now. Hopefully a lot of people will believe us, if not, we just want to keep playing our type of basketball."

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America's love affair with soap operas heats up

By KATIE MALMQVIST

Scene Writer

It's two in the afternoon — there's an hour until your American history class and your lack of desire to do work overwhelm you. Knowing you should use the time to finish the reading you cast off at midnight last night, you turn on your remote.

Flipping on the television, you join millions of other Americans poised on the edge of ensuing dialog. That's right — it's "Passions" time.

No matter how often we try to deny it, Americans are in love with soap operas. But considering the depth and length of this love affair's impact on the entertainment industry, it has no reason to be embarrassed.

Daytime television is everywhere. The bourgians from "Days of Our Lives" has become an instantly recognizable icon, and the series' opening monologue is an endless source of parody. Characters like Erika Slezak (Susan Lucci) on "All My Children" have become household names.

You can't even get through the line at the supermarket without being faced with Pine Valley's latest issue or Harmony's currently burning love triangle. And while most would not admit to actually purchasing "Soap Opera Digest," we all know someone who does. Someone who plans his or her class schedule around "General Hospital" every year. Someone who tapes "All My Children" on a daily basis.

This devoted fan might not be you, but chances are, it's someone you know well. So to help you, er, your friend, make sense of the craziness, here's a closer look at today's soap opera craze.

History of a Genre

The soap opera genre was originally introduced into American culture in the form of daily radio programs during the 1930s.

These shows became immensely popular during the Depression, often depicting characters who conquered great odds, and radio stations continued to air an increasing number of similar programs.

With the advent of the television in the 1940s, the shows hit mainstream TV networks, and by the 1950s they had become hugely successful. The soap opera quickly became one of the most popular TV genres.

Of the shows created during this early era, several still remain prominent network story lines, including ABC's "One Life to Live," "All My Children" and "General Hospital," which were created in the 60s.

CBS's "Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns" both date back to the early 50s.

Originally sponsored by soap manufacturing companies like Procter and Gamble, the shows were produced with a female audience specifically in mind.

Recognizing this focus, companies signed on with the intention of selling related products to the traditional housebound woman.

Some of these companies which still exist today saw laundry and dish detergent sales skyrocket because of their television advertising, and the serials were coined "soap operas" in the wake of the American housewife's overwhelming response.

Today's Audience

While the midday time slots remain the norm and viewers are more likely to see commercial break phones and cleaner fluid than beer or motor oil during the programs, the soap opera audience of today has evolved with America's changing gender roles and expectations.

More and more women spend their days working and simply don't have time to watch soaps, while the number of men who are able to and enjoy watching has increased.

Still, if you wander into any female dorm's room and o'clock on a weekday afternoon, you are bound to find the room littered with more hungry eyes than any male dorm can offer.

"I have to attribute the female-dominated audience to fundamental differences between men and women," said Valerie Holsinger, a Notre Dame senior and long-time soap watcher.

"I'm part of the Gender Studies concentration, and don't usually jump to label these kind of issues, but I think in this case a lot of guys won't always admit to watching soaps," Holsinger said.

This stigma is an important factor in the demographics of soap opera watchers, but it doesn't deter true fans.

Sophomore Matt Cassidy openly admits to watching soaps. "A lot of the story lines are geared toward women, but if anyone sat down and started watching, they'd get drawn in just the same," Cassidy said.

Still, when asked if he would ever watch his soap in the Dylan Hall TV lounge Cassidy said, "Hell no!"

"People walk by there all the time," said Cassidy. "I mean, it's like watching a Nascar." While today's 10 running soaps have an average daily audience of nearly 20 million viewers, at least one of which we know is male, there are the select few out there, and men women alike, who don't appreciate this kind of entertainment.

"I just find the story lines to be too unbelievable," said Walsh Hall sophomore Jody Kahn.

"The actors are never very good and many of these shows are downright trashy. The men are dis­trustful, and most of the women are insatiably dumb — it's offensive," said Kahn.

Despite occasional distaste for the genre, mainstream soap operas continue to gain popularity. Board games, trivia games, websites, magazines, web pages and even tours to meet various character actors spring up left and right for shows.

With the past decade's advent of the Internet, sites have followed other forms of media in making the jump to the digital world, and many Internet-based soap operas are currently available to those who can't get enough drama on their daily television.

The Concept and Appeal

Whether you need more temporary distraction or simply want to take a break to enjoy the excitement of someone else's, today's soap operas continue to be popular.

No marriage is impenetrable, no paternity test one hundred percent certain. Some one always discovers a lost sibling, a baby switched at birth or a mysterious figure from the past luring around town.

Where foul play is involved — and it almost always is — death is never final and revenge is always just around the corner.

But one thing remains true: the more outrageous the plot line becomes, the more viewers will be attracted.

For me it's an hour of fantasy when I can watch other people's lives, problems and romances.

Of course, the formula is always the same: a few wealthy, influential and competing families, a girl who has married into each at least twice, various commoners whose backgrounds are always mysteriously dark and subject to interpretation, and at least one evil twin.

Despite occasional distaste for the genre, many see the need to tune into daily recaps on the Internet — know that you are not alone.

There's a whole country of fans out there, desperately drawn into the crazy lives of fictitious characters who plague fictitious towns with endless antics as irresistible as they are unbelievable.

And after 70 years of entertainment success, don't worry — soap operas aren't going anywhere.

So should you find yourself sitting around your room tomorrow afternoon, with your roommates in class and your lack of desire to do work overwhelming, wander down to the TV lounge.

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Thomas returns to White Sox camp, apologizes to fans

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Frank Thomas not only showed up, he apologized. The Big Hurt returned to the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday after missing six workouts while complaining he was underpaid. But he insisted his boycott wasn't about money.

"I did look like a poster boy for greed over the weekend, but that is not the case," Thomas said. "I've never been greedy. I've had a couple opportunities to be the highest-paid player in this game, and I didn't want to be there.

Thomas acknowledged that fans, whose favor he regained by hitting homers and 143 RBIs in each of the past six seasons, but only this year is really guaranteed. The Big Hurt returned on the morning of March 13 to begin his news conference in Tucson, Ariz., where he acknowledged that he was a big distraction.

It was never a holdout. It was taking days off until we got things clear," Thomas said. "I made no contract demands. Money was never the issue. I felt a player who's done what I've done and established a career like I have that certain clauses just seemed unfair to me.

Thomas met Monday night with White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf.

"Jerry has made no changes. He didn't promise he would make any changes, but he said we would work on it," Thomas said. "I didn't clear it up, who knows where I would be two years from now?"

Thomas also would like to rework some of the deferred money in his contract. His current contract calls for the team to defer $1.247 million of each year's salary with interest. He wants some of that until he's in his 50s.

"Who knows if I'll be here? I've earned my money and it's mine," Thomas said. "I'm not asking for more money. It's my money."

Reinsdorf issued a statement that was both critical and encouraging.

"Frank Thomas has apologized publicly for his remarks about renegotiating his contract. His delayed arrival in camp and the effect his words and actions may have had on our team and fans," Reinsdorf said.

When he left camp last week, Thomas complained that he was underpaid in relation to Alex Rodriguez's $252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

"I said the pay scale is out of whack. We're going in at 7-8-9 million and the bar has been set at 25 million," Thomas said Tuesday.

"Players will have gripes and that will continue until something is settled, something is done. I didn't say 'Look this is my stance today and I'm walking out of camp.' It wasn't like that."

Thomas said he needed the extra days to think about his contract before beginning practice. When Thomas first agreed to his contract in 1997, the guaranteed amount of the first four years averaged $7.756.750, the 100th-highest average salary in baseball at the time.

"I extend my apologies to those who were affected by my absence. It was a big distraction. I do want to apologize to my teammates and all Chicago White Sox fans," Thomas said.

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Gun, Rueda heading toward roommate showdown

By KEVIN BERCHEU
Sports Writer

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

In these 71st annual Bengal Bouts, both senior participants to emerge victorious from tonight's semifinals tussles. Bouts, there is extra motivation are roommates and if each Gun and Rueda, fighting on the opposite end of the brackets, were to win they would fight each other in Friday's final.

"But from that all a fun kind of stayed away it would be kind of a fun fight," the taller Duffey will have to take full advantage of his considerably longer reach in order to hold Hollowell, the better inside fighter, at bay.

Both boxers are sluggers, and neither is much a fan of the defensive style, making this a fun fight to watch.

Harms enters his semifinal bout on the heels of a grueling quarterfinal match that saw him take a split-decision from Anthony D'Agostino. Waldo had a much easier time of it, winning unanimously.

Jason Voss, the dark horse of the weight class, will take on Jeman Tisby in the other semifinal.

"I'm taller so I have to use my reach," Voss said. "If I can keep him at an arm's length, I'll have a good shot."

Both Tisby, a junior from Kegough Hall, and Voss, a Sorin sophomore, won by unanimous decision in their quarters.

Glatzel, an honorable mention All-American last season after leading the Irish in scoring with 38 goals and 18 assists (56 points), tallied all four of his scores in the second half in the come-from-behind victory.

Glatzel was named the league's player-of-the-week once last season and also earned national player-of-the-week honors after netting four goals and dishing off three assists in Notre Dame's 15-13 upset of Loyola in the first round of the 200 NCAA tournament.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish get off to slow start in season opener, finish last

The Observer

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The Notre Dame women's golf team closed out the final round of action at the Carolina's Collegiate Golf Classic on Tuesday by shooting a 342 for a 36-hole total of 692 (350-342) to finish 22nd among the 22 teams participating at the 6,046-yard, par 72 Pinehurst No. 8 golf course.

The Irish finished the 36-hole tournament 64 shots off the pace set by tournament champion Campbell University who fired a 628 (318-310) for an eight-stroke win over the College of Charleston (318-318/636) and North Carolina-Greensboro (316-320/636).

Bounding out the top five were Charleston Southern (323-317/640) in fourth and the University of Memphis (323-319/642) in fifth. Notre Dame's top finisher was freshman Shannon Byrne (Arlington Heights, Ill.) who bounced back from a first round 91 to shoot a nine-over par 81 for a 36-hole total of 172 which tied her for 77th overall. Senior Shane Smith (St. Petersburg, Fla.) finished in a tie for 82nd with a 173 (87-86).

Rounding out the Notre Dame finishes was junior Kristin McMurtrie (Calgary, Alberta) with a 174 (87-87) for a tie for 85th, Terri Taibi (Elm Grove, Wis.) was 95th with a 176 (88-88) and freshman Rebecca Rogers (Alpharetta, Ga.) was 105th with a 179 (88-91).

Meaghan Francella (Memphis) was the tournament medalist as she followed her opening round 75 with an even par 72 for a two-day total of three-over par 147. She was followed by Radford's Stephanie George who finished three strokes behind Francella with a 150 (78-72).

The Notre Dame women's golf team returns to action on March 15-16 when they compete at the Snowbird Invitational at the Pebblecreek Golf Course in Tampa, Fla.

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had more. "The statistic sheet only had her for two steals," McGraw said. "It seemed to me that she had an awful lot more than that."

After starting off slow in their last several games, the Irish dominated the Panthers from start to finish. Three consecutive lay-ups keyed a 10-0 run that helped the Irish build a 36-18 halftime lead.

"We can't spot the No. 2, or No. 3, or anyone else in the country that many points and expect to recover," Pittsburgh coach Traci Walters told the Associated Press.

McGraw credits her team's shooting, the Irish connected on 59.3 percent of their field goal attempts in the opening half. "We shot the ball extremely well and that was key for us," McGraw said. "We had to give us a lot of confidence heading in to the Big East tournament."

The other Irish player to score in double-figures was guard Alicia Ratay. The guard totaled 14 points, including two three-point field goals. Freshman Jeneka Joyce hit two more treys off the bench, finishing with eight.

The Irish bench made significant contributions for the second time in a week.

After seeing every player on the roster score against Miami last Tuesday, every player other than senior center Meaghan Leahy hit the scoring column. "It's good to get a lot of people in the scoring column," McGraw said. "We're going to need that coming in to the Big East tournament."

The reserves will be counted on to play key minutes as the Irish will play three games in three days. Should they make the championship game.

"I think the bench is playing a lot better right now," McGraw said. "They're playing with some confidence."

Sophomore center Amanda Barksdale contributed six points and two blocked shots in 14 minutes, as Riley rested much of the second half.

"I thought Mandy Barksdale gave us a huge lift off the bench," McGraw said.

The game was bittersweet for the Pittsburgh seniors, who were honored for Senior Night before the game. Guard Monique Toney scored 13 points in the final game of her career.

"She's a good player and a good defender as well," McGraw said. "She had a pretty good game for them."

The team was pleased to dominate the Panthers, who came in to the Joyce Center on Feb. 7 and stayed within 10 points most of the game. Guard Laine Selvyn led the Panthers with 23 points in that game. She was limited to 15 on six-of-17 shooting Tuesday.

"We came in making sure that we knew who their shoot- ers were and to get out on them because they did have such a great game at the Joyce Center," they told the Notre Dame radio network.

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Two captains continue quest for 175-pound title

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Mark Criniti insists this year’s 175-pound weight division is the strongest in the tourney. If you take his word for it, Wednesday’s semifinal matches will set the stage for a highly anticipated title bout Friday. Two captains remain alive, both with championships to defend, and their quests to repeat continue tonight.

Top seeded Rob “A.M.D.G.” Joyce takes on Keith “A Little Ball of Flite” Arnold in hopes of continuing his success against strong opponents. Arnold took over his quadruple-fee match, overwhelming Nathan Scheid in less than a round, but expects much more of a challenge out of Joyce.

“I don’t think Rob’s anywhere near the fighter that kid was,” Arnold said. “I really don’t know what I plan on doing. Rob’s a better boxer than me, so I’ll have to figure something out. I wouldn’t mind punching it out, but he will want to. He’s more tactical.”

Arnold perhaps can rely on the fact that the rest of the 175-pounders don’t know a whole lot about him.

“The guys left are all pretty good fighters. I thought I was just an afterthought. The other 175 pound card pits second seeded Mark “I Can’t Pretend” Thompson against John Lynk. Criniti comes off a dominating victory over Brian Calvile in which he needed only 58 seconds of the second round to earn a TKO. The left hander moved well in the ring, and was able to do damage both to the head and the body, something Lynk will have to prepare for. A key for Criniti will be to move in and out against the hard-hitting Lynk.

165 pounds

In the 165-pound division, senior Brian “Nightmare” Hobbs enters his second fight of the bouts against Justin “The Real-Life Regular” Myers. Hobbs was the only fighter at 165 pounds to receive a preliminary round bye and then defeated Patrick Dillon in the quarterfinals.

“I have to hit [Myers] as hard as I can,” Hobbs said. “He likes to go in with that charging stuff, and I need to make him pay every single time.”

With one captain having already been upset in the semifinals, Hobbs knows he is a marked man.

“To knock the captain down is a big deal,” Hobbs said. “The pressure isn’t as much for the other guys. If they lose, they’re supposed to lose. If I win, it’s a big upset, so the pressure’s on me.”

The other bout at 165 pounds features Christopher “Can’t We all Just” Kitalong, both had little trouble advancing to the semifinals, controlling their fights. Both like to fight in close, and this one could come down to two fighters trading punches.

Thompson ready for brawl with Goulet

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Josh “The Redmond” Thompson is favored to win the 185 class title, but first he might just have to learn how to be a brawler. Thompson faces Eric “Superbreak” Goulet tonight, who has established himself as an aggressive and often wild boxer.

“He’ll come hard for three rounds. I have a slight reach advantage, but it worse comes to worse, if it comes to brawling, I’ll have to brawl right back,” Thompson said. “I’m gonna fight as hard as I can. Whatever happens tonight, it’s interesting looking back. It’s gone so fast. I spent the first few years learning the basics, and now I’ve switched roles, I’m teaching the first year kids.”

In last year’s 175-pound division semifinals, Thompson beat Stephen “The Angry Pirate” Pfoffer. Tonight, second seeded Pfoffer will face Scott “The Dark Horse” Diuba.

Light Heavyweight

Senior captain Pete “Beat the Heaps” Ryan will step into the ring tonight looking for his fourth Bengal Bouts title. In last year’s heavyweight finals.

Ryan beat Dan Adam for the title. Ryan will face Ben “No, You’re Schmoopee” Deda.

“I would say I’m more of a boxer than a brawler. A lot of guys say that, but a lot of them are lying,” Ryan said. “Deda is a strong, aggressive kid, but I’m confident that if I work hard I can win.”

Mike “Raging Bull” Vanderpool has fought twice this year, beating James Crimion and Stefan HesLife, and will face Kevin Brandi tonight.

Heavyweight

Dan “Let Me” Adam lost in the finals last year to this year’s light heavyweight division favorite, Pete Ryan.

“I hope to use a little of what I learned fighting Pete in my fights this year. I’m going to try to focus more on boxing rather than just punching. There are lots of benefits to being more of a technical boxer,” said Adam, who will be entering the ring for the first time this year in Wednesday’s bouts.

Adam will face Steve “Lefty Guns” Pracilio, who defeated Andrew McGuire with just one punch on Monday night.

“I’m gonna try to not get hit by Andrew’s big left hand,” Adam said. “It will be a night of great fights.”

Matthew McNicholas will also be fighting for the first time this year, facing Carlos “The Master” Abeyta.
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BASEBALL

Tamayo, Stanley
honored by Big East

Two Notre Dame baseball players were recognized by the Big East Conference for their accomplishments during the week of Feb. 19-25.

Stanley led a Notre Dame offense that batted a combined .369 while winning three games at last week’s Alamo Invitational in San Antonio, Texas. The speedy left-hander posted a team-best .583 batting average (7-for-12) in those games, with four runs scored, two RBI, three stolen bases, two walks and a sacrifice bunt.

Tamayo was the winning pitcher in the 7-4 game versus Sam Houston State, out-dueling Bearkats ace pitcher Joe Fowler (who beat Texas A&M earlier in the week, 2-1). Tamayo posted a career-best 10 strikeouts vs. SHSU, including five straight at one point and five “looking” during his six-inning outing (94 pitches). He allowed just three hits and one walk in the shutout stint while facing 20 batters (two over minimum), thanks to pair of double-play batters.

In other news this week, Notre Dame (5-1) maintained its No. 11 spot in the Baseball America poll while moving up from 12th to 11th in the Collegiate Baseball poll and jumping from 12th to 10th in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

Stanley currently ranks third among Notre Dame regulars with a .407 season batting average, trailing only sophomore rightfielder Ryan Stavinisky (who last week was named the Big East player of the week and national player of the week by CBS) and Ryan as the hardline.

Stanley’s other season stats include seven runs scored, three RBI, a double, two walks and 3-of-5 on stolen base attempts.

Tamayo’s two starts in 2001 have yielded a 1-1 record and 1.64 ERA, plus 13 Ks, one walk and one hit allowed in 11 innings pitched.

Stanley’s big game last week was a 4-for-5 effort in the 7-4 win over Sam Houston State. He helped put the Bearkats away with a single and run scored in the seventh inning (for a 5-1 lead) and an RBI single in the eighth (7-4).
Owens to face Matassa in 150-pound semifinals

By JEFF BAL TRUZAK
Sports Writer

Chris "Sheszy" Matassa enters tonight's bout against Tom "T.K." Owens having fought just four minutes in the entire Bengal Bouts competition thus far. He received a bye to the quarters and defeated Julian "Blew" Devoe in a referee-stopped fight on Monday.

Owens, on the other hand, has fought two fairly tight bouts, winning in the preliminaries by a unanimous decision but only defeating John "The Knockout" Nowak in a split decision on Monday night, a fight where Owens could not gain the decisive upper hand.

Owens will need his best boxing to come against the junior Matassa, a fighter with a strong jab as well as good feet.

The other semifinal features another winner of a split decision versus a very strong fighter. Tucker "The Wicked Bad Bostonian" McGree narrowly defeated Luke "Desperado" Busam, a fight that saw even action until McGree put together a strong combination of punches just prior to the final bell.

McGree will have an extremely tough time against Brock "Landers" Heckman. The junior Heckman hammered Matt "The Hugtown Hurricane" McDonald, seemingly landing almost every punch. Heckman also displayed a strong ability to get inside and land punches close to his opponent.

"He's an extremely aggressive fighter and he's in good shape," said McGree. "I want to try to stay composed and counter what he throws at me."

155 lbs.
Sean "The Eerie Kid" Nowak faces Tom "Frenchmaid" Pierce in the first semifinal in the weight class. Nowak is probably the hardest puncher in the class, as shown when he violently floored Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski on Monday night.

That fight was controversially ended after that knockdown after the referee judged Czerniawski unable to continue. The sophomore Pierce won a narrow split decision against Steve "The Natural Lightweight" Kepel in his last bout. He will have to work hard not to get hit squarely by Nowak, who has shown he has considerable one-punch power.

"My strategy is not to get hit by that haymaker," Pierce said. "He's taller, so I want to be able to get in and out well and be aware of the right." Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh had the easiest route to the semifinals, receiving a bye to the quarters. His quarterfinal match was canceled because his opponent, Robert "Little Mac" McColgan was out of town for a job interview.

Dobosh faces junior Paul "He-Man" Mehan, the winner over Daniel "The Mauler" McCoy. Mehan fought well throughout the quarterfinal match, aggressively establishing the tone of the fight in the first round, and staying consistent throughout all three rounds.

160 lbs.
Dennis "Thursday Night" Abdelnour is looking to power his way into the finals, but will have to get through Mike "The Polish Tank" Melby first. Melby is a solid fighter, having won his last two fights by unanimous decision and referee stoppage respectively.

For Abdelnour, winning his bout and in turn the championship has much to do with desire. The senior captain is looking for his first Bengal Bouts crown.

"I want it," said Abdelnour. "I know the other guys want it, but I want it more." Melby hardly represents an easy path to the finals. The sophomore has an excellent jab coupled with an extensive reach that has kept previous fighters at bay. Abdelnour will need to get inside and land one of the vicious hooks that he showcased against Patrick "El Chipote" Ream on Monday night against Vince "The Italian Meatball" DeGennaro.

The second fight in the class just might turn into a classic brawl. It features two boxers that know how to punch, and punch hard — Joe Smith and Travis "Pose" Alexander.

Smith's victory in the quarters was decidedly one-sided, scoring two standing eight counts against Patrick "El Chipote" Ream, but still was impressive. He pounded Ream with loud body blows in the final round, and secured a much-deserved unanimous decision.

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35: Org. with a multicolored journal
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37: Micro-manager's concern
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41: Grand
42: It's insurable
44: Small songbirds
45: Blackthorn fruit
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7: saw
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9: Cheerful
10: Old TV sideline
11: Inventive
12: Lincoln's place
13: Red pick-up competitor
14: Hunter's rank:
15: Accomplices?
16: Bongo TV
17: Love affair
18: Place to practice driving
19: Class in which posters are presented
20: When repeated, an Ivy League tax
21: Social introduction?
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BENGAL BOUTS
Abdelnour seeks first Bengal Bouts title

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Three years ago, Dennis Abdelnour stepped into the boxing ring as a wide-eyed freshman and stared at his opponent in the other corner — senior co-captain Fred Kelly.

It would be nice to say that the young underdog upset the defending champion in his Bengal Bouts debut. But as Abdelnour will readily say, that didn’t come anywhere close to happening.

"I got out of the ring and felt I got beat, destroyed, and made a fool out of," he said.

It took an unexpected comment to jolt the freshman out of his disappointment — a comment that Abdelnour still remembers three years after his first fight.

"The first thing someone said after that fight was, ‘You did unbelievable,’ even after I took a beating," he said. "It really surprised me. I guess everyone was just really proud."

At that moment, Abdelnour realized that fighting in the Bengal Bouts was more than just a charity boxing tournament or a fight with another boxer.

It was a measure of inner strength.

"I wanted to get in there and prove to myself and prove to everyone else that I wasn’t just a bum," he said. "I wanted to prove that I could stand in there with the best and stay standing - and I did."

Abdelnour so impressed Kelly that he got a phone call later that night from the senior.

"I was still a little dejected, but Kelly called me and said, ‘Hey, listen, you did a great job. I hope you come back next year.’ It was then that I realized that I’ve got to work if I want to succeed," Abdelnour said. "I think that’s been my attitude that year and every year after that."

"He’s certainly come a long way since he showed up to boxing practice as a tall, skinny freshman. Abdelnour, who is left-handed, didn’t even have a jab or any strength in his right hand for that matter. He spent the next six weeks training hard and improving his technique."

But that didn’t make getting in the ring for his first match any easier.

"I had only been boxing for six weeks. I just didn’t know what was going to happen," he said. "Every year, it’s just as hard to get in the ring in front of all those people."

It’s a great opportunity to test your inner strength without worrying about winning a fight," Abdelnour said. "It’s been really fun. But I’m anxious to get there and coach spring practice. It’s like a dream come true."

Bill Sheridan (safeties) and Joker Phillips (wide receivers) were also officially named as assistants on Tuesday. Earlier this week, the Observer reported that both Sheridan and Phillips would be hired but first had to pass the mandatory background checks for prospective coaches. Sheridan, the linebackers coach since 1998 at Michigan State, arrived in South Bend a few days ago while Phillips, the Minnesota wide receivers coach for the past two seas- sons, arrived last night. Both were unavailable for comment on Tuesday.

Lockwood interviewed with coach Bob Davie on Feb. 8 but was not offered the position until Feb. 21. In the meantime, on Feb. 16, Lockwood declined an offer to become the defensive backs coach at Syracuse.

"It was even more nerve-wracking at West Virginia or leaving but as it went on, I couldn’t pull the trigger," Lockwood said. "I’m glad I didn’t. I guess things happen for a reason."

When Davie called with an...