Senator questions department changes

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

Senator unanimously approved a letter voicing student reaction to the impending changes to the Department of Economics at Wednesday’s meeting.

Jeremy Staley, Sorin senator, presented a letter to his committee draft to reverse the recent decision to divide the Department of Economics into two separate departments.

"We felt it was our duty to take a leadership position. Everyone agrees students should participate in decisions that affect them. We wanted to guarantee (the administration) heard what students thought," said Staley.

This letter addresses the need for changes in the department in order to better qualify economics majors for graduate school, as well as concerns for the academic rigor of graduate schools. It also addresses the lack of student input in making decisions in this situation.

In other Senate news:

• The Senate unanimously approved nominees for the three top positions of the Student Union Board for the 2003-04 school year. Those approved include, Charles Ebersol, board manager, Kimberly Zigich, director of programming and Lauren Meagher, chief controller.

• The Senate unanimously approved the two nominees

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KNOCKOUT PUNCH

Referee Tom Suddes stops the fight after Tom Pierce, right, sends Bill Phillips to the mat with a strong right in the first round of the second fight in the 160-pound category.
**Inside Column**

Need a cab?

A cab driver can be a bit unprofessional, but for the most part, they aren't that bad. Need a cab? You're in the wrong place. Let's be reasonable — nobody likes taking a cab and cabbies are, in general, a shady lot, prone to hours of abstruseness and being overcharged. Really isn't a true cab ride unless the car is clean and dirty, the driver arrivers a few minutes late and you're slightly overcharged.

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

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

I have taken cabs enclosed in mud, ridden in cars with strange townies that just seem to be along for the ride with no apparent destination and called one company only to be picked up by another. Interestingly enough, of all the times I've been driven from my dorm to the airport I have never been charged the same fee twice despite the fact that the distance doesn't appear to be changing. The main problem I have with cabs, however, is the dishonesty factor. Need a cab to anywhere? It'll be there in 15 minutes. Right.

When you call back 30 minutes later to check up on its status it's still on the way — just another 15 minutes. The cab will not be there in a quarter of an hour. It is not on its way. There may not even be a cab.

Why then, why this insanity? Just tell us that it's not coming. We'll call a different company, we'll make other arrangements, we'll walk there. Just be honest, please. But that's wishful thinking I'm afraid.

A word to the wise: Spring Break is less than two weeks away. Don't start your break on a bad note. Find a friend to drive you to the airport, hitchhike, walk up and walk, but whatever you do don't take a cab.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Thaygard at attha­gard@nd.edu

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Redskids let one of NFL's top running backs go

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- Photography exhibit, "Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs," all day at The Snipe Museum of Art.
- Lecture by Girard Sagninier, "Dyslexia: My Life," 7 p.m. at DeBardoloh Hall, Room 101.

**What's Happening @ SMC**

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

**What's Cooking**

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Texas chill, minestrone soup, cream of broccoli soup, french onion soup, mushroom stroganoff, pepperoni, cheese, vegetable, and chicken fajita pizzas, tuna casserole, blueberry pancakes, vegetable eggrolls, pork fried rice, chicken taco and chicken and cheese chimichanga.

Today's Dinner: Pepperoni, cheese, vegetable and chicken fajita pizzas, minestrone soup, Texas chill, cream of broccoli soup, tomato soup, grilled pork chops, grilled tillapia, baked noodle casserole, sesame chicken breast, vegetable eggrolls, chicken taco, California ranchero rice and portabella fajita.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chops, rotisserie chicken, herb-backed pollock, scalloped corn casserole, wild rice with pine nuts, tangy grilled chicken sandwich, soft pretzels, seasoned vegan noodles and Caribbean BBQ chicken wings.

Today's Dinner: Sausage calzones, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, lemon-baked perch, Jamaican-jerked pork loin, BBQ chicken, scallop and vegetable stir-fry, beef and pepper casserole and flame-roasted feta corn and peppers.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegan burritos, Mexican rice, herbed pasta, sandwich provincial, fried rice bar, chicken tenders, rolled broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, grilled beef, turkey breast, Asian vegetable soup and Canadian cheese soup.

Today's Dinner: Fettuccine pasta, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, Texas style brisket, chicken fajitas and cheese pizzas, vegetable and cheese chimichanga and b raisi n and cashews.

**Local Weather**

**Today**

- High: 27°F
- Low: 8°F

**Tonight**

- High: 27°F
- Low: 25°F

**Friday**

- High: 34°F
- Low: 23°F

**Saturday**

- High: 35°F
- Low: 26°F

**Sunday**

- High: 38°F
- Low: 18°F

**Monday**

- High: 33°F
- Low: 23°F

**Sports**

Redskids let one of NFL's top running backs go

The Washington Redskins released Stephen Davis, the No. 3 all-time rusher to beat a Friday deadline to get under the $75 million budget cap.

**What's Going Down**

Public intoxication citation issued

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

Employee sustains injury

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

Telephone call under investigation

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

Student vehicle towed

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

Locked bike reported stolen

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

NDSP continues vandalism investigation

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

-Courtesy of the NDSP crime blotter.
Drury lectures on danger of date rape at SMC

By SARAH NESTOR  
Saint Mary's Editor

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual assault is defined as conduct of a sexual or indecent nature toward another person that is accompanied by actual or threatened phys

ical force or that induces fear, shame or mental suffering. This can include rape and attempted rape, child molestation, incest, sexual harassment, obscene phone calls and indecent exposure. According to Drury, rape is a sexual assault, but not all sexual assaults are rapes.

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

"If you don't have the freedom to say no, you don't have the option to consent," Drury said.

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

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

Taking these actions can also protect potential victims of date rape drugs, such as GHB or Rohypnol. Until recently, date rape drugs were completely odorless, tasteless, colorless and easily dissolved in liquids. Scientists have added certain chemicals to GHB and Rohypnol so that there are not easily used as a date rape drug and Rohypnol is now manufactured so that it will turn blue in liquids and GHB is made so that it leaves a salty aftertaste. Drury said if there is any suspicion of these drugs being used, it is best just to pour the drink out.

According to Drury, if someone tells you they have been raped, one of the first things to do is make sure they are safe and to suggest that they go to a hospital. If a victim goes to a hospital within 72 hours of being raped evidence can still be collected and the victim will also be tested for STD's, treated for injuries and receive counseling.

"Every woman acts differently," he said. "It is important to listen to them, talk less and listen more." Drury also said it is important to believe what you are told that you don't blame her or allow her to blame herself.

He ended his discussion by pointing out that every hour, 28 women are raped in the U.S. "While we sat here for the past hour and a half, 52 women have just been assaulted," Drury said.

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

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

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Steinhardt discussed technological advancements and by reviving the Fourth Amendment and enforcing regulations on the government’s use of new technological advancements and by enacting laws that protect personal privacy, Steinhardt said the problems associated with the rise of a surveillance society could be curtailed.

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

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for next year’s assistant student treasurer, Claire Fadel and Matthew Kimello.

“We want to ensure a student voice in the next decision that affects students.” Jeremy Staley, sophomore, reported to the Senate on his meeting with officials from OIT. This meeting, said Norman, included discussion on the segregated bandwidth policy currently in place at OIT.

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

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

“The victory is exhilarating, and we’re really excited to have the opportunity to serve,” said Fitzgerald, sophomore class president and vice president. Erin McQueen and Kellye Mitros joined them as class secretary and treasurer. The Bauer/Goers ticket captured 30 percent of the vote, while 4 percent abstained.

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Bush rejects Canadian deadline for Iraq to disarm

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

Bush's remarks were part of an effort to calm Canadian opponents of the war who have said they could not support a U.S.-British invasion of Iraq without a U.N. resolution that allows the kind of force needed to disarm Saddam.

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

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

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

While State Department officials scanned the web to press Bush's case, the president met with Azerbaijan leader Geidar Aliev. The country, 250 miles northeast of Iraq, has asked U.S. calls for Saddam's disarmament.

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

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

Chretien's plan would give Iraq until the end of March to comply with a U.N. resolution that requires Saddam to disarm. But U.S. officials said it only prostrates on a decision we all should be prepared to take.

"He is a master of disguise and deceit," said Chretien of Saddam. "Saddam will be disarmed one way or the other."

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

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

N. Korea reactivates nuclear reactor

North Korea has reactivated a reactor at its main nuclear complex, the first step toward production of additional nuclear weapons, U.S. officials said Wednesday. Pyongyang currently has the ability to produce five or six plutonium bombs from 8,000 spent fuel rods in a matter of a few months. The United States has forewarned Washington officials told CBS TV's Dan Rather.

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

E-mails reveal NASA engineers' concerns about shuttle

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

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

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World News Briefs

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

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

Fire spreads through nursing home: A suspicious fire ripped through a Hartford, Conn. nursing home before daybreak Wednesday, killing 10 people and forcing 100 residents — some of them bedridden, elderly and confused — into the freezing cold. Police said they wanted to question a resident about the blaze. The fire at the Greenwood Health Center also injured 23 people, seven critically.
Design chosen for Trade Center

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

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

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

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

LMDC Chairman John Whitehead telephoned Libeskind with the news, the source said, telling the architect his "vision has brought respect for the architect," and looking forward to working with him to "get this project moving."

Design chosen for Trade Center

The design competition was launched after an initial set of plans, released in July, was derided as boring and over-stuffed with office space. Nine proposals were unveiled Dec. 18.

The two finalists each featured buildings surpassing Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest in the world. The World Trade Center towers stood 1,350 feet tall, and would have had to be 35 stories taller to equal Libeskind's spire. A small number of telecommunications towers would still be taller than the spire.

After the two finalists were chosen, both were asked to revise their designs to make them more easily realized. Libeskind, whose original design called for a memorial 70 feet below ground, reportedly changed that to 30 feet, allowing for infrastructure and transportation underneath.

BENGAL BOUTS

Shelley Skiba, left, spars with Lauren Conti in the second set of exhibition bouts by the Notre Dame women's boxing club. Wednesday was the last day of women's bouts for this year's Bengal Bouts.

University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

(Confidential information, education, and resources)

Contact: Sr. M.L. Gude, CSC, 1-5550, or student members (see web site for student contact info.)

Office of Campus Ministry

(Annual retreat for gay/lesbian/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 304 Co-Mo; confidential discussion and support)

Contact: Fr. J. Steele, CSC, at Steele.31@nd.edu

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Pat Ota at Ota.4@nd.edu, or Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty.3@nd.edu

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Former Kmart execs face suit

Court charges two former VPs for false reports

Associated Press

DETROIT

Two former Kmart Corp. vice presidents were indict­ed Wednesday on federal charges that claim their actions inflated the company's earnings for part of the year before the retail­er collapsed for bankruptcy.

Erie "Tony" Montini Jr., 51, and Joseph Hofmeister, 52, were charged with securities fraud, making false statements to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and conspiracy to commit those offenses.

Separately, the SEC accused Montini and Hofmeister in federal court of accounting fraud. The SEC is seeking the return of financial gains related to their alleged actions, including a $750,000 reten­tion loan that Montini received from Kmart.

The SEC also seeks civil penalties and asks to bar them from serving as offi­cers or directors for publicly traded companies.

Montini, of Rochester Hills, is a former senior vice president and general merchandise manager. Hofmeister, of Lake Orion, is a former divisional vice president of merchandise.

Their attorneys called their charges "wrong and unjustified."

The indictment alleges that from November 2000 to about Jan. 21, 2002, Montini and Hofmeister comprised to have com­pany improperly include a $42.3 million payment from one of its vendors, American Greetings, in its financial report for the second quarter of 2001.

The money was actually subject to repayment in the event of certain circumstances and therefore should not have been fully booked by Kmart in that quarter, the indict­ment said.

According to the indict­ment, the defendants' false statements to Kmart's accounting and auditing divisions resulted in Kmart's filing with the SEC a quarterly report that overstated Kmart's operat­ing results by $42.3 million for the period and helped Kmart meet Wall Street's earnings expectations for the period.

Attorney Mark A. Sreev denied that the two engaged in fraud. He said investors were harmed by Kmart's decision to record the payment and said it had nothing to do with Kmart declaring bank­ruptcy.

"Both Mr. Hofmeister and Mr. Montini have spotless records in over 30 years of business experience each," Sreev said. "Both Mr. Hofmeister and Mr. Montini received no personal gain from Kmart's decision to record as revenue the $42 million."

Kmart filed for bankrupt­cy on Jan. 22, 2002, and plans to exit Chapter 11 protection by April 30.

If convicted, Montini and Hofmeister each face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a $1 million fine on the securi­ties fraud charge, and five years in prison and a $250,000 fine for the con­spiracy and false state­ments charges.

U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins, who read a prepara­ted statement and left without taking ques­tions, told reporters, "these two individuals made false state­ments to Kmart's accounting division."

Both men were let go by Kmart in May 2002 when the company cut a dozen jobs at its Troy headquar­ters. At the time, the retail­er said the cuts were part of an effort to streamline the retailer's senior-level management team and reduce its geographic divi­sions from five to two.

"It is not appropriate for us to comment on this," Kmart spokesman Jack Ferry said Wednesday. "We've cooperated with all of the outside investiga­tions, but we can't com­ment on this announce­ment."

After Montini left Kmart, he went to work for Bilt Aid Corp. Karen Rugen, a spokeswoman for Bilt Aid, said Montini voluntarily resigned from the Camp Hill, Pa.-based company on Wednesday. He was senior vice president of category management.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

As the central bank chief sat at the witness table at a Senate Banking Committee hearing, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., spoke of "an ongoing, orchestrated whisper campaign to discredit" Greenspan, who heads an independent agency.

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

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

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

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

The Fed chairman said future tax cuts should be paid for, either by spending cuts or tax increases.
As people of faith, we at the Center for Social Concerns are deeply concerned about the threat of a pre-emptive war on the part of our nation's leaders as a means of dealing with the mounting threat posed by the Iraqi government. Over many centuries our Christian tradition has established both the just war tradition and a strong support for nonviolence, including a strong presumption against war. We strive to know our Christian tradition and to apply it to present day circumstances. As one center within this Catholic University, we encourage prayerful reading of the following summary of the Bishops' position on Iraq issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (February 6, 2003) and invite you to consider your own active and faith-filled response.

In an effort to continue the education and dialogue already present and active on our campus community, the Center for Social Concerns has available a resource webpage (<http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu>) and will be offering dialogue and educational opportunities after Spring Break.

**Summary of the Bishops' Position on Iraq**

**Office of Social Development & World Peace**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

February 6, 2003

**The Issue**

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

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

**USCCB Position**

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

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

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

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

**Probability of success and proportionality.** The use of force must have "serious prospects for success" and "must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated" (Catechism, #2309). Not taking military action could have its own negative consequences, but the use of force might provoke the very kind of attacks that it is intended to prevent, could impose terrible new burdens on an already long-suffering civilian population, and could lead to wider conflict and instability in the region.

War against Iraq could also detract from the responsibility to help build a just and stable order in Afghanistan and could undermine broader efforts to stop terrorism.

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

**Alternatives to war.** The United States, in collaboration with the international community, should continue to pursue actively alternatives to war in Iraq. It is vital that our nation persist in the very frustrating and difficult challenges of maintaining broad international support for constructive, effective and legitimate ways to contain and deter aggressive Iraqi actions and threats. In addition to the UN inspections, the military embargo could be enforced more effectively while political sanctions and much more carefully-focused economic sanctions which do not threaten the lives of innocent Iraqi civilians should be maintained. We have no illusions about the behavior or intentions of the Iraqi government. The Iraqi leadership must cease its internal repression, end its threats to its neighbors, stop any support for terrorism, abandon its efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction, and destroy all such existing weapons.

**Action Requested**

Urgy our Members of Congress and Bush and work with other world leaders to find the will and the ways to step back from the brink of war with Iraq and work to fashion an effective global response to Iraq's known threats that both recognize legitimate self defense and conforms to traditional moral limits on the use of military force.

**Resources**

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

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**Joe Millionaire’ to have second edition**

Associated Press

Flush with the success of ‘Joe Millionaire,’ Fox executive vice president Leslie Moonves called it the “craziest sweeps in the history of television.”

NBC Entertainment Chairman Jeff Zucker said it was “nutty” and his ABC counterpart, Lloyd Braun, called it “wild and woolly.”

All of those assessments left Grushow somewhat miffed.

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

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

“Oh, obviously, it’s disappointing that we didn’t win,” Zucker said. “But it’s far more a credit to what Fox did than what we didn’t do.”

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

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

Fox is about to debut ‘Married by America,’ a series based on the idea that it can marry off two groups of people who had never met.

In April, Fox presents “Mr. Personality,” a series that “explores how looks effect love,” said entertainment President Gary Newman.

**Summer Sessions**

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

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Economics department isn’t in touch

Go into the community and survey its poor. Cook a dinner with the budget of someone living at the poverty line. Question whether there is a link between consumption and happiness. These are just a few examples of the unique experiences an economics major can have at Notre Dame, where the social and moral dimensions of economics are emphasized.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the economics department believes these are valuable learning experiences. Some members of the department think that the economics major should focus solely on mathematical and theoretical models. It is true that without its theories and formulas, economics would be nothing more than an empty, untested, and underpredicted edifice. However, I feel it is possible to have a first-rate economics program without splitting the department into two. If some members of the department are concerned that Notre Dame economics students aren’t being taught enough math and theory, why not just add more required classes in these areas? With only ten required classes, economics majors have plenty of room in their schedules to take classes in linear algebra, real analysis, econometrics and other beneficial classes. We can still compete with the top economics programs in the country, but we need to do it on our terms, not theirs.

Here at Notre Dame, we, as economic students, must teach ourselves the theories and mathematical models, but they show us how these can be applied to help change the world into a better place. We are not being taught how to maximize profit without being shown how it affects different groups of people. We are not being taught about trade barriers without considering tariffs. We are not being taught about wages without looking at what it does to employment levels of the poor. In short, rather than giving us lots of fancy models and theories and then throwing us out into the world to put our knowledge to whatever uses we please, they ask is what will the future hold if the only thing that Notre Dame economics students are getting an education for is to make a bunch of rich people richer and never happen to them. Perhaps the real questions to ask is what will the future hold if the only thing tomorrow’s economics majors can tell you is that you’re in a hot air balloon?

Erin Daly
weekly
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THE OBSERVER

Approximately 9,000 other voices

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

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing war with Iraq might seize the just cause tenet of Catholic just war theory as a primary motivating factor in their decision to abstain from endorsing the petition. They could mention that “The Challenge of Peace, God’s Promise and Our Response,” a United States Catholic bishops’ pastoral on war and peace, advises that “to protect innocent life, to preserve conditions necessary for decent human existence and to secure basic human rights.”

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

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff could also take into account Hussein’s Stalinist purges of his Ba’ath party, chemical attacks on Kurds in Iraq, his documented chemical experimentation on Iraqi jail inmates and his tyrannical political oppression of any semblance of an opposition party.

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq need the words of Fadel Sultani, President of the National Association of Iraqi Writers, who stated in response to peace protesters, “Did they not realize that oppression, torture and massacre of innocent civilians are also forms of war?”

The approximately 9,000 students, faculty and staff who did not sign the petition opposing the war with Iraq could cite the violation of 17 U.S. Security Council resolutions since 1990, those designated 678, 686, 687, 707, 715, 194, 1001, 1100, 1115, 1134, 1137, 1154, 1194, 1205, 1248 and 1441 as primary examples of Hussein’s unwillingness to abide by international law and as a pretext for armed intervention.

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

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

Timothy Bondace
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Letters to the Editor

Would you support a war in Iraq?

Vote at NDToday.com by today at 5 p.m.

NDToday/Observer Poll Question

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius, it's considered in somebody like Norma Einstein."

Joe Theisman
former quarterback
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examining different perspectives on affirmative action

Injustice cannot be rectified by another injustice

To all African-American students at Notre Dame: Have you ever been asked the question, "What sport do you play?" by a white student who assumes that the only sports you play are basketball and track? If you have, then you understand why this institution is in conflict in athletics. Regardless of your athletic participation, perhaps you should answer with an equally offensive question of your own: "Are you here because your daddy went here?"

I recently read that Notre Dame received a record total of more than 12,000 applications for the class of 2007. According to Daniel Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment, the applicant pool this year is more ethnically and racially diverse. This may be due to the Willingham Effect, the aspect of the admissions process that recently has come under fire is the explicit preference granted by most schools, including Notre Dame, to children of alumni. Proponents of affirmative action point out that these favored minority applicants tend to be disproportionately white and disproportionately wealthy.

As Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards remarked, "This is a remnant of 16th-century British aristocracy and has no place in 21st-century American democracy." The class of 2006 features 23 percent children of alumni, yet just 16 percent minorities. I propose a noble goal to the administration that would speak volumes about its commitment to diversity: Enroll an equal number of legacies and minorities for the class of 2007.

Many believe this practice of rewarding applicants because of their parents' achievements is blatantly unfair. I concede that I see the value in maintaining the level of legacy enrollment that the administration deems appropriate to preserve the unique sense of family at Notre Dame. For a university committed to social justice, however, I see no justifiable rationale for dorm-based legacy enrollment that exceeds the level of legacy enrollment that would correspond to a balanced enrollment.

I challenge the administration to seek an equitable balance between these two groups that deserve special consideration. Such a balance would demonstrate clearly our university's commitment to racial diversity and the action taken to attain it should be affirmative. The message would send to society about our commitment to racial diversity might do the same for the image of the university as having Tyronne Willingham has done for the football program.

Michael Hourigan
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Grammar and Ensler mar the ‘Monologues’

Next week on campus there will be two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" play. By doing so much to bridge the gap between modern feminism and Tourette's Syndrome, the play epitomizes what it means to be a Notre Dame woman.

The class of 2000 has a series of soliloquies written by Eve Ensler, which she based on interviews with a diverse group of women, from Bosnian rape victims to a lesbian dominatrix. Between the longer monologues there are sections of poetry, often an assortment of the responses Ensler received to the questions, "If your vagina could talk, what would it say?" (sample answers: "Oh, yeah," "Bonjour") and, "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" The vagina's surreal choices range from the practical "jeans" to the wholly inexplicable "purple feathers with twigs and shells."

This is certainly an innovative line of inquiry, but one wonders why Ensler didn't pursue it further: "If your vagina went to college what would it major in?" or, perhaps, "How does your vulva feel when you make love?" Many women would be delighted to answer such questions, and the cumulative effect of this trio is to reduce women to their body parts; as one of the monologues concludes, "my vagina, me." The play does not blur the distinction between women's experience and their experience of their bodies; it obliterates it.

After watching the play last year, I imagined how one of Ensler's interviews might have gone with a variety of famous women including Sally Ride, the first American woman in space.

In my vision, Ensler's eyes glazed over when Ride described the experience of looking down upon the Earth from her shuttle and almost fell asleep while Ride talked about her Science Club, founded with the aim of encouraging women to enter the male-dominated world of professional science. When Ride described, Ensler turned off her tape-recorder. "So, do you think if your vagina got dressed it would wear a space helmet?" she asked powerfully.

In one monologue a vulgar slang term for the vagina is "reclaimed" by being repeated at over increasing volumes. Shouting rude words can provide a sense of release from pent-up frustration, but this is nothing more than primal scream therapy masquerading as a political act.

Even Ensler's writing isn't bad enough to completely stifle the power the piece about a Bosnian rape victim has to disturb, but like the other monologues it lasts for only a few minutes and is immediately followed by another on a wholly different topic (in this case the story of a vagina which is "pissed off about tampons and thong underwear, grievances which in the context seem embarrassingly trivial). This is not consciousness-raising. It is channel surfing through women's experiences.

"The Vagina Monologues" appeal derives from the way it encourages those involved with the play to picture themselves as participating not in a litigious piece of theater, but in a cosmic struggle between absolute good (lesbianism, orgasm) and absolute evil (patriarchy, grammar). But the play's pretensions to being a challenging modern society are a sham, pure self-deception. It no more challenges the assumptions of the petty culture than do "Sex and the City" or "Cosmopolitan's"NIAC."

"The Vagina Monologues" is ill-conceived and abysmally written. The stories on which the monologues are based have been so thoroughly filtered through Ensler's own ideology that the play lacks value even as documentation. Rather than praising the work, feminists should be playing its most insistent critics, because women deserve better than this.

Peter Wicks
senior
February 26

Michael Hourigan
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Peter will be hosting a stand-up comedy show in the Hesburgh Auditorium. The show starts at 8 p.m.

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By ADAM WELTLER
Scene Movie Critic

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

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

Animal House, it's not, but director-screenwriter Todd Phillips (who also helmed Road Trip) packs enough laughs into Old School to keep audience smiling, and stars Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell form a comic trio of characters that come off equally hilarious and familiar.

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

Mitch's breakup with his girlfriend due to his distance for her gang-bang fetish gives the men the perfect excuse to relive their college glory by throwing a "Mitch Martin Freedom Festival" in Mitch's new house near the local college campus. The popularity of the party encourages the group to form a new fraternity, one with no age restrictions or public service requirements whatsoever. The members range from college students to middle-aged businessmen to an 85-plus-year-old Navy veteran named Blue.

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

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

Ferrell practically saves the movie once he reverts back to his Frank "The Tank" mode and starts yelling, streaking and bonging beers like a champ. And for all the guys out there: don't worry, all the nudity in the film isn't Ferrell. Old School follows the fraternity college movie handbook to the T, but fails to produce any particularly memorable scenes — although Ferrell's soulful rendition of Dust in the Wind comes off equally hilarious and familiar.

Mitch Martin (Luke Wilson) is comforted by his friends, including "Frank the Tank" (Will Ferrell) with a KY Jelly wrestling match held by their fraternity.

NDCinema spices up already wild Thursday

By B J STREW
Scene Movie Critic

Admittedly, it is a tough choice, deciding between watching "Scrubs" or "Are You Hot?" It's also tough deciding the Student Film Festival, "Secret & Conflict commentary "Y Tu Mama Tambien," the Three Colors trilogy, based on the colors of the French flag, "Bleu," which will be shown April 3, is a film about liberty from the French motto, which corresponds to the flag. Specifically it deals with liberty with respect to the main character's attempt to withdraw from her old reality and find herself, only to be drawn back in by the strength of familial bonds and friendship.

"Old School"

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Last year, "Shrek" became the first movie to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. But right now, I want to talk about another movie that kids should certainly be allowed to see. "Spirited Away," the Academy could encourage artistic and multi-layered animated films. While I hesitate to call such a trivial controversy an "issue," or to promote the "cause" of good animated movies, anything that will save our generation from sitting through thousands of hours of "Pocahontas" and "The Pebble and the Penguin" clones is worth doing.

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And lose to a more tepid winner, I feel the Academy has a great opportunity here. "Waking Life" wasn't nominated for last year's Oscar (it was filmed and animated over the film — apparently a no-no), but "Spirited Away" is nominated. By giving the award to "Spirited Away," the Academy could encourage the "cause" of good animated movies, anything that will save our generation from sitting through thousands of hours of "Pocahontas" and "The Pebble and the Penguin" clones is worth doing.

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"Spirited Away" tells a fairy-tale story filled with magic, but keeps the emotions and moral lessons more realistic than typical American animated features.

The visually imaginative and genuinely touching "Spirited Away" is up against "Ice Age" and "Lilo & Stitch" for Best Animated Feature at this year's Academy Awards.

Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

"Spirited Away" is an incredible display of visual imagination combined with a genuinely complex story and a magical, melancholic feel. The story is basically that of "Alice in Wonderland" or "The Wizard of Oz": a girl stumbles into a world that is somehow alien to us. Of course, this strange feeling accuitenizes the many strengths of the movie, forcing us to further identify with Chihiro and her plight, and yet allowing us to experience, along with her, a sense of wonder at her surroundings. "Spirited Away" transcends the greatest flaw in the now-annual animated Disney extravaganzas — it teaches a moral lesson without being preachy or sappy. There is no culminaiing speech or tearful embrace to close the film, no pat one-line message a la "Lilo & Stitch" ("Family means no one gets left behind"). Instead, there is a portrait of a girl who leaves behind her immaturity and takes on the responsibilities of an adult. Even better, this change does not occur abruptly, but slowly over the course of the entire movie. This allows for a unity of story and moral, and a depth of character development rarely seen in the animated rivals of "Spirited Away." Which brings me right around to what's wrong in the world of animated features. With rare exceptions, like 2001's "Waking Life," animated films are almost all cookie-cutter clones marketed to the under-12 crowd, with, at best, a few in-jokes to keep adults entertained. What's worse, they are almost always musicals, which results in a number of painful experiences. Here, Disney's competitors, not the Mouse itself, are the main offenders. Nevertheless, my readers might be thinking, these are children's movies. Kids like singing. Kids like stupid plots and meaningless cartoon violence. And all this is true.

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BOSTON

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

After McCarty's 3-pointer gave Boston a 69-67 lead, Jermaine O'Neal, who led the Pacers with 31 points and 13 rebounds, missed two free throws with 10.2 seconds left. In the final 10 seconds, Pierce and McAdoo each converted one free throw before Reggie Miller shot an airball at the buzzer despite a wide-open look.

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

Ron Artest missed the game for Indiana after being suspend­ed for the third time this season, this time by head coach Isiah Thomas.

The last time the Pacers lost six straight was Feb. 1993. They have lost nine of 13 games.

Trailing 54-48 with 2:42 remaining in the third, the Celtics went on an 11-0 run featuring seven points by Pierce. The Pacers went 6:20 without scoring before O'Neal hit a pair of free throws to cut the lead to 59-56. O'Neal's basket with 6:42 remaining in the fourth snapped an eight-minute drought without a field goal.

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

With a mid-range jumper with 3:17 remaining gave Boston a 36-29 lead, its biggest of the half. He led all scorers with 11, while Pierce, who was in four trouble for most of the half, missed his only shot attempt and had 2 at the break.

After falling behind 10-2, the Pacers had 10 turnovers and shot 40 percent after one, but only trailed 21-14.

J.R. Bremer made his 21st start for Boston, the third overall from the field and is 3-for-20 in the last three games.

Nets 105, Knicks 78

Jason Kidd scored 21 points and the New Jersey Nets ended a season-high three-game losing streak by shutting down Allan Houston and embarrassing the New York Knicks 105-76 Wednesday night.

Richard Jefferson added 17 points and 10 rebounds as New Jersey limited the Knicks to 37.2 percent shooting in handing New York its most lopsided loss of the season.

The game between the Hudson River rivals lacked emotion, and a simmering rift between Knicks forward Latrell Sprewell and Nets coach Byron Scott over some recent comments by Scott never escalated. The two spoke briefly in the third quarter, but what they said could not be heard.

Sprewell gave the Nets some anxious moments, hitting two early jumpers. But he never got untracked and finished with a team-high 13 points on 5-for-14 shooting.

Houston, who had 28 in the win over the Rockets on Tuesday, was never a factor, scoring six points — 16.1 less than his average. He was 3-for-11 from the field.

The game was competitive until the final 90 seconds of the first half.

A baseline jumper by Michael Doleac pulled the Knicks to 42-40 with 1.50 left in the half. New York didn't score again until Houston hit his final basket of the game on a 15-footer with 3.67 left in the third.

By that time, the Nets had scored 13 straight points — the final seven of the first half and first six of the second. Sprewell gave the Nets a 99-90 lead.

Kerry Kittles had five of his 13 in the span and Collins added four. Kidd added a layup and made a nice no-look pass to set up a dunk by Kenny Mayin, who spent most of the second quarter in the Nets' locker room with an upset stomach.

New Jersey led by as many as 17 points in the third quarter, and the final score represented the largest margin of the game.

76ers 111, Grizzlies 107

Allen Iverson scored 34 points and Eric Snow had his first-career triple-double with 22 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, leadingPhiladelphia to its seventh straight victory, 111-107, over Memphis Wednesday night.

Keith Van Horn added 21 points and nine rebounds, and Iverson had nine assists for Philadelphia, which is 7-0 since the All-Star break.

Pau Gasol tied his season high with 32 points, Jason Williams had 19 and Mike Batiste added 15 for the Grizzlies. Memphis, which has the third-worst record in the NBA, had won three of five, including victories over Indiana and Utah.

The Sixers (32-24) are in fourth place in the Eastern Conference. Six of their last seven victories have come against teams with losing records.

The Grizzlies, who trailed the almost the entire game, finally tied it at 92 on a steal and dunk by Earl Watson 2:38 into the fourth. After Wesley Person missed a free throw that would've given Memphis the lead, Iverson hit a running 14-foot shot to make it 95-95.

Memphis got within 100-98 on a putback by Battie, but Van Horn made a turnaround jumper. Gasol's short turnaround cut it to 103-102, but Van Horn answered with a turnaround hook shot and Snow made two free throws for a 107-102 lead at 1:57 left.

After Snow missed two free throws with 15 seconds remaining, Shane Battier missed a 3-pointer that would've tied it with 6.6 seconds left. Snow got the rebound to record the triple-double, then iced it with a free throw.

The Grizzlies again were without Mike Miller, who averaged 17 points in his first two games after being traded from the Orlando Magic. Miller had back spasms and has sat out two straight.

The Sixers led 59-50 after a driving layup by Iverson with 2:31 left in the first half. But the Grizzlies scored eight straight on a jumper by Batiste and consecutive 3-pointers by Williams.

Suns 118, Bucks 112

Stephon Marbury scored 41 points, including 35 in the second half, to lead Phoenix past Milwaukee Bucks Wednesday night.

Joe Johnson added 20 points for Phoenix. Marbury surpassed 40 for the fourth time this season and the second time this month, finishing two points shy of his season high.

Gary Payton led Milwaukee with 26 points. Sam Cassell had 24 points, and Timm Kukoc 23. Marbury scored 18 points in the third quarter to give Phoenix a nine-point lead going into the fourth quarter. The Bucks wiped out that margin in the first six minutes, and Tim Thomas sank a 3-pointer to put Milwaukee up 97-96 with 6:14 left.

Marbury made two jumpers, and Dan Langhi added a third to give Phoenix a 110-100 lead with 3:47 left.

The Bucks closed within 10, but another jumper by Langhi and Marbury's layup with 1:51 left put the Suns back up by five, 109-104. The Bucks never got closer.

Marbury made three straight 3-pointers to help the Suns open up a double-digit lead in the third quarter.

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Stewart released from Steelers

Associated Press

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

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

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

Stewart has known since October he was benched this past game loss at home, this three costly interceptions kept the Steelers from winning games against the Bengals and Jaguars when Maddox was hurt. But Maddox goes into the 2003 season as the starter, with his backup still to be determined.

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

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

The 30-year-old Stewart leaves the Steelers with the second-most passing yards in Steelers history (13,328) and ranked 13th in rushing (2,561 yards). He got off the bench only occasionally after Maddox came off the bench to rally the Steelers to a comeback victory against Cleveland on Sept. 29, starting and winning games against the Bengals and Jaguars when Maddox was hurt. But Maddox goes into the 2003 season as the starter, with his backup still to be determined.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

But Davis' bruising, straight-ahead style didn't mesh with Steve Spurrier's pass-happy Fun 'n' Gun offense. Grumbling at times over the offensive game plan, Davis had just 297 carries for 1,385 yards in 2002, compared with an average of 326 carries for 1,385 yards in his three seasons before Spurrier's arrival.

Davis also missed four games and parts of two others with knee and shoulder injuries, but his per-game carries and yards were down some 20 percent even when factoring in the injuries. The Redskins either had to cut Davis or renegotiate his contract, which would have counted $11.4 million against the cap in 2003. Under the current cap rules, the team saves $5.2 million by cutting Davis and $1.6 million by cutting Shade.

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

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

Shade was a three-year starter in Washington before losing his job to I f eanyi O h a le t e seven games into last season. R asby played two seasons with the Redskins, catching 18 passes for 206 yards in 20 starts.

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

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

Gardener was a find late in training camp last year, adding run-stopping and locker room leadership to the defensive line. The Redskins targeted him as their top pending free agent to re-sign, and the Neil Schwartz offered to include safeguards in the contract in case...
TITLE IX

Panel at odds over enforcement of law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The law requiring equal opportunity for men and women to participate in athletics is being challenged at Title IX review studies, said a Stanford University athletic director Wednesday.

The commission's chairwoman, Education Secretary Rod Paige, said Wednesday, "We plead with the president and the secretary of education and the Congress to understand the implications of its ideas." She added, "We are entitled to greater equality opportunities." She added, "We believe that men are entitled to equal opportunities."

That men are entitled to equal opportunities to participate in sports as men, or that women are entitled to opportunities to participate in sports as women, is the focus of the commission's review studies, said a Stanford University athletic director Ted Leland, who has not been the cause of any cuts in women's sports. These cuts in men's sports are not the cause of the lack of interest among females. Overall, the report says the commission gave short shrift to dissenting views, unfairly focused on men's sports, rushed to work and failed to assess the impact of its ideas.

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

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

NCAA

Texas lawmaker proposes stipends

Associated Press

AUSTIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilson dismisses critics who say that should be enough.

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

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Friday through Saturday
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Mass for Peace and Justice
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

807 Mass
8:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

Saturday, 2.29

RCIA Session
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

Notre Dame Handbell & Celebration Choirs in Concert
8:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Sunday, 3.02

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Sunday, March 2
10 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Chapel

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around campus (every Sunday)

11:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
Zahn Hall Chapel

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

1st: Hos 2: 16b, 17b, 21 – 22
2nd: 2Cor 3: 1b – 6
Gospel: Mark 2: 18– 22

What’s Happening (cont.)

Rejoice! Mass
10:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

Tuesday, 3.04

Campus Bible Study
7:00-8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Confirmation Session #11
7:00 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Weekly Spanish Mass
10:30 p.m.
St. Edward’s Hall

Wednesday, 3.05

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00
Morrissey Hall Chapel

RAs @ Notre Dame

Giving Something Back

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

Hundred of juniors have been interviewing this month for RA positions across campus. Though many view it as the capstone of their Notre Dame experience, RAs spend a good amount of time performing unrewarding tasks — making rounds, filling out BCRs, checking bathroom conditions, and just staying up late hanging around — interspersed with bursts of crises and confrontations.

During interviews, no one ever says they like long hours, getting friends in trouble, or cleaning up Friday night vomit, but candidates typically do mention their gratitude for how their own freshman year RA welcomed them to Notre Dame. As a result, the prospect of helping next year’s freshmen and transfer students make the adjustment to the University is both appealing and rewarding.

Almost every applicant says, “I want to give something back.” Still, it’s remarkable that the most popular way for seniors to do that is through a position that dumps them into a fishbowl of intense scrutiny from peers and seriously curtails their social lives during their final year. Yet, there is no shortage of candidates in most halls, and Notre Dame may be the only major university in the country where juniors or sophomores aren’t needed to fill those spots.

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

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

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

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

The University has grown exponentially since then. Most professors and employees aren’t Holy Cross religious, and there are 164 seniors in RA positions that didn’t exist in Fr. Sorin’s day. But it’s still the same plan ever since Father Sorin hopped off the boat in New York.

“We shall always place education side by side with instruction. The mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for eternal life.”

Rev. Basil Moreau, C.S.C.

Director of Vocations, Congregation of Holy Cross

The priority here is ministering to people, not managing housing. Being an RA is an essential part of the mission, not just a job, and that is no accident.
AROUND THE NATION

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division
team | record | perc | last 10 GB
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Toronto | 17-36 | .321 | 7-3
Atlanta | 21-36 | .388 | 3-7
Orlando | 29-29 | .500 | 5-5
Boston | 31-25 | .554 | 5-5
Chicago | 21-38-5 | .354 | 5-5

Western Conference, Central Division
team | record | perc | last 10 GB
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Chicago | 20-38 | .345 | 3*7
Detroit | 37-20 | .649 | 5-5
Dallas | 44-13 | .772 | 6-4
Indiana | 37-20 | .649 | 4-6
San Antonio | 39-17 | .696 | 9-1
Milwaukee | 28 28 | .500 | 7-3
New Orleans | 31-27 | .543 | 7-3
Washington | 27-29 | .482 | 7-3

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IN BRIEF

Veterans Committee names nobody to Hall of Fame

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

Walter Payton stayed on the ballot for the Hall of Fame’s new Veterans Committee. No one got in.

White replaces Etan Thomas, who was placed on the injured list with a bruised left eye socket after taking an elbow in the face against the New Jersey Nets last week.

Jackson to protest Augusta

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

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

EMMITT SMITH BROKE WALTER PAYTON’S CAREER RUSHING RECORD LAST SEASON

Emmitt Smith broke Walter Payton’s career rushing record last season despite having a lackluster year for the Cowboys. Dallas owner Jerry Jones will decide soon if Smith will be on the roster for the 2003-2004 season.

Smith’s future with Cowboys in doubt

Associated Press

AUSTIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Smith told representatives that he was appreciative of the honor and the work they did.
BENGAL BOUTS — 170 pounds - HEAVYWEIGHT

Cosse's fists do some talking in win over Knust

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

190 pounds
Lynk def. Gathinji
John Lynk's quest to defend his championship in last year's Bengal Bouts is still on track, despite the valiant effort by senior Mwangi Gathinji.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Borovina def. O'Connor
It will be a matchup of "Killer B's" when Burton faces off in the finals against Stefan Borovina, who won a called match against senior Colby O'Connor.

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

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

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

Notre Dame responded by ending the half on a 19-5 run and led 38-24 at the break. The Irish shot 50 percent in the first half, compared to Pittsburgh's 29.6 percent shooting.

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

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

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

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

The Irish out rebounded the Panthers 39-30, but turned the ball over five more times than Pittsburgh. At times the Irish made crisp passes to the interior where LaVere or Flecky would put it in an easy layup. But at other moments, the Irish made sloppy passes, let Pittsburgh players drive to the lane and allowed Wittenmyer to almost make a 249th career 3-pointer.

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

Notes:
- With a 3-pointer early in the first half, Ratay tied Sheila McMillen for first all-time in career 3-pointers made at Notre Dame. It was the 249th trey of her storied career.
- Saturday will be the last time seniors Karen Swanson and Ratay step onto the Joyce Center's court in an Irish uniform. The Irish face Seton Hall at 6 p.m. that day.

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Senior captain Newburg impressive in 1st fight

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

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

Faist obviously made good contact in the first, because round two began with a slightly bleeding Newburg. Newburg's nose was cleaned twice in the second round as Faist grew more aggressive. Opened up several hook exchanges by both boxers. Kim held the ring well in the first and used a looping hook to keep Valenzuela circling him. Valenzuela's defense was strong throughout the round, but Kim found room for contact in Valenzuela's open stance.

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

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

Schmidlin came out strong in the second round and move Hollowell to the ropes twice early. Hollowell continued to initiate, and his fast left never stopped. Schmidlin continued to repel well, though with less scoring punches than the aggressive Hollowell. In the final round, Schmidlin countered Hollowell well when he chose to, but was often unable to reach Hollowell. Schmidlin looked strong throughout the fight, but overcoming the strength and speed of Hollowell proved no small task.

Hollowell def. Hoffman
Bill Wuest's straight left jab and his ability to quickly replace it with the power right earned him a called victory over Christopher Hoffman. Hoffman got inside early on Wuest, who had a large reach advantage. Hoffman continued to be aggressive in round two, but Wuest's jabs found their targets more often than in the first. Wuest was often able to pick off the squared-up Hoffman as Hoffman closed to his body. A number of hard shots to Hoffman's head sent him dazed to the corner, prompting a standing 8 count. Hoffman took a knee and did not return from the corner, and the fight was called at 1:10 into the second round with Wuest the victor.

Valenzuela's defense was strong throughout the first round of Jeff Ham to earn a split decision victory. In his first year, Lynk dropped the deciding rounds of Paul Harris. As a junior, Lynk used what he learned from his semifinal round with Wuest the victor.

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Bengal Bouts in his mind. Giving the idea some thought, Lynk decided the Bouts were up early," he said. And then Lynk said what all the boxers believe encompasses their roles in raising tens of thousands of dollars for the Holy Cross College: "Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."

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### Bengali Bouts — 150-165 Pounds

**Vargas gets close decision to advance to finals**

**By LUKE BUSAM**

**Sports Writer**

Nicaraguan Juan Diego Vargas won another close match and moved into this second round with a split decision victory over Ryan Rogers.

Vargas circled to begin the match, but engaged quickly with hard combos to Rogers' head and body. Vargas hit the ring well in the first, and Vargas dropped his head and let his hands stray from his face a bit when he got in trouble, but Vargas dominated the first round.

In the second, Vargas held the ring well with Rogers and dropped him to the corner one minute in with a fast, hard uppercut flurry. Rogers came out slightly more tentative in the third as he waited for Vargas to throw and attempted to counter.

Vargas came on very well at the end of the round prompting a clinch. The final five seconds of the match saw no exchanges. Rogers' punches were straight and accurate throughout the bout, but Vargas threw a great deal more, going almost three to one on punches with Rogers. Vargas was bound to land more shots to Rogers' head and body. Rogers held the ring well in the first, and Vargas forced Rogers to his back. Vargas moved better to finish the round.

A fast exchange to start the second round, Keppel was cleaned at 15 seconds in. Schaefer was more aggressive in the second, but still forced to back up due to Keppel's constant charges. The match was stopped at 30, 55 and 1:05 to clean Keppel and again at 1:28 to clean both fighters.

Although Schaefer fought primarily backpedaling, he did find success with his one-two. Schaefer struggled to find a score in the third round and missed many of the punches he threw while moving away from the ever-advancing Keppel. The fight was stopped twice more in the third to clean Keppel, but Keppel was a well-earned split decision winner.

**160 Pounds**

**DeSplinter def. Enterline**

Mark DeSplinter out-boxed a brawler in his win over John Enterline. Enterline altered his somewhat barroom style to meet the technical form of DeSplinter. Both fighters circled each other to start the match, testing each other's reach. There was little contact, but each moved and boxed well throughout the first. DeSplinter moved back often in the round and neither fighter made significant contact.

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

In round three, Enterline relentlessly pursued the backpedaling, jabbing DeSplinter, but was unable to engage DeSplinter in any hard exchanges as he did to opponents in earlier fight.

**Pierce def. Phillip**

Senior Captain Tom Pierce has enjoyed two called victories and under three minutes of boxing in the 2003 Bengali Bouts. Wednesday, Pierce earned a victory over Bill Phillip with a right hook that was near textbook perfection.

Pierce held to his gritty style to start the fight and held the ring well against the taller Phillip. He jabbed in to close distance effectively and followed with hooks to the head and body. Pierce sent Phillip to the mat at 1:20 into the first round with a close, powerful
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I definitely just contributed to a heart attack in the making.

**Eagle**

It's bound to be a delicious heart attack. isn't it?

You know it! He'll be scolding those .fios right up until his brain runs out of oxygen.

**Jack Monahan**

I wish I had that kind of job satisfaction.

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**Horoscope**

**Eugenia Last**

Celebrities born on this day:

- Elizabeth Taylor, Joanne Woodward, Ralph Nelson, Adam Baldwin

**Birthday**

Happy Birthday! Your intuition is among this year, follow your feelings regardless of what anyone else advises. Your patience and tolerance will help you see matters through to the end and deal with any minor setbacks along the way. This is a year of personal growth. Don't lose sight of your own objectives. Your numbers are 1, 2, 9, 4, 6, 46

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

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Don't rule out travel; waiting for others will be frustrating. Follow your own good judgment and decisions.

**Geminis** (May 21-June 20): You may have overspent lately. Look to see where you can make up any lost income. Your financial situation will not pull out, so don't even consider them.

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

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): You may find that someone is trying to hold you back today. Find out whatever information you need to get your work done yourself. You can resolve personal issues if you ask direct questions.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take care to enhance your looks or improve your attitude today. Social events will be hectic but exciting, so be sure to accept all invitations.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The people closest to you will confound you today. If you can't get others to discuss the issues, consider talking to an outsider who will have an objective view of your situation.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be on the road at least doing something that is planning today. Pleasant trips will be enjoyable and informative. You can make a difference to those you encounter.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Protect your own interests and handle your own cash. Don't consider taking a risk. Losses will occur if you get involved in just financial schemes.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may take things a wrong way today. Don't jump to conclusions. Listen, observe and maintain your composure.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will want to be straightforward today to avoid any misunderstandings. False information may lead you in the wrong direction, especially if it pertains to legal or financial issues.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): If someone is putting too much pressure on you or asking you to do things you don't want to do, it's time to back away. Your involvement in a new group or organization may pose a threat to those you are close to. Do what's best for you.

**Birthday**

You've had the strength and fortitude to take on any challenge that comes your way. You will be insightful, compassionate and will know when to help. You will be interesting, fair and you'll draw many people to your side.

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**Venting her frustrations**

Irish forward Jacqueline Bateast moves past a Pittsburgh defender during Wednesday night's action in the Joyce Center. The Irish won the contest 77-69.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

McGraw not pleased despite Notre Dame’s 77-69 victory

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

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

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

McGraw didn't just think her Irish struggled in one area, but in almost every aspect of the game.

"I didn't feel like we were mentally focused.... We didn't understand time-and-score, we didn't take care of the basketball, we didn't execute the offense," McGraw said. "I think the list is fairly endless to what we didn't do and very short as to what we did well."

Notre Dame (16-9, 8-6) did have five players score in double figures, led by Courtney LaVere's 14 points off the bench. Irish guard Alicia Ratay contributed her first double-double of the season with 12 points and a season-high 11 rebounds.

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

The Irish jumped out to an early 15-3 lead behind two 3-pointers, 12 of which came from court. Batteast added 10 points, eight rebounds and three assists for the Irish.

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Lynk didn't think about boxing until a friend approached him in the weight room as a freshman and planted the seed of joining the team. Lynk is teaching what he learned from Criniti and the other boxing captains to the new fighters.

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

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

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