Senators approve activity fee increase

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

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

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

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

Before the Senate voted on the final resolution, three students spoke in favor of raising the fee. Mary Barter from the Equestrian Club told senators that her club would benefit from additional money that would potentially be available from the Club Coordination Council if the student activity fee is raised.

Describing her organization as "a club with a large budget and small allocation," Barter said that her club spends $30,000 a year in order to compete, although their CCC allocation is $2800 and RecSports allocation is $1900. The rest of the money, she said, comes from funding the club raises itself, including $630 dues each member pays. "It leads to a situation where the average student is not going to be able to do this," said Barter. "It's a club with a lot of interest, but many members leave and the reason is [they] can't afford to do it."

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

"The club does much more than eat pizza at its meetings," Lewis said. "It conducts tutoring sessions and organizes special events with professors. She also pointed out that CCC allocated the Physics Club $250 last year. "If we were just going to buy pizza, that wouldn't even supply it for the whole year," said Lewis. "To say that the Physics Club is the epitome of waste at Notre Dame is a little off."

John Hogan, the outgoing CCC club coordinator, also encouraged the Senate to approve the resolution. "The student activity fee increase would add to the number of events for students and keep the cost of events lower," he said.

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

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Second female president-elect reflects on experiences

By KATE NAGENGAST
Associate News Editor

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

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

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

Bishop and running mate Trip Foley won this year's student body run-off election by just 21 votes over the ticket of current student body vice president, and his running mate Keri Oxley, current sophomore class president, on Feb. 14.

"The campaign process was grueling," said Bishop. "It was very competitive and very intense because you give 110 percent — especially this year with so many good candidates and no joke candidates."

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

"(The current administration) has done a good job, but things really haven't changed that much," said Bishop. "Of course we all know that student government doesn't have an all-consuming power to change things, but maybe students feel like there could be more potential, that things have gotten stagnant."

Bishop has served as junior class social co-chair, sophomore class vice president, Junior Parents Weekend sophomore executive committee co-chair and freshman class fundraising chair. She hardly considers herself a student government "outsider," she said. "The message is there to try something new and take a different approach. So even though Trip and I have been involved and we're not complete outsiders, overall we have a fresher philosophy because we haven't been stuck in the Classes hold elections

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

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

Smith's ticket will face Steven Henriques, Edward Petzel, Brian Quick and Catherine Bingham in Friday's runoff.

"We've been trying to get to know as many juniors as possible," said Henriques, whose ticket received 42 percent of the vote. "We just want to make our senior year awesome. Our group is really energetic and we think we can make a difference."

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

"It would have been nice to have gotten 50 percent," said Bramley, the ticket's vice presidential candidate. "But we knew that the (Stephanie) Aberger..."
When the unpredictable journey ends

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

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But maybe that is the one thing that makes the past 261 editions of The Observer so special — something new, something different, something we never expected.

"Life is one long jar of pickles," I once read. "You try and make something out of the stuff as it comes, and sometimes you manage to pick out a good pickle out of the lot, but usually it's a rather messy business."

Mike Connolly
Editor in Chief

Beyond Campus

Kentucky researchers make discovery about HIV virus

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

"It's not uncommon for the primary manifestation of the HIV infection to be neurological," said Dr. Joseph Berger, chair of the Department of Neurology. Berger said when one out of five patients don't know they have HIV come to their doctor, they first complain of various neurological problems.

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

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

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

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

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

"We have great hope that the studies will someday provide the means to predict which patients should be treated with which drugs.

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

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

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Committee proposals affect ND transportation

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

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

"We've had concerns over CSC vans for years," said Marty Ogren of University Transportation Services. A consumer advisory issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in April, however, prompted the specific request for the removal of two rows of seats, effectively making 15-passenger vans 8-passenger vehicles.

"Fifteen-passenger vans (with 10 or more occupants) had a rollover rate in single-vehicle crashes that is nearly three times the rate of those that were lightly loaded," the U.S. Department of Transportation wrote in an April press release.

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

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

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

"It's probably affected the CSC less than any other organization because they typically would not send out a 15-passenger vehicle with 15 passengers," Ogren said. "The fact that they are renting very few vehicles indicates that they've been meeting their needs." Alan, however, disagrees, saying that renting vehicles has been costly for them. The Vehicle Committee, for its part, is considering other proposals that could shape the face of Notre Dame transportation in the future. But University officials declined to comment on specific policies that they are considering.

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

"No matter what happens with the vans, we still want to be sure students can have access to transportation at night," O'Donnell said. Skendzel, however, said the Vehicle Committee has all but dropped the shuttle concept and replaced it with the transportation rental pool. "This was cost-prohibitive and really didn't answer the logistical problems," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

Hence, streaming live current programming and increased communication with the student body are two of Bishop’s primary goals.

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

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

"We’re hoping to get a lot of people involved in the office. Right now we’re still accepting applications. We’re hoping we’ll get a lot of students as well as people excited about our ideas and get them implemented," said Foley. "We need to start working now so we can get students involved in the process.

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

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

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

"I feel like there’s so much easier to criticize from the outside," she said. "But I think knowing that ultimately some of these smaller meetings will lead to bigger improvements, especially in student life. That’s what drives me, seeing the little details add up into a bigger difference."

"I’m excited to work with Libby, I’ve known her well and worked with her since freshman year," Foley said. "I know she’s a strong person and wants to work with the students and get a lot done. She’ll do a great job as student body president." After being elected on a platform devoid of "overreaching program goals" as Bishop called events like all-school carnivals and barbecues, she and Foley aim to make an individual impact on students’ lives. Programs like PASS will help students who have to print more notes than other students and their plans to work with the Admissions department to coordinate an Internet link with the new student government will help incoming students become more aware of campus events and issues, said Bishop.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I was not that kid at the ‘Graffiti Dance’ who said, ‘I’m going to be student body president.’ But I think that’s good because I’m doing this for the common good of Notre Dame students.

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However, some senators argued that the fee should not be raised, especially in light of how the money was being spent. "I think you all really need to think about the events that are going on. You need to think about the quality of events," said Pasquerella. East senior senator NIKI McCord. "They’re not up to par."

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

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

In other Senate news:

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

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Iowa governor to decide on state English

Associated Press

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

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

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

Many Hispanics and liberals are offended by the measure, similar to laws approved in other states, and they make up the core of Vilsack’s political base. Most Democrats in the legislature voted against the measure and the bill’s critics have warned him not to abandon his voter base by signing the bill.

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

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

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

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

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

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

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

**National News Briefs**

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

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

**Indiana News Briefs**

Senate approves gasoline tax: Motorists in Indiana will eventually pay 7 cents more in state taxes per gallon of gasoline under legislation approved by the Senate on Wednesday. The bill, approved 38-10, is likely headed to a conference committee where differences between it and a Senate on Wednesday. The bill, approved 38-10.

**Muslim fanatics set fire to train**

The train was carrying Hindu nationalists home from a disputed religious site Wednesday, killing at least 57 people, officials said. Fearing religious strife could spread, the prime minister appealed for calm.

The fire gutted four coaches in the early morning attack at a station in the western city of Godhra, where Muslims angered by slogans chanted by the Hindutva movement burnt them with kerosene, according to state officials and witnesses. Fourteen children were among the dead, district administrator Jayanti Ravi said. State Chief Minister Narendra Modi, who traveled to Godhra, said 43 people were injured, many critically.

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

The train was carrying about 2,500 Hindu nationalists returning from Ayodhya, a site in northeast India where activists plan to build a temple at the site of a 16th century Muslim mosque. The destruction of the mosque by Hindu nationalists in 1992 sparked nationwide riots that left 2,000 people dead.

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

Across India, police in cities where Muslims and Hindus live close together began extra patrols.

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

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

**U.N. tribunal reviews Serb crimes**

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

The document, labeled "Albanians to be Summarily Liquidated," was signed and stamped by Col. M. Markovitch, described as a "special unit commander." Barani, whose name was on the list, said a colleague brought it to him after finding it in a municipal building in the northern provincial town of Kosovska Mitrovica.

While Barani testified, a court clerk handed Milosevic a copy of the list. He leaned back in his chair and studied it, his face expressionless. Barani also testified that masked Serb police raided the home of his party's regional chairman and shot him on his doorstep.

The ninth witness to testify against Milosevic, Barani said 43 people were injured, many critically.

Barani said he spent several months in a prison run by Serb police, and was beaten repeatedly.

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

Going from house to house, Barani kept a detailed diary of what he saw, creating a picture of death and destruction in the region.

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

Associated Press

**India**

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Food, freedom call SMC students off campus

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer
Many Saint Mary’s students are choosing to live off-campus because of dissatisfaction with their on-campus lifestyle, citing a desire for more freedom unavailable on campus and a dissatisfaction with food provided by the dining halls.

"It’s a way to have more space and food choice," junior Laura Merry said. "My roommates and I studied abroad last year, and because we lived on our own we felt it would then be hard to return to dorm living. How do you go back to a novelty?"

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

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

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

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

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

While many Saint Mary’s students are satisfied with living on campus, a sense of freedom and a transition into the real world made life off campus much more attractive.

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

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

"Living at Turtle Creek is a walking distance to Notre Dame and biking distance to Saint Mary’s, but for this we pay more," Merry said. "It is like pulling teeth to get anything done. We have had problems with ants, and my car has been broken into."

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

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

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

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Brooks-Devita speaks on diversity

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Her mother empathizes with her daughter.

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

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

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

Today officially marks the end of Black History Month but not singling out minorities, "students, especially for Euro-American students, and it keeps the minorities away." according to the family.

"We must be aware of the reality," Brooks-Devita said. "But she’s learned from her experiences."

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"Serenity"
Performed by Babs Smith
6:00 P.M.
Alumni Hall’s 24-hour space

"Serenity" depicts the relationships between family members surrounding a mother who has alcoholism. There will be a brief reflection session after the performance, as well as an opportunity for questions. Members of the ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) group will also be available to assist in answering questions.

Please join us for this event sponsored by the PILLARS Know Thyself Campaign.

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Ticket was going to be very strong.
Aberger and her running mates, Joe Swiegart, Andrea Braul and Kevin Leicht, received 26 percent of the vote, enough to put the ticket in the Friday’s runoff.
"I’m so excited to have made it this far," said Aberger, the presidential candidate. "My main goal for the rest of the campaign is to see increased voter turnout."
The Class of 2004 was unable to hold its election on Wednesday because late Tuesday night, a candidate from one of the tickets in the race had to withdraw. Another sophomore is now running on that ticket.
On Friday, the Class of 2004 will be able to vote for their class officers on Friday. One ticket consists of Meghan O’Donnell, Pat Millea, Shanna Mensen and Sonia Wallace. Their opponents are Jon Fecko, Sean McCarthy, Richard Morinini and Joseph Saliba.
In the race for off-campus senator, Erin Cushing defeated Julie Ing by 15 votes to 11. Cushing said that as a transfer student who has never lived on campus, she would like to work through the Student Senate to make off-campus students more of a presence in dorm events and other campus activities.
Ravi Soni and Daniel Barabas, who ran unopposed, will serve in the position of off-campus co-presidents.

Contact Erin LaRuffa at elaruffa@nd.edu.

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Tuesday, March 5, 2002
Washington Hall 8 p.m.

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Performing music by Haydn, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky
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Burned body found near San Diego

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

Danielle was last seen on Feb. 1, when her father put her to bed in her family's San Diego home. She was discovered missing the next morning.

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

Westerfield, a twice-divorced father of two grown children, has a 1996 drunken driving conviction, a 1995 conviction for child pornography, possession or clothing in for cleaning after his weekend in the desert.

Police have also searched Westerfield's home and examined three of his vehicles. In warrants, police said they were looking for child pornography, children's pajamas or clothing time with friends. The night Danielle disappeared.

Her husband was home with their daughter and two sons.

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Spring break break is on the way.

I’m not in the mood to blast people today. I am already over spring break. In a little more than one week from now, I will be sitting on the beach in lovely New Zealand, a mango daiquiri firmly in hand.

Many of you may be wondering what I’m doing so far from my hometown. Well, after a few drinks, I decided to take it easy, and I’ve been exploring the local culture. I’ve been really enjoying the nightlife here. The clubs are hopping and there are plenty of options for entertainment.

Instead of spending hours in the bars, I’ve been spending time with the locals. I’ve met some amazing people here, and I’ve had a lot of fun. I’m really enjoying the laid-back atmosphere and the beautiful weather.

I’m looking forward to the rest of my trip here. I’m planning on exploring more of the island and trying some new food. I’m really happy to be here and I don’t want to come back to the cold climate of Indiana.

Joe Muto

Livin’ on a Proser

NDToday/Observer Poll Question

Should the dining halls serve meat on Fridays during Lent?

Vote at NDToday.com by today at 5 p.m.
I was 12,000 feet up in the Andes. The view was stunning, the air crisp, and I had just finished retching from having downsed some bad pork. A group of us had arrived in Ecuador that morning, winding through five hours of dusty, unpaved road before reaching Secao, a pinprick of a town nestled in the mountains. On the way we had stopped at the local roadside bar and grill. The daily special, as it was every day, was pig carras, slung head down from roof beams. We paid, they carved — instant dyspepsia. In Secao, we would spend a week, living among the Quechua natives, helping to construct their new church building. All the school-aged girls crowded around with cheeks cracked and raw from the cold. We were told to refrain from too much affection, as they had lice. I let the giggling kids pillo my lap anyway. During the day, we would lug concrete blocks several feet at a time, stop to wheeze, proceed a few more feet, then wheeze again. Proudly owning our burden, we would arrive at the site only to find we were outdone. The natives are a hardy folk — we witnessed one woman five months pregnant out each day slopping cement and stacking bricks. At night, in 40 degree weather, Quechuans from all over the hillside walked three miles barefoot to attend church with us. Others were shot in what we fondly termed “jellies” — clear, plastic sandals in colors like fluorescent pink and lime. When church finished three hours later, they trekked back with only starlight — and glowing jellies — to guide them.

When I drew back to the States, lick-flee, I can’t say I ever saw things quite the same again. I’ve made trips to other third-world countries since, and I must say, all things being equal, that of all the places I would choose to be poor, it would be right here in the United States. The fact is the poor here are doing remarkably better in material terms than the poor elsewhere. The National Center for Policy Analysis lists a slew of statistics guaranteed to surprise. The lowest 20 percent of the income bracket spent approximately $13,957 in 1993 while their earned income averaged only $6,295. The fact that these families are paying $7,000 more than they can be chalked up to non-income related benefits, like public housing and food stamps. As housing and food comprise some of the largest household expenditures, a portion of the poor are actually better off than reports reveal. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Census Bureau Report of 1992 revealed that 92.2 percent of the poor own color televisions, 60 percent own microwaves and 41 percent own homes. Of these, 70 percent are free and clear of pecky mortgages the rest of us have to deal with. Not bad. Europeans are right to be jealous. More of our poor own VCRs than all non-poor in Europe, excluding the United Kingdom — which means Blockbuster would be wise to limit property investments to primarily English-speaking countries. Compared to non-poor in the Netherlands, Italy and Great Britain combined, American poor own more dishwashers. Even the well-off in Europe own fewer microwaves than our poor here. America, quite frankly, is wealthy. And we share the wealth, despite what angst-ridden socialists might say. There is also much mention of the widening gap between rich and poor. Could someone please tell me precisely what the appropriate gap should be? Larry Elder, in his book “Ten Things You Can’t Say in America,” makes the point that if gap measurement were more accurately attuned to the exorbitant taxes imposed on the rich and the non-cash benefits enjoyed by the poor, it would no longer be a concern.

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Christine Niles

Letters to the Editor

Sexual orientation issues raise controversy

Heterosexual parents do not guarantee a ‘true family’

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

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Biblical evidence offers proof of homosexual immorality

In describing homosexuality as a moral evil, the Pope does no disservice to the Catholic Church, but instead does her a favor by preserving the tradition and truth that have been enshrined by countless encyclicals, letters and other Third World countries since, and I must say, all things being equal, that of all the places I would choose to be poor, it would be right here in the United States. The fact is the poor here are doing remarkably better in material terms than the poor elsewhere. The National Center for Policy Analysis lists a slew of statistics guaranteed to surprise. The lowest 20 percent of the income bracket spent approximately $13,957 in 1993 while their earned income averaged only $6,295. The fact that these families are paying $7,000 more than they can be chalked up to non-income related benefits, like public housing and food stamps. As housing and food comprise some of the largest household expenditures, a portion of the poor are actually better off than reports reveal. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Census Bureau Report of 1992 revealed that 92.2 percent of the poor own color televisions, 60 percent own microwaves and 41 percent own homes. Of these, 70 percent are free and clear of pecky mortgages the rest of us have to deal with. Not bad. Europeans are right to be jealous. More of our poor own VCRs than all non-poor in Europe, excluding the United Kingdom — which means Blockbuster would be wise to limit property investments to primarily English-speaking countries. Compared to non-poor in the Netherlands, Italy and Great Britain combined, American poor own more dishwashers. Even the well-off in Europe own fewer microwaves than our poor here. America, quite frankly, is wealthy. And we share the wealth, despite what angst-ridden socialists might say. There is also much mention of the widening gap between rich and poor. Could someone please tell me precisely what the appropriate gap should be? Larry Elder, in his book “Ten Things You Can’t Say in America,” makes the point that if gap measurement were more accurately attuned to the exorbitant taxes imposed on the rich and the non-cash benefits enjoyed by the poor, it would no longer be a concern.

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Ten tips for beefing up your DVD collection

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Columnist

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

Tip #1: Purchase titles that will be watched repeatedly

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

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

Tip #2: Avoid retail

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

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

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

Tip #3: Always use a coupon

Coupons are another advantage that online shops have over retail stores. They are easy to use and at the very least cover the cost of first-class shipping. Bigger online shops like Barnes & Noble do not usually offer coupons because their name recognition generates enough business. However, other well-known shops like Amazon and Buy.com feature a new coupon almost every month. Oftentimes, these coupons are not publicized in mailers from online stores.

Before purchasing any title online, coupons can be browsed and picked up at Fightdivx.com (www.fightdivx.com), the best-known DVD coupon distributor. The Fightdivx Web site provides all the necessary information about the coupon's worth, requirements and expiration date.

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

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

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

The discount is another reason pre-ordering online is more favorable. Most titles are discounted between 25 and 40 percent off to attract customers into ordering two or three months before the disc's street date release, at which time the same titles drop to about 15 percent off. When combined with a coupon, an online pre-order can save a lot.

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

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

Tip #5: Set limits on buying

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

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

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

Tip #6: Purchase different genres

When starting a collection, be sure to consider balancing it out with a variety of genres. If a collection is loaded with dramas and only a smattering of comedies, a desire for a relaxing movie on a Friday afternoon might induce an unnecessary trip to the rental store. However, buying a couple of movies that let the need for diversity lead to an increase in titles that will not be watched more than once.

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

o do it cheap and do it right

Although you may have nothing but the best intentions to listen to Hans Zimmer’s commentary track about his scoring of “Gladiator” on the two-disc set, it’s likely that most of the extras will never be seen. Distribution companies who are faced with poor box office receipts on certain movies add loads of unnecessary extras to the film’s DVD release to attract purchasers and to recoup their investment. Their victim is the buyer, who picks up the movie mainly for its extras and never even watches them. Companies are also being malicious toward buyers’ interests by overstuffing DVDs simply to justify a two-disc set. The two-disc set is automatically more costly to produce than an extra-less disc, allowing the distribution companies to slowly siphon more money off consumers.

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

The original release of “Platoon” may not feature Oliver Stone’s commentary, but it’s significantly cheaper.

Tip #10: Have fun and share

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

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

The strategy to use at auction houses like eBay is to look for popular titles that could be much cheaper than their online retail counterparts. The site was recently flooded with “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” DVD bids after a single seller put up hundreds of copies for sale. Most of the auctions ended with a purchase price under $1. But buyers beware: dishonest vendors and purchases in violation of international copyrights can make any “win” on eBay a potentially sour experience.

Resourcesful DVD purchasers will notice that certain companies wait months before dropping prices. Artisan Entertainment, the distributor of such titles as “American Pie” and “Seven,” is likely to release these discs at a lower price. Sometimes “Terminator 2” is dated version.

TIP: Be aware of company’s strategies; try to beat them

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

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

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

Some and did not buy different genres. Hopefully, these tips will save you some money while still making your DVD shopping as exciting as possible.

Tip #10: Have fun and share

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

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

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The Department of Film, Television and Theatre presents an FTT 498 production

By Sarah Kane

Directed by Beth Hoffmann
Stage Managed by Betsy Nesins

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

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

The issues addressed in the script include rape, incest, pedophilia, unresolved love, strained relationships, addictions and more. Though these themes may seem extreme and far removed from the lives of most college students, the main ideas are applicable to everyone.

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

The sets for this show are minimal, allowing the audience to focus on the numerous ideas presented in the script. Each character has a corner to which he or she retreats where there is a platform in the center of the stage facilitate monologues and actions that help to bring the verbal imagery to life.

"Crave" is one of the hardest shows to perform, partially because it is so random.

Matt Holmes
actor

"Crave" will evoke sympathy, elicit disgust and provoke thought. With a gutsy under-taking of a presentation akin to "vocal gymnastics," the final product is impressive and has potential to be moving, if not intriguing. "Crave" will be presented in Washington Hall's Lab Theatre. The show plays tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free; patrons wanting to get a seat should arrive early because seating is limited.

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Hull scores overtime victory in Red Wings win

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. Brett Hull's goal with 45.5 seconds left in overtime rallied the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Wednesday night.

Hull's late heroics foiled a franchise-record performance by Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo, who stopped 57 of 58 shots.

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

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

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

Hull's game-winner, his 24th of the season, came on a one-timer shot, taking a crossing feed from Pavel Datsyuk, who stole the puck from Panthers defensemen Sandis Ozolins.

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

The goal govt on Luongo, who repeatedly thwarted Washington throughout the night. With 16:40 left in the third period and Detroit on the power play, Luongo robbed Hull from close range. With 9:09 to go, Hull again was stymied.

In the second period, Hull had a slap shot clanked off the post. Hull gave the Panthers a 1-0 lead with his 18th goal of the season, a backhanded shot off the post that beat Dominik Hasek at 10:56 of the first period.

Hull's goal was the second of Hull's four points against the Panthers this season. Hull became the seventh NHL player with 1,600 points when he assisted on Luongo's first goal in the third period.

The Red Wings closed the gap to 2-1 on Robitaille's power-play goal at 7:50 of the second period. Stationed to the right of Luongo, Robitaille flung a backhander high into the net. Hull fed the rebound assist.

- Associated Press

NBA

Cassel's free throws secure victory

Associated Press

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

The Bucks beat Boston for the fourth straight time, winning 95-91 on Wednesday night as Vin Baker scored 26 points.

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

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

Erick Strickland and Walker had eight shot attempts in the last 25 seconds to pull the Celtics within 93-92 with 5.5 seconds remaining.

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

Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson had 23 points each for the Bucks, the only NBA team with three players averaging at least 20.

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

Walker had 30 to lead the Celtics and has 84 points in three games against Milwaukee this season.

The Bucks rallied from 10 down in the fourth quarter, rebou nding from Tony Battie.

The Celtics opened the game with an 11-0 run capped off by two free throws by Delk. Milwaukee had three four-pointers and led 29-27 at the end of the quarter courtesy of nine points from Cassel.

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

Walker scored eight of his 12 third-quarter points during a 5-0 run to erase the 53-43 Bucks lead. Reserve Eric Williams had a career-high seven assists.

Charlotte 104, New Jersey 85

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

Mashburn, in just his sixth game since missing 42 with a strained abdominal muscle, scored a season-high 36 points and many key baskets as Charlotte beat Indiana 104-85 on Wednesday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

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

The Hornets are trying desper­ately to clinch a 2-6 playoff run to escape the eighth place in the Eastern Conference. They are 1-8 against the top four teams.

Charlotte is 1-6 this season with Mashburn more than carried the load for the other starters — Patrick Ewing, Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson. The Hornets needed a win.

Mashburn more than carried the load for the other starters — George Lynch, P.J. Brown and Edmen Campbell combined to score eight points — and took the pressure off injured forward Martin Bhea­derson.

Bravis Davis, playing with a bruised chest, was slow to warm up and took just one shot in the first half. He finished 2-of-9 from the floor until making a 3-pointer with 9:30 left in the game, finished with 15 points and 10 assists.

Jason Magloire added 12 and Lee Nailon scored 11 for the Hornets, who averaged their embarrassing 95-93 loss to the Nets on Monday night.

Charlotte’s Jason Kidd – who along with Mike Bibby, Hunter and Crittenton — has assumed a leadership role on the team and a wide-open jumper because he thought the Hornets needed a 3-5.

The Nets struggled with just about everything and only avo ided their worst loss of the season (22 points) because the Hornets ended the game with almost six minutes left, allowing every player but Kidd to see some time.

Aaron Williams scored 12 for New Jersey and Jason Kidd had 11 in his 18th of 37 attempts.

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

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Jordan has surgery for first time in career

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Michael Jordan turned the Wizards into a team in position to make the playoffs for the first time since 1997. He was happy they found the knee in a collision with teammate Etan Thomas just before the All-Star break.

Jordan missed two games earlier in the season to rest the knee, and the Wizards lost both of the games, including five games, including at the All-Star break.

The injury initially was diagnosed as tendinitis, and he had fluid drained from the knee at least three times, most recently before a game in Miami on Saturday. He also banged the knee in a collision with teammate Etan Thomas just before the All-Star break.

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

Jordan missed two games earlier in the season to rest the knee, and the Wizards lost both times. His only other major injury came in 1995, when he broke his left foot and missed 46 games in his second season with the Bulls.

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Bouts
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straight finals.

190-pounds
The first fight in the 190-pound category squared John Lynk against William Zizic and left almost the entire crowd on its feet at its conclusion.
In a fight that saw each boxer land huge combinations and hooks on the other, Lynk used an aggressive start and a strong finish to pull off the unanimous victory to advance to the finals.
Zizic had a good second round, but could not stop the barrage of punches Lynk fired off in the final round. The fight went back and forth, with the crowd getting into the action more and more as the bout continued.
After two close rounds in the second 190-pound fight between Kevin "Hardcore" Brandl and Joshua "The Flyin' Hawaiian" Kaakua, Brandl finally took over.
"It was a slower paced fight, it wasn't a brawl," said Brandl. "I think that we both fought really well and it defiantly was a close fight. I think the end the advantage came when I landed some good jabs in there."
Both fighters went after each other aggressively in the third round, but Brandl had just enough to gain the victory and a second chance at a Bengal Bouts championship. He lost in the finals during his sophomore year.

Heavyweights
Carlos Abeyeta and Stefan Borovina both had byes in the first round and had not fought in the tournament heading into the semifinals.
It did not seem to matter for either.
Abeyeta overcame a slow start and five time stoppages during the match to win a unanimous decision against football walk-on Jeff Campbell.
Campbell came out in the first round extremely aggressive and seemed to surprise Abeyeta with his flurry of combinations and strong jabs. But Abeyeta slowly but surely began to land more and more left hooks before taking the match over in the final round.
In the other semifinal, Borovina steadily landed punches throughout the match while his opponent, Eric Nelson, struggled mightily to hit Borovina during the first two rounds.
Nelson, the shortest fighter in his weight class, had trouble reaching Borovina. Finally, in the third round, Nelson began hitting Borovina heavily, but it was too little, too late as the Borovina won in a split decision to head to the finals against Abeyeta.

Sophomore Tommy Demko lands a left to the head of senior Matt Sarb, but Sarb would prevail in the end with a second round knockout of the underclassman. He will face Mark Criniti in the finals.
John Henry and his partners Wednesday, ending seven decades since 1918. It also closed an often contentious 16-month sale immediately.

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Henry and incoming team president John Henry and his partners completed their record $660 million purchase of the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday, ending seven decades of ownership by the Yawkey family and its trust.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The purchase also includes 80 percent of the New England Sports Network plus $40 million in assumed debt. The price more than doubled the previous record for a baseball franchise — the $323 million paid by Larry Dolan for the Cleveland Indians in 2000. The Red Sox announced the agreement with Henry's group on Dec. 20, but the deal was held up as losing bidders tried to restart the auction and Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly investigated whether the Jean B. Yawkey Trust, which owned 53 percent of the team, would receive fair value.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 2002 summer session will begin on Monday, June 17 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 2 (final exams). Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (610 Main (Bldg.) beginning on Thursday, February 21. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~sumses).

Notre Dame continuing students—undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2002 who are eligible to return in the fall—must use Web Registration (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses through Friday, June 21. The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on IrishLink for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (selection) are available at www.nd.edu/~mreg/summer.html Course call numbers are published in the Bulletin and at the Summer Session Web site.

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

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

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

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A Lenten Reflection in the Wilderness

**Cave Spirituality**

**by Chandra Johnson**

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

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

In Campus Ministry, we are witnessing the emergence of students who desire to learn more about varied prayer forms. Because of this interest, I am curious as to the historical significance of contemplative cave and wilderness spirituality, a topic I chose to examine in preparation for the No Greater Love retreat held last Saturday. The theme for this year’s retreat was Prayer. Many students came to obtain the historical rubrics of a contemplative and communal prayer experience. Individual and prayer group opportunities are becoming a vital part of a normal day.

Quietling the mind and resting in the presence of God is calming to the spirit, and students campus-wide are immersing themselves in the soothing solitude present below the noise. As we continue our Lenten observance, I want to use this week’s column to reflect on wilderness spirituality, and the reality we create for ourselves when we emerge from our prayer experience.

My challenge to you is this: after you’ve read this column, take a moment to think about your prayer life. Do you have a consistent, relational, prayer life, one can be assured of God’s guidance, direction and love as we live actively as citizens of the world?

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

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

My challenge to you is this: after you’ve read this column, take a moment to think about your prayer life. Do you have a consistent prayer life? If you do, great. Where is your cave? Cherish the moments you consciously set aside to share your time and thoughts with God. If you don’t have a prayer life, maybe now would be a good time to begin a relationship with your Creator. All you need is a quiet space and the willingness to let God use your life for your greatest good. It’s a wonderful way to live because it takes the pressure off wondering if your faithfulness, fidelity and joy in loving us. Just pick the time and place. When you’re ready, God will be waiting to rock your world.
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NCAA Basketball
Vanderbilt upsets No. 11 Kentucky

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. Reserve Brendan Plavich scored all but two of his 20 points on 3-pointers and Vanderbilt beat No. 11 Kentucky 86-73 Wednesday night to snap an 18-game losing streak to the Wildcats. Kentucky (19-8, 9-6 SEC) is the only visiting team with a win over Vanderbilt since 1999, a stretch of eight straight home losses.

The Wildcats came in ready to clinch their 12th consecutive 20-win season and keep alive their chances for at least a share of the SEC's Eastern Division title. But the Commodores, a team that had struggled to score in recent games, suddenly couldn't miss as they scored more points than in any of their past eight games.

They shot 53 percent (30-of-56) from the field, including 11-of-22 from 3-point range, while the Wildcats shot 35 percent (22-of-62).

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

Tyshawn Prince led Kentucky with 24 points, while Hashaund Carruth added 22.

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

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

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

Vandy built the lead as much as 53-30 in the opening minutes of the second half when the Wildcats tried to wade themselves up by going to a full-court press.

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Senior captain Brock Heckmann advanced to the final round of Friday night's Lightweights when the referee stopped his contest with sophomore Murphy one minute and 25 seconds into the third round.

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

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

While Pettit attacked in the third round with all the energy he had left, Heckmann was able to pin the action against the ropes and in the corners, where the fight finally ended. Heckmann's quest for a second consecutive Bengal Bouts title will end one way or another against sophomore John Nowak, a lofty whose unyielding attack outdid him in a split decision over junior Mike Melby Wednesday night.

The taller of the two contestants, Melby used his reach advantage well in the first round but never enough to stop Nowak's strong left hands. Often working without a jab, Nowak USU­

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

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

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

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

Senior Mark DeSplinter will be Kitalong's reward in the finals on Friday, after winning a split decision over sophomore Pat Dillon, the second seed in the 160-pound weight class. Equal in height and using similar styles, DeSplinter and Dillon fought evenly throughout the first two rounds.

DeSplinter continued to use his long jab, while Dillon relied on a jab that set up his two-handed combinations. While Dillon did not seem phased by the combinations that DeSplinter continued to throw in the final round, neither was he able to stop them.

DeSplinter will fight for the championship on Friday after outscoring his opponent with aggressiveness and power. A resident of Alumni Hall, DeSplinter is the only freshman to advance to the Bengal Bouts finals.
By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

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

Bravo used a strong jab in every round of the fight, adding to it a straight right in the third round for a few impressive 1-2 combinations to Newburg's head. However, he was never able to score and unanswered right hand to the head.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before Notre Dame inbounded the ball, Red Storm coach Mike Jarvis called a timeout to set up a defense.

Janes was elected to double-team and pressure Chris Thomas in the backcourt. With no one open to receive a pass, Thomas failed to dribble the ball past half court. With time winding down, Thomas' half-court heave bounced off the glass preserving the win for the Red Storm.

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

St. John's and Notre Dame now have identical overall records and Big East Conference records (11-4, 9-6 Big East). Each team will most likely finish third in its respective division of the Big East.

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

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

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

Notes:

- David Graves broke Elmer Bennett's record of most games played in a career. Graves is now the all-time leader with 125 career games.
- Chris Thomas finished with 10 assists putting his season total to 214. Thomas has now tied and has tied the all-time mark for assists in a single season at Notre Dame.
- The Irish take on Providence at home on Saturday. The game starts at 4:00 p.m. and will be nationally televised on CBS.

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BENGAL BOUTS: 165-POUNDS — 170-POUNDS

Matassa reaches finals

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

170-pounds

The only thing missing in the semifinal bout between Domingo "Lunes" Maynes and Evan "Dysfunctional" Oliver were some bar stools and pool cues.

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

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

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

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

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

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Reworking of old material
5 Look closely
10 Vaulted area, perhaps
14 Comicana
15 Barbers of "Gone With the Wind"
16 Five-time U.S. Open champ
17 Fighting words
20 Threaten to fall
21 Dow with a Fulfiller
22 ___ particle
23 Separates
25 Ropes
27 See 52-Down
28 ___ Panasica (mil. center)
30 Smelly smoke
31 Christmas wish
33 They may fill yards
34 What 17- and 54-Across indicate
37 Solver of escapes
38 "The Tempest" soliloquies
39 Rah-ah
41 Sushi selection
42 Base of a crassus stem
46 It may be shown on a tree
48 One with a yen
50 Feminizing suffix
51 Old radio's "My Friend ___"
53 Go with the wind
54 Fighting words
57 Donzetti's "Romani a dir m'ami," e.g.
59 Rest stop sights
60 Having southerly breezes
61 Lieutenant
62 Hand demand?

DOWN
1 Place to feel a strain stream
2 Classical symbol of wisdom
3 Touchguns
4 Shackles
5 Necessary for an opening act?
6 It may get stuffed, Abbr.
7 46-Across's look
8 Stop-off
9 Doesn't just please
10 Cause of some spasms
11 Jane Goodall, to
12 Trips overseas
13 Flow out
14 Roll of the dice
15 Kind of comb
16 Yemen's capital
18 Evergreen oak
19 Mid American capital
26 Weak wish of note
27 Bad wish, e.g.
29 Big California industry
32 Raced down?
37 Catastrophic accident
38 Some see: 48-Across's look
40 "I ___ you, dis," e.g.
41 VIDAS
42 "Go with the wind"
43 Wellspring
44 Product
45 Stevenson
46 It's on again, 1960s Abbr.
47 Hanged Irish patriot
48 Algonquian-speaking people
50 With 27-Across, Fort Lee, e.g.
51 The Great Gatsby
52 With 27-Across, Port Fort, e.g.
55 The Little Giant
56 None existent

Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
You're being a bit too optimistic today. If you expect too much, you may get disappointed. Keep your goals realistic. Some matters will improve, so be on the lookout for opportunities to take action. Expect the unexpected.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22):
You're ready to take on new challenges and tasks. You're feeling confident and determined to succeed. Your energy and enthusiasm will help you make progress, but remember to be patient and persistent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
You're feeling particularly ambitious and driven today. You're motivated to take action and make things happen. Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone and try new things.

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Celebrities born on this day:

- Bruno Mars
- Carey Mulligan
- Ellen Page

Happy Birthday: You will be concerned with helping those in need this year. Your dedication will be respected and admired by the people you encounter along the way. You have a great sense of what will work and therefore you should focus on what you know best. Expect the unexpected.

SUN COMING UP

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Hockey

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EUGENIA LAST

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

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Something is brewing behind closed doors. Be careful what you say to whom today. You may be seen the wrong way. There's some sort of creative or personal work that you want to develop into your own unique idea.

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

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):
You've been working too hard and it's catching up with you. You can almost be too difficult to please. If you're in the mood to relax, you might want to take a weekend off and just enjoy yourself. Consider your own needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
You really need to get out and do things that will alleviate your stress. If you're moving in a positive direction, close friends will be happy to join you. Make plans to take a short trip or consider booking somewhere different. Enjoy the company of others.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22):
You feel like making a career move, but you need to ask yourself if you have the time or energy to make such a big decision. If you're considering taking on a new responsibility, consider how your current position is giving you the opportunity to grow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Don't get into arguments. Stop thinking about the things you can't change and start focusing on what you can. Consider your own needs.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22):
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HEAVYWEIGHTS

BENGAL BOUTS: 180-POUNDS — HEAVYWEIGHTS

Three more rounds

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

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

Tonight, it was St. John’s turn to beat the Irish with a hard-fought 84-81 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

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

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

Fellow senior David Graves provided the offense from the perimeter by scoring 10 points and making three 3-point field goals in the first half. He finished with 11 points.

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

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

“Marcus Hatten is such a great player,” said Brey. “He can do it all out there. He is so difficult to defend because he forces you to double team him. This leaves other guys open for big shots.”

The Irish shot a sizzling 72 percent in the first half but were unable to sustain their firepower in the second half. As was the case in the Rutgers and Syracuse losses, the Notre Dame offense went cold at the beginning of the second half.

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

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

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

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

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

Men’s Basketball

Red Storm rains down on Irish in New York

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

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

Tonight, it was St. John’s turn to beat the Irish with a hard-fought 84-81 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

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

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

Fellow senior David Graves provided the offense from the perimeter by scoring 10 points and making three 3-point field goals in the first half. He finished with 11 points.

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

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

“Marcus Hatten is such a great player,” said Brey. “He can do it all out there. He is so difficult to defend because he forces you to double team him. This leaves other guys open for big shots.”

The Irish shot a sizzling 72 percent in the first half but were unable to sustain their firepower in the second half. As was the case in the Rutgers and Syracuse losses, the Notre Dame offense went cold at the beginning of the second half.

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

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

While Johnson provided key