CSC cancels spring trip to Haiti

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The University has cancelled a spring service trip to Haiti as violent civil unrest intensified in the impoverished Caribbean nation, while other programs with volunteers from Notre Dame and the Congregation of the Holy Cross continue, albeit in a restricted role.

Over the last several weeks, anti-government rebels have seized much Haiti, forcing the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and plunging the island nation into anarchy.

Engineering professor Steve Stillman, who runs the Haiti Experiential Seminar, said the decision not to go was made in late January.

The program sends Notre Dame undergraduate students to work on water pumps in rural areas in Haiti for a week to 10 days. Stillman said most students work in Cap-Haitien, the country's second-largest city, but some participate in Leogane, about 20 miles outside the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Stillman organized the first seminar in 1991, after discussing the possibility with other faculty members.

Above, Notre Dame students spend time with Haitians during a previous trip to the island for a service project.

Registrar clarifies policy

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

Although the Office of the Registrar announced last fall that final grade reports would no longer be mailed home, which triggered a campus-wide sigh of relief, mid-semester grades will still be sent out next week, Registrar officials said Wednesday.

Associate registrar Lora Spaulding and grading and academic records specialist Jennifer Brackett emphasized that the decision to make paper final grade reports available only upon written request did not affect mid-semester reports.

"Mid-semesters are going to go out regardless of whether or not you've filled out a request form," Brackett said. "For students to understand this distinction, Spaulding added, it is important for them to realize that while final grades are factored into the student's University grade point average, mid-semester grades are not written in stone.

"It's up to the students on how they perceive how important that information is," Spaulding said. "Let them use their judgment if they want to take it seriously or not."

Brackett also pointed out that the mid-semester grades sent home — all grades for first-year students and deficiency reports for upperclassmen receiving D's and F's — are still addressed to the student's dorms.

"They're always sent to the student's attention — they're not directed to the parents," she said. "That's why we need

ND: Satellite campus seems unlikely

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

The proposal to establish a Notre Dame satellite campus in an Indianapolis suburb is a very recent development with very limited facility if Notre Dame's business school and an architecture laboratory for the new campus.

However, he said no timeframe had yet to be established, and declined to comment on how University officials reacted to his ideas.

"Until we get farther along, that's all I can say," he said.

Storin said that due to the family image and close camp

Class encourages entrepreneurship

Editor's note: This is the first in a Thursday series focusing on interesting classes in the Mendoza College of Business.

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Build a better mousetrap, and the world will beat a path to your door.

That's an old saying, often used to encourage budding entrepreneurs. But how can you do it with only $20?

That's the question posed to students in Introduction to Entrepreneurship, a course taught by David Hayes, a faculty member in the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Memorable movie lines

If you can’t think of anything to say, an appropriate quotation from a humorous, well-known movie will almost always suffice. That’s a rule I’ve always abided by, anyways, and it hasn’t back-fired too often.

When I find a movie line, I tend to watch it over and over and over, until I can recite the script with the actors. It’s not landing me in Hollywood anytime soon, but while I’m in South Bend I can give you 7 Situations In No Particular Order Where You Might Need An Appropriate Quote From A Movie.

1. Some unfortunate situation occurs. Life has its ups and downs by a guy like Mex-i-co?” My bet is yes.

(Note: probably any situation can be quotable, you might as well get some from here)

2. Your friend says something stupid. Roll your eyes and think of Babe Ruth smiling down from baseball heaven when you admonish him or her “you’re killing me. Smallis!” from old...classic.

3. You are the perpetrator of a hijacking. I don’t recommend this, but since the future is unpredictable, you might as well get some mileage out of the infamously quotable “Super Troopers” — “You boys like Mex-i-co?” My bet is yes.

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3. Your current love interest does something nice for you. “You’re just a good turn deserves another.

4. You get caught, it is not going to be killing me, just a classic.

5. Your statement. “In the words of the Motto you’re run­ning for Student Government, my life consists of ‘hit the books’ and the wisdom “If I get caught, it is not going to be killing me, just a classic.”

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OFFBEAT

One-handed golfer sinks 3 holes in one

VENICE, Fla. — A Florida golfer defied the odds, racking up three holes in one in the past six months, all while swinging one-handed.

According to the National Golf Foundation, the odds of an amateur golfer hitting a hole in one are 12,600 to 1. The odds of what 68-year-old Bill Hiltzheimer of Kokemus accomplished could short-circuit a calculator.

His most recent was last week at the 157-yard, par 3 hole at the Bird Bay Executive Golf Course in Venice. In January, he need a 157-yard hole at the Gulf Gate course in Sarasota and in September, he had another ace on a 105-yard hole on a course in Ohio.

Not bad for a player who lost most of his right hand 59 years ago when he ran over by a train in Columbus, Ohio. Hiltzheimer, who has a 15 handicap, doesn’t use his right arm when he swings.

Rare 1866 silver dollar is found

PORTLAND, Maine — America’s rarest silver dollar — and possibly its most famous stolen coin — was discovered in a box filled with miscellaneous coins by a Maine librarian who wasn’t even a collector.

The coin, thought to be one of only two 1866 silver dollars minted without the inscription “In God We Trust,” is estimated to be worth at least $1 million.

The “No Motto Dollars” was among thousands of coins taken during an armed robbery at a home in Coconut Grove, Fla., in 1967. Most of the best-known coins taken in the unsolved heist have been recovered.

Enjoy music and drink special tonight all students during their senior night. The fun starts at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

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SMC club holds first meeting in over a month

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

After a brief hiatus, the Saint Mary's College Republicans is back in business. The club held its first meeting in almost a month last night, after taking a break from its scheduled weekly meetings to reformat and prepare for next year.

President-elect Michelle Fitzgerald emphasized how useful the break was for the club. "We created an executive board to meet once a week outside the meetings to plan structure and discuss what we will be covering at the meeting," she said. "This meeting is important to gain focus for the club, to gain membership, and to embark on the new opportunities that we have for the club."

The St. Joseph County Women's Republican Club, which the Saint Mary's club forged a connection with this year, will provide some of these new opportunities. The club wants to get involved in politics on a local and possibly even state level through such activities as phone surveys and campaigns.

"We see ourselves as a club not just for Republicans, but for political awareness in general," Fitzgerald said. "We plan on holding forums, speeches and panels for the Saint Mary's community as well as participating in activities outside the Saint Mary's campus."

On campus, the club plans to collaborate with other campus groups such as the College Democrats and Preamachers to hold debates and inform students.

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ND students, faculty to journey to Cuba

Special to The Observer

Some 20 students and faculty from the Notre Dame will travel to Cuba during spring break to examine the life and situation of the Catholic Church there.

Most of the students are enrolled in a Notre Dame theology course, "From Power to Communion," taught by Father Robert Pelton, professor of theology and fellow of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Father Pelton will lead the tour, scheduled from Friday to March 14.

Father Pelton led a similar trip to Cuba last year, when the visit was limited to the city of Havana, but this year the Notre Dame group will visit a variety of sites throughout the island.

Catholic Relief Services, which administers several projects in Cuba, will serve as a host and guide to the group.

Pelton, who directs the Kellogg Institute's Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), is a frequent visitor to Cuba and the author of numerous articles and books about the Catholic Church in Latin America. He will be accompanied on the trip by James McAdams, professor of international affairs and director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

NDPresents to host Cirque performance

Special to The Observer

NDPresents, the new arts presenter of Notre Dame, will host Cirque Eloize performing "Nomade" on March 22 at South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center.

Described as "modern nomads," the members of Cirque Eloize travel the world entertaining audiences with an eclectic ensemble of virtuosic feats. "Nomade" is a nighttime carnival filled with song, dance and astonishing acrobatic feats. It features jugglers, rope climbers, a trapeze artist, a contortionist, acrobats, clowns and others.

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members. "I had looked for ways to get involved in developing countries. The potential for interaction with (Haitian) society was spectacular," he said. "Students are trained on how to fix their own hand pumps, and we leave parts and tools with those guys."

Stillman said participants include himself and up to 20 students, half of whom are engineering majors. Non-engineering students help put the technical work into a social context.

"The technology is actually extraordinarily simple," he said. "Making that technology work in a different society requires skills way outside the engineering experience."

In a typical trip, students spend their first day speaking with a local pastor and identifying a group of young men to train. The next day, the students train the men on the pumps' components. For the next few days, students repair wells and pumps as the locals observe, and then they turn the project over to the Haitians, coming back to check on their work.

The aim of the program is to build a base of Haitian workers that can continue repair efforts after the seminar has ended.

Stillman said he’s encountered some difficulties during the program, especially in persuading the locals to accept pay for their continuing work.

"We have to get the villagers to talk about what they’re going to get in exchange," he said. "It’s not a money-based society. It’s a barter-based society."

Stillman said he has received at least six e-mails from students who participated in the program in previous semesters.

"Everybody comes back just completely blown away by the experience," he said. "They’re pretty well connected back there in their hearts and minds."

Despite the cancellation, the students who planned to go to Haiti are still undergoing their training, and Stillman was optimistic that conditions will improve.

"We’re still meeting two hours a week as if we were still going," he said. "The vast majority of students are looking to go next fall or sometime in the future."

The seminar is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns and funded by a grant from a South Bend family.

Despite the cancellation, biology professor Tom Streit said dozens of volunteers from Notre Dame’s Congregation of Holy Cross continue their fight against filariasis, a mosquito-borne disease that leads to grotesque disfigurement.

"We have about 70 people working with us in Haiti, and they continue heroically," he said.

However, he added that personnel have recently been evacuated from the areas hardest hit by the violence.

"There are some areas where our work stopped the week before last," Streit said.

Streit left the country in late February, but he was optimistic that he and others will be able to return.

"We anticipate students going down [to Haiti] this summer," he said.

The project is a collaborative effort, including assistance from Emory University and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

The efforts center around Dr. Father Tom Streit, a staff member in an Episcopal institution in Leogane. In 2000, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave Notre Dame a $5.5 million grant to fund anti-filariasis efforts in that city.

Streit said last year, volunteers administered medication to nearly 500,000 Haitians. The preventive drug, which is effective for a year, wards off new infections by the parasitic worm that causes filariasis.

Streit said the eventual aim of the project is to eradicate the disease.

"It’s going to be exciting for Notre Dame to be part of such a historic achievement, and that is to eliminate [filariasis] forever," Streit said.

The only time such a thing has happened was in 1980, when the World Health Organization declared that smallpox had been eradicated.

Streit said he’s encountered the struggle to get the humanitarian effort there.

"Every time people are worried about money, they’re going to cut the roads and get the humanitarian effort there," he said.

Edward Sexton, a staffer in the biology department who has worked in Haiti, said she is optimistic that the deployment of peacekeeping troops will stabilize the country.

"I’m glad the Marines have gone in," she said. "Hopefully they’ll be able to secure the roads and get the humanitarian effort there."

Sexton, whose fiancé is working in Haiti, said the struggle against poverty and disease must persist.

"It continues to be difficult there," Sexton said. "You have people who are worried about what’s going to happen."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli gunship kills militants

The shooting down of a Gazastrip military helicopter on Tuesday by an Israeli anti-aircraft missile is expected to escalate tensions in the region. The missile was fired by Hamas militants in response to the Israeli military's continued attacks on Gaza Strip. This incident is likely to further inflame the already tense situation in the area.

National News

County performs gay marriages

A new chapter in the battle over gay marriage began in a small county in this state. The county has approved the issuing of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, making it the first county in the state to do so. This decision is expected to set a precedent for other counties in the region.

Local News

Fort Wayne to 'save big money'

The city council in Fort Wayne is considering a plan to demolish a deserted shopping mall in order to save money on property taxes. The mall has been empty for several years and is currently generating minimal revenue for the city. The council is expected to vote on this proposal in the coming weeks.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday moved to distance himself from Vice President Dick Cheney's controversial plan to arm Palestinian security forces with U.S. military equipment. Bush said in a statement that while he believes in the principle of civilian control of the military, he does not agree with the specific plan for Palestinian security forces.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry participates in a town hall meeting in Orlando, Fla. Kerry clinched the party's White House nomination.

Rebel leader promises to disarm

A rebel leader in this region has announced a commitment to disarm his forces in exchange for support from the international community. This development is seen as a positive step towards resolving the conflict in the region and promoting peace.

BUSH TO FACE KERRY FOR 2004 BID

Senator from Massachusetts looks to unseat incumbent by winning key states

**Associated Press**

PORT- AU-PRINCE — Rebel leader Jean-Charles Marie-Joseph said Wednesday his forces would disarm as of U.S. Marines counted on the day — rather than on the day they entered the city. The Marines counted the number of insurgents who joined them in the city.

Reapportionment has increased their value to 274, without a vote being cast.

Kerry's base consists of 11 states plus the District of Columbia won most easily by Gore in 2000, worth 168 electoral votes Nov. 2. In addition to those Democratic strongholds, Kerry's strategists believe he can add Michigan, Washington state and Maine to the 200-vote threshold. Claimed by Gore in 2000, they may be the ripest Democratic targets among all tossup states, but Bush is competing hard for them.

The next tier of Kerry targets are even tougher. Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Winning all six, no easy task, would put Kerry within striking distance of the coveted 270 electoral votes.

He would still need to win at least one of the most competitive states — Nevada, New Hampshire, West Virginia, Missouri, Arizona, Ohio and Florida are among the targets.

Other Southern tossup states may come into play for Kerry, but only if he's doing unexpectedly well everywhere else. Martin Dixon of the Democratic National Committee gave Bush a good shot in Florida.
Senate budget proposes to halve deficit by 2007

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Budget Committee began debating a Republican-written 2005 budget on Wednesday that claims to halve the record deficit in three years, even if Congress provides $30 billion for Iraq.

The plan proposed deeper deficit reduction and lower defense and domestic spending than President Bush sought in his budget last month. The Senate's $2.3 trillion election-year proposal parted company with him in other ways, too.

It ignores Bush's proposals to eliminate dozens of programs, to cut spending on water projects popular with lawmakers, and permit mineral drilling in a major Alaskan wildlife preserve.

It also shows the effects of spending $30 billion to maintain U.S. forces in Iraq. Bush's budget omitted that expenditure, even as administration officials conceded they would ask for up to $50 billion after this November's presidential and congressional elections.

"We did think it was important to put a plug in for that number because it is a more realistic estimation" than leaving it out, said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okl.

Even so, Nickles conceded to reporters that by the time the full Senate votes on his budget — probably next week — lawmakers likely will boost Pentagon spending to the levels Bush proposed. Domestic spending may rise as well, Nickles said.

The potential spending increases underscore the support from pro-defense conservatives and moderate Republicans that he will need to move the measure through the narrowly divided chamber.

Democrats criticized Nickles for not doing enough to reduce the deficit, arguing that his budget's $14 billion in tax cuts over five years would enlarge the red ink. They also complained that by limiting its projections to the next five years, the GOP plan hid the dramatically worsening budget picture beyond when the baby boom generation starts to retire.

"We are plunging into deep debt and dangerous policies without even a nod to the fiscal peril that stands before us," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

Reflecting the perils of an election year, the GOP plan shows little taste for tampering the growth of benefit programs like Social Security, which consume two-thirds of the budget.

Nickles said overall savings from those programs would total $21 billion over five years — a tiny fraction for programs that will spend more than $7 trillion during that period. He promised culling what he calls "the trash, waste and abuse from Medicare and from the earned income tax credit for poor working families and, raising customs fees.

Congress' budget sets overall tax and spending targets. Its details are not binding when lawmakers later write bills governing entitlements and expenditures. The president does not sign the congressional budget.

Nickles hopes to push his budget through his panel on Thursday. The GOP-run House Budget Committee plans to vote on its own, similar plan.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office expects this year's deficit to hit $477 billion — a record in dollar terms.

The Senate fiscal blueprint envisions shaving the red ink to $338 billion next year and dropping it to $223 billion by 2007 — less than half this year's expected figure. Those figures exclude the costs for Iraq.

Business

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three, but Hayes requires each project to generate a 700 percent return, meaning students have to turn $20 into $160 in just six weeks.

Students can use their own personal resources, but may not contribute their own money to the business.

"They have $20, and they're otherwise broke," Hayes said. "If they use their own assets, they have to charge themselves $20, and over $700 percent target, and none have lost money.

"If they're doing 700 percent, they're doing wildly successful. Hayes said that about 150 projects over the five-year history of the course, only two have failed to hit the 700 percent target, and none have lost money.

"The average is always much higher than 700 percent, and many of whom are avid video game players, but she welcomes female participants.

"Going into it, we knew our target market was going to be mostly limited to guys, but we've heard that girls want to play, too." she said. "But most girls play Mario Kart if they play video games at all.

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**Entertainment**

**Mouse’s roar hits Disney boss**

Eisner loses chair as stock price tumbles, board names new leader.

Disney CEO Michael Eisner speaks Wednesday at the company’s annual shareholders meeting in Philadelphia. Later that day, Disney board members voted to split the roles of chairman and CEO.

**CORPORATE SCANDAL**

Stewart scandal: ImClone executive shares, reorganization prompts probe.

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**Commercial Scandal**

Stewart and ex-stockbroker Waksal are charged with conspiracy.

**Fed: Economic recovery on track**

WASHINGTON — Factory orders, business investment and consumers kept cash registers busy in the first two months of this year, fresh evidence the economy is indeed on a recovery path, according to a Federal Reserve report Wednesday. A separate survey of chief executives of the nation’s biggest companies suggested hiring could start to pick up. One-third of the executives said they expected to increase hiring in the next six months, while 21 percent expected to add payroll and 45 percent expected no change, according to a Business Roundtable survey.

The association said that is the first time since the fall of 2002 that a larger share of executives planned to add payroll rather than cut them.

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Coke questioned about water ads

Associated Press

LONDON — The Coca-Cola Co., world famous for its "real thing" sodas, is being questioned in Britain about using the word "pure" to advertise its Dasani bottled water.

Why? Because it's specially treated London tap water.

On Tuesday, British trade standard officials asked the borough where Coke's headquarters is based to look into the matter.

Coke, which sells a similarly made Dasani water in the United States, said it's confident it's condition of anonymity that the guidelines and marketing bodies and in this instance we are fully satisfied that we are compliant with all guidelines and regulations," the company said in a statement.

A Coke spokesman said on condition of anonymity that the complaints may have been made by its competitors in Britain's $1.9 billion-a-year bottled water market.

Coke says its Dasani water is treated in a highly sophisticated filtration process, perfected by NASA to purify fluids on spacecraft.

But why, British newspapers such as The Daily Mail asked Tuesday, should consumers pay up to $1.76 for 17 ounces of Dasani when it's based on London drinking water that costs 6 cents for the same amount?

The same purification process is used for the Dasani water that Coke has sold in the United States since 1999. Dasani is the second-best seller in the bottled water market there, behind a similar purified water product — Aquafina — made by Pepsi-Cola Co.

Britain's Food Standards Agency asked the borough authorities where Coca-Cola's headquarters is based to look into whether the term "pure, still water" broached labeling guidelines.

Dasani, which was launched in Britain last month, uses municip­al water at Coca-Cola's factory in Sidcup, southeast London.

The soft drinks giant said a "highly sophisticated purification process" avoids any impuri­ties, such as "bacteria, viruses, salts, minerals, sugars, proteins and toxic particles" from the tap water.

The Food Standards Agency said Dasani may have broken guidelines designed to protect shoppers from misleading mar­ket­ing.

"This bottled water does not appear to follow our labelling guidance on the use of the term pure," an agency spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity.

"Consumers may not realize that there are three types of water sold in bottles: natural mineral water, spring water and drinking water (which can be tap water). If a product is not labeled as mineral water or spring water, it will, in fact, be bottled drinking water."

Fox says he'll push for migration accord

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox said he would encourage President Bush to keep promoting a migration accord after he acknowledged that U.S. Congressional approval was still in the distance.

"We know it is going to take at least the rest of this year, before we reach an integrated agreement on migration," Fox said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Fox said guaranteeing progress on a migration accord would be his top priority when he meets with Bush on Friday and Saturday in Texas. He also said he would urge the United States to trust Mexican visitors in the same way it treats those from Canada.

"We want to ask for equal treatment, the same system," he said, without giving details. "We shouldn't be treated differently."

Currently, Mexican tourists must have a visa to vacation and work in the United States, while Bush restrictions on Canadians are much lighter.

Fox said he would work to "further the agenda" on a migration accord, although he said he did not expect any conclusions.

"It's a key issue for both of our nations," he said. "It's very important for our economies. It is very impor­tant for economic growth and expansion."

Fox has pushed for an accord since taking office three years ago, but the issue was temporarily sidelined by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Mexico has increased security to combat terrorism, but Fox said Tuesday that officials had found no evidence that terrorists were operat­ing in Mexico — despite U.S. concerns.

Even so, he said the coun­try would continue to cancel flights and take other pre­cautions when necessary.

"You don't always have to have all the evidence before taking action," he said. "We can't run the risk of a terror­ist act in Mexico or a terror­ist passing through Mexico on their way to the United States."

Fox said his government was crit­i­cized at home after it can­celed several flights to Los Angeles and other Mexican cities after un­known possible terrorist attacks.

But Fox said he would change the policy after he launched an investi­ga­tion into whether the ter­ror­ist concerns were valid.

He said U.S. officials had told Mexico they were concerned that the planes could be used as weapons, but he indicated they gave few details.

The meeting at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, is the latest sign of mended ties between the two countries.

Mexico was Bush's first trip overseas as U.S. president, and he traveled to Fox's ranch in central Mexico. But relations between the two leaders were strained after Fox refused to back the Iraq war and canceled a trip to Texas to see Bush because the state executed a Mexican man.

In January, however, rela­tions began to warm after Bush announced his new plan for a migration agree­ment that would give visas to Mexicans with U.S. jobs.

During a meeting in January in northern Mexico, Bush invited Fox to his Texas ranch and Fox readily agreed.

Fox said he would discuss with Bush ways to make sure that North America — including Canada — can compete with Asia, especially the growing power of China.

He also said he didn't believe the United States had overstepped its authority in helping negotiate Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's removal from office.

Aristide has said American troops forced him to leave office — a claim denied by Secretary of State Colin Powell and other American officials.

British's Prince Harry helps AIDS orphans

Associated Press

MOHALEST HOEK — Britain's Prince Harry, seeking attention Wednesday for paren­tles child­ren living with AIDS,Phase a peach tree at an orphanage in this HIV-stricken nation.

Holding the hand of an 8-year-old orphan named Mutsu, Harry helped the prince plant a flower bed at the Mants'ae Children's Home where he planted the fruit tree. Mutsu helped the prince fill the hole. The orange grove is 60 miles south of the capital, Maseru.

The 19-year-old prince said his trip to Africa had been "fan­tastic" so far, adding he hoped his presence would bring recog­ni­tion to the problems of this tiny monarch.

"Lesotho is not a country that well­known, but it needs all the help it can get," Harry said.

The previous night, Harry had traveled to a ranch with the home's 25 residents. Some of whom have lost parents to AIDS.

"He's too nice," said 13-year-old Khotso Senoko, grinning. "We played with a ball."
Empowering dialogue found in ‘The Passion’

I sincerely want to thank Saint Mary’s students and faculty who took part in the discussion on ‘The Passion of the Christ’ on Thursday.

I have been teaching in the Religious Studies Department at SMC since 1970, and I’ve experienced such an open and honest discussion in a large group. A considerable crowd stayed for an hour and a half in Stapleton Lounge, listening with attention and speaking such an open and honest discussion in a large group. A considerable crowd stayed for an hour and a half in Stapleton Lounge, listening with attention and speaking intensely.

Four RSLT faculty presented short statements about the film based on their academic specializations. Starting with Dr. Elena Malits on the Hebrew Scriptures, John Fotopoulos on the New Testament, Sister Kathleen Dolphin on theological issues, and Andrew Delberry—ND Changes Times and Visiting Professor in the departments of Theology and Biblical Studies. Maria Goranson on gender issues, and Sister Elena Malits on religion and film.

Comments from students frequently disagreed with the authors’ perspectives. Questions were genuine and often really insightful. An authentic dialogue was going on, with all parties respecting differences and seeking understanding. Whatever faults the Mel Gibson film may have, it can only be applauded for engendering this level of disc-discussion. May we have more sessions like this.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The only way to have a friend is to be one." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, author

The spirituality of sexuality

Society gives our generation hot images that impress ideas about real, good sex. But people following these ideas may feel empty by what promises to deliver and eventually fails to provide happiness. Our culture’s obsession with sex points to a deeper need for meaningful relations. What is needed is intimacy, which could also mean "into-me-see," where people in a relationship see fully into another.

To harmonize our hearts with our bodies, we need to strip down our culture’s enthusiasm for sex to the naked truths of Genesis. Then we can explore ideas about the relationship that needs to be linked with sex.

In the beginning, man and woman were each created as "an image of the power and tenderness of God" (Catechism 2335). A man will leave his father and mother to be united to his wife (Genesis 2:24). They would become one not just in flesh, but also in heart and spirit.

In this union the heart opens up completely to expose our soul and deepest emotions. Sex as an personal way to communicate with our loved one and serve their most intimate spirit and body. We show unconditional acceptance of their very person and life. It’s a liberated expression: "I love you completely for who you are. I take your weaknesses, cares, heart and soul. I do this for you and for no other person."

Unfortunately, we can have sex but tragically miss its spiritual intimacy. In trying to satisfy a deeper desire of the heart, we may experiment with sex outside of its deeper relational context. Or, both inside and outside of marriage, we may use sex as a physical release with little genuine regard for the other person. In both cases, one person—most often the woman—is hurt in the experience.

Healthy views are those dating who can share physical and emotional intimacy without sex. Whether we still have the gift of virginity or not, we can similarly build to deliver and eventually fails to provide happiness. We can have sex but tragically miss its spiritual intimacy.

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society’s most alive for those in a close, married relationship. According to a survey of 3,432 Americans in a past cover story for U.S. News and World Report, "those who reported the most physically and emotionally satisfied were the married couples."

The Church teaches that sex puts us in touch with an ecstasy that brings us only a few steps away from the Kingdom of God itself. The experience becomes like a heavenly prayer. The relationship becomes like a song. We can imagine Homer’s "Iliad" as a rand for the redemptors the special power of sex as a self-gift that involves the person to the other person. Karol Wojtyla (now Pope John Paul II), who counseled many young couples in his early years as a priest, shares this view. In his book Love and Responsibility, he underscores the need for a relationship that includes sexual relations with the purpose to "create the conviction that the other person is more important than I."

His focus is on a relationship where a man and woman belong to each other. The Catechism explains that "sexual intimacy becomes personal and truly human when it is linked with the marriage relationship. In this union, man and woman become one flesh (Gen 2:24)."

Our sexual nature shouldn’t be suppressed. On the contrary, it needs to be engaged with openness and firmly matched with a high regard for relationship. In our culture, we need this outlook, we will discover in our future not only real, good sex, but more importantly the rewarding gift of lasting intimacy where we see into another person and cherish what we find.

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Viewpoint

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Breaking everyday habits

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Much like the Fresh Prince of Bel Air, my first story is about how my day got ripped, turned upside-down, if you will. Allow me to present to you that "dining hall girl" (TDHG). Now we all know the dining lines at South Dining Hall can be mentally- exhausting as you observe many of the not so exceptional Notre Dame students at work, but this time was different, this time was special.

While waiting for the "fancy" water machines, a voice randomly comments about how slow they are. Expecting to turn and see a familiar face, instead I was greeted by a complete stranger, it was TDHG. Rather than drop my tray and seek cover below the marshmallow counter, I embraced this "crazy" woman and we exchanged pleasant chit chat on a broad range of topics such as: Why are these machines so slow? Why do we believe the water is any different from that out of the little blue things? How come these things have enough pressure to blast your average dining hall cup into orbit if needed? Coincidentally we both proceeded to the milk line and admired what quality dining hall machines — efficient, effective, just a pleasure to behold — those fine milk machines are. Once out of the drink line we exchanged pleasant adieux and were off our own ways.

What TDHG couldn't have known was if I would have thought she was a freak. She couldn't have known that I just had a pretty rough day, and I'm sure she didn't know just how much she turned my day around. From one crazy person to another, thank you TDHG, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your courage and craziness has made my life better.

My next salise is to "that guy" (TG). A number of my friends and I had gone for late night cherry icees, and ran into a very funny and very cute cherry icee girl. When TG—quite possibly the nicest man alive — mentioned this to me, I recalled the cute and funny cherry icee girl of my Sophomore year, whom I let slip away. Unable to bear the thought of TG suffering another anguish, I convinced TG to go ask for a cherry icee and her phone number. Politely he did. He was shot down swiftly, for this cherry icee girl was already involved. None of us were surprised, who wouldn't want to date this cherry icee girl. While TG may have struck out with the icee girl, he became a legend in the minds of an admiring few. Carry on TG, carry on.

Finally, I salute "that fresh-o girl" (TFG). TFG and I didn't even meet at an ice breaker, rather at one of those useless advisor meetings. I was late and a sweaty mess from my futile attempt at making the cross country team. Much like the Grinch, I shouldn't have been there. TFG struck up conversation and I proceeded to fail three times at pronouncing her name correctly. Still she pressed on, we did lunch, and four years later TFG is still my best friend.

Everyone talks about the horribly awkward moments we experience at Notre Dame, but I just wanted to applaud those brave and wacky people who make it all worthwhile. I blessed you crazy people and best of luck bringing just a little more randomness into our lives.

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Liberating society

The California Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Catholic Charities, a nonprofit Catholic organization performing charitable deeds nationwide, must provide non-Catholic employees with religiously neutral, non-conscriptive coverage in accordance with California law — despite Catholic teaching against contraceptive techniques.

Without a word of qualification, the Supreme Court has infringed upon the rights of religious organizations to follow and support the teachings for which they are responsible. This is an unparalleled violation of religious freedom, and has set a precedent from which courts around the country may find support for similar rulings against the rights of religious organizations.

The foundation for the court's 6-1 ruling comes from the absurd concept that Catholic Charities performs secular services, such as providing low income housing, counseling and aid to immigrants and therefore is not a religious organization. How this court can label charitable actions as secular, despite their justification and requirement in deep-rooted tenets of Christian faith, is an enigma in defiance of basic common sense.

How the court can use such a preposterous argument to manipulate the actions of a religious group is an outrage flying in the face of the state's separation from faith. The fact of the matter is, Catholic Charities has been — and still remains — a religious organization. Albert pop­ulated overwhelmingly by the laity, the group was founded in 1910 as a conference of national Catholic charities.

The contemporary group is funded by donations from a diverse group of donors, but finds its most fundamental aspect of Catholic practice.

Furthermore, the organization includes a division intended to organize the activities of many groups within the Catholic social teachings.

The group cannot be separated from its foundation in faith, and the court has succeeded in deliberately ignoring the relationship and rationalizing the fabrication of such a division.

The courts, and indeed the government, must recognize the rights of religious groups to teach and uphold beliefs within reasonable bounds — without the interference of the secular world. While Catholic Charities does indeed employ and minister to non-Catholic individuals, the court should not use this as justification for their impurity.

Neither set of individuals are forced to contribute or benefit from the fund and requiring the organization to defy its own religious ideology from which it is founded is an enforced hypocrisy tantamount to tyranny.

If this country is to meet the demands of what seems to be a large fraction of its populace, it will divorce religion from the state. In this event, it must not be a mere restraining order on religion, as the California Supreme Court has issued.

Yesterday's ruling snubs the constitutional rights of religious freedom on the grounds of overwhelming disregard for Catholicism's religious presence.

Moreover, the California court has forcefully declared that the government will wrongfully retain influence over religious life that interferes with secular social agendas.

This is a double standard that cannot exist in a truly free and liberated society.

This article originally appeared on the most fundamental aspect of Catholic practice.

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Thursday declares war

By MICHAEL TENNANT
Scene Music Critic

Thursday's third full-length album brought with it the heavy burden of huge expectations from not only the band's fans, but also from similar bands hoping they would carve a path into the mainstream that others could follow. After releasing two albums, including 2001's hit Full Collapse under Chicago-based independent label Victory Records, the band signed with Island Def Jam Records, home to both Jay-Z and Bon Jovi. Even with the backing of a major label, these New Jersey punk/hardcore rockers refuse to forget their roots.

On War All the Time, which was released in late 2003, Thursday stays true to the heavy yet emotional style that they are known for. The album is full of intense start/stop guitar playing interwoven around slower and delicate melodies. Lead singer Geoff Rickly finds a near-perfect mix of low, quiet singing and loud emotional outbursts that should be described as screams, but often feel like painful cries.

The album starts with the musical equivalent of a punch in the face, as the first track, "For the Workforce, Drawing" begins with an explosion of crushed guitar chords. This same intensity is carried throughout the rest of the album, either by the guitar work of Tom Keeley and Steve Padula, or by the poignant vocals of Rickly, a beautiful piano ballad, "This Song Brought You to a Failing Bomb," carries an energy about it thanks to Rickly's unconventional and strained voice.

Lyrical, this album shows cases of a more personal outlook, a t a r Thursday than the one that recorded their previous two albums. The lyrics are very poetic, as was the case with Full Collapse, but the songs on War All the Time have much deeper and unusually darker meanings behind them. As the album title suggests, all the songs appear to revolve around some aspect of war. But this is not an album full of anti-war protest or pro-war rallying cries. Instead, Thursday uses war as a metaphor for battles in life, ranging from relationships to mindless violence and even suicide.

One of the best songs on the album, "Fire the Workforce," talks about people drowning in the corporate nine-to-five existence, waiting for life to start. It also explores an excellent breakdown at the midpoint, leaving just the skilled drumming of Tucker Rule and Rickly's vocals mixing with melodic guitar lines, all building up to the most intense moment on the album, "Signals Over the Air," the first single from the album, also stands out. This song about communication and sexual identity confusion contains the biggest hook on the album. Long-time Thursday fans might see this as the band walking dangerously close to the line of mainstream radio rock. In actuality, the moving yet also disturbing lyrics coupled with the skillful guitar work of Keeley and Padulla make this one of the best songs on the album.

With War All the Time, Thursday has put together a quality album. The unconventional starting rhythm of guitarists al tars along with the painfully emotional lyrics create an album that pleads for one to listen with the same intensity that the band put into the record. This is not background music. What it is, though, is a great example of why the New Jersey underground scene is so proud of this band.

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New jazz album is ‘strangely liberating’

By CHRISTOPHER KEPNER
Scene Music Critic

Strange Liberation pairs Dave Douglas' current working quintet with guest guitarist Bill Frisell. The leader expresses sheer joy at the opportunity to collaborate with Frisell, and claims he has desired to do so since 1987. On his Web site, Douglas describes hearing Frisell and his band as a "revolution.

The music on this record is very modern in style. The tunes exhibit long, drawn-out themes for the most part, and the solos, especially Frisell's and Uri Caine's, can be anything but traditional at times. Some of the tracks on this album, most notably "Just Say This" and "Mountains From the Train," might even be classified as tone poems.

Douglas, who plays the trumpet, has created a group with a very unique and refreshing sound. Clarence Penn, who plays the drums, has the spectacular ability to recognize the time in all of its subdivisions and exploit them in such a way that the feel is always fresh and surprisingly even for a measure. Like a great drummer should, he takes control of the music and drives it to where it wants to go based on the feeling of the other players. His fills are simple and tasteful, and his brushwork is incredible.

Frisell is a star whose playing shines on pretty much every album on which he appears, and Strange Liberation is no exception. He carves out his own little niche nicely in a group that has played together extensively without him. His signature bluegrass twang comes out at just the right moments, and his harmonics and palm mutes fit so well that you could go as far as to call them necessary to the music. Frisell has an extremely creative sense of melody when improvising. He weaves in and out of the chords with a master's touch and stays right in the pocket, no matter how syncopated his rhythmic figures may seem. As an accompanist, he employs a superior repertoire of chord voicings to create any color or mood that he chooses.

Chris Potter is another player who challenges you to find a bad spot on his discography, both as a leader and a sideman. He and Douglas play very well together, which is a testament not only to both players' ability but to Douglas's fantastic composing.

Caine utilizes the sound of the voice, Rhodes with tremendous skill and adds a certain ambience to the group that a normal piano wouldn't achieve. He accounts for Frisell's addition to the rhythm section by pulling back and sharing the accompanying duties. Both players respect one another's space under the soloist.

James Genus rounds out the rhythm section very well with powerful, slightly off-tempo lines that not only hold the group together but add another voice to the music.

This is definitely an album that you can listen to all the way through. The title track alternates between straight and swing feels, or broken swing, and features Douglas improvising over the melody. "Skeeter-ism" is a great tune that's very loosely based on "Blue Monk," and features a bouncy double-time feel and a gospel-esque groove. "Just Say This" is a somber ballad, and Douglas's subtle and classic style to those affected by the 9/11 tragedy. "Mountains From the Train" is a freer, more experimental piece that features Frisell's mastery of loop and effect pedals for the guitar.

Strange Liberation is a tremendous album that both the student of jazz and the casual listener should be able to enjoy.

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Final stretch begins with tonight's Senior Night

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Sports Writer

The discussion isn’t about whether the Irish will beat Georgetown or St. John’s, but how many games in the Big East Tournament the Irish need to win to have their name called on Selection Saturday. But sitting at 14-11 overall, 7-7 in conference with a home loss to Central Michigan, the Irish aren’t looking past these next three days — especially with tonight being Senior Night.

"We just want to have the No. 1 right now," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "If this team can win a Big East title and have a perfect record in Big East play, that’d be a heck of a thing to hang our hat on."

That eighth win would be a nice parting gift for Brey’s seniors. Jones and Timmermans — in their last regular season home game. Last year the Irish couldn’t send their seniors out with a win in their last home game against Syracuse. That’s something this year’s underclassmen don’t want to happen again.

"I've been playing all my three years with those guys, so they've been instrumental in my career and for the other guys, just things they’ve locked in," Irish forward Jordan Cornette said. "For the simple fact that our teammates are great friends, we want to get this one for them."

While the Irish came into this season with higher expectations, Jones and Timmermans have found their roles on this team and learned how to contribute on a nightly basis.

That’s why appropriate Jones is trying to treat tonight’s game against Georgetown like any other at the Joyce Center.

"I'm just trying to go about it with the same approach as any other game," Jones said. "It's still a big game on our schedule and the fact that it's my last game doesn't get in the way of our main goal, our main focus of the season."

"I'm not going to go out there trying to score 30 points because it's my last game. I'm just going to do what I've been doing all season and hopefully we come out with a win."

Despite their 4-10 record in the Big East, the Irish know from recent history a challenging, and perhaps lengthy, game could come from the Hoyas.

Two years ago at the MCI Center, the Irish and Hoyas battled for four overtimes in a classic 116-111 win for the Irish. Last year at the Joyce Center, the Hoyas survived a double overtime game winning 93-92.

"I'm hoping it's not going to take that long this year," Brey said. "If we are going to go out there and play our hearts out, if it takes four overtimes we’ll play the 60-minute game."

The Irish recognize a loss in the next three days would kill their NCAA Tournament hopes, and they can’t look ahead to making noise in the Big East Tournament. That’s the message Brey gave his players after the loss to Providence.

"It really helps to focus because we know how important every single game is," Jones said. "Forget about the post-season right now, don't even talk about it — just think about one game at a time, winning, every game. We’re going to try to take the Big East Tournament we’ll see where we stand and how the chips fall."

Hearing that attitude from a senior like Jones is what makes Brey appreciate his senior class. Jones and Timmermans weren’t asked to step into the spotlight until this season, but they’ve done an admirable job in helping the Irish overcome all of the adversity they have experienced this season.

"I think you got to be very proud of Jones and Timmermans. They were always role players in our system," Brey said. "We asked them to do more against the toughest schedule we’ve ever played. I’m proud that at a key time they’re playing their best basketball for us."

"Certainly we’d love to send them out with a win."

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No keeping up with this Jones

Merely a role player for his first three years with the Irish, senior Torrian Jones now explodes through his final year

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Mired in a Big East season where he spent more games on the bench than he did on the court, Torrian Jones grew frustrated.

He watched his teammates reel off eight straight wins to lock up the Big East West Division title. He watched the Irish make their first NCAA Tournament in over a decade. He watched, and when he thought he was done watching, he watched some more.

But when he listened to the assistant coach Anthony Solomon, he felt better.

"It's not about the accolades. It's not about the statistics," Jones remembers Solomon barking at him time after time. "It's about how you finish your career." 

Tonight, Jones will play his final regular season game in the Joyce Center, will step onto the court with his parents to a thunderous roar from the crowd and will receive a heart-felt hug from his head coach. That's because Jones now starts every night, leads every day and has 12 minutes, 9.1 points and 6.3 rebounds a game.

But back when he was a freshman, when he privately wondered if he'd be able to contribute to the Irish, he barely equaled those numbers in the entire Big East season.

Freshman futility

Jones and Notre Dame team in 2000 that was meeting its third head coach in as many years. And while Jones, who originally committed to former Notre Dame coach Matt Doherty, never considered changing schools, he wondered whether his 14 minutes for the team would be.

It turned out the coaching staff was wondering the same thing. Over the course of his freshman season, Jones was mastering point guard, shooting guard and wing — much more than the more experienced Irish.

"I was in high school mode for a while," he said. "I wanted to do everything flashy, to make that spectacular three-pointer, that needle pass you could make in high school but not in college." Towards the end of the season, something clicked for Jones and his coaches. He set the kind of standard where he could most effectively drive to the basket to score acrobatic layups. In wins against Rutgers and Virginia Tech, Jones pushed the ball like he was trying to score.

But it wasn't until Notre Dame's March Madness game — a loss against Mississippi in the second round of the NCAA Tournament — that he finally started feeling comfortable. The stat line showed that he played only six minutes and scored four points — but it meant the world to the freshman.

"I got in the game, I felt comfortable, and I wasn't nervous," he said. "I was helping the team out, and that's when I realized I could contribute for my team." 

Boost of confidence

"That Jones would see his minutes dramatically increase. He was stuck playing behind veterans like David Graves, Matt Carroll and Dan Miller, and the arrival of McDonald's All-American Chris Thomas meant Jones would essentially be relieved of his point guard responsibilities.

So he settled into the life of a role player, getting called on to play five minutes one game, 20 minutes the next. "It's always tough, and I knew it was going to be like that," he said. "And it wasn't like I was getting sat for guys who didn't deserve to play.

"But it's tough because you want to contribute more, and that means toning your game down and taking that role player position. I'd get discouraged because I wanted to unleash my full game, but I was winning games and I was happy." While he consistently talked with his coaches about playing more, Jones understood his role as the team's defensive spark. With Solomon's assistance, Jones became a more consistent shooter and contributed more to the team's scoring.

He got an unexpected boost of confidence midway through the season, when Brey inserted him into the starting lineup in place of a struggling Graves. He ended up starting nine of the next 10 games and scored a career-high 17 points in a win against Miami. It showed that the reason that they weren't playing me wasn't because I couldn't contribute, but because they had older guys who could do it," he said.

Jones' selfless, team-first attitude continued into his junior year. He looked around the country and saw his peers playing major minutes or starting, yet he remained in a largely supportive role.

His classmate and close friend, Chris Markwood, could've taken it. Unsatisfied with his minutes midway through the season, Markwood transferred from Notre Dame. But Jones didn't — and earned respect from his teammates as a result.

"There's a lot of guys in his situation who would have transferred," Brey said. "I really respect how he handled it.

Speaking up

If Jones was a supporting actor on the court, then his vocal leadership made him the star in the locker room.

Torrian Jones drives to the basket in Notre Dame's win against Connecticut. While Jones languished on the Irish bench for his first three years at Notre Dame, he capitalized on the extended minutes he earned this year to emerge as a vital player for the Irish.

"It's not about the accolades. It's not about the statistics. It's about how you finish your career." Torrian Jones on advice an assistant coach gave him as a freshman

Humphrey's style of motivation and methods was different.

Soon, Jones adopted a vocal role in the locker room. If his contributions weren't evident on the court, they were obvious off it.

"Even as a sophomore, he always had a good voice in our locker room," Brey said. "That was always something he had. Once we pushed the buttons, we knew he'd be great at it." 

Senior moment

The departures of Graves, Carroll and Miller left a starting spot open in the Irish backcourt. And in Brey's mind, there was no question who he was going to fill it.

"It was only fitting," Brey said, "that he developed to be a starter and a 30-minute-a-game guy given that he's been such a team player.

Given the chance to do whatever he wanted, Jones tried to do everything. In seeking to fill the void left by Notre Dame's shooters, Jones worked on his shooting over the summer, believing he had to duplicate his 3-point proficiency Notre Dame to win.

But with the season started and Notre Dame lost three of its first five games, Jones started trying to carry the Irish by playing out of his element. That's probably as much my fault as it was his fault," Brey said.

"You're not telling him not to take shots, you need him to score, but he had to remember who he is.

"I was trying to fill the void the wrong way," Jones said. "I tried to be like Matt and bank shots in shooting 3s and jumpers.

"That's not my game. I was trying to do all I could to help out, and it was like I was doing the wrong thing.

Brey and Jones came to the conclusion at roughly the same time that Brey East play started, the two sat down and the head coach told his senior "get back to what you do best," which is driving, scoring and rebounding.

The results were immediate — Jones' point-per-game average increased by one and rebound-per-game average by five. When Torrian Francis was sidelined, Jones grabbed 12 rebounds in wins against Connecticut and Syracuse and six in a win that helped propel the Irish to the brink of the NCAA Tournament.

Now, Brey thinks Jones is doing to all he could to help out, and it was like I was doing the wrong thing.

"You're rooting for a guy like Torrian Jones," Brey said. "What's he's getting now he deserves to get.

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Will the Irish qualify?
John Frusciante collides with greatness

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Music Critic

Why should we expect mediocrity in the albums we listen to? Why should we buy an album that is only a mere 30 minutes in length? (Cough, Cough — The Strokes) Why should we submit to albums where every song sounds that same as the one before it? (Achew — Linkin Park) If record labels continue to

red hot chili peppers' guitarist proves that his worth extends far beyond his guitar skills.

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Bryant’s accuser will appeal order to testify

Associated Press

EAST PALO ALTO, Colo. — Prosecutors will ask the Colorado Supreme Court for a new trial, saying Bryant and his accuser detailed questions about her sexual history.

State District Judge Terry Buckriegle denied requests from Bryant’s attorneys to throw out the March 24-25 closed-door hearing where the 19-year-old woman will testify in the case for the first time. On Tuesday, he also rejected their request to limit what the defense can ask her.

Prosecutors argue the accuser was forced to file an appeal with the state’s highest court because Bryant’s attorneys, in an attempt to gain a defense advantage, forced her to testify without the State’s permission in open court.

Buckriegle, 25, is accused of sexually assaulting a woman in June at the Vail area resort where she worked and he was a guest. The Los Angeles Lakers’ star said he had consensual sex. If convicted of felony sexual assault, he could face years or up to 20 years to life on probation.

Under Colorado’s rape-shield law, the sexual activity of an alleged victim is presumed to be irrelevant. Defense attorneys have to convince the judge otherwise in order to present details of other sexual activity to a jury.

Defense attorneys Hal Hansborough and Frank Markham say there is no evidence the woman’s sex life is important to whether Bryant could have been caused by other men and whether she suffered from emotional trauma, as prosecutors claim.

Prosecutors argued such questions were irrelevant to the woman’s claim that she was raped.

The woman has told police she had sex with someone two days before the alleged attack. The defense, however, has repeatedly said she slept with multiple partners that week — including less than 15 hours after her encounter with Bryant.

The hearing, nearly all of it closed to the public, was held behind closed doors, with Bryant’s attorneys addressing the woman’s medical records confidentially, without investigators objecting. The woman has repeatedly said she slept with Bryant.

The defense did not immediately rule on the medical confidentiality letters and more arguments scheduled for the hearing later this month.

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Timberwolves tour with Golic

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins acquired defenseman Sergei Gonchar from the Washington Capitals on Wednesday in a bid to add scoring punch to their power play.

The Bruins dealt Shaone Morrisonn and first- and second-round selections in the 2004 draft for the 29-year-old defenseman. General Manager Mike O’Connell announced.

"The addition of Sergei makes us a better hockey club," O’Connell said. "He is one of the premier offensive defenders in the game and that was an element that we felt needed to be improved on our team. He moves the puck very well, has great awareness on the ice and will be a great addition to our power play."

The Bruins rank 14th in the league in power-play scoring with 39 goals in 242 opportunities (16.1 percent).

Gonchar was leading the Capitals with 49 points in 56 games. He had four power-play goals and 11 assists in 11 games this season.

"It was a tough decision for us to give up an RFA player," Washington coach and general manager Bruce Boudreau said Tuesday. "We are giving up a top pair and a leader. I am not happy about that, but it’s the business of hockey."

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NHL

Bruins trade for Gonchar

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ON THE COVER

Former St. Louis Blues head coach Ken Hitchcock, who was fired in March, returned to coaching the team Wednesday. Hitchcock, who led the Blues to the playoffs in 2002 and 2003, was named interim coach by Blues owner Tom Blays.

"It’s a privilege to be back in St. Louis," Hitchcock said. "I have a great respect for the fans and I hope they will support us."

The Blues are off to a slow start this season, with a 3-3-1 record. Hitchcock will be given a six-game window to turn things around.

"I have a lot of work to do," Hitchcock said. "The team needs a lot of confidence and we need to work hard."
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**Gospel:** Luke 9:28b-36
NFL

**Springs and Griffen sign with Redskins**

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins reached a contract agreement with free agent corner­back Shawn Springs on Wednesday. The Associated Press has learned.

Highlighting a busy first day of free agency, the Redskins also signed defensive tackle Cornelius Griffen, re­signed offensive lineman Lennie Friedman and wel­comed running back Clinton Portis and quarterback Mark Brunell.

Portis and Brunell were acquired in previously announced trades that became official Wednesday. Springs, Seattle’s first­round choice in 1997, the third overall pick in that year’s draft, was being flown to Washington late Wednesday and was to sign his contract Thursday, said an NFL source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Tight end Walter Rasby also paid a visit and the team hoped to sign the free agent before the day was done. Springs, considered a candidate of the top cornerbacks available, will replace four­time Pro Bowl corner­back Champ Bailey, who is being traded to the Denver Broncos for Portis.

Springs went to the Pro Bowl in 1998 when he had career­high seven intercep­tions, but has been ham­pered by injuries over the past four seasons. He missed the first four games last season after fracturing a bone in his right hand.

Terms of Springs’ contract were not immediately avail­able. The Redskins had no comment.

Griffen, who has played four seasons with the New York Giants, arrived early Wednesday and signed after passing his physical. Griffen had one sack in 15 games last season and has 12 1/2 sacks in his four­year career. His best season came as a rookie in 2000, when he had five sacks even though he wasn’t a starter.

Griffen and Springs became the fourth and fifth signifi­cant offseason acquisitions for the Redskins, joining Portis, Brunell and defensive linemen Phillip Daniels. Griffen and Daniels are the first stops in the overhaul of the front four on a defense that ranked 20th last season.

The Portis trade was cemented when Bailey agreed to a seven­year, $63 million contract with Denver late Tuesday. The deal includes an $18 million signing bonus and $5 million in bonuses, putting Bailey among the highest paid in the league.

Earlier this week, Portis agreed to an eight­year, $62 million contract with the Redskins.

The Redskins sent a third­round pick to Jacksonville for Brunell, who agreed to a seven­year, $43 million contract with the Redskins last month.

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**Bailey’s contract unprecedented**

Associated Press

DENVER — Pro Bowl corner­back Champ Bailey will be the highest­paid corner­back in NFL history.

Bailey agreed to a seven­year, $63 million contract with the Denver Broncos that includes an $18 million signing bonus and $5 million in other bonuses.

Bailey’s agent, Jack Reale, said the deal was reached late Tuesday.

The Broncos declined comment Wednesday. The team set a news conference Thursday, but would not specify the topic.

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**Washington signs for $14 million**

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OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders took the first step toward rebuilding their defense Wednesday by agreeing to a $14 million, four­year con­s­tract with veteran defensive tackle Ted Washington.

Washington, a 13­year NFL veteran who lives in North Carolina in the offseason, was unavailable for comment, Wright said.

“Ted is widely recognized as one of the premier run­stoppers in the National Football League and we’re very pleased to have him join the Raiders,” coach Norv Turner said. “We are excited to add him to what we feel will be a dynamic defensive unit.”

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Transsexual plays in Women's Australian Open

Bagger was born a male in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1966 and began playing golf as an 8-year-old.

Golf World magazine ran a photo of Bagger as a 14-year-old boy posing with Greg Norman at a golf clinic. Bagger got down to a 4-handicap but stopped playing golf in 1992 to begin a transformation to a female with hormone therapy. Bagger had the sex-change operation three years later, then resumed playing in 1998.

For those concerned she has a physical advantage over the other women in the field—which includes Karrie Webb, Laura Davies and Rachel Teske—Bagger says they are misinformed.

"People aren't aware of what I'm involved with transsexualism," said Bagger, who is 5-foot-10 and 150 pounds. "People aren't aware that there are certain physiological changes you go through with hormone replacement therapy. We lose an amount of muscle mass and overall strength as a result.

"After surgery, those effects are permanent and irreversible."

Another reason for that restriction was Charlotte Wood, a transsexual who was 50 when she finished third in the 1987 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, and reached the semifinals of the 1993 Women's Mid-Amateur. The USGA put the "female at birth" clause in its entry forms in 1989, while the LPGA Tour added the restriction in 1991.

"We live in interesting and ever-changing times," LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw said Wednesday. "How other organizations deal with this, such as the IOC, is something we're looking at in relation to this specific policy. But right now, our regulations are they have to be female at birth."

The International Olympic Committee last week put off a decision allowing transsexuals to compete in the Olympics, saying more time was needed to consider all the medical issues.

The IOC medical commission proposed that athletes who have had sex-change operations be eligible for the games after hormone therapy and a two-year waiting period.

Women's Golf Australia, which runs the Women's Australian Open, removed its "female at birth" clause in 1998 and gave Bagger an exemption to the tournament.

"I think the publicity has been enormous," WGA president Sally Hamersley said. "But quite honestly, I feel for the player. It's going to be quite a weight for her to carry."

Votaw was at the Australian Ladies Masters last week, and met Bagger when he stopped by Concord Golf Club to visit players.

"She seemed like a very nice person who is just trying to play some golf," Votaw said. "I introduced myself to her and wished her luck and told her to have fun.

Still, her presence has created a lot of attention.

"I can say I thought I'd never have to answer a question like that," Webb said when asked how she felt about playing against a transsexual. "It's up to the tournament and they can choose to use their sponsor's exemptions any way they want. I have not met her, and it doesn't really bother me. But I'll be interested to see how she does this week."

After Bagger resumed playing golf in 1998, she won the South Australian State Championship for amateurs in 1999, 2001 and 2002, and turned pro last summer by joining the Danish PGA.

Webb says she is not a power player, and only hits the ball about 240 yards off the tee. All she wants this week is a chance.

"I want to play professional golf and have the same opportunities as other women," she said.
Around the Nation

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

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NBA

Association Press

The Philadelphia Eagles one-upped Daniel Snyder and the Washington Redskins, ousting them for defensive end Jevon Kearse on the first day of the free agency signing period.

Kearse agrees to new contract with Eagles

Former Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse chases down Houston Texans quarterback David Carr in a game last season. Kearse was signed by the Philadelphia Eagles Wednesday.

In Brief

Rangers trade Leetch to Maple Leafs

Rangers president Glen Sather said today he was “proud of the job Brian has done.”

New York — The New York Rangers traded star defensemen Brian Leetch to the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday night, ending his 17-season run on Broadway. Leetch has only been with the Rangers in his NHL career that began in February 1988, immediately after he played for the United States in the Olympics.

The Rangers acquired defensemen Maxim Kondratiev, forward Jarkko KetREA and goaltender Johan Hedberg from the Maple Leafs for a third-round draft choice.

KettA, who is black, attended the news conference but did not speak. Spielvogel and two colleagues also declined to answer questions after reading the statement.

St. John’s issued a statement Wednesday night saying the school was surprised by the allegations about the payments and that it would begin an investigation.

"No. Not at all," Clark said after a 68-54 loss at Boston College Wednesday night when asked if he was aware of someone giving cash to the players.

"You can’t try to bring down other people," Cuffe said. "We have good character. He’s the first one that says we’re all brothers."

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We felt that going as far as we did go last season. Kearse was signed by the Philadelphia Eagles, which took a risk. Kearse has been hurt over the last two seasons, playing in only 18 of 32 games. That was one reason the Titans decided not to protect him with the "franchise" player tag.

But after losing in the NFC title game three years ago in the row, the Eagles decided to go for the pass rusher they lacked last season after letting Hugh Douglas leave for Jacksonville.

The Redskins had been interested in Kearse, but had to settle for Griffis, who spent his first four seasons with another NFC East team, the New York Giants. He also is a risk. His best season was as a rookie in 2000, and he had only one sack in 2003.

Springs would replace Bailey as the "shutdown" cornerback in the Washington secondary. The Redskins also took a chance on Springs, who had 18 completed passes in the regular season, and a second-round rookie in 2003.

"One of the things I admire about Dan is he makes quick decisions," said Joe Gibbs, who didn’t have to deal with free agency or the salary cap when he first coached the Redskins from 1981-92.

"At 12:01, we were on the phones. It’s exciting. It’s one of the biggest nights we’ll have.

This year, the Skins made their splash before the official start, sending defensive back Champ Bailey to Denver for running back Clinton Portis and acquiring quarterback Mark Brunell from Jacksonville for a third-round draft choice.
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145 pounds

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Early in round two, Pfizenmayer took over for a bit, throwing more and avoiding Dillon's hook. Although Dillon's defense was strong throughout the round, Pfizenmayer was able to contact more than leather several times. Despite a high contact rate early to start the third, neither boxer appeared the least bit tired in the final round. Though gloves contacted only gloves in early exchanges, Dillon's right came alive again late in the third, prompting a clinch by Pfizenmayer. Both were scoring well and taking hard shots as the match ended. In a tremendous fight with many high quality blows, both boxers proved they were worthy of the semifinals and more. Dillon won in a split decision and the finals await him on St. Patrick's Day.

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Ryan Duffey fought a clean match from the start using his slight reach and accurate jab to pick off the advances of the aggressive Bobby Gorynski. Round one featured mostly traded jabs and only a few power punches. Duffey’s punch count was higher in combos in the first round. Gorynski took the fight to Duffey near the end of the first, but Duffey replied well to every advance of Gorynski.

Gorynski came out with a strong combo to start round two and initiated several exchanges early in the round. Duffey sent a number of stiff jabs at the ever-advancing Gorynski and remained composed throughout the round. In round two, Gorynski was throwing more punches per combo, and Duffey chose to move and counter-punch throughout the round. Duffey’s jabs continued on throughout the second. Basola fought well throughout the second to clean Basola’s blood. Basola came on and was relentless in pursuing his opponent to start round one. Lohmeyer scored early with numerous punch combos and worked Basola around the ring to sever al ropes. Lohmeyer matched every one of Basola’s punches with three of his own and consistently initiated contact. Lohmeyer closed hard and fast and scored in a quick combo to end the round.

In round two, Lohmeyer punched Basola again and landed a number of high punch combos early on. Basola fought well throughout the second in reply to Lohmeyer’s attacks. Nathan set the pace again in the third by attacking hard early. A stop was called at 23 seconds into the round to clean Basola’s blood. Basola came on strong after the break and initiated contact. Though Basola found himself backpedaling a bit too much at the end of the round, he fought well against the junior captain. The decision was unanimous to Lohmeyer. Junior Mike Panzica overcame Brandon Gasser to earn his first trip to the finals where he will face Lohmeyer. Gasser worked hard throughout the match and smartly selected his punches. Panzica threw more often and scored very well on a combo at 40 seconds into the round. When Gasser stuck with his jabs he fought well. The first 30 seconds were intense as Panzica came hard and scored early, but Gasser was not to be outdone and followed with an excellent counter combo.

Panzica initiated contact more, but Gasser found success relying on his parry and replying with straight one-two’s. Round three started out fast again as Gasser pursued Panzica. Late in the round, Gasser worked Panzica to the ropes and landed a hard right but took a few from Panzica in the exchange. Gasser needed a quick cleanup after his offensive, and the round ended with a fast exchange with solid contact. This was a close fight, and Panzica won in a split decision.

Round two began with a hard exchange in which both boxers took some serious shots. Phillips’ one-two landed accurately late in the second, and he scored in nearly every combo. In round three, Phillips was scoring in spite of Alanis’ advances. As the round continued Phillips found more scores, particularly over the dropping hands of Alanis. Alanis landed a few punches. Though Alanis initiated, Phillips often finished the exchanges with solid contact. Both boxers worked hard throughout the third round, exchanging often and displaying their superior conditioning. Roohouse fought well, but he took some hard shots to both the head and body throughout the fight. The split decision went to Kerrigan.

Veteran boxer Bill Phillips will experience the two-minute rounds of the finals for the first time in his Bengal Bouts career after winning a unanimous decision victory over junior Justin Alanis. Alanis initiated contact well and held the ring early on, forcing Phillips to move around him and select his punches from the outside. Though Alanis initiated, Phillips often finished the exchanges throwing the extra, scoring punch as Alanis broke contact. Phillips seemed he was willing to take a punch or two to set up his multi-punch, scoring combinations.

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"The fall looked bad," Demko said. "I admit it now after seeing it on film. I was stunned momentarily but I knew I could fight on." 

Demko did not "fight on" that night, but his performance as a sophomore earned him a junior captainship with the club, mark Criniti, a coach instrumental in Demko’s development as a boxer, had offered lessons during the fighter’s first two years. In training sessions and sparring with Criniti as a junior, Demko achieved a personal goal. "Every time we would spar he would dominate me," Demko said. "What frustrated me the most was that Mark was so good defensively. I could never get a good clean shot on him. One day I finally landed a good clean jab on him. His nose started bleeding and he was dazed. I knew at that point that I was starting to become a pretty good boxer."

That jab marked another step in Demko’s boxing career, an important step toward complete self-confidence. He had found some success but the beginning. "He said. "Help me get to where I want to be," Demko said. "I have taken on a number of significant duties this year. From running practice and refereeing sparring matches to doing paperwork and running errands, the tasks sometimes leave less time for training. This has meant increased hours before and after practice as he prepares his final run in the tournament."

Outside the ring, Demko’s non-boxing life has followed a similar evolution. As a freshman, Demko was the Air Force Daedalian Scholarship recipient. Air Force ROTC has been his other major involvement on campus for the past four years. "I’ve met some great people, have learned many things about being a leader, and it has put me in position to fulfill my dream of being a pilot in the United States Air Force," he said.

In addition to excelling in boxing, Demko achieved dean’s list honors every semester since enrolling at Notre Dame. His dedication has paid off. Next year Demko will begin a selective pilot training program called Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. It is a highly intense 54-week program designed to produce fighter pilots for the United States Air Force and for the air forces of eight other NATO nations.

Demko says that his personal evolution with the boxing club will help him be a great asset while training in the elite program. "The work ethic, mental toughness and confidence that I have gained through boxing have prepared me to thrive in this type of highly competitive and pressure filled environment," Demko said.

Demko’s great accomplishments all stem from the determination and courage he displayed on day one as he chose the foreign sport of boxing. It was all there from the beginning—everything except the hand wraps.

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

There will be an open meeting for students with selected members of the NCA accreditation team on:

Tuesday, March 23, from 5:00-5:45 p.m. at McKenna Auditorium.

All students—undergraduate and graduate—are invited to attend.

The NCA accreditation team wants to hear your ideas about how Notre Dame can continue to improve as a university.

Bouts

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exchanges. Both boxers were bleeding and Ward came on hard with 20 seconds left, and both were sent to their respective corners to be cleaned with 20 seconds left in the match. The last 20 seconds were intense with both fighters throwing numerous and accurate punches.

180 pounds

Junior captain Jim Christoforetti moved extremely well and earned a quick victory over an aggressive Denis Sullivan. Christoforetti’s parry was near perfect as it dismissed Sullivan’s early jabs. Christoforetti was able to pick his spots early on in the first, choosing to counterpunch off his parry with a quick left. Near the end of the first round, Christoforetti landed a number of quick hard shots to Sullivan’s head, which prompted a stumble from Sullivan in the second. Christoforetti continued to fall on top of Sullivan. Sullivan was slow to get up and rested on the mat with his eyes closed for a bit too long the corner doctor, back out at 1:28 into the first round.

Eric Callahan came out breathing hard and followed fellow sophomore Larry Rooney out of his element to earn his spot in the finals against Christoforetti. Though a bit uncontrolled, Callahan aggressively pursued Rooney around the ring, working his jab well and picking Rooney off as he circled. Callahan dominated the second round, as well. Rooney was unable to break through the taller boxer’s jab to score the body combos he sought. In round three Rooney came out hard and landed three hooks under Callahan’s jab as he brought the fight to Callahan.

Light heavyweight

Senior captain Billy Zizic looked superb in his win over relentless sophomore Bryan Bylica with unanimous decision. Zizic was patient early, but when it was available Bylica capitalized with his left jab. Zizic continued to move like the experienced boxer he is, and at 1:05 into the first round Zizic switched and fought as a lefty for two exchanges. The versatile Zizic switched back at 1:20 and finished the round as a righty. Zizic picked his punches well in the second. In round three, Zizic threw high into Bylica’s gloves, which opened the body.

Jonny Griffin is a first time Bengal Bouts fighter, but he doesn’t seem to know it. Griffin overcame a great fighter in sophomore Chris Cavanaugh and won by unanimous decision to earn a spot in the finals against Zizic. Griffin was patient and composed in the ring, and his punches were straight and accurate. Cavanaugh boxed well in round one, and in the second and third round the second made Griffin’s nose bleed. Still, Griffin eventually tossed Cavanaugh to the mat. It was a highly physical, well-fought, aggressive battle.

Heavyweight

Bout 1: champ Stefan Borovina made his first appearance in the bouts and will make his third appearance in the finals on St. Patrick’s Day after defeating Douglas Pope early in the second round. At 1:15 into the first round, Stefan Borovina knocked Douglas Pope out of the ring. It was a strong upstays flurry. Borovina did it again shortly after, ending the round with a flurry in his corner. Round two saw similar action. In the third, a number of hard shards from Borovina began the round and sent Pope into the ropes. Pope was forced to backpedal throughout the round, and the boxers traded errands, the tasks sometimes

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can be a distraction for our kids."

On Friday, the traditionally solid Illini (5-2) suffered a 5-2 loss to No. 4 Washington. They then defeated Western Michigan, 6-1, on Saturday.

Louderback is confident the Irish will remain poised despite having to face such skilled opponents.

"I feel really good about how our team competes," Louderback said. "Our girls do a good job at getting each other pumped up. They really get the momentum of the match to swing back our way and I think they'll do that today."

The Irish return to the courts after a 5-2 win against Indiana Sunday. They claimed the doubles point and four of the six singles points against the No. 26 Hoosiers. The win marked the seventh consecutive Irish victory.

Last year's match between Notre Dame and Illinois resulted in a 6-1 victory for the Irish. Notre Dame claimed the doubles point and five of the six singles matches.

Louderback recalled that last year's win did not come easily.

"It was a tight match," he said. "We started off strong in doubles last year, and that's what gave us momentum going into singles."

Though the Irish are on a seven-match doubles winning streak, Louderback has continued to concentrate on doubles play during practice in addition to drills. Gaining the doubles point has been of utmost importance to the team this year.

"As the season goes on, you start to look at singles a lot more and you can't do that," Louderback said. "Then your doubles start to slip. It really makes a difference when we win the doubles point because it takes the pressure off of our singles players."

Following today's match, the Irish face a tough stretch of opponents, beginning with No. 6 Duke on March 10 and No. 36 Tennessee on March 13.

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Golf

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14th place. This was Gustafson's best finish since placing third at the SMU/Stonebridge Invitational in October with a career-low 68 in the second round.

"It was a step in the right direction for me," Gustafson said. "It was nice for me to play well and see how I stack up against the best players when I'm playing pretty well."

Fellow sophomore Tommy Balderston tied for 64th place at 16-over par with a score of 229 (73-81-75). Balderston looked to be in the hunt until a string of bogies midway through the second round helped him back.

Freshman Cole Isban tied for 74th place at 21-over 234, while sophomores Eric Deutsch (77-82-80) and Mark Bain (77-82-91) rounded out the Irish lineup, placing 85th and 90th, respectively.

"Playing against all these players from the big name teams, some of the top players in the country, we weren't intimidated but we were excited and a little anxious I guess," Gustafson said. "We really wanted to do our best that maybe we tried too hard. We wanted to play well so badly that we kind of shot ourselves in the foot."

The team has a quick turnaround with a match against Alabama Friday. While the Irish will also participate in the Conrad Rehling Spring Invitational March 12, the team will use that week to practice for upcoming competitions.

"The time beforehand will be big for us," Gustafson said. "It will help us a lot this time to get in a good competitive mindset and get our games in better shape."

The Irish hope to take something away from this week's disappointing finish and use it to motivate themselves in remaining tournaments.

"We're looking forward to opportunities to do well in the future," Gustafson said.

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Boxers advance into final round

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Ross Bartels won the best fight of the night against defending heavyweight champ Demko in a unanimous decision. Bartels came out hard and brawling in round one and was relentless in pursuing Demko. Demko held his hands low, waiting to set up his powerful right. The right came at 55 seconds in and sent Bartels to his knees. Bartels sprung up and came out fast after the break, relentless again in his pursuit of Demko. Bartels' right found its target a few more times late in the round, but in round three Bartels took advantage when Demko lowered his hands to boxers. Bartels sprung up and came after Demko by unanimous decision with a standing eight-count thirty seconds into the second round.

Bartels achieved his longtime goal of a place in the finals after beating Thompson. A strong right hook at 50 seconds into the second round warranted a standing eight-count against Thompson. Bartels won and advanced to the finals.

Bengal Bouts 165 pounds — Heavyweight

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Senior captain Tommy Demko won a split decision victory to earn a well-deserved place in the finals. Law student Brian Nicholson also advanced to the finals with a unanimous decision. Nicholson's right hook at 1:50 into the third round, perhaps swaying a number of judges to call the fight for him. Nicholson won a hard-fought split decision victory over James Ward in the second 170-pound bout.

By ANNIE LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The teams are ranked close to each other, but Thursday's meet between No. 17 Illinois and No. 19 Notre Dame looks to be a classic between David and Goliath as the Irish coach didn't really know anybody, and everyone else seemed like they knew what was going on. I didn't even have a pair of hand wraps, much less know how to put them on. As a freshman, Demko may have been inexperienced, but now, as a senior, he commands the attention of over 130 boxes with calm confidence. Leading them in calisthenics, teaching jabs and even instructing them on how to put on hand wraps, the captain is in his element. Demko has come a long way since that first day in January, but a look at his boxing career reveals that the talent was all there from the beginning. Minute evolutions, not drastic changes, mark his development. He built on the ethic grew. He built on the

The matchups are set for retroactive. By ANNIE LOUGHERY/NTU

Women's Tennis

Irish face tall order against No. 17 Illini

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

For most Bengal Bouts boxers the start of January practice is in reality a return to practice. Novices come in with five weeks of fall training behind them and the veterans arrive with a year or more of experience. Tommy Demko came to his first January practice in the winter of 2001 with nothing, not even hand wraps. What for everyone else was a return to training was actually day one for Demko.

"I walked into the room the first day of regular training totally clueless," Demko said. "I didn't really know anybody, and everyone else seemed like they knew what was going on. I didn't even have a pair of wraps, much less how to put them on. As a freshman, Demko may have been inexperienced, but now, as a senior, he commands the attention of over 130 boxes with calm confidence. Leading them in calisthenics, teaching jabs and even instructing them on how to put on hand wraps, the captain is in his element. Demko has come a long way since that first day in January, but a look at his boxing career reveals that the talent was all there from the beginning. Minute evolutions, not drastic changes, mark his development. He built on the ethic grew. He built on the

"I set a goal that I would spend an hour before practice and an hour after practice working out," he said. "I was not going to lose as a result of being overworked."

As a sophomore the extra hours paid off. Demko advanced to the semifinals, losing in a called fight against former football player Matt Sarh. A huge right hand on the chin from

Thomson brought the match against No. 17 Illinois down to a single digit. Thomson got the number one two combo stopped the match. A strong right hook at 50 seconds into the second round warranted a standing eight-count against Thompson. Bartels won and advanced to the finals.

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