The Senate unanimously approved a letter voicing student concern that any changes to the Department of Economics will affect the administration. The letter states there are any changes to the structure of the department that will estrange current professors and pose a hindrance to any improvements in the degree program that need to be made. Staley hopes this letter will bring attention to the need for student voice in major decisions regarding their education.

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

Staley said this letter addresses the need for changes in the department in order to better qualify economics majors for graduate school, as well as prepare them for the academic rigor of graduate schools. It also addresses concern that any changes in the Economics Department will affect the retention of talented professors. The Senate states there are outstanding professors in the department, as evident by the student-elected recipients of last year's Frank O'Malley Teaching Award, Kimberly Zigich, director of programming and Laureen Meagher, chief controller.

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

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

In other Senate news:
- The Senate unanimously approved nominees for the three top positions of the Student Union Board for the 2003-04 school year. Those approved included, Charles Ebersol, board manager, Kimberly Zigich, director of programming and Laureen Meagher, chief controller.
- The Senate unanimously approved the two nominees for their class vice president and vice president.

ACLU warns of privacy threat

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

His talk was based on the mid-January report the ACLU released expressing concern with the growing capabilities of technology to track American citizens' every move. "We are at a point where privacy in America is at a great risk," he said.

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

SMC elects class officials, high turnout reported

Saint Mary's students turned out in large numbers to cast their votes for class leadership positions. According to Alison Joseph, Board of Governance elections commissioner, the voter turnout was amazing for all three classes. Fifty-two percent of upcoming seniors voted in the online election, along with 38 percent of sophomores and 46 percent of freshmen.

"The increase in voter turnout could definitely be due to the convenience of online voting," said Joseph. "But the candidates also did a very good job campaigning, which really helped raise voter awareness and participation." Upcoming seniors elected Desiree Paulin and Kris Spriggle as their class president and vice president. "We're so excited that we won, but what's even more amazing is that over half of the class voted," said Paulin. "It projects that our class may be very participatory next year."

Mary Leppert won 111 votes for class secretary and Beatrisy Mitchell as class treasurer. "We're so excited that we won, but what's even more amazing is that over half of the class voted," said Leppert. "The increase in voter turnout is definitely a reflection of growing class involvement."

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

**Need a cab?**

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

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

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

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

I have taken cabs encased in dirt, ride in cars with strange-townies that just seem to be along for the ride with no apparent destination and called one company only to be picked up by another. Interestingly enough, of all the times I've been driven from my dorm to the airport I have never been charged the same fee twice despite the fact that the distance is similar for the ride with no apparent factor. Need a cab to anywhere? You're in the wrong place.

**Drury lectures on danger of date rape at Saint Mary's**

Patrick Drury, S.O.S. advocate coordinator, led a discussion on date rape at Saint Mary's Wednesday. Drury emphasized that a woman cannot prevent a rape.

President Bush rejected a Canadian proposal that gives Iraq until the end of March to disarm. Bush said that Saddam Hussein must disarm without delay.

**Insider Column**

**What's Happening @ ND**

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

**What's Happening @ SMC**

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

**CORRECTIONS**

In yesterday's article "Sharone remembered in campus Mass," Handzo's animated memorial Mass held in Basilica." Cedric Albert was incorrectly identified as Chad Sharon's Resident Assistant. Deneef Nelson was actually Sharon's R.A. The Observer regrets the error.

**What's Going Down**

Public intoxication citation issued

NDSP issued a citation for public intoxication at the Main Gate. The case is currently being referred for administrative review.

Employee sustains injury

A University employee working in a Food Services Support Facility was transported for treatment of a laceration.

Telephone call under investigation

NDSP is investigating an alleged telephone harassment complaint that occurred in the landscaping department.

Student vehicle towed

A Notre Dame student's vehicle was towed from main circle for a parking violation.

Unlocked bike reported stolen

A student reported that his unlocked bike was stolen from outside of the Coleman-Morse Center.

NDSP continues vandalism investigation

NDSP is continuing to investigate a case of vandalism at Fischer Hall. Currently, suspect information is being developed.

--compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

**WHAT'S UP**

**Weather**

**Today's Lunch:** Texas chili, minestrone soup, cream of broccoli soup, french onion soup, mushroom stroganoff, pepperoni, cheese, vegetable, and chicken fajita pizzas, tuna casserole, blueberry szechwan vegan noodles and BBQ chicken wings.

**Today's Dinner:** Sausage calzones, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked chicken, scallop and vegetable stir-fry, beef and pepper casserole and flame-roasted feta cheese and peppers.
Drury lectures on danger of date rape at SMC

By SARAH NESTOR  
Saint Mary’s Editor

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual assault is defined as conduct of a sexual or indecent nature toward another person that is accompanied by actual or threatened physical force or that induces fear, shame or mental suffering. This can include rape and attempted rape, child molestation, incest, sexual harassment, obscene phone calls and indecent exposure. According to Drury, rape is a sexual assault, but not all sexual assaults are rapes.

An important aspect to determining what constitutes a rape is finding whether consent was given. According to Drury there are four situations in which it is legally impossible to give sexual consent: if you are intoxicated, mentally handicapped, under the legal age limit, or unconscious or asleep.

“If you don’t have the freedom to say no, you don’t have the option to consent,” Drury said.

Drury acknowledged that most rapes occur in everyday situations and that 84 percent of women raped knew their attackers for at least a year. Drury said there are no big signs to look for and that there are no warnings typical of a rapist.

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

Drury also said it is important to believe what you are told and that if you doubt her or allow her to blame herself. He ended his discussion by pointing out that every hour, 28 women are raped in the U.S.

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to this and other similar government programs, Steinhardt described the technological advances that will contribute to the growth of a surveillance society. He mentioned a proposal by Washington, D.C. police to install large spreads of surveillance cameras to monitor the population and also mentioned technological developments like face recognition and genetic capabilities that would further increase the amount of information the government could possess about each citizen and the surveillance that could be conducted. Steinhardt also said that laws protecting citizens from undue surveillance are no longer functional.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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for next year's assistant student union treasurers.

"We want to ensure a student voice in the next decision that affects students," Jeremiah Sorensen, Off-Campus Residential Life senator, reported to the Senate on his meeting with officials from OIT. This meeting, said Norman, included discussion on the segregated bandwidth policy currently in place at OIT.

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

Norman said they also discussed increasing publicity to students regarding where they can find help with computer problems.

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

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Bush rejects Canadian deadline for Iraq to disarm

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

Bush said he met Wednesday with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada to discuss implementing a Canadian compromise plan that would give Iraq 45 days to disarm before the U.S. launches a war.

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

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

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

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

While State Department officials said they would press Bush's case, the president met with Azerbaijani leader Gjilher Aliyev. The country, 250 miles northeast of Iraq, has backed U.S. calls for Saddam's disarmament.

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

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

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

Coolly receiving the plan, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said "it's only premature on a decision we all should prepare to take." Boucher said Chretien's plan would give Iraq "an opportunity to show the world they are serious in their intentions to disarm" with Saddam, who they say is playing for time.

"He is a master of disguise and double-talk," Boucher said of Saddam. "Saddam will be disarmed one way or the other."

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

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

E-mails reveal NASA engineers' concerns about shuttle

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

After intense debate — occurring by phone and e-mails — the engineers, supervisors and the head of the space agency's Langley research facility in Hampton, Va., decided against taking the matter to top NASA managers.

Jeffrey V. Kling, a flight controller at Johnson Space Center's mission control, said he had "a rare instance of hawking accuracy" that might happen to Columbia during its fiery descent if superheated air penetrated the wheel compartment.

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

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

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

One e-mail, from "K. Kevin" McCluney, a shuttle mechanical engineer at Johnson Space Center, described the risks that could lead to "LOCV - NASA shorthand for the loss of the crew and vehicle. But McCluney ultimately recommended to do nothing unless there was a "wholesale loss of data" from sensors in the left wing, in which case controllers would need to decide between a risky landing and bailout attempt.

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

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

World News Briefs

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

House of Commons supports Blair: British lawmakers on Wednesday backed Tony Blair's decision to go to war, but robust questions from the Labour Party mounted their biggest challenge to the prime minister since he came to power in 1997. While the government carried two votes decisively, the oppositio dissenders made a stronger-than-expected showing, underlining the strength of opposition to war among Britons and within Blair's party.

National News Briefs

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

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

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

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

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

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Design chosen for Trade Center

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

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

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

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

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The source said he told the architect his "vision has brought hope and inspiration to a city still recovering from a terrible tragedy." Libeskind, who is based in Berlin, declined comment. The source said he told the LMDC chairman that being selected is "a life-changing experience."

Deciding what to do with the 16-acre site in Lower Manhattan has been wrenching at times. Relatives of the fallen towers were torn. The spire that would be the tallest in the world was chosen, both were asked to revise their designs to make them more easily realized. Libeskind, whose original design called for a memorial 70 feet below ground, reportedly changed that to 30 feet, allowing for infrastructure and transportation underneath.

The plan, which may undergo revisions, also called for a Park of Heroes, and a memorial encompassing the footprints of the fallen towers. The design beat a plan by an international design team known as THINK, which envisioned two 1,665-foot latticework towers straddling the footprints of the original towers, said a source familiar with the selection. An official announcement is expected Thursday.

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Sensators support Greenspan view

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

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

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

"Everyone from the president on down has enormous respect for Chairman Greenspan," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said. The Bush administration is trying to persuade Congress to approve the $670 billion tax-cut package, including a centerpiece proposal to slash the tax on investor dividends. President Bush predicted Tuesday that Congress would enact the plan and bolster the faltering economy, which White House advisers said was being slowed by the threat of war in Iraq.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 19, through the course add and drop dates published in the course registration schedule information. The Summer Session Web site.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office and at the Summer Session Web site.

Tuition for the summer session of 2003 will be $486 per credit hour for undergraduate students and $270 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a $45 general fee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All of those assessments left Grushow somewhat miffed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In April, Fox presents 'Mr. Personality,' a series that "explores how looks can be more important than love," said entertainment President Guil Berman.
Economics department isn’t in touch

Go into the community and survey its poor. Cook a dinner with the budget of someone living at the poverty line. Question whether there is a link between consumption and happiness. There are just a few unique experiences an economics major can have at Notre Dame, where the social and moral dimensions of economics are emphasized. Unfortunately, not everyone in the economics department believes these are valuable learning experiences. Some members of the department think that the economics major should focus solely on mathematical and theoretical models. It is true that without its theories and formulas, economics would be nothing more than a boring, empty, untested and unidentified predictions. However, I feel it is possible to have a first-rate economics program without splitting the department into two. If some members of the department are concerned that Notre Dame economics students aren’t being taught enough math and theory, why not add more required classes in these areas? With only ten required classes, economics majors have plenty of room to learn algebra, geometry, calculus, computer science, micro and macro, econometrics and other beneficial classes. We can still compete with the top economics programs in the country, but we need to do it on our terms, not theirs.

Here at Notre Dame, not only do the economics professors teach us the theories and mathematical models, but they show us how these can be applied to help change the world into a better place. We are not being taught about wages without looking at what it does to employment levels of the poor. In short, rather than giving us a glimpse of the complicated, and too often ignored, relationship between economics and morals.

I recently overheard the following joke. An economist and a professor are up in a hot air balloon when a fog bank rolls in, making it impossible for them to discern where they are or land. When the fog rises hours later, they can see nothing. Finally they see a farmer out tending his crop, so they drop down lower and yell to him, "Where are we?" The farmer looks up at them and responds, "You’re in a hot air balloon." The professor then turns to the economist and says, "He must be an economist. He is absolutely right and absolutely useless at the same time."

Today’s economic students are getting an education that isn’t in touch and neither is the economics department.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Approximately 9,000 other voices

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

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing a U.S.-led war with Iraq might claim the just cause tenant of Catholic just war theory as a primary motivating factor in their decision to obtain from ending the petition. The question could be that "The Challenge of Peace: God’s Promise and Our Response," a United States Catholic bishops’ pastoral on war and peace, endorses faith “to protect innocent life, to preserve conditions necessary for decent human existence and to secure basic human rights.”

The approximately 9,000 students, fac­ulty and staff who did not sign the peti­tion opposing the war with Iraq could combine this 2003 Christian Pastoral teaching with IA-generated facts concerning human rights abuses under Saddam Hussein including Hussein’s use of mustard gas in Panwyn in October–November 1983 leaving 3,000 Iranian and Kurdish casualties, his murder of another 2,500 Iraqis on Majnoon Island in February–March 1984 by the same method, his April 1987 mustard-gas attack that left 5,000 dead Iraqis and wounded in al-Ba’rakah, his deploy­ment of tabun and mustard gas against some 3,000 Iraqis at Husnahal March in March 1985 and 5,000 more at al­Ba’rakah in April 1987 and his use of sarin and mustard gas against 3,000 Iraqis in October 1987 at Sumar/Mehran.

The approximately 9,000 students, fac­ulty and staff who did not sign the peti­tion opposing the war with Iraq could cite the violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions since 1990, including those designated 687, 686, 687, 707, 715, 740, 1051, 1060, 1115, 1134, 1137, 1154, 1194, 1205, 1284 and 1441 as primary examples of Hussein’s unwillingness to abide by international law and as a pretext for armed interven­tion.

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

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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius. A genius is somebody like Norm Eifert."—Joe Theisman

former quarterback

Feb. 26
To all African-American students at Notre Dame. I recently read that Notre Dame received a record total of more than 12,000 applications for the class of 2007. According to Assistant Provost Peter Wicks, 16 percent of the applicants tend to be disproportionately white and disproportionately wealthy. This is nothing more than a sham, pure self-deception. Even Enslers own ideology that the play lacks cultural relevance and its implications are a piece of theater, but in a cosmic struggle to destroy the piece described the experience of looking down upon the Earth from her shuttle and she almost fell asleep while Rice talked about her Science Club, founded with the aim of encouraging women to enter the male-dominated world of professional science. When Rice asked, Ensler turned on her tape-recorder. "Do you think if your vagina got dressed it would wear a space helmet?" she asked empoweringly. In one monologue a vulgar slang term for the vagina which is "reclaimed" by being repeated at ever increasing volumes. Shouting rude words can provide a sense of release from pent-up frustration, but this is nothing more than primal scream therapy masquerading as a political act. Even Ensler's writing isn't bad enough to completely stuff the power the piece a bout a feminist rape victim has to disturb, but like the other monologues it lasts for only a few minutes and is imme diately followed by another on a wholly different topic (in this case the story of a vagina which is "pissed off" about tampons and things underneath, grievances which in the context seem embarrassingly trival). This is not consciousness-raising. It is channel surfing through women's experiences. Much of the "Monologues" appeal derives from the way it encourages the reader to engage with the play to picture themselves as participating not in a literate piece of theater, but in a cosmic struggle between absolute good (lesbianism, orgiast) and absolute evil (patriarchy, grammar). But the play's pretensions to being challenging modern society are a sham, pure self-deception. It no more challenges the assumptions of heteropatriarchal culture than do "Sex and the City" or "Cosmopolitans" Kagan. The "Vagina Monologues" is ill-conceived and abysmally written. The stories in which the monologues are based have been so thoroughly filtered through Ensler's own ideology that the play lacks value even considered as documentary. Rather than praising the work, feminists should be play's most insistent critics, because it is difficult being a person. Some have it easier than others, but we all have our challenges in life. The privileged may be able to avoid their obstacles, but that only makes me pity them. My point in writing this letter is not to belittle the injustices faced by certain groups. Rather, it is an expression of my belief that one injustice cannot be rectified by means of another. Please remember me when you speak of whites or males. For every one Rockefeller, there are 10 regular schmucks like me.

Next week on campus there will be two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" play which has done so much to bridge the gap between modern feminism and Tourette's Syndrome. The "Monologues" are a series of soliloquies written by Eve Ensler based on her interviews with a diverse group of women, from Bosnian rape victims to a Brooklyn housewife. Between the longer monologues there are sections of what an assess ment of the responses Ensler received to the questions, "If your vagina could talk, what would it say?"" (sample answers: "Oh, yeah, "Bonjour") and, if your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" The vaginas' "moral choices" range from the practical "jeans" to the wholly inexplicable - purple feathers with twigs and shells. This is certainly an innovative line of inquiry, but one wonders why Ensler didn't pursue it further: "If your vagina went to college what would it major in?" or, perhaps, "How do you feel about welfare reform?" Ensler's language can be exceedingly bad. Her sentences do not merely lack meaning, they actively resist it, like Zen koans. Despite the absence of a finite verb or any discernible meaning, the following is a complete sentence: "To satisfy ourselves, to teach our lovers..." To be present in our vaginas, to speak of them out loud, to speak of their hunger and pain and loneliness and humor, to make them visible so that they cannot be ravaged in the dark without great consequence, so that our center, our point, our motor, our dream, is no longer detached, mutilated, numb, broken, invisible or athymic." This is the English language gone on holiday. It makes as much sense to speak of vaginas "loneliness" and "humor" as it does to talk about their love of opera or their penchant for French cuisine. No nuance of sense would be lost if the above quotation were replaced with two words, "Joy- Oprah!" The sentence quoted was clearly never spoken by any of Ensler's interviewees. To verify this just try reading it out loud. Lots of people write third-rate poetry and too many of them perform it, but none of them mom couldn't afford a test prep course for me when you paint people by race or gender, you use much too broad a brush. As a "minority" or a woman, if you support others based on their race or gender, do not be surprised if white males claim that it is just to support other white males because of their race and gender. It is not -- in either instance. That is why I believe Martin Luther King spoke of the ideal of a "color-blind" society, a society not of blacks and whites, but simply of people. Because it is difficult being a person. Some have it easier than others, but we all have our challenges in life. The privileged may be able to avoid their obstacles, but that only makes me pity them. My point in writing this letter is not to belittle the injustices faced by certain groups. Rather, it is an expression of my belief that one injustice cannot be rectified by means of another. Please remember me when you speak of whites or males. For every one Rockefeller, there are 10 regular schmucks like me.

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Peter Wicks is a graduate student in the Philosophy department. E-mails explaining why he just doesn't get it should be sent to petermcn @nd.edu. Peter will be hosting a stand-up comedy show this Thursday, February 27, at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Auditorium. The show starts at 8 p.m.

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Grammar and Ensler mar the 'Monologues'
MOVIE REVIEW

‘Old School’ has fun of college without the brains

By ADAM WELTLER
Scene Movie Critic

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

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

Students have the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre to thank for this somewhat controversial, highly sexualized class-confrontational commentary “Tu Mama Tambien,” the Student Film Festival, ‘Secret & Lies,” the neo-realist ‘Petits Freres,’ “Go Tigers!” and Michael Moore’s “Bowling for Columbine.” That last one is allegedly worth any ND student’s time.

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

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

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

NDCinema spices up already wild Thursday

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

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

Every now and then it’s nice to find a movie that requires little to no mental effort to enjoy. Indeed there are more than a few of these movies in theaters currently, but Old School lives up to expectations as an entertainingly lowbrow comedy in the tradition of such quality films as Road Trip and Animal House.

Animal House is still not, but director-screenwriter Todd Phillips (who also helmed Road Trip) packs enough laugh lines into the film to keep audience smiling, and stars Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell form a comic trio of characters that come off equally hilarious and familiar.

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

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

In classic fraternity movie fashion, the boys run into trouble with the college dean (Jeremy Piven). In this case, he is the one they used to beat up when they all attended college together, and they must struggle to keep their fraternity alive. Luckily, Mitch is a lawyer, so the men have more resources than the average fraternity.

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

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

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One of the films offered by NDCinema this semester.

Ben Kingsley, of ‘Gandhi’ fame, is in the leading role in the frenetic Brit gangster flick ‘Sexy Beast,’ which follows Владимир more great movies follow, hint every one deserves a few hours of your time. Take a break from the usual and make at least one trip to an NDCinema screening this semester.

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Animation Renaissance

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

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

But right now, I want to talk about what's right in animated features, and that means "Spirited Away." See this movie. "Spirited Away" is an incredible display of visual imagination combined with a genuinely complex story and a magical, melancholic feel. The story is basically that of "Alice in Wonderland" or "The Wizard of Oz:" a girl stumbles into another world, populated by strange and magical creatures — but in doing so, she is separated from her home. "Spirited Away" up the ante by having her parents stumble through with her, and transformed into pigs to serve as bacon at some kind of banquet of Japanese gods and spirits. The girl, Chihiro, must do menial labor for the spirits while plotting to free herself and her parents.

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

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

"Spirited Away" transcends the greatest flaw in the now-annual animated Disney extravaganzas — it teaches a moral lesson without being preachy or sappy. There is no culminating speech or tearful embrace to close the film, no pat one-line message a la "Lilo & Stitch" ("Family means no one gets left behind). Instead, there is a portrait of a girl who behaves behind her immaturity and takes on the responsibilities of an adult. Even better, this change does not occur abruptly, but slowly over the course of the entire movie. This allows for a unity of story and moral, and a depth of character development rarely seen in the animated rivals of "Spirited Away." Which brings me right around to what's wrong in the world of animated features. With rare exceptions, like 2001's "Waking Life," animated films are almost all cookie-cutter clones marketed to the under-12 crowd, with, at best, a few in-jokes to keep adults entertained. What's worse, they are almost always musicals, which results in a number of painful experiences. Here, Disney's competitors, not the movie itself, are the main offenders.

Nevertheless, my readers might be thinking, these are children's movies. Kids like singing. Kids like stupid plots and meaningless cartoon violence. And all this is true. But the Academy has a great opportunity here. "Waking Life" wasn't qualified for last year's Oscar (it was filmed and animated over the film — apparently a no-no), but "Spirited Away" is nominated. By giving the award to "Spirited Away," the Academy could encourage artistic and multi-layered animated films. While I hesitate to call such a trivial controversy an "issue," or to promote the "cause" of good animated movies, anything that will save our generation from sitting through thousands of hours of "Pocahontas" and "The Pebble and the Penguin" clones is worth doing.

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

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

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McCarty's 3 hands Pacers 6 consecutive loss

Associated Press

Boston's Mark Blount takes a shot at the basket in front of Indiana's Jeff Foster during the first half of Boston's 76-69 victory Wednesday.

The Associated Press

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

After McCarty's 3-pointer gave Boston a 69-67 lead, DerMarr Johnson, who led the Pacers with 31 points and 13 rebounds, missed two free throws with 10.3 seconds left. In the final 10 seconds, Pierce and McCarty each converted one free throw before Reggie Miller shot an airball at the buzzer as Boston won a wide-open look.

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

Ron Artest missed the free throw that could have tied the game for Indiana after being suspended for the third time this season by head coach Isiah Thomas.

The last time the Pacers lost six straight was Feb. 1997. They have lost nine of 13 games this year.

Trailing 54-48 with 2:42 remaining in the third. the Celtics won an 11-0 run fea­ turing seven points by Pierce. The Pacers went without scoring before O'Neal hit a pair of free throws to cut the lead to 59-56. O'Neal's basket with 6:41 remaining in the fourth snapped an eight-minute drought without a field goal.

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

Walker's mid-range jumper and 3:17 remaining gave Boston a 39-26 lead, biggest of the first half. Indiana scored the first nine points of the second half and had 11, while Pierce, who was in four foul trouble for most of the half, missed his only shot attempt and had 2 at the break.

After falling behind 10-2, McCarty hit a pair of 3-pointers to cap a 13-0 run with 4:12 remaining in the first half.

Richard Jefferson added 17 points and nine rebounds, Brandon Williams had 16 and Tony McCarty each had 13 points on 5-for-14 shooting.

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Stewart released from Steelers

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He got off the bench only occasionally after Maddox came off the bench to rally the Steelers to a comeback victory against Cleveland in Sept. 29, starting and winning games against the Bengals and Jaguars when Maddox was hurt.

But Maddox goes into the 2003 season as the starter, with his backup still to be determined.

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

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

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

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

Redskins cut their No. 3 all-time rusher Davis

Associated Press

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

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

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

But Davis' bruising, straight-ahead style didn't mesh with Steve Spurrier's pass-happy Fun 'n' Gun offense. Grumbling at times over the offensive game plan, Davis had just 207 carries for 829 yards in 2002, compared with an average of 326 carries for 1,385 yards in his three seasons before Spurrier's arrival.

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

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

lion against the cap in 2003. Under current collective bargaining rules, the team saves $5.2 million by cutting Davis and $1.6 million by cutting Shade.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Panel at odds over enforcement of law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"These proposals are based on the stereotype that women are not as talented or interested in sports as men, or that men are entitled to greater athletic opportunities," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. "These myths are contrary to the ideals and principles that led Congress to pass Title IX.

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

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

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

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

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

NCAA

Texas lawmaker proposes stipends

Associated Press

AUSTIN

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

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

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

"These kids are raising a lot of money for the schools," Wilson said Tuesday. "(Many of) them won't graduate and the schools know it. They're being used for the schools' benefit without any kind of compensation."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilson dismisses critics who say that should be enough.

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

Giving Something Back
by Fr. Jim King, C.S.C.
Director of Vocations, Congregation of Holy Cross

Hundreds of juniors have been interviewing this month for RA positions across campus. Though many view it as the capstone of their Notre Dame experience, RAs spend a good amount of time performing unwarranting tasks — making rounds, filling out RCR's, checking bathroom conditions, and just staying up last hanging around — interspersed with bursts of civic and confrontations. During interviews, no one ever says they like long hours, getting friends in trouble, or cleaning up Friday night vomit, but candidates typically do mention their gratitude for how their own freshman year RA welcomed them to Notre Dame. As a result, the prospect of helping next year's freshmen and transfer students make the adjustment to the University is both appealing and rewarding. Almost everyone applies says, "I want to give something back." Still, it's remarkable that the most popular way for seniors to do that is through a position that dunks them into a fishbowl of intense scrutiny from peers and seriously curtails their social lives during their final year. Yet, there is no shortage of candidates in most halls, and Notre Dame may be the only major university in the country where juniors or sophomores aren't needed to fill those spots. Why?

"It could be that the training and development of RAs is the most dispositive, if not most important, part of Notre Dame's educational mission. Many universities have outstanding academics, championship sports teams, and vibrant campus ministries. But, uniquely at Notre Dame, an RA is a "foot-soldier" in ministry, the individual most immediately responsible for the personal welfare of each student in a section.

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

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

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

The University has grown exponentially since then. Most professors and employees aren't Holy Cross religious, and there are 164 seniors in RA positions that didn't exist in Fr. Sarin's day. But it's still the same mission — preparing people not just for careers but for lives of faith and service. More than anyone else here, RAs are trained, challenged, and formed to care about fellow students so they too grow in their desire to give something back. Many universities shape minds, but this one moves hearts, and that makes all the difference at Notre Dame.
Emmitt Smith broke Walter Payton's career rushing record last season despite having a lackluster year for the Cowboys. Dallas owner Jerry Jones will decide soon if Smith will be on the roster for the 2003-2004 season.

Smith's future with the Cowboys in doubt

Associated Press

AUSTIN

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

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

"We know he's NFL royalty, he's Dallas Cowboys royalty," Jones said. "But this is about the future of the team. We're looking at the future of the team and there are a lot of things involved. It's not about Emmitt's ability to play. We know he can play."

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

He's coming off his least productive season since he was a rookie, but said last month he believes he can still gain 1,300 yards. In October, Smith passed Walter Payton for tops on the career rushing list. His record total is 17,162 yards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IN BRIEF

Veterans Committee names nobody to Hall of Fame

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

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

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

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

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

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

NL umpire Doug Harvey received 48 votes, the most among the 15 managers, umpires and executives on the "composite" ballot, where 50 votes were required for election.

Jordan skips practice to recover from thigh injury

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

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

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

The Wizards also activated center Jahidi White for the first time this season. White replaces Etan Thomas, who was placed on the injured list with a bruised left eye socket after taking an elbow in the face against the New Jersey Nets last week.

Jackson to protest Augusta

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

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

Col. Gary Powell of the Augusta-Richmond County Sheriff's Department said Wednesday he received requests Tuesday from Jackson's group and from an unidentified man from Maine who supports Augusta National.
BENGAL BOUTS — 170 POUNDS - HEAVYWEIGHT

Cosse’s fists do some talking in win over Knust

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

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

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

Joyce def. Voss

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

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

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

190 pounds

Pearsall def. Demko

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

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

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

Groebner def. Rooney

The second semifinal in the 180-pound division was no less exciting than the first, with senior Andrew Groebner earning a split decision win over junior Larry Rooney.

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

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

190 pounds

Lynk def. Gathinji

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

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

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

Zizic def. Otlewski

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

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

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

Heavyweight

Burton def. Abeyta

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

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

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

Borovina def. O’Connor

It will be a matchup of “Killer Bs” when Burton faces off in the finals against Stefan Borovina, who won a called match against Ben O’Connor.

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame responded by ending the half on a 19-5 run and led 38-24 at the break. The Irish shot 50 percent in the first half, compared to Pittsburgh’s 29.4 percent shooting.

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

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

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

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

The Irish out rebounded the Panthers 39-30, but turned the ball over five more times than Pittsburgh. At times the Irish made crisp passes to the interior ball over five more times than Pittsburgh. At times the Irish made crisp passes to the interior and allowed Wittenmyer to almost single-handedly keep the Panthers within striking distance.

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

Notes:

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

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

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Senior captain Newburg impressive in 1st fight

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Senior captain Shawn Newburg’s first appearance in the 2003 Bengal Bouts was a strong performance in a unanimous decision over Brian Faist. Round one was essentially all Newburg as the experienced fighter was barely touched by the constantly circling Faist. Faist remained on the outside parts of the rings as Newburg held the center with his jab. Newburg worked his way in with jabs and then used a variety of punches to Faist’s head and body.

Faist obviously made good contact in the first, because round two began with a slightly bleeding Newburg. Newburg’s nose was cleaned twice in the second round as Faist grew more aggressive.

While the third round began with good jab exchanges, Faist’s tendency to drop his hands when attacking opened up several hook opportunities for the captain.

Newburg capitalized well and scored several hard looks to Faist’s head in the final round to earn the unanimous decision victory.

Valenzuela def. Kim

Jon Valenzuela earned a unanimous decision win over Sung Hoon Kim and will move on to face Newburg in the finals. The match began with good exchanges by both boxers. Kim held the ring well in the first and used a looping hook to keep Valenzuela circling him. Valenzuela’s defense was strong throughout the round, but Kim found room for contact in Valenzuela’s open stance.

A huge exchange set a swift pace for the second round as Kim took advantage of the left hand of Valenzuela and moved him to the corner. Valenzuela did not stay long as he quickly turned his opponent’s back to the ropes. Valenzuela relied on his right hook in round three, but found most success in one-two. With 10 seconds left in the round, he landed a solid uppercut one-two that Kim did not respond to.

140-pound class

Hollowell def. Schmidlin

Junior Captain Tony Hollowell earned a well-fought victory over Joe Schmidlin to advance to Sunday’s finals. Hollowell played the aggressor in round one and forced his fast lead jab through to Schmidlin’s head on a number of occasions. Hollowell’s excellent jab held up throughout the round.

Schmidlin came out strong in the second round and moved Hollowell to the ropes twice early. Hollowell continued to initiate, and his fast left never stopped. Schmidlin often replied well, though with less scoring punches than the aggressive Hollowell.

In the final round, Schmidlin countered Hollowell well when he chose to, but was often unable to reach Hollowell. Schmidlin looked strong throughout the fight, but overcoming the strength and speed of Hollowell proved no small task.

Hoffman def. Criniti

Bill Hoffman got inside early on Wuest, who had a large reach advantage. Hoffman continued to be aggressive in round two, but Wuest’s jabs found their targets more often than in the first. Wuest was often able to pick off the squared-up Hoffman as Hoffman closed to his body.

A number of hard shots to Hoffman’s head sent him dazed to the corner, prompting a standing 8 count. Hoffman took a knee and did not return from the count. Total body control was the fight and the call was made at 1:10 into the second round with Wuest the victor.

145-pound division

Harris def. Dillon

Paul Harris won a unanimous decision in a close match over Luke Dillon. Harris was more mobile in the ring and charged often while Dillon stuck to his straight one-two.

Dillon appeared more relaxed in the opening round and moved Hollowell to the ropes twice early. Hollowell continued to initiate, and his fast left never stopped. Schmidlin often replied well, though with less scoring punches than the aggressive Hollowell.

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Wuest def. Hoffman

Bill Wuest’s straight left jab and his ability to quickly replace it with the power right earned him a called victory over Christopher Hoffman. Hoffman got inside early on Wuest, who had a large reach advantage. Hoffman continued to be aggressive in round two, but Wuest’s jabs found their targets more often than in the first. Wuest was often able to pick off the squared-up Hoffman as Hoffman closed to his body.

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Bengal Bouts in his mind. Giving the idea some thought, Lynk decided the bouts were for him.

In his first year, Lynk dropped a split decision to Rob Joyce in the 170-pound weight class. As a junior, Lynk used what he learned from his semifinal round loss to Crisili to win the 190-pound championship.

"The top seed this year, Lynk has earned two victories after a first-round bye and is in line to defend his crown. After investing so much time over the past four years, Lynk couldn’t put into words what the Bengal Bouts experience has meant to him. "There’s so much that it can’t be summed up easily," he said. And then Lynk said what all the boxers believe encompasses their role in raising tens of thousands of dollars for the Holy Cross Missions every year. "Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."
Bengal Bouts — 150-165 pounds

Vargas gets close decision to advance to finals

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Nicaraguan Juan Diego Vargas won another close match to advance to the elimination victory over Ryan Rogers.

Vargas forced to begin the match, but engaged quickly with hard combos to Rogers' head and body. Under the ring well in the first, and Vargas dropped his head and led Rogers back by his left when he got in trouble, but Vargas dominated the first round.

In the second, Vargas held the ring well and pushed Gough to the corner one minute in with a fast, hard upstair flurry. Rogers came out slightly more tentative in the third as he walk-ed for Vargas to throw and attempted to counter.

Rogers came on very well at the end of the match prompting a split decision. The final five seconds of the match saw no exchanges. Rogers' punches were straight and accurate throughout the match and landed a hard left to end the round.

After a fast exchange to start the third, Keppel was cleaned at 15 seconds in. Schaefer was more aggressive in the second, but still forced to fight backing up due to Keppel's constant charges. The match was stopped at 2:55 and 0:05 to clean Keppel and again at 1:28 to clean both fighters. Although Schaefer fought primarily backing up, he did find success with his one-two. Schaefer struggled to find a score in the third round and missed many of the punches he threw while moving away from the ever-advancing Keppel. The fight was stopped twice more in the third to clean Keppel, but he won a well-earned split decision victory.

160 pounds

DeSplinter def. Enteline

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

Enteline altered his sometimes barroom style to meet the technical form of DeSplinter. Both fighters circled each other to start the match, testing each other's reach. There was little contact, but each moved and boxed well throughout the first. DeSplinter moved back often in the round and the other fighter made significant contact.

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

In round three, Enteline relentlessly pursued the backing up DeSplinter, but was unable to engage DeSplinter in any hard exchanges as he did to oppo-nents in earlier fights.

Pierce def. Phillips

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

Pierce held to his gritty style to start the fight and held the ring well against the taller opponent. Pierce scored a number of hard punches to Phillips' head and body. Pierce floored Phillips at the mat at 2:20 into the first round with a close, powerful,
**Horoscope**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be interested in new and exciting things that are happening today. Reasonable tips will be enjoyable and informative. You can make additions to how you perceive yourself. **

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**Horoscope**

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can pursue your goals, but don't become discouraged if someone isn't quick to understand or see the value in what you are trying to do. Be persistent. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't rush out to travel, waiting for others will be frustrating and slow. Follow your own good judgment. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have over-estimated how far you can go in an area you want to pursue. Take time for yourself. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will find it difficult to deal with emotional matters today. Don't divulge your personal secrets or put demands on others. Just be fun to be with. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may find that someone is trying to hold you back today. Find out whatever information you need to get your work done yourself. You may make personal sacrifices if your own desires are not met. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This can be a high-energy time and you can pursue your goals, but don't become discouraged if you can't get others to work with you. Take care of yourself and look after your own needs. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The people closest to you will confuse you today. You may take things the wrong way today. Don't jump to conclusions about anything that is suggested by the above cartoon. **

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**ND WOMENS BASKETBALL**

**Venting her frustrations**

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

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

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

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

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

McGraw didn't just think her Irish struggled in the loss. Sophomore forward Jacqueline Batteast added 10 points, eight rebounds and three assists for the Irish.

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

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

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**Bengal Bouts**

**Lynk teaching basics he learned as sophomore**

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Besides teaching the basics inside the ring, Lynk tries to teach the younger boxers about what the Bengal Bouts truly mean.

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

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

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

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

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**Bengal Bouts 150-165 Pounds**


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**Bengal Bouts 125-150 Pounds**


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**Bengal Bouts 170 Pounds-Heavyweights**