Task Force investigates ND, WRC

By CHRISTINE KRALY

After a morning meeting discussing the issue, the University's Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives made a recommendation Friday to the University President. Edward Malloy on whether or not to join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC).

The task force is not releasing their recommendation until March 8. Task force members are appointed to give advice directly to Malloy and will not share their recommendations until after he has a chance to look them over, said task force chair Bill Hoye. The task force is not releasing its recommendation until March 8.

The task force activities are ongoing, said Sarah Greeman, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA). The task force is not releasing its recommendation until March 8.

"It's a very hard time because it's midterm week," said WRC member Jennifer DeWitt.

Hoye said, but enough voting members were present to make a recommendation.

There are several non-voting members on the task force, including corporate members adidas, Champion and Follett, which serves the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

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The WRC is a group of 67 colleges and universities working as a watchdog to fight factory sweatshop conditions.

Task force members met Friday morning to decide on submitting their proposal later that day. Two members of the group were unable to attend the meeting, Hoye said, but enough voting members were present to make a recommendation.

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"As far as I know, there are only a couple problems the University has [with joining the WRC]," said Greeman. One problem is financial, she said, noting that the task force is allotted a certain amount of money and much of that money is currently going to FLA dues. An average WRC member pays $150 or $200 to campus for the meeting.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Babies are the smartest people

One video has unlocked all the secrets. Watching tiny faces discover riches and solve mysteries that plague me every day. Life and all its puzzles were now clearer.

Not the JFK-Zahradr film. Not "It's a Wonderful Life." It was the Joseph Robert Roberts video. Five a home video of my roommate Lisa's first nephew.

It had to be one of my worst days — so many papers to write, so many hours to work. Down from the pile of job applications and reality of graduation is three months away, I headed home facing a sad six hours of sleep until the next day of troubles.

But one look at Joseph with kittens covering his jumper and cat ears on his little head made all those problems disappear.

I'm the kind of person who loathes "cute." Everyone who knows me knows I have a bitter, sarcastic sense of humor. I scoff at people who cry at animal commercials. And I feel sorry for those couples who call each other "Cupcake" or "Shmoopy Woopy.

But when my friend saw Lisa's sister lying on her couch, Joseph asleep on her chest, "Schmoopy Woopy" didn't sound so bad. (Well, it still sounded bad, but I might have been more willing to say it.) For some reason, hearing "Joseph goes poopy" was now music to my ears.

All sarcasm in my mind melted and I became like all those people I pity when they speak in baby babble time seemed to vanish and I waited to see what Joseph would do next.

The next scene could bring a new rocker, another burp, maybe even new animal print pants and socks!

Fifteen minutes of VHS had turned my whole day inside out. I was in utter awe and admiration of Joseph.

What is their secret?

Babies became the smartest people in the world. They consist simply of spending a week changing diapers, kissing and loving them.

What could be a better escape from the frenzied college life? What is their secret?

I'm the kind of person who loathes "cute." Babies became the smartest people in the world to me — they throw up, they sleep all the time, they are tired of the "false admiration of them by adults.

But whatever makes them so carefree, so witty, so honest I'm going to make a decision that goes against our efforts to recruit students of color to the university, but we've been left with no choice," said Alma Hernandez, representing MECHA, a UC Berkeley Latino group.

"Every recruitment and retention center [at UC Berkeley] has made the decision to actively discourage students from attending the University of California at Berkeley until SP-1 and SP-2 have been repealed.

An eight-student panel representing the California Statewide Affirmative Action Coalition said the university failed to maintain diversity without affirmative action, citing statistics showing a decline in diversity in the case of race preferences has been banned in admissions procedures.

Panelists said their time and effort in these organizations contribute significantly to maintaining the minority representation on UC campuses.

"Despite our efforts to maintain diversity at the university, we have been unable to do so because of standing policies of this university, mainly [the ban on affirmative action]." Hernandez said.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Censorship case reaches resolution

LEXINGTON, Ky.

A 13-judge panel, in an banc proceeding, settled issues Wednesday in the Kentucky State University yearbook case. The case centers around the censorship of the 1992-93 and 1993-94 KSU yearbook, the Thoroughbred. Administrators refused to distribute the yearbook because of its content and quality.

In January, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that KSU had violated the First Amendment by refusing its distribution. Part of Wednesday's decision dealt with the manner in which the 717 yearbooks would be distributed.

Bruce Orwin, one of the Sommerfield lawyers who handled the case, said the yearbooks will be mailed at KSU's expense to the alumni who were supposed to receive them. Students at KSU pay an $80 student activities fee that guarantees they receive a yearbook.

Orwin said if the forwarding addresses are incorrect, the books will go back to KSU. The university must contact 90 percent of the alumni.

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Professors discuss cloning at National Bioethics Conference

By HILARY BURN
News Writer

At the third National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference held this weekend at Notre Dame, Greg Pence, a professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and George Annas, a professor at the Boston University School of Medicine and Public Health, debated the bioethics involved with cloning.

"It's very tough to say anything positive about cloning," said Pence. "There are no killer arguments on either side of the cloning debate," he added. Annas agreed with this statement, but also presented his three major arguments against cloning within his lecture on the bioethics of the human genome project.

"This is a set-up for genocide and it is not clear who will win," said Annas. "It treats children as products," he added. Pence disagreed.

Secondly, when scientists cloned the famous sheep Dolly, they were not trying to develop a technique with which they could create identical sheep. Their goal was to eventually design a technique so that they could make better sheep, said Annas. "Do we want to do that to humans? Do we want to try to make better humans?" said Annas.

This idea of improving humans, led to his third argument that if humans are cloned, the child would feel very wrong about being cloned because they look like you and has some of your genes.

Annas agreed with this statement. "When so many people think of cloning they think of xeroxing a person and produces identical sheep. Their goal was to eventually design a technique so that they could make better sheep, said Annas. "Do we want to do that to humans? Do we want to try to make better humans?" said Annas.

His first argument was that cloning has negative connotations due to myths. The example of such a myth is cloning is like xeroxing a person and produces identical sheep, which has been perpetuated in the media over the last 25 years. "Anytime you hear about cloning, the scientists have bad motives. Even if they have good motives, something terrible happens," said Pence. "I read all of the old X-Files scripts and I found a lot of bad cloning stories."

As another example, Pence made reference to the media's portrayal of Rael, a leader of a cult. Rael claims that he was visited by little green men in 1977 and that these aliens told him that they had created humans as an experiment and explained how to clone humans. Rael now promises to clone a human being within six months, said Pence. "And when we get to that point, we're going to have 60 minutes interviews," said Pence. "This is a set-up for genocide and it is not clear who will win."

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Class of 2004 officers, off-campus co-presidents elected

By JASON McFARLEY
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Run-off elections Friday yielded winners in the 2004 class council race and the off-campus co-presidents contest. The 2004 ticket of Keri Oxley capitalized on its success in Wednesday’s primary, defeating the Brian Adams ticket 454-297. George Remus and Amy Sellers earned the off-campus co-president nod with a 121-97 win over Liz Efta and Kelly Stocker.

"I’m excited that our ticket was able to win. We feel like we have good experience and would be great for the job," said Nick Williams, the vice president of the administration’s ideas mentoring many service-oriented students about implementing their platform.

"We’ve talk to administrators about our platform goals, and what we’re excited about is that all of our ideas are very feasible," Williams said. "The Remus/Sellers ticket’s 24-vote win over the Efta/Stockler ticket mandated an automatic recount by the judicial council Friday. The council is required to recount any votes in an election in which the margin of victory is 25 or fewer votes. In Wednesday’s primary, Efta and Stockler’s slim 11-vote lead also prompted a recount. Remus said despite trailing Efta and Stockler heading into Friday’s runoff, he was confident that his ticket would win.

"We thought we had a good chance of making up the difference in votes," Remus said. "We felt like students would take notice of our platform."

Among the ideas on the ticket’s platform are programming and activities to enhance the social experience of off-campus students.

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a chance to directly lobby to the University president.

The group mailed a proposal requesting to meet with Malloy to talk about the WRC Friday afternoon. If the PSA doesn’t get a response soon, members will probably go forward to Malloy’s office and directly ask for a meeting, Greenman said.

The WRC is “getting their feet wet” in fighting for good medical care, facilities and equal pay for workers, Greenman said. "The University has one of the most progressive rights to organize clauses in their code of conduct."

It makes sense to join the WRC because of this, she said. Notre Dame currently belongs to the FLA, an organization created with the backing of then-President Bill Clinton’s administration to address alleged abuses in the apparel industry, including sweatshop labor.

Remus and Sellers plans to set up intramural off-campus sports teams, similar to current intramural teams for on-campus students. They also hope to organize an off-campus dance and a casino trip for off-campus students.

"When we decided to run, Amy and I thought this office would be interesting and fun to try. It will also give us the opportunity to organize social functions for our off-campus classmates," Remus said.

Alumni-Senior Club’s Pre-Spring Break/St. Pat’s Party

On Wednesday, this week, the Club will be preparing students for the upcoming Spring Break by hosting a special party. Expect traditional St. Patrick’s festivities, (see our webpage at www.nd.edu/~asc) including “Find the Shamrock” game to win cool prizes from our sponsor. We’ll also be catering to all our spring breakers, especially those going to warmer areas, by offering something “cool” to your personal satisfaction. Come see what it’s all about this Wednesday night and get your Spring Break started off right. Must be 21 or older with valid ID.

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**World News Briefs**

Crash victims' families gather: The families of some of the nine men and boys lost at sea from the nuclear submarine collision gathered in Hawaii Sunday to bid farewell to their loved ones. Family members later sailed to the scene of the accident to scatter flowers across the waters.

Three killed in Macedonia: An ethnic Albanian rebellion in Macedonia intensified Sunday, killing 10. The government’s fourth-largest such seizure came when a fishing boat off the coast of Mexico. It was the Albanian rebellion in Macedonia intensified.

**National News Briefs**

U.S. seizes smuggled cocaine: Authorities unloaded 8.8 tons of cocaine Sunday that they said was seized from a fishing boat north of the coast of Mexico. The Coast Guard said a Navy destroyer boarded the boat Feb. 24 about 250 miles west of Acapulco. The seizure capped what the agency called one of its most productive weeks of anti-drug patrols.

Former Ohio governor dies: Former Gov. James Rhodes, whose decision to quell an anti-war protest by sending National Guard troops to Kent State University in 1970 led to four student deaths, died Sunday. He was 91. Rhodes, the state’s only four-term governor, died at 2:45 a.m. at Ohio State University Medical Center from complications from an influenza and heart failure. "We strongly condemn the killing," Zahid Mahmood Qasmi, Sipah-e-Sahaba's chairman told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We have nothing to do with these attacks."

**Indiana News Briefs**

Two die in house fire: Two Campbellsburg men died of smoke inhalation in a fire that leveled a residence Saturday afternoon. The Brown-Vernon Fire Department responded to a call that a residence was burning about 3 p.m., according to a dispatcher at the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Cecil Nicholson, 73, and his son Norman Nicholson, 38, were pronounced dead at the scene by Washington County Deputy Coroner Tony Floyd, the dispatcher said. He said the residence was a total loss.

**Pakistan**

Motorcycle gunmen kill 12 people

Associated Press

Lahore Gunmen on motorcycles rampaged through city in eastern Pakistan on Sunday, killing 12 minority Shiite Muslims and two policemen in three separate attacks, police said. No one claimed responsibility for the killings in Sheikhupura, 27 miles north of the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore. But police suspected militant Sunni Muslims, who have been targeting Shiite Muslims with regularity over the past several months.

The killings generated violent protests by Shiite Muslims, who fired shots in the air with automatic weapons and shouted for revenge. Angry mobs set fire to tires, blocked roads and demanded police arrest the killers.

"Our people are being killed almost daily. The government has failed to protect us," Dilshad Zaidi, a leader of Tehrik-e-Jafria, said. "The Movement for the Imposition of Sharia Law in Pakistan"

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**England**

IRA dissidents blamed for BBC bomb

Associated Press

LONDON Raising the specter of a campaign of attacks by opponents of the peace process in Northern Ireland, a powerful bomb blamed by police on IRA dissidents went off early Sunday outside the British Broadcasting Corp.'s television center. One man was hurt, and police were on high alert against new attacks following the blast, which Prime Minister Tony Blair denounced as a "cowardly act." However, the Associated Press said it would not deter peace efforts in Northern Ireland.

"There are those outside the peace process who are set on trying to turn the clock back to the days before the Good Friday Agreement," Blair said through a spokesman, referring to the province's 1998 peace accord.

"We will not allow them to take our focus from working with all parties to move the process on."

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Scotland Yard had already detected links with the Irish Republican Army, which has observed a cease-fire since 1997. IRA splinter groups that want to keep up the fight to drive British troops out of Northern Ireland have been linked by police to a series of attacks in recent months in London. "It is quite clear that we are dealing with ruthless terrorists who are quite prepared to use ruthless tactics without any care for the consequences," said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, head of the anti-terrorist branch of the Metropolitan Police. "I fear we will see more attacks in coming days or weeks."

Hours after that warning, the area around busy Victoria Station in the heart of London — crowded with tourists and shoppers — was cordoned off for about 90 minutes after a vehicle seemed suspicious was spotted. The bomb squad moved in and carried out a "controlled explosion," police said, but no explosive device was found.

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Police said the bomb was made of 10 to 20 pounds of high explosive — they did not disclose the type — and planted in a red taxi.
"Financial aid varies for every student but it seems to me that if you don't ask, you don't take into account all the expenses that can be incurred by going to college, let's alone a good one," said Notre Dame senior Chi Le.

Le points to the fact that students of less fortunate families have to get by on the bare essentials, often sacrificing social activities because of the expenses that can be incurred by going to college, let alone a good one.

The Office of Financial Aid looks to control costs and debts, but recognize that education is an investment that often requires families to make lifestyle choices.

"The estimated family contribution is going to include sacrifice," said Brandt. "Education is a priority, an investment. In the end, you will receive the greatest reward."

To determine need, the Office of Financial Aid brings together the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE together and individually considers each student's financial circumstances. From here, administrators put together an aid package with loans, grants and scholarships.

At Notre Dame, aid is first based on need.

"It is designed for a self-help component," said Brandt. Typically, student loans and campus employment serve as the foundation of a financial aid package before scholarship and grants are given.

Saint Mary's philosophy differs from Notre Dame's. "Scholarship is first incorporated into the financial aid package," said Mary Nucciarone, director of financial aid at Saint Mary's.

At Saint Mary's, scholarships and grants are awarded first to students based on merit and recommendation by the Admissions Committee. Thereafter, the demonstrated financial need of the student is taken into consideration.

"Our philosophy is gift assistance first before resorting to self-help measures," said Nucciarone.

Saint Mary's is not able to meet 100 percent of students' demonstrated need. Last year, Saint Mary's met the need of 89 percent of its applicants.

Notre Dame officials said they meet the demonstrated need of every student. They base their aid packages on the provided financial information.

"The admissions process is totally independent of financial aid," said Brandt, denying myths that certain students, such as athletes or minority students, receive preference over others.

The Office of Admission's only contribution is designating Notre Dame Scholars, the students in the top percentage of the incoming freshman class. These students receive some preference for all four years, since the Office of Financial Aid may award them with slightly more scholarship aid in place of a loan.

Some students, however, do not completely comprehend the logic behind financial aid distribution.

"Financial aid seems to primarily work on putting students into more debt as they try to get a good education. It financial aid also does not take into account families that lie between the income brackets," said Le.

The richest families don't need financial assistance, and the poorest families get the most aid, students said. Some feel the families in the middle are shortchanged, by not getting significant aid and not having enough resources to cover tuition.

"Middle class families don't usually get enough money to send their kids to school," said Kara Pearce, a Saint Mary's freshman.

"Students often mention the discrepancies in their aid when their families receive a slight income raise or complain about the extreme increases in their expected contribution after a sibling graduates from college." Student perceptions of their financial circumstances do not always coincide with that of the financial aid offices.

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Golden and Janelle Knop echoed these concerns.

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Moreover, both Nucciarone and Brandt cite tools their respective schools use to aid in understanding.

"We mail our continuing students the renewal FAFSA, CSS PROFILE and a worksheet with tips on applying for aid," said Nucciarone. Saint Mary's also provides a section on their Web site to e-mail questions to a counselor.

"I agree it appears cumbersome," said Brandt of the application process.

Like Saint Mary's, Notre Dame sends out a packet of information. Brandt said the process is becoming easier with the availability of the electronic renewal FAFSA.

Still, as long as students depend on financial aid to afford expensive private colleges like Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, questions will remain about the fairness of the process.

"Financial aid is a good thing, but I think it's very confusing and intimidating to talk to the administration about it," said Notre Dame junior Matt Panzer. "It's a daunting, adult task."

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Hypatia Day brings middle school students to Saint Mary's

By NICOLE HADAD
News Writer

Seventh and eighth grade girls filled Saint Mary's chemistry, biology, nursing and math departments Monday, March 5, 2001. The Observer

Hypatia Day stems from the first recorded female mathematician over 1,600 years ago. Born in 370 A.D. in Alexandria, Greece, she was an inspiring teacher and loved by many. Her career, however, was short-lived. In 412, a new archbishop came to power and disliked the large crowds of people who came to hear her speak. In 415, she was kidnapped and killed.

Coordinated by the chemistry, biology, nursing and math departments, both students and faculty organized activities designed to give these girls hands-on experience in the science labs and encourage them to get involved in science early. Teachers chose the demonstrated interest in science and math.

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In the next several days, the University will decide whether to join the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC). The WRC is an anti-sweatshop association that would monitor how college apparel is made with the goal of promoting fair conditions for workers.

The University had two ways of making this important decision. Using Approach A, it could have asked students, faculty and staff what to do. It might take into account the 23-5 Faculty Senate vote to join WRC and the upcoming Student Senate vote on Wednesday. It might listen to the 100-200 people who braved 24-degree weather to attend a pro-WRC rally. It would read the names of the 228 students who have signed a pro-WRC petition, whose numbers are likely to double.

With Approach A, different university constituencies (students, faculty, staff, and perhaps administrators) would have formed committees. These committees would not decide what the university should do but rather generate discussion on the issue. There would be ferocious letter debates in The Observer viewpoint section, teach-ins, speakers, public forums, chanting, leafleting, posters, rallies and petitions. In addition, professors would integrate the discussion into courses.

The driving force behind this discussion would be the absolutely necessary ingredient that students, faculty, staff and possibly administrators would have the power to make the decision. Either everyone could get one vote, or faculty, students and staff could combine their votes into a recommendation. Both are reasonable processes, and we should support the one that works.

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In the wake of the University choosing Approach B, a group of students has tried to foment Approach A. We have organized, educated and mobilized students. Despite being excluded from the anti-sweatshop taskforce and being shut out of the decision-process, we continue to agitate so that our voices will be heard. Now we are in position where we are affecting the decision.

Last Friday, when it finally came for the committee to make its recommendation on the WRC, it decided that it had seen too much of Approach A. So to stop student-input it decided that its recommendation would be secret. Now, even the two student representatives on the committee, whose presence helps to legitimize the taskforce, are powerless to tell their constituents what the recommendation was.

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God proofs make ancient mistakes

In last Tuesday's Observer, Charles Rice claimed there are good faith-independent arguments for God's existence. I could hardly disagree. I think there probably are such arguments (although I don't know of any myself and doubt there are any with premises an atheist would accept). What's surprising is that Rice claims to have such arguments. The ones he presents, however, are riddled with difficulties. Here's just a sampling.

Rice's argument rests on a false dichotomy. He claims there are just two options: (a) there exists an eternal personal being (God) or (b) there exists nothing. But there are at least two options besides: (c) there exists an eternal non-personal being (e.g. the physical universe) or (d) there exists an infinite series of non-eternal beings each of which causes the existence of the next. Interestingly enough, Aquinas himself considered (d) a philosophical live option (his arguments against infinite series concern synchronically, not diachronically, related items). Famously, Aquinas also held that the non-eternity of the world could not be proven philosophically. Nor does the Big Bang rule it out: it's possible the universe is eternally oscillating, undergoing successive big bangs and "big crunches." Granted recent cosmology suggests a big crunch isn't in the offing, but there are still other hypotheses about an eternal universe.

Rice's argument to an unmoved mover, on the other hand, trades on a theory of motion we know to be false. Unlike Aquinas, we've known at least since Newton that objects will continue in rectilinear motion at constant velocity unless acted upon by outside forces. Consequently, although one might infer that an object in motion must have been moved by something, one cannot infer that its mover still exists. I won't rehearse the well-documented difficulties facing the argument to a first cause.

Rice is right about another thing: a watch coming together as a result of parts being shaken in a bag is so improbable it's incredible. As an argument against Neo-Darwinism, however, this is an obvious straw man. My purpose here is not to prove that arguments like Rice's are bad. Everybody... sorry... almost everybody already knows they're bad. My purpose, rather, is to suggest that advancing them is to do them a disservice.

Consider detractors from theism who harbor the following suspicion: People who believe in God are ignorant dogmatists who can do no better than advance time and again the same ineffectual arguments. Thanks to efforts like Rice's, such persons believe their suspicions confirmed. The result is exactly what Rice and his detractors wish to see. The very inadequacy of the arguments strengthen (adversaries of the faith) in their error, since they imagine that our acceptance of the truth of faith is based on such "weak arguments." Nor do such arguments help the faithful. Most theistically-minded students, for instance, greet them with fatigue. "Here comes that argument again, and here comes the refutation again." The result is misology, loss of confidence in the ability of reason to resolve matters of any importance.

Rather than follow Rice's tack, theists do better on a different, more modest one. Again Aquinas: "Our intention should not be to convince our adversary by arguments: it should be to answer his arguments against the truth." The complaint that recent Christian apologetics has overlooked this defensive strategy has something to recommend it. But to go on the offensive with arguments like Rice's is analogous to entering a modern battlefield armed with a flintlock.

I will try to explain this, and I feel the best way is to explain some of what Notre Dame Right to Life claims in its mission statement and divides our actions into three tiers: prayer, service and education. I will focus on service. Some people may be surprised that a pro-life group even does service, but this is only because of a gross misunderstanding of the pro-life perspective.

RTL's biggest service program is working with the Women's Care Center (WCC). The WCC helps women in problem pregnancies. It provides a variety of services, ranging from counseling to pregnancy tests, to pre-natal care, to supplies after the baby is born, to parenting classes, to counseling. Another organization is Hannah's House. They provide a similar service but focus more on counseling. Finally, financially. Demonstration of parenting skills (such as making dinner) is rewarded with goods that are needed to have a house and raise a child (such as clothes). They also provide counseling for post-abortion syndrome.

In addition, RTL is currently working on a post-abortion syndrome week to educate students on the real effect abortion has on women (studies show that upwards of 90 percent of women suffer from it). A new program, Project MOM, is currently going through administrative approval. It will be used to collect a variety of goods for expectant or young mothers and babies. In the past, we have held a pregnancy resources forum and hosted speakers from organizations such as Feminists for Life. Programs such as these are not unique to Notre Dame. Pre-lifers across the country (and world) realize how difficult it can be to find oneself expecting a child. The pro-life movement's reaching out to women is not, by any means, "dubious at best," but with open arms and an open heart. Neither does the movement embrace "hatred and disgust." Rather, we embrace education, free thought and the wonders of humanity, as we believe that all people should have the opportunity to experience life. A statue dedicated to the silent suffering of babies and their mothers is not hatred, condemnation, anti-free thought, anti-education. It is a beautiful reminder of the love one woman had for her child and a painful reminder of the love that millions have not experienced. But that pain is a consequence of the lies of the pro-abortion movement. Pre-lifers do not like or enjoy this pain, but we are compelled by justice to not turn our heads from the issue for the sake of convenience.

Pre-lifers want to expose the lies, ease the pain and prevent the suffering of abortion. This can be done through education, service, prayer, love, compassion and understanding for mothers, their children and their choices. We should not judge others but realize the painful truth that abortion is the taking of the most innocent of human life. It is wrong and should be illegal. We must protect life with the law and, with our actions, help others who have suffered and are suffering because of abortion.

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College is an integral time for young people to develop into mature, law-abiding citizens. But it is not always so easy to achieve this great feat on our own. Young people need guidance in order to figure everything out. Many students look to their parents or teachers and maybe even their coaches and neighbors for guidance.

Me? I dip into the rich well that are movies. There is really only one main character I use to help me through the day in my somewhat stressful and confusing college life. In social settings — which are important for developing good people skills as an adult — I sometimes find myself searching for the right thing to do or say. Sometimes, an introverted and quiet guy like myself has trouble reading situations and has to wonder how to handle them.

So, if I'm at the Boat Club trying to get my cup filled with another Keystone Light and someone bumps into me, or if I'm at a small gathering and I want to compliment a young lady on her new hairdo, I may get a little choked up and wonder how I can express myself in the right way. Also, if I have a question or a problem with a professor, I sometimes have trouble expressing my concern correctly.

Clearly, it is important to have the right role model to learn from. You wouldn't want to be walking around modeling yourself after a character that doesn't command the utmost respect and admiration. You need a character who can simply handle every situation with the greatest ease and grace.

Really, there is only one choice: when I need guidance, I don't go to my advisor, I go to Don Vito Corleone.

Can you think of anyone with a better story? Vito can do anything. When he was 10 he stood by and watched his father, mother and brother be murdered by a Sicilian mob boss. For his safety, he fled to America, only to return after he grew up to take revenge on that same mob boss, while whispering his name into the man's ear making sure that they were the last words he heard before he died.

Vito built his empire completely by himself. One day, he's working in the produce section of a grocery store, the next, he's running New York. He simply shoots the head of the neighborhood because he's just sick of paying him every week. He helps an old lady keep her apartment by making her landlord "an offer he can't refuse." He made his godson a big, Hollywood superstar because that's what his godson wanted to be.

When a producer tries to exile his godson from Hollywood, Vito puts the head of the producer's racing horse in bed with him in order to convince him. Whoa! Another way archies bond is through the bottle bowling competitions to relieve the pressure.

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Another way archies bond is through the world of architecture. It is a difficult major to switch into, as well. A question that should be addressed is: Were any buildings on the Notre Dame campus designed by Notre Dame students? The answer to that is yes. A number of alumni helped design the new bookstore and the upcoming performing arts center.

Professors have also had their hand in the design of buildings at Notre Dame. Frank Montana, an architecture professor emeritus, designed the old bookstore and the Center for Social Concerns building.

Architecture professors are also responsible for having renovated Bond Hall, which used to be the campus library. Two of the favorite professors in the architecture major are professor Economakis, who is currently in Rome,

Designing the future

Scene takes a look at the harrowing and sometimes confusing world of the College of Architecture

By SCOTT LITTLE

Being an architecture major is tough. It seems like its always crunch time. It isn't the toughest major, but it is arguably the busiest. Architecture majors, or "Archies" as they are called, take five years to graduate because of University requirements. It's enough to make some, or possibly all, of the archies go crazy at times. It gets hot and sweaty in the studio and students have been known to turn in a design of a Mirage or two.

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and Professor Stamper. Economakis is a great help to underclassmen who didn’t come to the program knowing much about architecture. Stamper is well-liked because he lets students work at their own pace.

Where do archies go after college? They go to firms in New York, Chicago or Los Angeles. Some choose to work for housing companies and others go into service oriented careers. Architects do not just build buildings. They also design bridges, landscapes and interiors.

It is a hard road, though. Architects don’t live by night and day. They live from project to project. Their eating patterns do not coincide with the dining hall’s. Nerves are often put on the back-burner. Insomnia is a virtue and breakdowns have to be melted away in massive mugs of coffee.

Is it worth it?

Right out of college the money isn’t that great. The rich architects are the ones with their own firms or are partners of a firm, which takes years to accomplish.

However, architects get a chance to leave their mark on the world through their creations, an experience which is beyond price.

A student’s model of a playground. Architecture projects consume a lot of an architecture major’s time but are one of the more rewarding assignments in the college. Small-scale projects such as these are great practice for designing larger projects in the future.

### Things to do this week

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trying to stick with one thing the entire time. If you don't get flustered," said Thompson. "If you lay it out, get the job done and don't concentrate, then it's not gonna work for me," said Thompson.

The book and back battle for control continued into the fourth round as Duba pushed for the travel award again, with alternating left-right upper hooks and cuts. In Thompson's last Bengal Bout round, he pushed out some left-right high impact hooks. Duba had a triple right hook, and then Thompson countered back, defusing the fatigue that hung over the ring like an inescapable demon, finishing off the round with a big right hook and jab.

"Scott Duba was an absolutely amazing job. He's a first year guy, and it was such a close fight. When the fight was over, I didn't know what to expect, but you can't get anything if you feel like you fought your best," said Thompson.

Light Heavyweight

"I'll be a big supporter of the "Master" Abeyta's more compact build and height would keep him at a disadvantage, but in this contest between the hardest hitting boxers in the Bouts, Abeyta's agility helped him to earn the heavyweight title in a technical knock-out 42 seconds into the round.

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"I'll be a big supporter of the program for the rest of my life. It's been the most important thing I've done at Notre Dame Boxing. You get a lot of confidence outside the ring," said Ryan.

Ryan's unstoppable left-left-right upper combinations were flying, as he dominated this round of anticipation. Ryan's jabs made some contact, and he put in two jabs to Vanderpoel's body to end the round.

"I actually didn't feel that good about the round, until I got my rhythm going," said Ryan.

Ryan continued with the left-right combinations, and debuted his straight-on jabs and high-low to Vanderpoel's body. A colossal left hook caused the referee to stop the contest twice. Ryan finished round two with two more huge right hooks.

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"I'm going to fight the first fight I can," continued Ryan. Ryan, who will attend law school next year at Washington University.

"Under the lights, with just one other guy, it makes a lot of a day to day things not seem like such a big deal. But a four time champion? That's a big deal," 185 champ and fellow champion Josh Thompson said. "We knew Pete could do it. We can't be more happy for him. That was awesome."

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"I forgot (Adam's) power. I tried to stay as far away from his right hand as I could, and to get in and get out as fast as I could. At first I was kind of testing him out. I had seen him fight before, and I knew he tires early. He has a long reach advantage, and he hit me with his jab which was incredibly hard. Then I hit him few times with some hard punches and I could tell he was little more timid," said Abeyta.

Abeyta has found some inspiration for his own fight in the 10 fights before his.

"I've never seen so many fights where people just laid their hearts on the line. I couldn't believe some of the stamina the little guys had," said Abeyta.

Late in the first round, Abeyta threw out his elbow, which he had done in practice three times before. Though he said he was in pain, he continued to fight.

"I couldn't feel my arm for a good to 15 seconds. The refs just told me one more time and they were gonna stop the fight, and I had to suck it up and go with it. And then once you step out of the corner your adrenaline starts," said Abeyta.

In the first round, Abeyta stayed down low, but Adam reacted, getting in some hard jabs.

"I just had to throw straight punches and get out. It was either that or tie him up. Either had to be hugging him or five feet away," said Abeyta.

Abeyta, who is a first year law student, had boxed for four years as an undergraduate at Texas Tech.

"This week was horrible, I probably slept three or four hours a night. It's hard to think about anything else at any time. Sleeping, in class, walking to your car, it's always on your mind. Now I can get a good night's sleep," said Abeyta, who will relax in Las Vegas over spring break.

The pressure for next year's boxers, however, has already begun to build. "I'm pretty sure I'll be back next year. It's too much fun," said Abeyta.
Senior Rueda defeats Sports Writer

Monday, March 5, 2001

Senior Camilo Rueda was finally crowned a champion as he out-boxed and out-muscled sophomore Shawn Hansmussen, garnering a unanimous decision victory in the 130-pound weight class.

"It was my senior kick," Rueda said. "I knew it was my last chance to win, and that really motivated me."

After an uneventful opening round, Rueda pressed the issue in the second using his significant reach advantage to keep Newburg at bay while going on the offensive himself.

"I was tired," he said. "But I knew I had to keep going, keep pushing after him."

After winning a Bengal freshman title just a year ago, Mike Waldo was certain nothing could be sweater.

Waldo put on an offensive show in the second pinning the overmatched Tisby against the ropes twice.

"I think it's the first time I ever had the reach advantage," Waldo said. "I only wish I had two more years to do this."

Waldo was more satisfied with a second title than he was with his first.

"Anyone can win one," he said. "I'm a lot tougher to win two."
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round, a kind of boxing not
seen in the previous bouts of
this year's tournament. Both
fighters landed enormous
punches, and took turns stun­
ing each other in the final 30
seconds of the round.

Early in the second, Heckmann corralled Matassa into the ropes, but Matassa was able to jab his way out of
trouble, landing blows with
enough power to send
Heckmann to his corner to
control his bleeding.

Even exchanges would punc­
tuate the rest of the round.
Heckmann finally started to
dominate as a result of a bru­
tal exchange that ended only
when the referee gave
Matassa a standing-eight
count.

Matassa drove back
Heckmann with an array of
punches in the beginning of
the third round. But the fight
slowed as the medical team
tended to both fighters' bleed­
ing.

Heckmann caught Matassa
in the corner later in the
round, pounding Matassa's
head and body. Heckmann
started to land punch after
punch, rather than lock­
ing up with Heckmann,
Matassa continued to throw
punches despite obvious
fatigue.

155 Pounds

The fight between Tom
"Frenchman" Pierce and Jeff
"The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh
was a struggle. The two fight­
ers engaged in the finest, most
exciting bout of the evening —
a fight Pierce won after the
referee stopped the fight with
25 seconds left in the third
round.

The fireworks started early.
Dobosh stunned Pierce enough
to warrant a standing-eight
count only seconds after the
start of the opening round.
Later in the round, Dobosh
landed two more lefts, sending
Pierce bracing against the
ropes and causing a second
standing-eight count.

"He caught me with that
punch in the first," said
Pierce. "I had to come out
hard [in the next round] if I
was going to win.

Pierce shot out of his corner
in the beginning of the second
and began to attack Dobosh,
eventually landing a full
power clean hook to Dobosh's
jaw that sent the graduate stu­
dent to the canvas.

"When you fight a lefty, you
need to throw rights," said
Pierce. "I knew I needed to
throw more rights after the
first round."

Pierce floated into a neutral
stance, bouncing in the air as
the referee counted on Dobosh
and as the crowd arose in a
wave.

Pierce has had especially
strong crowd support through­
out every round of the bout.

"If you hear you fans cheer­
ing while they're wiping your
opponents blood off them,
that's a huge help," said
Pierce. "All my friends got out
there.

Dobosh arose, and immedi­
ately Pierce continued the
pressure. A strong left sent
Dobosh on a trip to the mat
again, and the crowd would
stand again, and would not sit
down until the end of the third
round.

The third round opened with
Pierce again attacking Dobosh.
At one point the fight was
ignored the referee's com­
mand to break, and the two
fighters had to be physically
separated from each other.

Dobosh received a standing­
 eight count after the referee
finally stepped between the
two fighters, and received a
second standing eight after
Pierce once again stunned him.

With the crowd in a frenzy,
Dobosh walked to box Pierce
again. Pierce put his whole
weight behind the first hook
he threw, landed it, and
Dobosh found himself down
for the third time.

At that point, the referee
motioned to the judges that
the fight would be called, and
Pierce was declared the win­
er at the 1:35 mark in the
third round.

160 Pounds

Devin "Thursday Night"
Abdelnour, fighting in his last
Bengal Bout as a captain,
waved out of the ring like a
champion after defea­t ing Joe
Smith in a fight called just 55
seconds into the second round.

"The fight was nothing like I
had thought it would be," said
Abdelnour. "The emotions
that's a huge help," said
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Abdelnour that caused the ref­
er's to again step in and issue
Smith a standing eight-count.

Abdelnour, smilling the
Bengal Bout title he has long
coveted, continued to pound
Smith.

After a third standing eight
midway into the second round,
the referee decided Smith
would sustain no more punish­
ment, stopped the fight and
raised Abdelnour's hand
shortly after, and the captain
had won the title he had been
chasing for four years.

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Happy Belated 21st, Amy!

Keep It Clean!
Senior midfielder Chris Young moves upfield in Notre Dame's win over Pennsylvania.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame men's lacrosse players have their backs to the wall, they turn to senior attack Tom Glatzel.

And Glatzel delivers.

For the second week in a row, Glatzel scored consecutive goals when his team needed them most as the Irish erased a two-goal third period deficit to defeat the University of Pennsylvania Quakers, 10-8.

"Tom Glatzel is a big time player," Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said after Notre Dame's home opener on Mayo Field in Lotus. "He is going to do that."

The Irish fell trailing 7-6 with the 6:51 remaining in the third quarter. Glatzel went to work. With the Irish a man-down following a penalty, senior David Ulrich stole the ball near midfield and passed it to Glatzel in front of the net. Glatzel juked Penn goalie Kyle Ryan and tied the game.

Glatzel scored again three minutes later. Ulrich once again hit Glatzel with a pass they streaked toward the net from 25 yards away and buried a hard shot past Kelly. "Tom Glatzel is a big time player," Corrigan said. "So I guess I'll take that every time.

Steve Bishko followed Glatzel's 27 goals last season with his second goal of the afternoon. Down 9-7 Penn scored 90 seconds later to close the gap to one. Penn attack Kevin Cadin slipped undetected into the middle of the Irish defense and set up directly in front of the goal. Adam Saylor slided a pass that Cadin easily converted into a goal.

Following that mental lapse, however, the Irish defense toughened up in the third quarter and second week in a row we come back to win 10-8," Corrigan said. "So I guess I'll take that every time.

"He did have the ball the first half. We made some mistakes like moving picks on our clearing game and some stuff like that," Corrigan said. "We just didn't have the ball. They were very patient, very smart offensive-ly. We don't play take-away defense. We play for the offense to come in as a little bit. If teams want to stall on us, it's going to be a slow patient game.

In the third quarter, the Irish started to take over — it's nice to get one when you look sluggish at times — and the midfielders controlled the ground balls.

"We did a good job of not losing our poise when we went down a couple," Corrigan said. "I think we started trying to do things you don't do in that situation. Our guys did a good job of sticking to what we do.

The win moved the Irish to 2-0 on the season. When the latest Warrior/Inside Lacrosse.com Poll comes out March 8, Notre Dame will likely move up. Three teams ranked in front of the 10th-ranked Irish lost this week-end. No. 7 Duke lost to No. 6 Maryland. No. 1 Syracuse boat No. 2 Virginia and No. 2 Princeton defeated No. 4 John Hopkins.

Happy 21st, Danny ("Polar Bear")!
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entered the game averaging less than seven minutes per game, turned in her best performance of the season. The sophomore center grabbed nine rebounds, blocked six shots and gave the Irish another presence in the middle on defense.

"They stopped shooting in the lane after a while," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. The Irish held the Hoyas to 24.5 percent shooting, 1-of-15 (16.0 percent) on 3-pointers, forced 22 turnovers and limited Hoyas star Katie Smrcka-Duffy to two points in 35 minutes. On offense, Notre Dame shot 58.2 percent from the field, connected on 9-of-16 (56.3 percent) 3-pointers, and went on runs of 26-0 and 16-0. "We accomplished everything that we wanted to in this game today," McGraw said. "I was very pleased with just about everything that went on." Georgetown called three timeouts during the first 13 minutes of the game as Notre Dame opened up a 36-6 lead and went into halftime ahead 44-10.

In their final two home games of the regular season, the Irish shot just 4-for-13 and 3-for-13 on 3-pointers. They still entered the conference tournament ranked first in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage. And they showed their superior marksmanship early in the game. Ivey and Ratay both connected on a trio of 3s in the first 20 minutes.

McGraw had a chance to rest her starters in the second half. The reserves played the final 10 minutes and opened up an 84-22 lead with 5:39 left — the largest margin of the game. "We're exactly where we want to be right now," McGraw said. "We feel really good about the way we're playing on both ends of the floor. I couldn't be happier with where we are."
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**Sports Writer**

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**Heckmann wins split decision against Matassa**

By JEFF BALTRUZAK

Sports Writer

The middleweights treated the Friday night crowd at the Bengal Bouts to a spectacular show of boxing action, as one fight was decided on a narrow split decision and the other two bouts were ended not by the final bell, but by the referee.

150 lbs.

In the end, it was a brawl. And Breck "Landing" Thompson has always had the unique ability to focus on his

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Irish roll to 89-33 victory in quarterfinals

By TIM CASEY

Assistant Sports Editor

Where to begin? How about here — combine No. 2 Notre Dame's 89-33 victory over Georgetown on Sunday afternoon with No. 1 Tennessee's 77-74 loss to Vanderbilt one day earlier and the Irish seemed destined to return to the top of the national rank-

**BENGAL BOUTS**

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

Thompson, Ryan claim Bouts titles

By KATIE HUGHES

Sports Writer

Josh "The Redemon" Thompson has always had the unique ability to focus on his own form and to box his style amidst the wild crowd and the toughest opponents.

Thompson found his focus once again Friday and won an unanimous decision against Scott "The Dark Horse" Duba in the 185 class of the Bengal Bout finals, finally earning the championship he had waited four years for.

"I was more nervous than I've ever been in my entire life before the fight," said Thompson. "Knowing it was my last shot at a championship, I was a wreck going into it."

With a crowd of hometown South Bend supporters and his family cheering Thompson on, the fight began. In round one, Duba started in with three-four jab combinations, then pushed for the brawler. Thompson came back with his one-two hook, focusing on what he knew he had to do. Duba returned with some wild jabs and made impact with his upper cuts.

"Duba came at me harder than everyone's come at me before." Duba said it was kind of shocking to me. The hardest thing was to fight my fight at all. He was crowding me, and I couldn't move around and and fight him the way I wanted to."

"It felt like I had no control at all in the first round," said Thompson.

As voices from outside the ring yelled, "Get em, JT", Duba showed the first signs of losing some of the drive. Thompson came back with some more left-right jabs, using his strong left and following through tenaciously.

In round two, Duba started off with a few strong jab combinations and good upper cuts, but then Thompson finally found the reach he had been looking for the whole round. A strong left hook from Thompson finished the round.

It seemed that Thompson had been waiting for Duba to get tired, to overpower him at a weak moment, but Duba's armor wouldn't crack.

"Patience is the key for me," Thompson claimed.

**Doubleheader at the Big House**

By NICK LACATTO

The Michigan Wolverines hosted a doubleheader at the big House Saturday afternoon.

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