Irish leader Adams addresses campus

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Staff Writer

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

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

Alice F. Curley, director of the Keough Institute for Irish Studies, introduced Adams in a political situation in the North and the role of Sinn Fein, the political party seeking the reunification of Ireland. Under his leadership, the party has entered fruitful peace negotiations with the British and has achieved increased electoral success. But Adams insisted that the electoral element is not the most important aspect of Sinn Fein's role in the North.

"It's about what changes we bring about," he said. "Because other parties have been in power but haven't done a lot." In the last two decades, Adams and Sinn Fein certainly have done a lot. Adams was instrumental in negotiating the 1994 cease-fire and 1998 Good Friday Agreement — but it was the involvement of the United States and the international community, Adams said, which really jump-started successful talks with the British.

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

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

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

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

And other changes started too.

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

Panel discusses Haitian crisis

By MERYL GUER
News Writer

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

Recent disturbances and confusion among news reports grouped the assembly headed by Jean Marc Brissaux, a Haitian citizen and administrator of the Lymphatic Filariasis Program in Louange, Karen Richman, assistant professor of anthropology and three representatives from the Notre Dame Haiti Program: Sarah Peterok, Michele Nekton and director Fr. Tom Streit.

Members of the panel

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

University officials announced Tuesday that Justice Alun C. Page, a Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and graduate of the class of 1967 will serve as the principle speaker during the University's 159th Commencement ceremony May 16.

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

"We speak in our mission statement of Notre Dame creating an environment that 'fosters the development of its students of those disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit,'" Malloy said. "Few of our graduates better epitomize those ideals than Alan Page."

During the ceremony, Page will be presented with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree, his second honorary degree from the University. Page received an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1995.

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

"It is testimony to the tremendous respect we have for such an individual," said F. J. C. Latimer, Notre Dame president. "We are pleased to pass on this honor to Alan Page."

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Staff Writer

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

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

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

The new connection, which is a direct link to Chicago, allows up to 100 Mbit of bandwidth for Internet traffic and 100 Mbit of bandwidth for Internet II. The previous connection was limited to 24 Mbit of bandwidth for Internet traffic and 20 Mbit for Internet II. Latimer said that since the upgrade, the campus has been consuming about twice as much bandwidth as was allowed on the previous connection, with a maximum usage of 44 Mbit of Internet Traffic and 40 Mbit of Internet II.

OIT continues to route traffic from dorms on ResNet through a 40 Mbit connection with Gramedia, a South Bend Internet service provider. One redundant direct link to Chicago, however, and the ResNet traffic will also be routed out to the new connection, which will likely occur this summer.

Latimer said this will not saturate the connection, allowing a potential future expansion to 200 Mbit. In the meantime, the ResNet traffic will still be handled on the existing backbone network.
Down with Martha

Martha Stewart is going to jail, and I couldn‘t be happier. The fact is, I can‘t stand the woman.

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

Nor, it’s a lot simpler than all that. I don‘t like Martha Stewart because she’s a scandalmonger. She lied to federal agents, tried to cover it up and got caught. Now she’s getting her just deserts.

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

Martha’s case was a lot more simple. She lied about her shares on an unsuspecting public. Then, when she was called on the carpet, she lied through her herbal tea-stained teeth. This wasn’t a tough case to figure out. Barney Fife couldn’t crack it by the second commercial break.

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

This is a woman who’s used to whipping up roast duck a la orange for fun. Now it looks like she’ll be chewing out license plates for a while. People like her just aren’t built for prison. The homemaking maven built a $2 billion media empire from scratch, and soon she will share a cell with two or three other mean-spirited women.

Now today, of course, is St. Patrick’s Day. I propose we all take this opportunity to be anti-Martha. This is the feast day when we celebrate the man who cast the snakes out of Ireland. We might want to join other students Tuesday in South Dining Hall to fill out the “Serious Cereal Survey.” The annual survey is designed to gauge student opinion on next year’s cereal options offered in both dining halls.

OFFBEAT

Woman gives birth to two sets of twins

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

Sheryl McGowan gave birth by Cesarean section at the Woman’s Hospital of Texas Monday to Jacoby, Jason and Justin. The twins weighed from 2 pounds, 5 ounces to 3 pounds, 4 ounces. McGowan, 35, had been taking fertility drugs. Two eggs were implanted in her and both split, according to the Houston Chronicle’s Tuesday editions.

Politician to hold post from jail

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — A politician who was convicted in a crack-down on election fraud that netted 12 convictions, all stemming from an FBI investigation into the 1998 primary election.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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

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

“Colossal Constructions in the Absence and Presence of DNA,” a lecture by Valeria Tserkov Milian of the University of Pennsylvania, will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 138. The lecture is the last in a series sponsored by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

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

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

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

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

Question of the Day: What are your plans for St. Patrick’s Day?

Anna Nussbaurn Sophomore Farley

“No comment.”

Jenny Stelloh Freshman Lyons

“Celebrating in the true Irish fashion.”

Joseph Boyle Sophomore Keenan

“Writing a philosophy paper... yay!”

Laura Maclean Sophomore Farley

“Guinness tastes like tar. I‘m just saying.”

Tony Janzzzaro Junior Fisher

“Pretending to be Irish.”

Vince Lybinski Sophomore Keenan

“Watching Leprechaun V Leprechaun in the Hood.”

Correction

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

Inside Column

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University to establish campus Gender Center

Initiative grew from Norton presidency, continued by Pangborn senator Redfield

By LAURA VILIM
New Writer

In an attempt to address pressing issues of gender, relationships and faith at Notre Dame, a new Gender Relations Center will be established on campus. Funded by the Office of Student Affairs, the GRC will be a resource center where students, faculty and administrators can access information about topics associated with gender. A library will provide literature on topics ranging from physical issues like sexually transmitted diseases, religious issues like the Church's view on homosexuality and mental issues like the emotional effects of society's dichotomies.

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

According to GRC director Heather Rakoczy and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, the Center will provide a place and a means for students to discuss the issues of gender and Christianity more freely. The center has no political affiliation and is meant to be a forum for both men and women.

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

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

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

In the context of the programs of other universities, there are many cultural messages which do not promote human dignity and mutual respect. It is my hope the Center will be a place where students can explore a wide array of issues concerning gender relations."

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

She proposed the concept of a Center for Women's Studies "which later became the basis for a student-led initiative that was formally started three years ago by former student body president Jeremy Poorman." Poorman recently released a letter to current student body president Jeremy Levincale, stating his acceptance of the recommendation to create the Center for Gender Relations.

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

"(The GRC) is an umbrella network that will help connect students and administrators," Rakoczy said. "On the one hand, we will be looking to network with the CSC, MSLP and even with the university's religious organizations."

Rakoczy was asked by Poorman to head the new Center in addition to maintaining her position as the rector of Pangborn because of her extensive experience with studying gender roles and combining them with Christian theology.

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

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

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

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

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

Instead of spending spring break on a cruise or taking a road trip, some Notre Dame students decided to emerge themselves in six service work seminars. Over the week-long course, 193 students journeyed to Appalachia, 14 to Washington D.C., 12 took part in the Migrant Experiences Seminar, four in the L’Arche Community Seminar, 14 in the Children and Poverty Seminar and approximately 12 in the Holy Cross Missions at Coachella Seminar.

The seminars, many of which grew from student interest and initiative, have been offered at Notre Dame for over 20 years. What makes them unique is that while many institutions offer alternative breaks, Notre Dame is one of the few that gives students some academic credit for their time. Participation in these experiential learning opportunities requires that students pass an application process and enroll in classes prior to, during and continued during the week by putting up new siding, a new roof and building a new front porch," Kennedy said. "My dad would have been so proud — by the end of the week, I was using power tools like a champion — 'Junkyard Wars' style."

Kennedy also commented on the friendships she made with Notre Dame students from other schools. Sophomore Jill Michelle McCarthey and Margaret Smetana participated in the Washington D.C. seminar over fall break. Given their favorable experience, both decided to return in the spring leading the seminar with a theme that "would focus on the upcoming 2004 election and faithful citizenship," McCarthy said. "Our seminar was very much education-based, so we spent the week meeting with a number of organizations and politicians in which we discussed the idea of faithful citizenship, "Smetana said.

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

Sister Mary Ducey, along with Teresa Hansen, led this year’s Children and Poverty Seminar. "Although eradicating poverty is an ominous task ... we come away from our trip wiser and stronger, ready to embrace the challenges before us, each of us in our own way, whether that be through education, law, medicine, business, non-profit work or perhaps simply just being there through advocacy programs," Ducey said.

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Haiti forms new unity Cabinet

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

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

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

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

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

Israeli gunships rocket building

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter fired missiles at a Gaza city building Tuesday, killing two Palestinians and wounding 14, including a 2-year-old girl.

The attack was the start of a new Israeli offensive sparked by a suicide bombing at an Israeli seaport.

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

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

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

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Two people who were traveling on one of the attacked trains have said that Zougam was aboard just before the bombs began exploding. El Pais reported Monday that police believe they have identified five other Moroccans who directly participated in the attacks and are at large. Spain's Interior Ministry did not comment.

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

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

Police say Ohio shooter mentally ill

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The man who killed five people in a deadly string of highway sniper attacks has a history of mental illness and is believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition, authorities said.

Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, lived with his mother within miles of where his three-day rampage killed a passenger, shattered windshields, dented luggage cases and drilled into homes and a school.

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

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

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

Walton did not take questions after reading the statement and walked back into the house. McCoy's parents, both state employees, could not reach him Tuesday and neither one was at work.

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

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

The bulletin said McCoy was still believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition.
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Center for Social Concerns, among numerous other proposals.

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

The plan also calls for the creation of at least four new residence facilities within the next decade. The construction of these buildings is intended both to alleviate overcrowding of dorms and to provide new student facilities. The plan notes that the student experience of residence life at Notre Dame "is a busy time for the collection of the information," she said. "We hope that we will capture..." the student experience of residence life at Notre Dame. We're asking current students to think about the future with us."

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

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

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

O'Hara also said that the committee is pleased with the openness of committee members with respect to residential housing options and encourages students to voice their input to committee members.

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

Firth said that the construction of any new residence areas would not occur soon. She estimated that the process could begin to occur anywhere from 81 to 83 percent by encouraging fewer upperclassmen to move off-campus.

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

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

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

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

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The new connection, instead utilizing an average of 70 - 80 Mbit on the 100 Mbit connection. "This is a good and efficiently utilized, and it still gives us some headroom forスピード," Latimer said.

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

Latimer said he did not expect this to be a problem. "Sharing illegal copyrighted material is sharing illegal copyrighted material whether it's campus or in the dorms," Latimer said.

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

"The other vendor did discover their bug today, a dollar late," Latimer said. "But it was a man­ ufacturing error in their chip." Latimer said that while OIT has not received any compli­ments about the new connection, they have also not received any complaints. "That's our source or indication of success is when we don't get complaints," Latimer said. "We seldom get kudos."

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.

NIT Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00pm
Notre Dame vs. Purdue

-Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Irish.
-Free pizza for ND students (supplies last)
-Chance for a ND student to win pizza for a year.

-Support tickets are 84 at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center from 9 am to 5 pm or in the dining halls from 11 am to 2 pm and 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

BE THERE......WEAR GREEN!

One person can make a difference.

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he said. People in the North began to have more confidence that peace would happen, and talks eventually began with British leaders. While Adams said the peace process ultimately would have occurred, with or without U.S. involvement, "We wouldn't have got a peace process when we got it." Despite such impressive gains, however, Adams said a lot of work still needs to be done. He said the cease-fire, discussions and agreements were positive steps, but "the hard bit has been implement­ing it.

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

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

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

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

"If there's a political will to sort matters out, matters will be sorted out," Adams said. He encouraged the audience, especially young people, to research the situation for themselves and to contact their repre­sentatives.

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

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

"I think... what happened here was to actually turn that caricature back," Adams said, adding that the University is "now univer­sally known as a top-level aca­demic institution."
Fed holds rates at 45-year low
WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers signaled Wednesday, March 17, that they will be slow to order any future increase that could cramp the economy’s recovery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Energy Department reported Monday that gasoline demand has been roughly 3.7 percent higher than last year over the past four weeks.

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

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

"Year after year, we have increasing demand, even throughout the recent economic difficulties," said AAA spokesman Geoff Sundstrom.

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

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

In the future, Sundstrom believes Americans may shift to more fuel efficient vehicles again as they did in the 1970s when the country faced gasoline shortages. Only this time, the response could be purely price driven, he said.
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for (Page) that we would invite him to accept a second honorary degree and, this time, speak to our graduating class," said Malloy in his statement. "We're delighted that he has accepted and will honor us with his presence."

Page, along with Packers justice to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1993. His earlier law career includes time as the state's attorney general and with the law firm of Lindquist & VanDerveer.

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

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

Page, along with his wife, Diane, also established the Page Educational Grants for minority students to attend Notre Dame and other colleges and universities in Minnesota.

"There are Notre Dame students who are attending the University on our additional grants that they have received," said Dennis Brown, associate director of student assistance. "For 10 or 12 years, the scholarships were exclusively for Minnesota students to attend Minnesota colleges and universities. . . . This is a fairly new component to the foundation, and (Page) is very proud of that," Brown said. "I certainly delighted to have that."

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shared their personal experiences in Haiti along with points of view on the exile of former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Although some speakers regret they regret the way in which he was removed from office, all agreed that the first democratically elected leader left campaign promises unfulfilled and abused his power. "Instead of sticking with what he preached in the beginning which was peace and nonviolence, I saw too much evidence with my own eyes that he had veered toward what is admittedly a tradition in Haiti and that is violence to control the masses," Streit said.

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Students meet Indiana governor during break

By MATT BRAMANTI

Thursday, March 16, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

"They had a kitchen stocked for us. It was a well-known as a nice, considerate person," Boston said. "They couldn't have been nicer and they couldn't have shown more care."

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

"They actually took time out of his busy schedule to take us to a basketball game," he said. After the game, the students returned to the mansion, where they continued to speak with the Kernans on subjects ranging from Irish baseball to global politics.

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

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"We actually got to go past the guards," Toussaint said. "We really got a behind-the-scenes look at his office." Boston said Mrs. Kernan went so far as to write him a glowing letter of recommendation to the governor's private office in the Statehouse.

"He's well-known as a nice, considerate person," Boston said. "He really listened to everything we said."
March Madness not the same

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

Sure, we can tell ourselves all the Dr. Phil-inspired self-help clichés to ease the pain, but no words can completely take away the stinging emptiness. Nor is it just a team thing. Not with our beloved Thunderbirds.

Irish missing out on the euphoric Madness that is sweeping across 63 other college campuses right now.

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

Maybe, this bitter pill would be a little easier to swallow if Notre Dame had a losing record or played in a less knowable conference like the Mountain West Conference. But the Irish have never been less impressive.

First and foremost, the Irish do not have the ACC though. With their six bids, the NCAA Selection Committee and their precious mathematical formulas, there was nothing fair about Notre Dame missing the Big Dance this year. Call me biased if you want, but the facts of this case are indisputable.

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

Once again, though, for unknown reasons, the NCAA Selection Committee has slammed the proverbial door in the face of the Irish. (Okay, okay, so if you want a proper example of blind-folded selection, look no further than Air Force.)

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Joe Licandro

The Licandro Non-Factor

You may have noticed that Notre Dame, with a record of 17-12, does not fall under either of these categories. Thus, we’re left with another cliché to describe our fate. Life’s not fair.

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

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THE OBSERVER
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March 17, 2004

\*Quote of the Day\*

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

---Thomas Jefferson

---Former U.S. President

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

With opinions like these circulating amongst many conservative elder statesmen around the country, it is no wonder that our President and his Congress are cracking down on the recent flood of gay marriage, much to the dismay of liberals everywhere. So in an ideal example of the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" philosophy, I have decided not to sit around fighting a losing battle against a morally insidious President who might very well pursue a career in televangelism when he leaves office. Instead, I now pursue a career in televangelism. For these reasons, and many others, I don't believe in coincidences.

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

Editorial Cartoon

Barrel's other addiction problem

Baseball's other addiction problem

Socialist victory not a step in the right direction

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

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

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

### ‘Starsky & Hutch’: Fun but forgettable

By COURTNEY MCKAY
Some Movie Critic

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

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

Stiller shines in his role, and Wilson, while still playing the mellow, charming character he for which is best known, tones it down in his mannerisms a notch allowing Stiller and his slap­stick, sappy scenes to take center stage. Ultimately, however, the supporting actors steal the show. Brilli­antly cast, Snoop Dogg, as police informer and pimp Huggy Bear, delivers some of the funniest lines of the movie. Including, "I know some people who know some people who rob some people." The sight of his scruffy body covered with archaic wiretapping devices may be the best scene in the movie. Will Ferrell also is hilarious in the role of Big Earl, the dragon­loving, hairnet­wearing convict with a crush on Hutch. Actresses Juliette Lewis, Carmen Electra and Amy Smart also turn in talented performances.

Although a plot emerges occasionally, much of the time the movie seems like a series of attempts to put together comedy sketches. This lack of real direct­ion, as well as careless cam­era angles from director and co­writer Todd Phillips, adds to the chaos. Starsky harkens back to cheesy television programs of the 1970s and gives the movie a feeling of authenticity.

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

One scene includes Starsky and Hutch going to question a suspect and being attacked by his knife­hurling son. Another amusing scene has Starsky and Hutch going undercover at a charity dinner. Starsky transforms into the deep­voiced, over­the­top Ward Finkle, whose tagline is the command, "Do it." Perhaps the movie's most memorable scene is the nightclub disco dance­off, reminiscent of the walk­off scene in Stiller's other movie, Zoolander. Although it is full of clichés and predict­able story lines, Starsky & Hutch is amusing enough to satisfy those looking for something silly, enjoyable and fun.

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### DVD REVIEW

### ‘Intolerably’ cruel and mediocre

By EMILY IAROCCI
Some DVD Critic

Despite an all­star cast, the movie *Intolerable Cruelty* was certainly nothing to rave about. While the acting was done well, as would be expected from such wonderful actors as George Clooney, Catherine Zeta­Jones, Geoffrey Rush, and Billy Bob Thornton, the story was rather lacking in life. Billy Bob Thornton's supporting role was very well performed, though I find it strange that a man who already is as accomplished as a divorce attorney can be, he feels that his life is lacking something. Nothing seems to satisfy him or initiate any sort of positive emotion. He is bored with life.

One day he meets Marylin Rexroth (Zeta­Jones), the wife of his adulating millionaire client, Rex Rexroth. Massey immediately seems to fall in love with her. Much to his chagrin, however, Marylin does not feel the same.

Marylin seems to be after only one thing in life — money. The remainder of the movie follows her attempts to acquire money from weak men and to humiliate those in which she was once in love.

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

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

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

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

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*[Image of DVD cover]*

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

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**Legendary cops Ken Hutchinson (Owen Wilson) and David Starsky (Ben Stiller) continue in their never-ending quest to bust criminals from their Ford Torino.**
Pulling More Than His Own Weight
140-pounds

JON VALENZUELA VS. MICHAEL SCHMITT

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

Despite being his first year in Bengal Bouts, Michael Schmitt has already made a name for himself by tearing through the early rounds of the tournament. In last year's finals, Jon Valenzuela went the distance with former champion Shawn Newburg, showing the two-minute rounds were not an issue for his stamina. Throughout the tournament Valenzuela has appeared confident and composed, especially in dealing with a serious challenge from Pedro Alves in the semifinals. Meanwhile, in the semifinals against Larry Hofman, Schmitt didn't show even a moment's hesitation. The exchanges in tonight's match will feature numerous combinations and a lot of contact. This one may come down to who is better suited for the longer rounds.

145-pounds

LUKE DILLON VS. PAUL ROBINSON

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

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

155-pounds

NATHAN LOHMEYER VS. MIKE PANZICA

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

The judges will have their work cut out for them when Nathan Lohmeyer and Mike Panzica start exchanging punches as both boxers employ a distinctly aggressive ring style. Neither boxer could ever be called hesitant in the ring and both drew blood from their opponents in the semifinals. Lohmeyer overcame Mark Basola for his first trip to the finals tonight and Panzica edged out the skilled Brandon Gasser to earn his place tonight. Lohmeyer and Panzica both seem to believe the best way not to take a punch is to throw a punch. This fight will feature serious amounts of contact and both boxers' heads will be ringing when the six minutes are up.

160-pounds

COLIN KERRIGAN VS. WILLIAM PHILLIP

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

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

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

180-pounds

JIM CHRISTOFORETTI VS. ERIC CALLAHAN

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

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

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

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

BILLY ZIZIC VS. JOHNNY GRIFFIN

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

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

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

T.J. D'AGOSTINO VS. JOHN PRIBAZ

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

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

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

153-pounds

RYAN DUFFEY VS. COREY HARKINS

PICKS
LUKE BUSAM
Duffey
HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Duffey
JOE HETTLER
Duffey
HARKINS
PAT LEONARD
Duffey

Both Ryan Duffey and Corey Harkins won in close split decisions over evenly matched opponents in their semifinal fights. Duffey used his longer jab to overcome the advances of Bobby Gorynski. Meanwhile, Harkins' advances and strong right secured his victory over Tim Ilum. Duffey and Harkins should match up well tonight, as both are technically sound fighters with a tendency for counterpunching. Tonight will be Harkins' first experience with the longer, two-minute rounds of the finals. Duffey fought in last year's finals, losing a split decision to Paul Harris. This will be a close fight with a lot of clean contact and scoring.

165-pounds

ROSS BARTELS VS. PATRICK DILLON

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

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

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

170-pounds

TOMMY DEMKO VS. BRIAN NICHOLSON

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

Both of these hard-working seniors won split decision victories in the semifinals to earn their first ever trip to the finals. Nicholson was at his best when he stayed outside and used his one-two combo to pick off his advancing opponent. Demko is more of an attacker and uses his jab primarily to set up a devastating right. Both have a tendency to brawl when contact starts, but will fare better tonight by closing in with hard, stinging punches. In the past Demko has shown that he has no problem taking a punch or two in order to set up his strong right and tonight's fight may present him with an opportuni ty to do just that.

HEAVYWEIGHT

STEFAN BOROVINA VS. NATHAN SCHROEDER

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

Though these two can punch harder than anyone in the tournament, don't expect either to rely on just one hand or for this to deteriorate into a bar room brawl. Borovina and Schroeder aren't typical heavyweights. They both move extremely well and use their jabs to set up massive power punches. Borovina returns to defend his heavyweight title tonight and his speed and defense remain his greatest assets. If he gets caught too close to Schroeder's powerful hooks, he will be in for a devastating shot. Borovina's power, however, is nothing to overlook. Though he gives up a few pounds to the heavier Schroeder, he maintains the ability to end the fight with a solid punch.

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Defending 2003 Champions

Colin Kerrigan - 155 lb.
Stefan Borovina - Heavyweight

Fight Previews by Luke Busam
Photos by Chuy Benitez
Senior Captain Stefan Borovina decided to compete as one of the lightest heavyweights

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

And that was only the middle of his novice training.

Borovina had taken on three opponents in one day before he had even gone to his first workout with the entire club.

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

Bengal Bouts Captain

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

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

The experience he earned at that gym was not something Borovina would soon forget. A sparring opponent knocked Borovina into a corner during a match and caught him with a nasty hook under the temple. Borovina was out in a flash. He hit the mat where he regained consciousness and was able to finish the match despite the temporary outage.

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

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

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

It wasn't until his sophomore season of Bengal Bouts that Borovina found his niche in the heavyweight division.

As a freshman he fought in the light heavyweight division, but due to a scarcity of boxers in the heavyweight division he decided to try his hand there as a sophomore.

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

Borovina decided to stay at heavyweight just in case there was a change of plans. When he learned shortly before weigh-ins that he would best fit in a weight class other than heavyweight, he decided to stay at heavyweight and went right to bed because I was so beaten."

"I got on the scale with my pants on and that stuff in my pockets and it was my weight up to 204 or 202, just barely heavyweight," Borovina said. "Rather than have the program doctors and nurses worry about him being too light, Borovina decided just to fake it."

Borovina has not lost since March 2002, and he defends his title tonight when he fights Johnny Griffin.

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"I thought and weigh in at the right weight."

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

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

Since that mismatch, Borovina has not lost. Last year, in his second trip to the finals he earned his first heavyweight title and tonight he aims to earn his second.

Borovina said he doesn't feel any added pressure this year, but the work you put in down in the boxing room that comes out when you go in and fight. You can't get caught up in stuff, but you have to get over that.

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

‘Monster’ presents haunting true story

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Movie Critic

While it has nothing to do with creatures lurking under the bed or in the closet at night, there is a good chance that Monster will make you want to keep one eye on your leftover dinners. At least it seemed that way in August when Aileen Wuornos was executed in Florida. This film recounts the true story of Aileen Wuornos (Charlize Theron), America’s first female serial killer in a way that is truly haunting.

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

The film opens as Aileen despairingly intuitively presents herself to a local bar, fully prepared to spend her remaining five dollars on one last drink. However, Aileen plans to end her life as soon as they meet. Selby Wall (Christina Ricci), a shy, young lesbian who has been sent away by her disapproving parents.

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

On one level, this film is successful because it provides the audience with a story that transcends the typical tale of a serial killer. It is not something to be feared. Instead, Jenkins masterfully fleshes-out Aileen’s character by focusing on her motivations. While it is impractical to completely absolve Aileen of the crimes themselves.

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

Rather than creating a black-and-white tale of good versus evil, Jenkins wields a pallid light that Aileen’s character truly makes the film. Through she evolves an entire spectrum of emotions from the audience.

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

By this time, it’s no secret that Theron contributed largely to the role in her breakthrough performance. While it is jarring to see the beautiful Aileen enter the. This film is successful, but Jenkins performance, is less impressive. Although her character is supposed to be meek and naive, Ricci’s portrayal occasionally ventures over the top.

While the film presents an interesting spin on a strangely compelling character, the film as a whole is profoundly disturbing on a number of levels. For one, it brings attention to the cruelty and violence from which we’re continually sheltered. Simultaneously, it raises important questions about our society and how it contributes to the sometimes heinous reactions of individuals.

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

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MOVIE REVIEW

Depp lifts film past predictability

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Movie Critic

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

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

Without Depp, Secret Window is merely an average movie with fairly predictable storylines. With Depp, Secret Window is a terrific movie.

In a way, this is Depp’s first starring role since he gained his newfound popularity. In Pirates of the Caribbean, he had Orlando Bloom and Geoffrey Rush to carry the film. But Depp, Antonio Banderas and Willem Dafoe, among others, to lighten the burden.

Secret Window is centered solely upon Depp’s character, Mort Rainey. And Depp does a great job of it, carrying the entire movie. One thing true about Depp is that he brings the characters that he plays to life. Mort Rainey is a truly sympathetic character. He has quirks, much like Captain Jack Sparrow. While it is jarring to see Theron transformed into a physically unempt woman, the life Theron breathes into this character is far more unsettling.

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

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Grizzlies mount comeback to defeat Sixers

Richardson had 32 points for the Grizzlies in their second consecutive game and 12 rebounds, Brand scored 27 points and westogue added 23, as the Clippers snapped a four-game losing streak and a six-game road skid, beating the Suns. "They paid a lot of attention to Elton and that opened it up for everybody," Richardson said. "We played good defense and when we do that, we have a chance.

A road win is definitely a good one."

Heat 96, Hornets 83

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

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

It was a game that we wanted, a game that we needed on our home floor," Wade said. "With the win, Miami remained tied with the New Jersey Nets for seventh in the Eastern Conference.

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

Carlos Boozer finished with 20 points and Rafer Alston added 14, leading the Grizzlies in the first quarter that set a franchise record for making at least one 3-pointer in 34 consecutive games.

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

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

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

Trailer Blazers 100, Bucks 99

The Milwaukee Bucks pre­
vented Daimon Stoudamire from taking the shot he wanted with the game on the line.

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

Stoudamire picked up a loose ball as the shot clock wound down and made a fall-away jumper with one second left to lift Portland to a 100-99 straight win.

"I hit the one that counts," said Stoudamire, who made 12 of 16 shots. "That's all there is to it.

Portland blew a 20-point lead in the third quarter and was trailing 99-98 with six seconds to go when Portland coach Maurice Cheeks called a play for Stoudamire. Milwaukee's Kwame Hawks had lost defensive, though, so the inbound pass went in the lane to Zach Randolph.

The Bucks connected on Randolph's 7-foot-1, 236-pounder a loose four seconds left. Stoudamire couldn't get a shot off and made the winning 12-footer as the shot clock expired.

"Just a tough scenario to call," said Joe Smith's jumper for Milwaukee missed as time expired. The Bucks had lost four straight and six of seven.

SuperSonics 118, Hawks 110

Brent Barry didn't put much pressure on the Hawks before the clock violation below.

Rasheed Wallace scored a season-high 28 points, Ray Allen added 27 and the Seattle SuperSonics beat Atlanta 118-110 with two straight for the first time in 25 years.

"We've beaten two teams that have been struggling all year," Barry said. "It's not exciting about beating those kinds of teams."

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

"We've been struggling for a couple weeks with a broken hand," said Barry, who returned from the injured list last week. "I think in seven games and two of those games are the only legitimate chances. I've told them I don't know what the doctor put in my hand, but it's working. I think I have a little bionic motion."

Stephen Jackson scored 39 points for the Hawks, who have lost six of seven. Jackson, who has at least 30 in three of five games, hit four straight free throws on consecutive possessions to cut the lead to 99-93 with 6.1 remaining.

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

Barry didn't score again until his straight made it 107- 99 with 3.20 remaining.

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

"He was going three, four feet behind the 3-point line, knock­

ing down shots at the end of the shot clock sometimes," Atlanta guard Brian Sora said. "Nothing you can do about that. But over­

all they shot the ball well and 15 points from the 3-point line, which hurt us."

Knicks 114, Wizards 110

Isiah Thomas angrily addressed the team behind closed doors. Lenny Wilkins called it an embarrassment.

The players were ashamed.

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

After five overtime defeats, including an exorcising one or two several days earlier, the Knicks finally won a game that lasted longer than 44 minutes by defeating the Washington Wizards.

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

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

Tim Thomas scored 32 points and Stephan Marbury had 16 as New York narrowly defeated an opponent that had been struggle­

ning -- which is an underestimate.

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

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

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Craig Esherick should head to Georgetown for a 13-15 season, the Hoyas' third straight out of the NCAA tournament. President John J. DeGioia made the announcement in a statement.

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

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

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

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

The Hoyas lost their last nine games, their longest losing streak since the Thompson era began in 1972. They barely qualified for the Big East conference tournament last week, the first time in the tournament's 25-year history they did not reach the quarterfinals.

Esherick played for Georgetown under Thompson and was the Hall of Famer's assistant from 1982 until succeeding him when Thompson resigned for personal reasons in the middle of the 1998-99 season.

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

The Hoyas opened the season 10-0. "I am dedicated to sustaining that tradition of excellence which means a great deal to our university community and the many fans of Georgetown basketball," DeGioia said.
 Associate Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guard Tony Tate also hurt his leg in a pileup and had to leave the game temporarily. He grimaced often and finished with nine points on 4-of-8 shooting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

With their best shooter shuffling in and out of the lineup, the Rattlers couldn't crack an open offense was tame without Woods.

In the second half, it got rolling.

Woods came off a screen and hit a 3-pointer between two defenders, sparking a nine-point run that built the lead to 16 points midway through the half.

Lehigh was only 2-of-15 from the field as Florida A&M pulled away.

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

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

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League will warn Nelson about contact policy

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

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

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

It was unclear whether Nelson would face disciplinary action by the league or only Sacramento on Thursday when Johnson said he had e-mailed Johnson — his former player with Golden State and Dallas — and offered him a coaching job.

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

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

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

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

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**Klitschko gets shot at heavyweight title**

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**IN BRIEF**

**Troy Vincent signs six-year contract with Buffalo**

TROY VINCENT — Troy Vincent knows he won't be counted on to be the savior of a Buffalo team that underachieved last year — and that's fine with him. "I'm just going to fit in," Vincent said during a telephone conference Tuesday after he signed a six-year contract with the Bills. "I didn't want to go to a place where I was the key and the main component that was going to get a team to the promised land." Vincent saw players on the Bills roster such as Takeo Spikes, London Fletcher, Nate Clements, Drew Bledsoe and Eric Moulds, and immediately knew he could be a more-than-capable addition.

"I believe I can be one of the components bringing things together," said Vincent, a five-time Pro Bowler. "I've made plays in the past and I expect to make plays in the future to help this organization get back to where they once were." The 32-year-old corner back has played 12 seasons, the last eight with the Eagles. A 1992 first-round pick of the Miami Dolphins, he has 42 career interceptions.

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

"We addressed a need by filling a void left by a very good player," Bills head coach Mike Mularkey said. "It was the biggest void we needed to take care of before we moved on." For the Bills were the first team Vincent met with when the free-agency period began in early March. He also visited Cincinnati and Kansas City.

**Verizon again suffers travel horrors**

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Verizon's trip to its first-round game in the NCAA tournament at least was better than last year's. It took the Catamounts nine hours to get from Burlington to Buffalo on Tuesday, a trip that should have taken less than two hours.

"Nine hours. It was 40 last year. We have 31 hours to spare," Vermont coach Tom Brennan said minutes after landing at the airport in Buffalo. "We spent four hours on the ground in New York. It was horrible." The Buffalo area was expected to get from 8-10 inches of snow from a lakefront storm that started Tuesday morning and was expected to end midday Wednesday. There were winds of 20-30 mph.

The first-round games, two of which lead to the East Rutherford Regional and two of which go to the Phoenix Regional, are Thursday. If any school knows about horrors in making its way to the NCAA tournament, it's Vermont. Last year, the Catamounts were stranded overnight in the Denver airport by a snowstorm.

**Wish granted as Owens joins Eagles**

New Philadelphia Eagle Terrell Owens displays his new jersey at a press conference Wednesday with Eagles owner Jeffery Lurie. Owens had demanded a trade after being shipped to Baltimore.
The Notre Dame fencing team stayed at home over spring break to host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships on March 6-7 but still found itself in a foreign location—second place. Ohio State (No. 5 men, No. 2 women) came into the Joyce Center and took both the men's and women's titles, marking the first time in 20 years that the Irish did not take first in either division.

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

For the Buckeyes, the win avenged the losses suffered by their men's and women's teams at the hands of the Irish during their last visit to the Joyce Center. Notre Dame defeated the Ohio State men 15-12 and the women 14-13 at the Notre Dame Dual Meet on Jan. 31. Head coach Janusz Bednarski attributed the poor performance of the squad to lack of experience and poor decisions on the part of the referees. "We didn't count for anything besides bragging rights, so [we] kind of had a relaxed attitude,"森林 Walton said. While the team struggled as a whole, fifth-year senior Forest Walton said that poor play resulted from lack of motivation. "This really doesn't count for anything, it doesn't affect our individual standing and it doesn't count towards our NCAA point total. It's just pride for winning," he said. "A lot of people went into this knowing that it really didn't count for anything besides bragging rights, so they kind of had a relaxed attitude."

The Irish resume practice during spring break to prepare for the NCAA Regional Qualifier on March 14. The qualifier determines which fencers will compete in the National Championships on March 25-28.

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By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

For a first-round NIT matchup, tonight's game means too much for too many people. Start with Notre Dame coach Mike Brey. As soon as the pairings were announced Sunday night, he heard from his mother Betty. While that isn't unexpected, the reason is.

Brey's mother is a Purdue graduate. "I've been getting a lot of pressure (Sunday and Monday)," Brey said. "This is a big one for the Brey family." While Brey's mother has been sere-nading him with the Purdue fight song, Brey grew up learning all about the Boilermakers.

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

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

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

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

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

Thomas has another significant connection to this game — Pike High School teammate David Teague is a sophomore guard for the Boilermakers. Thomas and Teague grew up together playing for All-Star middle school teams. While Teague always had the talent to be a star player, he had a difficult time grasping the mental side of the game. Thomas said, especially when Teague would commit three fouls in two minutes.

That is until halfway through high school.

"It's the biggest improvement I've ever seen in a teammate of mine between his sophomore and junior year," Thomas said. "It's just smarter. He always had a four-year streak. He just didn't know how to play. He stopped everything in his game. He can score on any-thing, defense and rebound.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Irish-Boilers has significance for many**

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**COACHING**

**NOTRE DAME**

Brey has only been to the NIT once before (with Delaware) and he lost twice for round. But this year, he has a team that ended the season playing relatively well and is eager for an NIT title.

**PURDUE**

Keady is a legendary coach at Purdue who has led the Boilermakers to a Final Four appearance. He has had successful coaching experience and has been coaching at West Lafayette longer than any Irish player has been alive.

**STYLE OF PLAY**

**NOTRE DAME**

With Francis out, the Irish have relied on an open attack, that suc-ceds or fails based on how well the Irish are shooting. Notre Dame's defense has also been impressive.

**PURDUE**

The way Purdue plays physical basket-ball, they don't have many quick players in the Big East. They have quick guards who rely on screens to get open and play tough man-to-man defense.

**POST PLAYERS**

**NOTRE DAME**

Cornette and Timmermans aren't your prototypical big man, as both have the range to step away from the basket, and drain long shots. However, Notre Dame doesn't have a true rebounder on the court at the start.

**PURDUE**

Ex-Golden Domer Kortelo is Purdue's leading rebounder, and he has help hold down low from Booker and Kiefer. The Boilermakers don't use their big men to score, but to set screens and disrupt opponents.

**PERIMETER PLAYERS**

**NOTRE DAME**

Lowe and Teague key a Purdue offense with their quick style of play. They are also great 3-point shooters, as both make more than 37 percent of their 3-point attempts. They are also the only Purdue players who average double-digit point totals.

**PURDUE**

Keady plays a nine-man rotation — rela-tively unusual in col-lege basketball. But he rotates his players in to help take advantage of mismatches and to keep fresh bodies on the floor at all times.

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**BENCH**

**NOTRE DAME**

His play in the Big East Tournament established Cornett as a bona-fide post presence who can rebound and score. And it boosted Falls' confidence when he hit that big shot against West Virginia.

**PURDUE**

Purdue is 4-7 on the road, and they'll face a hostile Joyce Center crowd. But there are many Purdue-Notre Dame connections that give the Boilermakers extra incentive to play.

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**INTANGIBLES**

**NOTRE DAME**

Most teams fade when faced with an NIT bid, but Brey is convinced the Irish won't do that. Playing at home before what will surely be a boisterous St. Patrick's Day crowd, the Irish have a lot going for them.

**PURDUE**

Purdue has loads of postseason experience thus far, and their quick style of play will surely be a boisterous St. Patrick's Day crowd, the Irish have a lot going for them.
Ex-Irish player returns tonight

Brey: Irish may change scheduling philosophy

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brey eventually opened communication with Purdue, but Keady refused to renew a series unless the Irish played their first game in West Lafayette because the last meeting between the two schools took place in South Bend. But the Irish, already burdened with difficult schedules, were reluctant to add another tough road game. "It's not being selfish, but making sure you have the right amount of high-caliber games in the rotation of your schedule," Brey said, "and you don't play on the road for six straight weeks like we did during my second year.

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

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

"It's going to be a lot of hype around the game and the atmosphere will be great." Chris Thomas

Irish guard

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Irish guard

In what could be his last game his sophomore year under Mike Brey. The major drop in playing time was the

Brey's decision to transfer. Keady's major influence in getting former Irish player Torrian Jones to attend Notre Dame. When Brey announced he was transferring, Keady was out due to injury.

While he was recuperating, Macura was also going to transfer back to Purdue. Macura played for four years under Gene Keady and was rumored to transfer.

"He's definitely going to be a Purdue grad-student next year," Brey said. "I think Tom and myself had a good relationship.

Kortelo averaged 20.5 minutes of playing time per game and is averaging 5.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest. He also ran into some off-court trouble when, on Feb. 22, Kortelo was arrested for punching a bouncer at the Wabash Yacht Club. Purdue coach Gene Keady limited Kortelo to eight minutes on the court in the game following his arrest.

Before the arrest, Kortelo was also battling an injury to his hip, but that wasn't going to stop him from playing tonight.

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

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Irish guard

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Mikulyuk won her match 6-0, 6-1, while sophomore Kate Bowler, 6-2, 6-3 also triumphed at No. 5. In doubles, Cutler and Spriggle won as well, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. Palombo and freshman Grace Gordon defeated Amanda Dworak and Amy Meinsen of UW-Green Bay 6-4, 7-5 in No. 3 doubles. The Belles then traveled to 0-7 in Duquesne and went 4-3 versus numerous opponents. Beginning on March 7, the Belles were victorious with dominating wins over Kings College (9-0), Haverford (8-1) and John Carroll (7-2) on March 8. The following day Saint Mary's dropped their first match of the trip when they were defeated by Wesleyan University (6-3), but the team bounced back to beat Sacred Heart (6-3) on March 10. Saint Mary's concluded its trip with losses to Youngstown State (8-1) and Wheaton College (6-3). Overall, the Belles did very well against the competition and currently hold a 5-3 record.

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Monogram Club's letter did not specify where address the concerns raised in the alumni letter, which called for the athletic director to be evaluated based on the success of the football program, more leeway in selecting football coaches and the appointment of an executive vice president. But Heaton said that many of the letter's original claims contained factual errors that contributed to increased misperception, including minimizing the role of White in overseeing the football program, an over-simplification of a complex athletic department and assuming that football is not a high priority in the administration. The Monogram Club, he said, is in a better position based on its close relationship with athletic department officials to understand the department's inner workings.

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

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right to their opinion and although they may have been well-intended," the letter states, "the content of their letter contained assertions that rendered it detrimental to Notre Dame." The letter also praised the Notre Dame athletic department and said that many of the claims in the alumni letter were wrong.

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

"We don't want to get into a media fight with this group," said Michael Heaton '68. Heaton formerly served as the head of the Chicago Alumni Association and now is the club's legal counsel. "We consider it a family issue. We want to deal with this in-house." Heaton criticized the authors of the original letter for releasing the letter to the public without having discussed their concerns with the Monogram Club or other University representatives.

"If you're telling me that they had gone to the University and had been rebuffed time and time again, then perhaps you could go public," he said. "Since that didn't occur, I can't see what good is coming from it." Tim Kelley, one of the principal writers of the original letter, declined to comment on the Monogram Club's response. In a previous interview, Kelley said the group only decided to release the letter to the media when it received no response from the Board of Trustees. Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said his department has a policy of responding to every inquiry it receives. But since the alumni letter wasn't addressed to him, he did not contact its authors.

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

In an interview a month ago, Kelley said the decision to write a letter grew out of a decade-long discontent with how the University managed its football program and was not directly related to Notre Dame's 5-7 2003 season. The letter, he said, was intended to express dissatisfaction with the internal organization at the University and not head coach Tyrone Willingham. The letter also was an attempt to emphasize the importance of football success to the trustees.

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

Heaton also disputed the alumni authors' claims that football, along with Catholic identity and academic excellence, formed the three pillars on which Notre Dame was built. "I don't think I would take it to that level, and I don't know if any of the other players would do it," said Heaton, who won a national championship while playing for Ara Parseghian. "We think football is very important," he said, "but nobody told us that it was the third most important thing at the University."

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

Anticipation rises to a boil

Irish, Boilermakers meet for the first time in 38 years

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Notre Dame students come to South Bend from across the nation, often with little appreciation for in-state rivalries. So when Irish coach Mike Brey calls tonight's first-round NIT game against Purdue Notre Dame's biggest home game of the season, he's not just referring to the fact that a loss means Notre Dame's season is over.

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

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

Then again, that's to be expected when two schools that sit 100 miles apart but haven't played in 38 years. It's been so long since the last meeting between fans from South Bend and the Hoosier State that the players seem to be the only ones remembering.

The 74th annual football game of the season, he's not seeing RIVALRY/page 25

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