very competitive and very grueling," said Bishop. "It was president, on Feb. 14. Oxley, current sophomore class votes over Brian Moscona, current student body vice president, into the race for student body vice president and his running mate Keri Foley won this year's student body elections.

"It's good to know that the presidential candidate. "But we knew that her club spends $30,000 a year in order to compete, although their CCC allocation is $2800 and RecSports allocation is $1900. The rest of the money, she said, comes from funding the club raises itself, including $630 dues each member pays.

Bishop breaks barriers

Second female president-elect reflects on experiences

By KATE NAGENGAST
Associate News Editor

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

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

Norton said, "People have commented to me that it's unbelievable to have another woman elected so soon. There are still very few women in that regard. I am confident that she will do a great job. She's been really enthusiastic so far, and it's good to know that the personnel taking over has good intentions.

President-elect Libby Bishop discusses plans for their upcoming term with running mate Trip Foley.

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

When the unpredictable journey ends

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

If life went the way we planned, I wouldn’t be desperately trying to wrack my brain for 500 words to sum up my tenure as editor in chief.

But maybe that is the one thing that separates me from most other graduates: I have no idea what I am going to do next. I am not working for oil or a hedge fund, or in any other of the career trajectories that I never imagined came to fruition through the hard work of the dedicated staff that underwrote the journal. They don’t understand how many mistakes we will make. If we have made a mistake, it is the fluctuations and changes that make life exciting. It’s the surprises and experiences that we would have never thought of if life went the way we planned.

The Observer. It’s the fluctuations and changes that make things exciting, that make life. Without the completely unpredictable, the utterly unexpected and the chaotic, I never would have met any of my greatest loves and friends. Maybe that’s why I have loved my job so much for the past two years. For all the stresses, frustrations and aggravations, I’ve experienced something more rewarding than walking into the dining hall and watching hundreds of people read The Observer. They don’t understand how many mistakes we will make. If we have made a mistake, it is the fluctuations and changes that make things exciting.

If I could somehow condense 261 editions into a single sentence of wisdom or a few words of truth, I probably got 10 percent of my goals done — and that’s being generous. Nonetheless, the journey, the evolution and reorganization I promised in my original eight-page application failed to materialize. But at the same time, improvements, innovations and reorganizations that I never imagined came to fruition through the hard work of the dedicated staff that works with me. I’d like to think I somehow inspired them to greatness. But really, I just feel privileged that I was allowed to work with them. If I could somehow condense 261 editions into a single sentence of wisdom or a few words of truth, I wouldn’t be able to do it. Life is completely unpredictable. It can’t be summed up in some witty phrase that can be printed on a bumper sticker.

But tonight, my unpredictable journey comes to an end. I have to pass on this incredible experience to the next lucky editor who will hopefully love this job as much as I do. I hope he enjoys the ride as much as I did.

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Correction/Clarification

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This Week on Campus

Thursday

- Concert: Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Washington Hall
- Movie: "Black Sheep," 10 p.m., 101 DeBartolo

Friday

- Concert: 44th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall
- Stations of the Cross: 7 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday

- Play: "The History of King Henry IV, part I," 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium
- Movie: "Black Sheep," 10 p.m., 101 DeBartolo

Sunday

- Spanish Mass: 1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel
- Play: "The History of King Henry IV, Part II," 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium

Beyond Campus

Kentucky researchers make discovery about HIV virus

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

"It’s not uncommon for the primary manifestation of the HIV infection to be neurological," said Dr. Joseph Berger, chair of the Department of Neurology.

Berger said when one out of five people who don’t know they have HIV come to their doctor, they first complain of various neurological problems.

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

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Students push for co-ed housing

NEW YORK — Despite years of same-sex-only housing, male and female students living together in residence halls soon may become a reality at New York University — if some students get their way.

A handful of students are lobbying the University to follow the trend at several other schools — including Haverford College and Amherst College — and allow students to choose co-ed living situations if they desire.

Gay students are among the leaders of movements that support co-ed housing. "Pathways" has two co-ed housing facilities.

On Monday night, students gathered in the lobby of the University's 40,000-square-foot residence halls to discuss their efforts. They plan to present their plan to the administration in the coming weeks.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

HIV dementia can be caused by two factors, Berger said.

One study focuses on employing magnetic resonance imaging to determine which patients should be treated with which drugs.

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

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

HIV dementia can be caused by two "pathways," Avison explained. Immunological and non-immunological.

The pathways have different reactions to the drug cocktail used to treat HIV and AIDS patients, he said.

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

Berger said today it is hoped that the studies will someday provide the means to predict which patients should be treated with which drugs.

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

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

LOCAL WEATHER

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

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

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

"Fifteen-passenger vans (with 10 or more occupants) had a rollover rate in single-vehicle crashes that is nearly three times the rate of those that were lightly loaded," the U.S. Department of Transportation wrote in an April press release. "There are other institutions across the country that have prohibited the use of 15-passenger vans," said Robert Zerr, director of Risk Management. "It's an issue that raises questions of why anyone would want to use them based on this advisory."

"It's a transportation issue that the Vehicle Committee has all but dropped the shuttle concept together a recommendation for University-owned vehicles. That recommendation is still in progress, but that will determine how we go forward."

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LaFurnite office, said Bishop. In fact, Bishop hasn't even been stuck on campus. She spent last year in London as President of Notre Dame's London Program and credits her decision to run as a product of that experience.

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

Hence, streamlining current programming and increased communication with the student body are two of Bishop's primary goals.

"I think fundamentally things will be a little different because we want to be so much more responsive to students, and not become self-absorbed into the daily activities of programming and doing what we want," she said. "Habit of applicants working with administrators and working to get what the students want, but reality is that time and time again lost is letting students know that you're being an advocate for them by doing all this.

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

"We're hoping to get a lot of people involved in the office. Right now we're still accepting applications. We're hoping we'll get a lot of applications and we'll have people excited about our ideas and get them implement-ed," said Foley. "We need to start working now so we can get stuff done by the fall."

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

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

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

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

"I'm excited to work with Libby. I've known her and worked with her since freshman year," Foley said. "I know she's a strong person and wants to work with the students and get a lot done. She'll do a great job as student body president."

After being elected on a platform of "broader platform goals" Bishop called events like all-school carnivals and barbecues, she and Foley say it aim to make an individual impact on students' lives. Programs like PASS will help students and their plans to work with the Admissions department to coordinate an Internet link with the new student government will help incoming students become more aware of campus events and issues, said Bishop.

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

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

Her parents are both 1972 Notre Dame graduates who married after meeting in a first-year chemistry lab.

Since Bishop's father currently works in the Cornell University admissions department, choosing between Notre Dame and Cornell majors has never been a problem.

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

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

"I was not that kid at the 'Graffiti Dance' who said, 'I'm going to be student body president.' But I think that's good because I'm doing this for the right reasons."

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Iowa gov. to decide on state English

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Brooke Norton, student body president, added that increasing the number of groups would allow groups such as the Student Union Board to sponsor larger events if more students would be interested in it.

"We're afraid that the student council and the senate won't be able to afford concerts. That's what students complain about the most," said Norton. All students would benefit from the increase, added Zahn senator Collin Harding.

"This is going to benefit the Student Union and we're all part of the Student Union," he said.

However, some senators argued that the fee should not be raised, especially in light of how the money was being spent.

"I think you all really need to think about the events that are going on. You need to think about the quality of events," said Pasquerilla East senator Nikki McCord. "They're not up to par."

McCord and Siegfried senator Brian McKenna tried to get the Senate to table the resolution in order to allow senators to discuss with their hall councils the fact that the fee would be raised from $10 to $15. However, senators rejected the tabling and voted 18-9 to approve the resolution.

In other Senate news:

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

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

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

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

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

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

**Panel examines Agent Orange:** A National Academy of Sciences panel is looking into the possibility that there is not enough evidence to establish a connection between exposure and development of acute myelogenous leukemia.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Senate approves gasoline tax:** Motorists in Indiana will eventually pay 7 cents more in state taxes per gallon of gasoline under legislation approved by the Senate on Wednesday. The bill, approved 38-8 to likely head to a committee where differences between it and a Senate on Wednesday. The bill, approved 38-8 to likely head to a committee where differences between it and a

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**GODHRA**

A Muslim mob set fire to a train carrying Hindu nationalists home from a disputed religious site Wednesday, killing at least 57 people, officials said. Fearing religious strife could spread, the prime minister appealed for calm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Muslim fanatics set fire to train**

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

**Barani, whose name was on the list, said a colleague brought to him after finding it in a municipal building in the northern provincial town of Kosovska Mitrovica.**

While Barani testified, a court clerk handed Milosevic a copy of the list. He leaned back in his chair and studied it, his face expressionless.

Barani also testified that masked Serb police raided the home of his party's regional chairman and shot him on his doorstep.

The ninth witness to testify against Milosevic, the U.S. court, Barani said he spent several months in Kosovo in 1999 hiding from Serb soldiers and documenting the expulsion of thousands of Albanian residents.

During a political career in Kosovo that spanned more than a decade, Barani said he was detained 76 times by Serb police, never more than for a day at a time, and was beaten repeatedly.

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

Going from house to house, Barani kept a detailed diary of what he saw, creating a picture of death and destruction in the region.
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Food, freedom call SMC students off campus

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer
Thursday, February 28, 2002

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

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

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

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

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

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

"A positive move for dorm living is CWIL, sponsoring the multicultural activities," Bajojo said. "Saint Mary's students don't get a chance to truly live with students from different ethnic backgrounds and cultural and racial backgrounds."

Laura Merry, a junior, said, "My boyfriend called the dorm a jail."While many Saint Mary's students are satisfied with living on campus, a sense of freedom and a transition into the real world made life off campus much more attractive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Brooks-Devita speaks on diversity

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ticket was going to be very strong."

Aberger and her running mates, Joe Sweigart, Andrea Brault and Kevin Leicht, received 26 percent of the vote, enough to put the ticket in the Friday's runoff.

"I'm so excited to have made it this far," said Aberger, the presidential candidate. "My main goal for the rest of the campaign is to see increased voter turnout."

The Class of 2004 was unable to hold its election on Wednesday because late Tuesday night, a candidate from one of the tickets in the race had to withdraw. Another sophomore is now running on that ticket.

On Friday, the Class of 2004 will be able to vote for their class officers on Friday. One ticket consists of Meghan O'Donnell, Pat Millea, Shownna Monson and Sonia Wallace. Their opponents are Jon Peczko, Sean McCarthy, Richard Mordini and Joseph Saliba.

In the race for off-campus senator, Erin Cushing defeated Julie Ing by 15 votes to 11. Cushing said that as a transfer student who has never lived on campus, she would like to work through the Student Senate to make off-campus students more of a presence in dorm events and other campus activities.

Ravi Soni and Daniel Barabas, who ran unopposed, will serve in the position of off-campus co-presidents.

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Burned body found near San Diego

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

Authorities have charged a neighbor of the family with killing the girl. David Westerfield, 56, pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges of murder, kidnapping and possession of child pornography.

Westerfield, a twice-divorced father of two grown children, has a 1996 drunken driving conviction.

Westerfield reportedly had taken seat cushions from his motor home and clothing in for cleaning after his weekend in the desert.

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

Westerfield spent the weekend of Danielle's disappearance traveling around San Diego County in his motor home, stopping in the desert east of the city.

Police have received permission to search a dry cleaner in suburban Poway for Westerfield's bedding and clothing. Westerfield reportedly had a partially burned body could take several days.

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San Diego police lieutenant

Texas federal judge stops execution

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas A federal judge halted the execution of a condemned killer and agreed Wednesday to hear from mental health experts about the inmate's sanity.

Lawyers for Monty Delk, who was to die by lethal injection Thursday, says he is insane and should not be executed. U.S. District Judge Richard Scheible said he would hold a hearing on the matter, probably by July.

The Texas attorney general's office said it would appeal the judge's stay.

"A stay is always good news," defense attorney John Wright said. "The fact they're appealing it is a win for us."

Delk, 35, was condemned for the 1986 shooting death of Gene Olan Allen II, whose body was found in a remote area about 140 miles north of Houston. The victim's wife last saw him driving away with Delk, who had called earlier about a newspaper ad that listed their car for sale and wanted to take a test drive.

Prosecutors say prison psychiatrists have determined Delk is faking his incoherence. The state's appeal would go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Delk babbles incoherently when spoken to, has refused for months to take a shower and occasionally is found in his cell smeared with his own feces.

His mental competency, never an issue at his trial, was reviewed by his trial court in 1997. The court ruled his behavior, which at the time required him to be gagged in the courtroom because of his repeated outbursts, was voluntary.
Perhaps Derek Vollmer (see “Alienating allies could prove destructive” on Tuesday) is the one confused regarding the Bush Doctrine unveiled in the president’s recent speech regarding the Union speech, a.k.a. the “Axis of Evil” speech, because the president is far from confused. Furthermore, the situation regarding our support of our European allies is far from the “oversimplification of a very complex issue” of which Vollmer writes.

Bush deliberately made the “Axis of evil” a simplistic statement, a black and white issue. How else does one explain a majority of religious clerics continually subjugating the reformist political agenda in Iran. We also know that Iran is one of the most active state-sponsors and exporters of terrorism abroad, or have we already forgotten the recent arms shipment to Palestinian militants?

The Communists of North Korea have spent billions to produce weapons of mass destruction and develop the use of intercontinental ballistic missiles, meanwhile their citizen-state. The North Korean Communists have exported their weapons technologies to Iran. And, despite the Clinton policy of trying to buy off the Communists, they have actively sought to obtain nuclear capabilities.

And so, we who have also forgotten that the words “communist” and “terror” go hand in hand. Defectors from the state have reported seeing bodies of starvation victims floating in rivers and people so hungry they literally consumed grass to survive. According to the United Nations, 2 million North Korean children are slowly dying of starvation. And then there is our old friend Saddam. The leader of Iraq murdered over a hundred thousand of his own Iraqi Kurd and non-Arab citizenry, many with chemical weapons. A few years later Saddam was at it again, attacking Kuwait and ultimately subjecting his people to the U.N. sanctions that now cripple the Iraqi population. But the Gulf War was all about all of it. Make no mistake, the issues could not be clearer. These three nations are not friends and support the treachery that would seek to destroy the United States should it ever be given the opportunity; much like Nazi Germany, fascist Italy and authoritarian Japan before it. These nations export hate, terror and fear. We export tolerance, individuality and free thought.

No, the Bush Doctrine could not be any clearer. As David Limbaugh explains: “The United States recognizes the clear and present danger global terrorist networks pose to the blessings of liberty, and so will act first to protect our interests.” Similar to former President Reagan’s “Evil Empire” speech (I think we know how that turned out), President Bush’s State of the Union has come under much criticism from our allies abroad. I can only wonder what we will do without the backing and alliance with the Saudi Arabian and French government who sold Iraq its first nuclear reactors over 20 years ago. Much has been made about the international coalition organized before the recent military actions in Afghanistan. The reality being that extremest few of our allies’ officers were even involved in the fighting, save British special forces.

The Bush Doctrine could not be any more straightforward and candid. And, if we were the last-remaining ally in the world, would we go out of the way to support the efforts of the world’s only superpower in their effort to encourage freedom and liberty? I would do this before the great defender of democracy grows sick of taking such continual criticism and takes its ball and goes home.

I’m not in the mood to blast people today. My eyes are tired from reading in Jamaica. In a little more than one week from now, I will be sitting on the beach in lovely NEgl, Jamaica, a mango daiquiri firmly in hand. Many of you may be wondering what I’m doing going so far away for spring break. It was a no-brainer. Leaving the country, I’m able to drink in a bar with no fear of being thrown into a sleeky spring break town jail. I’m innocentely out of the country — more or less. The other hardened criminals would pass me around like an issue of Maxim before my drunken friends would even realize I was no longer at the club.

For a while I considered Cancun, but a friend told me he had been arrested and fined for peeing in the street while in Cancun. Since I consider public urination an integral part of any spring break experience, Cancun was out. Jamaica supports public urination as its own personal choice. I don’t really know much about the local culture, but if Doug E. Doug’s portrayal was accurate in the movie “Cool Runnings,” I plan to sit around and watchcrap with the natives all day, lie on the beach and say “Mon” every fourth word, mon.

Some of my more cynical friends have implied that I am headed to Jamaica to consume a certain organic product which the country is famous for. Let me cut off the chitter-chatter right now: I have no desire whatsoever to smoke delicios, delicious marijuana, no matter how much more potent and effective it is than alcohol. Everyone knows that grass is for losers like our current and previous presidents, several Notre Dame football players and virtually every popular musician since 1955. Since I have intoxication out of the way, my second priority in Jamaica will be to make a love connection. This should not be a problem for me because I am amazing at meeting new women. Watch me! The other hard-luck criminals would pass me around like an issue of Maxim before my drunken friends would even realize I was no longer at the club.

I actually am greatly increasing my chances of taking drunken state-school girls back to my room by working on my physique. I’m working out harder than I’ve ever have before, eating right and taking enough dietary supplements out of those German “women’s” swim team plasma. I started with Ripped Fuel and later moved to Hydroxycut. When those lost effectiveness, I spud up my metabolism with an old trick I learned in the Navy: modeling days: injecting pure, uncut hormone directly into my heart. I’m not sure, but I think I want to keep using it even after the break.

I hope my new semi-buff physique gets me the attention I need to approach a group of girls, suavely ask them where they’re from and volunteer myself in case they need anyone to chew through their bikinis straps. Lord knows I can’t get any less confident than I was last spring break. I don’t need any repeats of last year’s all-too-common exchange between my friend Jimmy and me:

Me: “Hey, that girl’s pretty cute.

Jimmy: “Maybe you should go talk to her.”

Me: “No, the Bush Doctrine could not be any more straightforward and candid. And, if we were the last-remaining ally in the world, would we go out of the way to support the efforts of the world’s only superpower in their effort to encourage freedom and liberty? I would do this before the great defender of democracy grows sick of taking such continual criticism and takes its ball and goes home.”

Lake Buie

ND Today/Observer Poll Question

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“The difference between fiction and reality, Fiction has to make sense.”

Tom Clancy

novelist
Poverty, American-style

Christine Niles

As I See It...

I was 12,000 feet up in the Andes. The view was stunning, the air crisp and I had just finished retching from having dined some bad pork. A group of us had arrived in Ecuador that morning, winding through five hours of dusty, unpaved road before reaching Secao, a pin-prick of a town nestled in the mountains. On the way we had stopped at the local roadside bar and grill. The daily special, as it was every day, was pig casserole, sticking head down from roof beams. We paid, they carved — instantly dyspepsia. In Secao, we would spend a week living among the Quechua natives, helping to construct their new church building. All the school-aged girls crowded around with cheeks cracked and raw from the cold. We were told to refrain from too much affection, as they had lice. I let the giggling kids pile onto my lap anyway. During the day, we would lug concrete blocks several feet at a time, stop to wheeze, proceed a few more feet, then wheeze again. Proudly counting our burden, we would arrive at the site only to find we were outdone.

The natives are a hardy folk — we witnessed one woman five months pregnant out each day slopping on cement and stacking bricks. At night, in 40 degree weather, Quechua men from all over the hillside walked three miles barefoot to attend church with us. Others were shot in what we fondly termed "jellies" — clear, plastic sandals in colors like fluorescent pink and lime. When church finished three hours later, they trekked back with only starlight — and glowing jellies — to guide them.

When I flew back to the States, lice-free, I can't say I ever saw things quite the same again. I've made trips to other third-world countries since, and I must say, all things being equal, that of all the places I would choose to be poor, it would be right here in the United States.

The fact is the poor are here doing remarkably better in material terms than the poor elsewhere. The National Center for Policy Analysis lists a slew of statistics guaranteed to surprise. The richest 20 percent of the income bracket spent approximately $13,957 in 1993 while their earned income averaged only $6,395. The fact that these families are paying $7,000 more than the poor can be chalked up to non-income related benefits, like public housing and food stamps. As housing and food comprise some of the largest household expenditures, a portion of the poor are actually better off than reports reveal. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau Report of 1992 revealed that 92.2 percent of the poor own color televisions, 60 percent own microwaves and 41 percent own homes. Of these, 70 percent are free and clear of pecky mortgages the rest of us have to deal with. Not bad.

Europeans are right to be jealous. More of our poor own VCR's than all non-poor in Europe, excluding the United Kingdom — which means Blockbuster would be wise to limit property investments to primarily English-speaking countries. Compared to non-poor in the Netherlands, Italy and Great Britain combined, American poor own more dishwashers. Even the well-off in Europe own fewer microwaves than our poor here. America, quite frankly, is wealthy. And we share the wealth, despite what angst-ridden socialists might say.

There is also much mention of the widening gap between rich and poor. Could someone please tell me precisely what the appropriate gap should be? Larry Elder, in his book "Ten Things You Can't Say in America," makes the point that if gap measurement were more accurately attuned to the exorbitant taxes imposed on the rich and the non-cash benefits enjoyed by the poor, it would look considerably reduced.

It actually took two years living in a third-world country before I came to realize how well off I have it here. We expect to be shocked by the third world. We've all seen the World Vision infomercials; we know the lowdown. But an extended stay in Europe, of all places, turned me from blissfully anti-American college student to patriotic poster girl. Apparently, the worst thing to be in England is American. Some of my patriotism is due to having been on the constant defensive from attacks after attack on the country I call my own. But, more relevant, I noticed that a place as bejeweled as England conspicuously lacks many of the material goods we enjoy here. The same can be said for the rest of Europe. It might be the case that our overabundance adds to our international reputation as free-market-loving materialists. But that is the wonderful thing about America. As long as we keep it legal, we are free, free, free to be humos. Christine Niles is a law student and her column appears every other Thursday. She can be reached at christine@nd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sexual orientation issues raise controversy

Heterosexual parents do not guarantee a 'true family'

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

Rice writes, quoting and supporting a document sent to bishops by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "it is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account in the placement of children for adoption." He also quotes John Paul II as saying that it is "dangerous" and "children suffer great harm" when being raised by same-sex parents.

I cannot ignore the fact that ignorance and prejudice of single-minded people would not be a challenge for such children and their parents. However, how can you deny a child the comfort and support from two loving parents, no matter what their gender? So many of us "suffer great harm" from being raised in a "dangerous," unhealthy, abusive and dysfunctional "true family." This is an acceptable environment in which to raise children only because one parent is male and one is female? If this is the truth "Notre Dame students are entitled to," I think it is safe to say the world would be a somewhat bleak place.

Like Rice, I am Catholic. However, I choose to share my faith by attempting to live as Christ lived to the best of my ability. This includes forgiving, accepting and loving my neighbors, regardless of their sexual orientation or even sexual orientation. We are all human beings, and we all deserve respect and happiness.

Elizabeth Schlemm

As I See It...

Biblical evidence offers proof of homosexual immorality

In describing homosexuality as a moral evil, the Pope does no disservice to the Catholic Church, but instead does her a favor by preserving the tradition and truth that are clearly outlined in the Bible. In describing homosexuality as a moral evil, the Pope does no disservice to the Catholic Church, but instead does her a favor by preserving the tradition and truth that are clearly outlined in the Bible.

As to the homosexuality distorting the true meaning of family, the Pope is again correct. Does a man leave his father and mother and cling to another man? No, he clings to his wife. Furthermore, this story in Genesis emphasizes that such unions and this "sexual design" are "willed by God."

Do I even need to bring up the punishment God inflicted on Sodom and Gomorrah for their homosexuality? He completely and totally decimated both cities, and if that's not the response to a moral evil, I don't know what is. Pope Paul says sodomites will not inherit the kingdom of God, they are unlawful, unruly and opposed to "sound doctrine." He compares them to the godless, sinful kidnappers, liars, those who kill their parents, murderers, robbers, prostitutes, adulterers, idolaters and fornicators.

Through Saint Paul, the Holy Spirit makes it quite clear how God views homosexuality. As to the homosexuality, the least defined thing about America. As long as we keep it legal, we are free, free, free to be humos. Christine Niles is a law student and her column appears every other Thursday. She can be reached at christine@nd.edu.

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Ten tips for beefing up your DVD collection

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

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

Tip #1: Purchase titles that will be watched repeatedly

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

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

Tip #2: Avoid retail

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

When the DVD shopping was in its infancy, online retailers like Amazon carried out cut-throat selling practices that kept online prices $10 to 15 lower than their retail counterparts. The one exception to this rule seems to be Borders, whose list prices are usually comparable to prices online. This is not a hard and fast rule for every title. Borders carthes, but they do stock hundreds of films at $14.95 each, which makes breaking the retail rule a tantalizing proposition. And now that the DVD craze is in full swing, Internet sites are starting to raise their prices. But they still offer between 15 and 40 percent off the list price. While buying online does not grant the wonderful feeling of immediate ownership, saving money makes it worth the wait. The lesson: when watching all retail stores for sudden sales, but never buy from them without checking online retailers first.

Tip #3: Always use a coupon

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

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

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

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

Pre-ordering online is much different from retail pre-ordering. The biggest difference is that an online pre-order is not charged to your credit card until the day it ships. Retail shops require at least partial payment on the day the pre-order is made, usually without offering any sort of discount. The discount is another reason pre-ordering online is more favorable. Most titles are discounted between 25 and 40 percent off to attract customers into ordering two or three months before the disc's street date release, at which time the same titles drop to about 15 percent off. When combined with a coupon, an online pre-order can save a lot.

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

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

Tip #5: Set limits on buying

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

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

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

Tip #6: Purchase different genres

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

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

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Scene movies

If you have your entertainment system of choice, Likewise, DVD collecting has grown. It is just better to wait.

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

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

One of the most popular DVDs floating around college campuses these days is “Office Space.” Since there are multiple copies available in close proximity no matter where you go, it is pointless to obtain one for any personal collection. Instead, use that $15 to buy more obscure movies that are enjoyable and that perhaps other collectors do not own. Then, when the overwhelming desire to watch “Space” hits, the obscure title might interest the owner of “Space,” beginning a good trading system. Graduation will eventually break up that borrowing circle, but by that time, the income generated from a new job can go towards purchasing a personal copy of the comedy caper.

Tip #8: Be aware of company’s strategies; try to beat them

DVD distributors have strategies that both irk and thrill even the most resourceful buyers. Oftentimes the companies use a series of releases to con consumers into purchasing multiple copies of the same film. For example, “American Pie” was released in its theatrical form, as an “Uncensored and Unrated Special Edition” and finally as an “Ultimate Edition.” The street date of these discs had gaps of time between them so that MCA/Universal could wait until the title’s interest was waning before they released yet another “definitive edition.”

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

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

Although you may have nothing but the best intentions to listen to Hans Zimmer’s commentary track about his scoring of “Gladiator” on the two-disc set, it’s likely that most of the extras will never be seen.

Companies are also being malicious toward buyers’ interests by overstuffing DVDs simply to justify a two-disc set. The two-disc set is automatically more costly to produce than one extra-less disc, allowing the distribution companies to slowly siphon more money off consumers.

Tip #10: Have fun and share

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

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

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

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

The actors in “Crave” (from left to right, Tom Conner, Kat Walsh, Kelly Hart and Matt Holmes) use minimal sets and continual motion to underscore the emotional intensity in the play. The show is directed by senior Beth Hoffmann.

The floors around each character’s platform are plastered with images relevant to that character: pictures of models, cigarette boxes, pieces of cardboard from beer cans, etc. The characters’ movements are perhaps the most intriguing part of the show and credit must be given to Hoffmann who, without direction from the playwright, created it all. Bodies merge and separate, collapse and entangle, charge through the audience or cower in corners, as the mood dictates. Conner and Walsh excel at issuing forth despair, sorrow and disgust through their physical movements.

At times, the emotions expressed by the actors can seem a bit forced. Some moments rise to overly dramatic proportions. The emphasis in the delivery of lines neglects the power of speaking softly, opting instead for loud voices to stress heavy ideas. Notably, however, Holmes’ monologue regarding the object of his affection and obsession is riveting and moving.

Throughout the performance, the actors maintain an impressive sense of unity that synchronizes everything from their actions and speech, to their breathing. This unity extends throughout the presentation, even when actors are not speaking. With mere glances and tormented expressions, the actors maintain a solid presence among each other, amid the disjointed, intense flow of emotion. Hall and Holmes wear their character’s emotions inscribed on their faces.

“Crave” will evoke sympathy, elicit disgust and provoke thought. With a gutsy undertaking of a presentation akin to “vocal gymnastics,” the final product is impressive and has potential to be moving, if not intruding.

“Crave” will be presented in Washington Hall’s Lab Theatre. The show plays tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free; patrons wanting to get a seat should arrive early because seating is limited.

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By AMANDA GRECO
Associate Scene Editor

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

“The aim behind this presentation is trying to create the subjective experience inside someone’s mind,” Hoffmann said. The issues addressed in the script include rage, incest, pedophilia, unrequited love, strained relationships, addictions and more. Though these themes may seem extreme and far removed from the lives of most college students, the main ideas are applicable to everyone.

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

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

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By Sarah Kane
Directed by Beth Hoffmann
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“If this makes no sense, then you understand perfectly.”

This line from Sarah Kane’s “Crave” is perhaps the best way to explain this play that has no plot, no overriding message and no distinct characters.

Directed by senior Department of Film, Television and Theatre major Beth Hoffmann as an independent study project, “Crave” has a unique, avant-garde stage direction or set design. Instead, the characters, said senior Tom Conner, “were what we used to create the script is in the words,” sophomore Tom Conner, “but what “Crave” may lack in traditional plot is more than compensated for in emotional intensity. The audience is invited to take a trip into a conflicted mind, teeming with contradictory thoughts. The thoughts run freely, with different parts of the mind represented by the different characters. At points throughout the series of fragmented thought, certain ideas come forth to take precedence as the character delivering them takes center stage. For a moment, the other voices within this mind are quieted. The aim behind this presentation is trying to create the subjective experience inside someone’s mind,” Hoffmann said.

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

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NHL

Hull scores free throws to secure Bucks victory

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Bruins center Peter Chiarelli scored twice in the third period and the Bruins held on for a 2-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night.

Chiarelli's first goal came with 2:04 left in the third period, and his second goal was the winner with 2:10 left in regulation. The Bruins are now 2-0-1 in their last three games.

New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur finished with 33 saves, while Tuukka Rask stopped 22 shots for Boston.

Chiarelli's second goal came after a successful power play, when a shot by Zdeno Chara hit the back of the net, only to be deflected back onto the ice by Chiarelli. He then worked his way to the front of the net and deflected the puck past Brodeur for the game-winner.

Boston's first goal came just 1:10 into the game, when Matt Beleskey scored on a power play with a shot from the top of the circle.

The Devils played a solid game, but couldn't put the puck past Rask for most of the night. New Jersey had 25 shots on goal, but Rask made 23 saves to earn his 55th career shutout.

In the second period, Boston added another goal on a power play when David Krejci scored on a shot from the point. The Bruins have now scored five goals on the power play in their last three games.

Boston's third goal came early in the third period, when Chris Kelly scored on a breakaway after a turnover by New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur. It was Kelly's first career goal in the NHL.

The Devils were outshot 28-12 in the game, and New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur finished with 10 saves to get the win.

Boston's win keeps them in the playoff race, while New Jersey's loss drops them to fifth place in the Metropolitan Division. The Bruins now sit three points ahead of the Devils with four games left in the regular season.
Jordan has surgery for first time in career

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan will probably be able to play again this season. Whether he can make it back in time to save the Washington Wizards' drive for the playoffs is another matter.

Jordan had surgery for the first time in his career Wednesday morning. Team physician Dr. Stephen Haas found and repaired torn cartilage in the 39-year-old forward's right knee, an injury that could spell the end of his Wizards' season.

"There's a lot of miles on those legs, and Michael didn't play them at a low level," coach Doug Collins said. "Michael played at the highest of levels. Michael at 23, he's going to heal faster than he does at 39.

He knows that if he has visions of playing next year, then it would do no good to rush back and try to do something to set himself back. We've got to all be patient." Still, the news was positive, given all the possibilities that had been mentioned going into the surgery. Assuming the rehabilitation goes well, Jordan's career doesn't appear to be over.

"He was in good spirits," Collins said. "Jordan was placed on the injured list Tuesday, which requires him to miss a minimum of five games, including Wednesday night at home against Portland and home and away games against his former team, the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan turned the Wizards' season when he began his comeback Wednesday morning's shootaround ran an extra 30 minutes as Collins and the coaches worked on ways to score without Jordan.

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

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straight finals.

190-pounds
The first fight in the 190-pound category squared John Lynk against William Zizic and left almost the entire crowd on its feet at its conclusion.

In a fight that saw each boxer land huge combinations and hooks on the other, Lynk used an aggressive start and a strong finish to pull off the unanimous victory to advance to the finals.

Zizic had a good second round, but could not stop the barrage of punches Lynk fired off in the final round. The fight went back and forth, with the crowd getting into the action more and more as the bout continued.

After two close rounds in the second 190-pound fight between Kevin "Hardcore" Brandi and Joshua "The Flyin' Hawaiian" Kaakua, Brandi finally took over.

"It was a slower paced fight. It wasn't a brawl," said Brandi. "I think that we both fought really well and it definitely was really close. I think it was the end. We both fought really well."

Both fighters went after each other aggressively in the third round, but Brandi had just enough to gain the victory and a second chance at a Bengal Bouts championship. He lost in the finals during his sophomore year.

Heavyweights
Carlos Abeyeta and Stefan Borovina both had byes in the first round and had not fought in the tournament heading into the semifinals.

It did not seem to matter for either.

Abeyeta overcame a slow start and five time stoppages during the match to win a unanimous decision against football walk-on Jeff Campbell.

Campbell came out in the first round extremely aggressive and seemed to surprise Abeyeta with his flurry of combinations and strong jabs. But Abeyeta slowly but surely began to land more and more left hooks before taking the match over in the final round.

In the other semifinal, Borovina steadily landed punches throughout the match while his opponent, Eric Nelson, struggled mightily to hit Borovina during the first two rounds.

Nelson, the shortest fighter in his weight class, had trouble reaching Borovina. Finally, in the third round, Nelson began hitting Borovina heavily, but it was too little, too late as the Borovina won in a split decision to head to the finals against Abeyeta.

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Sophomore Tommy Demko lands a left to the head of senior Matt Sarb, but Sarb would prevail in the end with a second round knockout of the underclassman. He will face Mark Criniti in the finals.
American League

Yawkey family sells

Red Sox after 70 years

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Former Florida Marlins owner John Henry and his partners completed their record $660 million purchase of the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday, ending seven decades of ownership by the Yawkey family and its trust.

The closing of the deal, which probably will lead to the ouster of general manager Dan Duquette, marked the end of an era that saw a downtrodden team grow into a downtrodden team. It also closed an often contentious 16-month sale process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The purchase also includes 80 percent of the New England Sports Network plus $490 million in assumed debt. The price more than doubled the previous record for a baseball franchise — the $323 million paid by Larry Dolan for the Cleveland Indians in 2000.

The Red Sox announced the agreement with Henry's group on Dec. 20, but the deal was held up as losing bidders tried to restart the auction and Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly investigated whether the Jean R. Yawkey Trust, which owned 53 percent of the team, would receive fair value.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Lenten Reflection in the Wilderness

Cave Spirituality

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

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

MY CHALLENGE TO YOU IS THIS: after you’ve read this column, take a moment to think about your prayer life. Do you have a consistent prayer life? If you do, great. Where is your cave? Cherish the moments you consciously set aside to share your time and thoughts with God. If you don’t have a prayer life, maybe now would be a good time to begin a relationship with your Creator. All you need is a quiet space and the willingness to let God use your life for your greatest good. It’s a wonderful way to live because it takes the pressure off wondering if your prayer is working or not. As we talked further, we agreed that we must be intentional in creating a spiritual dual between his Son and ultimate evil? In the discussion, all of your answers pointed to the same conclusion: When we pray, we know that God is at the center, providing the answers we need of unconditional love. Like Jesus, in prayer, we know that God is at the center, providing the answers we need of unconditional love. Like Jesus, in prayer, we know that God is at the center, providing the answers we need of unconditional love.


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NCAA BASKETBALL
Vanderbilt upsets No. 11 Kentucky

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Reserve Brendan Plavich scored all but two of his 20 points on 3-pointers and Vanderbilt beat No. 11 Kentucky 86-73 Wednesday night to snap an 18-game losing streak to the Wildcats.

Kentucky (19-8, 9-6 SEC) is the only visiting team with a winning record in Memorial Gym. Vanderbilt (16-12, 6-9) had not beaten Kentucky since 1993, a stretch of eight straight home losses.

The Commodores came in ready to clinch their 12th consecutive 20-win season and keep alive their chances for at least a share of the SEC's Eastern Division title.

But the Commodores, a team that had struggled to score in recent games, suddenly couldn't miss as they scored more points than in any of their past eight games. They shot 53 percent (30-of-56) from the field, including 11-of-22 from 3-point range, while the Wildcats shot 35 percent (22-of-62).

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Heckmann advances to final round with TKO

By PAUL CAMARATA

Senior captain Brock Heckmann advanced to the finals when the referee stopped his contest with senior Chris Pettit one minute and 25 seconds into the third round.

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

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

While Pettit attacked in the third round with all the energy he had left, Heckmann was able to pin the action against up the ropes and in the corners, where the fight finally ended. Heckmann's quest for a second consecutive Bengal Bouts title will end one pound sooner than expected, however, as Pettit outscored him on a split decision on Friday night.

Heckmann appeared calm and light on his head. Particularly in the second round when he added a windup right hook. Nowak's punches landed with greater frequency as the fight went on, and in the third round, he sealed the victory with a flurry that seemed to attack Melby from all directions and sides.

Nowak strategically attacked Melby and clinched with him in order to avoid the final hit. The effort was enough to impress the judges and gave Nowak a shot at Heckmann on Friday night.

160-pounds

The opening match in the 160-pound division was arguably the most rousing of the night, as top-seeded Christ Kitalong outlasted the spirited John Murphy in a split decision victory.

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

Kitalong adjusted, dipping his punches into Murphy's body to widen the distance between the two fighters. By the middle of the second round, Kitalong was still unable to fight in his own style and resorted to brawling with Murphy in every portion of the ring. Murphy's ability to dictate the nature of the fight made the remainder of the final round.

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

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

Freshman Mark DeSplinter will be Kitalong's reward in the finals on Friday, after winning a split decision over sophomore Pat Dillon, the second seed in the 160-pound weight class. Equal in height and using similar styles, DeSplinter and Dillon fought evenly throughout the first two rounds. DeSplinter continued to use his long jab, while Dillon relied on a jab that set up his two-handed combinations.

While Dillon did not seem phased by the combinations that DeSplinter continued to throw in the final round, neither was he able to stop them.

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

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Men’s
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Carroll finished with 19 points on the night and shot 6-for-9 from the field. Every time the Irish inched closer to recapturing the lead, St. John’s had an answer down the stretch. Hatten’s penetration opened up the perimeter shooting for the Red Storm as sophomore guard Willie Shaw scored eight points in the final four minutes of the game. “I thought we did a good job of shutting down Hatten in the final six minutes of the game,” said Brey. “They’re other guys really stepped up tonight. My hat goes off to Willie Shaw for hitting big baskets down the stretch. With 20 seconds left to go in the game, the Irish found themselves trailing by five points. Chris Thomas nailed a 3-point shot from the corner to cut the Red Storm lead to two with 10 seconds remaining. On the ensuing possession, Notre Dame immediately fouled Hatten, putting him on the free throw line. Hatten made his first shot, but missed his second attempt. Hatten quickly rebounced his missed shot, but then slipped on the Madison Square Garden floor resulting in a traveling violation, giving the Irish one final chance to tie the game with eight seconds remaining.

Before Notre Dame inbounded the ball, Red Storm coach Mike Jarvis called a timeout to set up a defensive strategy. Jarvis elected to double-team and pressure Chris Thomas in the backcourt. With no one open to receive a pass, Thomas failed to dribble the ball past half court. With time winding down, Thomas half-court free bounce off the glass preserving the win for the Red Storm. “I was proud of our guys tonight,” said Brey. “We gave ourselves a chance at Notre Dame. Jarvis elected to double-team and press Chris Thomas in the backcourt.”

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Bengal Bouts: 165-pounds — 170-pounds
Matassa reaches finals

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Reworking of old material
2. Particle
3. Dove with a canine
4. Vaulted area,
5. Five-time U.S. Open champ
6. Where's Joe?
7. Monica's shopping
8. So is Rachel!
9. Maybe we should go shopping!
10. Their $1 million salaries
11. Good idea?
12. Must we risk it?

DOWN
1. Place to feel a jet stream!
2. Classical symbol of wisdom
3. Torg確保
4. Snarl
5. Necessity for an opening act?
6. If it may get stuffed: Abbr.
7. 48-Across's look
8. Down; just please
9. Cause of some spots
10. Jane Goodall, to
11. Browning's "Sons of cha-cha-mami," e.g.
12. Fast-asleep sights
13. Having southerly breezes
15. Rah-rah
16. Rastafarian

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Benedicta Pitner, Marie Andretti, Joan McLean, Elin Brontë

Happy Birthday: You will be connected with helping those in need this year. Your dedication will be respected and admired by the people you encounter along the way. You have a great sense of what will work and therefore you should take the lead. You may be involved in some sort of creative project that will allow you to develop your talents.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Make an effort to get to know your peers better. You need to combine a little business with pleasure. Some difficulties while traveling may prevent you from enjoying yourself."

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll be able to work with the detail today. Combine a creative project with getting together with friends and socializing. Romance can be found if you make plans to get away."

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don't let depression get you down. Stop thinking about the things you've been working so hard on. Start doing for yourself. Consider your own needs."

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You may need to get out and do things that will stimulate your mind and get you moving in a positive direction. Close friends will be happy to join you. Make plans to take a short trip or consider camping accommodations."

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You feel like making a career move. Your plans are running high and if you aren't getting where you want to go, you may have to think about the reasons why."

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):"

EUGENIA LAST

You'll be caught between wanting to say something and not feeling confident enough to do so. Don't back down, it will only grant you yourObservers."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Something to worry about the reasons why. You can ask for favors and get sound advice from close friends. Someone you meet will want to help you get ahead but don't consider reconsidering any of your financial ventures."

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): You've been working too hard and if you care about may be difficult to get along with. Back away; you haven't got the strength to deal with distant tales."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stop thinking about the things you would like to do and start putting your plans into motion. You can make things happen if you take the initiative."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you haven't been been taking care of your personal paperwork it is certainly the time to do so. Someone you have a deal with may not be the one you want things to get along with."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be all enthused with regard to a relationship that you are in. An outside factor of your family may be a little troublesome for you. You must make sure that you can't do everything forever."

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BENGAL BOUTS: 180-POUNDS — HEAVYWEIGHTS

Three more rounds

Kevin Brandi, left, slides a jab by the head of Joshua Kaakua, right, in the 190-pound weight class semifinals Wednesday night. Brandi won the fight and will face John Lynk in the finals Friday.

Men's Basketball

Red Storm rains down on Irish in New York

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

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

It was deja vu all over again.

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

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

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

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