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INSIDE COLUMN

Where's the meat?

I'm sure all the freshmen around campus were thrilled to enter the dining halls yesterday and discover that meat items were all of a sudden non-existent. Welcome to Notre Dame dining halls during Lent, the place where for every Friday, plus Ash Wednesday, the meat disappears and several different kinds of shrimp suddenly appear like the fish of Capistrano.

Better get used to it — popcorn shrimp anyone.

Cajun shrimp the next, then buffalo shrimp — by the end of Lent you'll never want to eat shrimp again.

I'm sure someone always has some complaint about the dining hall not having meat at this time of year, and it may be a tired subject if you're not a freshman, but it's all I could think about while meeting with a study group in LaFortune, right next to Subway, with a menu full of sandwiches staring back at me.

Now I know this is a Catholic institution, yet I'm a little confused as to why the dining hall does not provide at least some kind of meat. Not only are there a lot of people here who don't make the decision to give up meat on Fridays; the whole idea of not eating meat during Lent is that we are making a choice to give something up in order to prove to God that we are capable of resisting certain things in our lives that actually are sinful.

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Alumni Association recognizes Conley

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New Writer

Kevin Conley, a Stanford Hall senior, was named the University Alumni Association’s Distinguished Student for 2003-04. The award is given to a Notre Dame senior who shows excellence in academics and service to the community and Notre Dame. Conley was nominated by Navy ROTC, of which he is a member. “I was pretty honored,” Conley said. “I was not expecting it.”

Conley was double major in political science and pre-professional studies. He carries a 3.94 grade point average. After graduation, the Panama City, Fla. resident plans to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine. Eventually, Conley said he hopes to make a career of practicing medicine as an officer in the Navy. “I would like to get into diplomacy (following retirement from the Navy),” Conley said. “And eventually, one day, maybe run for office.”

Conley has served as Stanford Hall president and hall senator and currently is an RA. He was also chair of the Student Senate Residence Life committee and member of the Steering and Academic committees. Conley has also been an active participant in several campus organizations and projects that promote community service. He was involved in “There are Children Here,” a project run by retired Notre Dame professor Jim Langford that seeks to bring inner city children to a farm outside of South Bend for recreational activities and the Trident Naval Society, the Navy service club, among others.

Conley was awarded a Community Service Ribbon by the ROTC for volunteering at least ten hours every semester.

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BP prepares for auction
Event offers meals with campus ‘celebrities’

By MATT BRAMANTI
New Writer

According to campus lore, the women of Breen-Phillips hall know a thing or two about meals. Tonight from 8-11 p.m. in LaFortune, they will put that knowledge to use when the dorm will hold its 20th annual meal auction, giving students the chance to bid on dinner with Notre Dame celebrities.

Sophomore Kate Fitzpatrick, who is coordinating the event, said BP will donate all proceeds to the American Diabetes Association. She said her dorm’s residents expect an even higher turnout than last year.

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Fitzpatrick said the success of the event depends on student turnout, and she encouraged students to attend the auction. “It’s a great event, and it all goes towards a great cause,” she said. “And, you get a great meal out of it.”

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Warner estimated that 75 to 80 percent of the Catholic student population attend Mass on a regular basis. However, in comparison to other studies that have found between 30 and 50 percent attend, Warner said there are several factors that may account for the higher attendance rate at Notre Dame.

One of the things Warner believes is the strong personal relationship between students and the priests who lead the Masses. He said that this makes the Mass a more meaningful experience for students.

Warner also noted that Notre Dame freshmen have the opportunity to attend Mass every day of the week, which is more than many other colleges offer. He said that this helps to create a community atmosphere where students feel comfortable attending Mass.

Warner suggested that students who attend Mass may feel a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose that is not available at other colleges.

Warner also mentioned that Notre Dame offers a range of activities for students to participate in, which can help to build a strong sense of community. He said that this helps to create a positive environment where students are more likely to attend Mass.

Overall, Warner said that Notre Dame is a place where students feel comfortable attending Mass, and where they can find a sense of purpose and meaning in their religious life.
Marines escort foreigners out
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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE
U.S. Marines escorted foreigners out of the country amid warnings rebels would strike the capital. On Wednesday, but the rebel leader said the insurgents want to “give a chance to peace” and indicated his troops would hold off attacking the capital.

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Marines escorting four foreign nationals met with U.S. Marines patrolling the streets of the capital to make sure the evacuees were safely brought out. The U.S. military has been in Haiti since last month to protect Americans from violence.

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when Lao took office in January as a failure in communication. "I only received one e-mail about what they needed this spreadsheet about three weeks ago," Corker said. "It did take time, and it got there later than it should have, there's no question, but I think this is the extenuating circumstances."

"I don't think we could have come up with this [budget] any sooner. I should have been made aware of that sooner and then more time," he said.

Norton, however, said there could not be any more time taken to deliberate the issue. "The longer we delay, the less people can plan for anything," he said.

In the end, the Senate voted by secret ballot to give the money back to the FMB for reallocation to other organizations.

In other Senate news:
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Vlerah, Blake keep off-campus students informed

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While off-campus students usually cite reasons such as freedom and fun as motives for their departure from school property, some said they lose the connection with the school they have come to love when they leave campus.

Saint Mary's senior Abby Van Vlerah and Notre Dame senior Sarah Blake try to aid students who face this problem. As the off-campus representative and the off-campus president respectively, Van Vlerah and Blake said that they try to inform the off-campus community of happenings at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

"My duty is to coordinate events to help unite the off-campus population," Blake said. "My primary responsibility is to make sure that off-campus students are fairly represented.

Van Vlerah described her own role somewhat differently.

"My job is to keep students who live off-campus connected with the Saint Mary's community," Van Vlerah said. "I send out an e-mail newsletter weekly that highlights the events that are going on through-out campus."

Both Van Vlerah and Blake said that part of their jobs is to plan events specifically for off-campus students.

"We have off-campus student lunches in the off-campus lounge," Van Vlerah said. "Last semester I organized a raffle, but unfortunately my budget isn't big enough to do everything I'd like to do."

Blake has planned events such as Masses, dinners, a party at Legends and an upcoming meal at BW 3's. "I have an off-campus list-serve that I use to communicate all off-campus events to the students," Blake said. "I also use the listserve to pass on information that comes to me through other sources. When I plan events, I pass out flyers to help publicize.

Van Vlerah said that, despite the information, stu-dents are not as informed as she would like them to be. "We try to publicize in places that all students go, like Madalena and Haggar, but it's hard to get the information up in a central location where everyone can see it," she said. "Regardless of whether or not you live off campus or on campus, you're still bombarded with information. There are a lot of events available if you seek them out."

Blake said off-campus stu-dents are relatively informed about events that happen throughout campus. "Everyone gets class e-mails and reads The Observer to get information," Blake said. "Also, word of mouth definitely spreads news of activities."

Notre-Dame junior Elizabeth Beach lives off campus this semester, but despite that fact, she still feels involved in the infor-mation loop. "I feel informed of on-campus events and things through the listserve," Beach said. "Plus, I'm on campus for classes everyday, so I see the flyers and things."

Saint Mary's sophomore Rachel Berg also believes the information she receives is efficient. "I have a lot of friends that still live on campus, so they keep me pretty up to date with everything that's happening," Berg said. "For the most part, I get in the events I want to find from the information I receive, but it's also my job to seek out that information, as well."

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WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

MINISTRY CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

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In Brief

Stewart defense loses one hour
NEW YORK — Lawyers for Martha Stewart defended the defense's request for an additional hour of presentation in her insider trading case Wednesday after saying she had been forced to cut short arguments from the day before because of technical issues with a computer system.

One accusation is that Stewart falsely claimed she didn't know she knew there was a record that stockbroker Peter Bacanovic had left her a message on Dec. 27, 2001, the day she sold.

CalPERS drops support of Eisner
LOS ANGELES — Embattled Walt Disney Co. CEO Michael Eisner lost the support Wednesday of the nation's largest public pension fund, a big Disney investor that called the company's performance "dismal."

The California Public Employees' Retirement System said it would withhold its votes for Eisner's re-election to the company's board.

CalPERS is the 29th single largest shareholder of Disney, with 9.9 million shares.

Its statement came hours after Glass Lewis & Co. , a San Francisco-based research firm that advises institutional shareholders, recommended that holders of Disney stock withhold their votes for Eisner.

Feds search ITT headquarters
INDIANAPOLIS — Federal agents on Wednesday searched the headquarters of ITT Technical Institute and some campuses of its chain of technical schools in eight states. Shares of its parent company, ITT Educational Services, plunged 33 percent.

ITT Educational Services said the investigation was related to grand jury subpoenas of records concerning student placement, retention, graduation, attendance, recruitment, grades, and student transfers of ITT students and those attending ITT's credits at other colleges.

Law enforcement officers did not allow students, staff and faculty to enter about 10 of ITT's 77 campuses in 30 states, ITT spokeswoman Nancy Brown said.

Matthew Donnellan, a student at Kellenberg Memorial High School in New York, carries a cross during a procession to view "The Passion of the Christ." The film opened Wednesday in more than 3,000 theaters Wednesday.

"It's a little bit more brutal than you would think," said a sobbing Kim Garely, 29, as she left a theater in this Dallas suburb. "I mean, there were times when I was watching that was too much. But I dare anybody to believe after watching it."

In Los Angeles, Joseph Caramieti said Gibson's much hyped epic about the torture and Crucifixion of Jesus left him shocked and physically weak.

"I think if you're a Christian, it will increase your faith in what Jesus has done for you," the 39-year-old paralegal student said after a midnight showing. "If you're not a Christian, you probably will think this is just pure fiction." "The Passion" opened in more than 3,000 theaters an unusually large release for a film with English subtitles to translate the Latin and Aramaic its characters speak.

Directed, produced and co-written by Gibson, the film has received mixed reviews from critics. Some have praised Gibson's commitment to this subject, others have called it "Braveheart" director says the movie is both an attempt to render the Gospels faithfully and a personal vision. Others see it as excessively bloody, obsessed with cruelty and unfair in its portrayal of Jews.

About 50 people in the central Pennsylvania community of Bellefonte attended a showing after midnight. Viewers groaned as Jesus was nailed to the cross, and soft cries could be heard during more than an hour of Jesus' torture, Crucifixion and death.

In the end, as Jesus rises from the grave, some in the audience quietly celebrated.

"To me, that was the important part," said Aaron Tucher, an English major at Penn State. "I'm like, 'Oh, victory!' There's nothing to this movie that was just the violence. It's about triumph."

In New Jersey, 90-year-old Edna Oatman of Pleasantville dressed in her Sunday best for her first visit to a movie theater since "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" in 1982.

"If you read the Bible story, you know that Jesus died for the whole world, not just Christians," said Oatman, who saw the film Wednesday morning.

"Maybe this will get people going to church." "If you intellectualize this movie, the message is one of love. But emotionally, if anyone is on the border of hating Jesus, this will push you over," said Rabbi Bernard Rosenberg, chief rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Edison, N.J. He also teaches Holocaust studies at Rutgers University.

"With all the publicity, Mel Gibson is living up to the hype of the way to the bank." Rosenberg said after seeing the film. "Theaters are going to be packed, and his pockets will be lined."

Following months of hype, curiosity about the movie seems almost inane. Advance ticket sales hit $10 million, distributor Newmarket Films reported this week — evidence of the skilled marketing campaign and word-of-mouth buzz as the film was screened for private, often conservative Christian audiences.

Newmarket opened the film on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the Catholic Church's period of penitence, sacrifice and reflection before Easter.

Churches from coast to coast reserved entire theaters for opening day, while the National Association of Evangelicals, which represents more than 50 denominations with 43,000 congregations, helped sell tickets on its Web site.

U.S. Economy

Greenspan wants cuts in benefits

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, stepping into the politically charged debate over Social Security, said Wednesday the country can't afford the retirement benefits promised to baby boomers and urged Congress to trim them.

He said that unless Congress acts, soaring budget deficits from out-of-control program costs could lead to a "very debilitating" rise in interest rates.

Democratic presidential candidates denounced his proposals, and President Bush and other Republicans sought to distance themselves from the Reagan administration's cuts in Social Security.

The central bank chairman also repeated his view that Bush's tax cuts should be made permanent to bolster economic growth. He said the estimated $1 trillion in benefits should be paid for, preferably, with spending cuts so the deficit would not be worsened.

As for specifics on trimming Social Security, Greenspan told the House Budget Committee that one possibility "would be to switch to an alternative measure of inflation for annual cost-of-living adjustments. Instead of relying on the Consumer Price Index, he suggested switching to a new chain-weighted CPI that gives lower inflation readings and thus would mean lower future payments.

Greenspan, who turns 78 next week, also suggested tying the retirement age for full benefits to longer lifespans with the age continuing to rise. The 65-year age for receiving full benefits started increasing last year and now stands at 65 years and four months. It will increase to 67 over the next two decades and then stop rising.

Greenspan said his comments simply voiced views he has held since he chaired a blue-ribbon commission two decades ago. But the remarks set off a political storm.

Democratic front-runner Sen. John Kerry said the way to address the deficit was to roll back tax cuts for the wealthy and "the wrong way to cut the deficit is to cut Social Security benefits. If I'm president, we're simply not going to do it." Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., called it "an outrage" for Greenspan to call for cuts in Social Security while at the same time endorsing making Bush's tax cuts permanent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, went even further and called for Greenspan to resign as Fed chairman, saying his comments were "a disgrace."
SWITZERLAND

Air traffic controller stabbed to death

Associated Press

ZURICH — An air traffic controller who ordered a passenger plane off another aircraft over Germany — a crash that killed 73 people including 25 children — was stabbed to death Wednesday morning in front of his wife.

The attacker was a heavily built man in his 30s who belonged to a loosely Eastern European, with glasses and a small, three-day stubble. He showed up at the controller's home Tuesday night, spoke briefly to the controller in broken German, killed him and fled.

Beyond that description, police said they have no leads on the killer but are investigating a possible link between the stabbing and the crash 19 months ago that killed 73 people. The accident was blamed on the controller, a 36-year-old Danish citizen who has never been named by authorities.

"There wasn't much said," District Attorney Jean-Antoine Gossner told The Associated Press. He declined to say what was said between the controller and the attacker in the time of the murder, but would not say if they included the couple's children. The controller died at the scene, police said.

"We are looking at all sorts of possible motives — including that the murderer was connected to the July 1, 2002, crash over southern Germany, an accident involving a Swiss jetliner," Gossner told Focus.

At the time, the controller was on duty in the Zurich control room, because a colleague was taking a two-week vacation. The recriminations of the controllers' work were also extending. The Danes was placed on medical leave after the crash. He was allowed to return to work but would resu lt in the death of his children, he said.

The controller told the Russian plane to descend, countering the jetliner's 'airborne and continuing' system which was demanding it climb, according to preliminary accident reports.

The pilot followed the instructions of the controller — sending the jetliner straight into the one cargo plane, which also was descending in accordance with its collision-avoiding equipment.

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States can deny money to divinity students

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — States don’t have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, a departure from the court’s trend of allowing more government support for religion.

States can deny taxpayer-funded scholarships to divinity students, even as they hand out money to students pursuing other fields, the court said.

"Training someone to lead a congregation is an essentially religious endeavor," the court said. "Indeed, majoring in devotional theology is akin to a religious calling as well as an academic pursuit."

The 7-2 ruling was notable for its author, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, ordinarily a supporter of the idea that there is not a high wall between church and state.

The court majority parted company with the Bush administration, which had argued that the state of Washington engaged in religious discrimination when it yanked a scholarship from a young divinity student five years ago.

Joshua Davey won the small merit scholarship but then lost it when he told officials at Northwest College in Kirkland, Wash., he planned to use the money to pursue a theology degree. He could have kept the Promise Scholarship had he planned to major in anything else.

"That a state would deal differently with religious education for the ministry than with education for other callings, is not evidence of hostility toward religion," Rehnquist wrote for himself and all but one of the court’s two most conservative members. Instead, it is in keeping with the nation’s long tradition of welcoming the free expression of religion while frowning on government endorsement of it, Rehnquist wrote.

Like 36 other states, Washington prohibits spending public funds on this kind of religious education. Bans on public funds for religious education, often known as Blaine amendments, date to the 19th century, when anti-Catholic sentiment ran high.

The Washington ban "does not deny to ministers the right to participate in the political affairs of the community," the court majority said. "And it does not require students to choose between their religious beliefs and receiving a government benefit. The state has merely chosen not to fund a distinct category of instruction."

The Davey case is a follow-up to the court’s major ruling two years ago that allowed parents to use public tax money to send their children to religious schools. A ruling in Davey’s favor would have made it easier to use vouchers in many states, because it could have overturned provisions in state constitutions like that issue at issue in Washington.

The Constitution’s First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Davey case posed an unusual test of those two, potentially competing, guarantees. Rehnquist made short work of that thorny issue.

"The state’s interest in not funding the pursuit of devotional degrees is substantial and the exclusion of such funding places a relatively minor burden on Promise Scholars," Rehnquist wrote. "If any room exists between the two religion clauses, it would lie here."


Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"Let there be no doubt: This case is about discrimination against a religious minority," Scalia wrote for the two.

Davey continued his education without the subsidy. He did not choose to enter the ministry after graduation, and is now in law school.

"The indulgence of being singled out for special burdens on the basis of one’s calling is so profound that the concrete harm produced can never be dismissed as insubstantial," wrote Scalia, the father of a Catholic priest.

Had the court ruled the other way, it could have created the precedent of never allowing the Blaine amendment to be overturned.

Instead, the study said, the situation deteriorated. It cited arrests of democracy activists and a new reign of terror. Subjects on the Internet deemed sensitive by the government.

Chinese authorities in Tibet carried out executions without due process and engaged in torture and arbitrary arrest, the report said.

The Bush administration traditionally seeks a resolution critical of China at the annual meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Last year was an exception because of progress on the rights front in China.

But Assistant Secretary Lorne Craner, the State Department’s top human rights official, said Wednesday that such a resolution may be introduced at this year’s meet­ing, starting next month.

"We’re heading in that direc­tion," Craner told reporters.

The report also alleged that the government carried out criminal prosecutions and threats of prosecutions against major financial supporters of opposition parties.

On other countries, the report said:

There were "serious human rights abuses" committed by Israeli security forces against Palestinian detainees. These units used excessive force, including the shelling, bombing and raiding of Palestinian civilian areas. But Palestinian security services and the Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization participated with civilian and terrorist groups in violent attacks against Israeli civilian and military.

There was no reference in the report to the controversial security barrier Israel is constructing on Palestinian territory.

North Korea "is one of the world’s most militarized states." Abuses included "instances of extrajudicial killing, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention, and denial of adequate medical care."

The Iraqi government’s poor human rights record remained and is continued to commit serious abuses, including "some restrictions, disappearances, torture and other degrading treatment."

State Dept. reports on human rights problems

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — China has been "backsliding on key human rights issues," the State Department said Wednesday in a report that also accused Russia of manipulating elections and making threats against opposition parties.

"We saw many developments covering the whole range from the dramatically uplifting in the disappointing," the State Department said in its annual report on the state of human rights worldwide. The report covers developments in 2003.

Among the most positive developments last year were the rescue of Iraq from "years of grave human rights violations by Saddam Hussein’s regime" and the adoption of a new constitution in Afghanistan through a democratic process, the study said.

On China, the report said 2003 began with hopes that "incremental but unprecedented progress" the previous year would continue.

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The report is the State Department’s annual report on the state of human rights worldwide, covering developments in 2003. It is also the first major country report since the Bush administration took office.

The State Department said Wednesday that "a new U.S. approach" had been "hugely successful" in persuading China to make human rights improvements.

"Incremental but significant improvements have been made," the report said. "Moreover, we have seen the emergence of a broader and more assertive human rights consciousness among the Chinese public."
Pentagon says military sexual assault declining

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sexual assault cases in the military have been cut in half in recent years, the Pentagon said Wednesday, responding to criticism from lawmakers who say the Defense Department has been doing enough to address the issue.

"This war comes without costs, but the costs should be borne out of conflict with others, not by egregious violations by some of our own troops," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel, said new figures show the rate of sexual assaults against women in the military fell from 6 percent to 3 percent between 1995 and 2002.

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The Pentagon said there have been 106 reports of sexual assault in the past 14 months, and 65 in the Middle East — including Iraq and Afghanistan — over the past 14 months.

In the Army, there have been 58 reports of sexual assault. Investigations have concluded in about half and 14 court-martial cases have been filed. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr. said investigations are harder to conduct when done in the midst of a military operation.

One of those cases involved Barbara Wharton's daughter. She was stationed with the Stryker Brigade outside Iraq last November when she was knocked unconscious by an unknown attacker, after getting off guard duty in the early morning hours.

Wharton's daughter stripped, bound and gagged. Doctors determined she was raped, but Wharton said the committee in a statement that minimal effort was taken to find her daughter's attacker. Her daughter was moved out of her unit, her requests to meet with a psychologist rejected and she eventually attempted suicide.

Wharton said her daughter was returned to the U.S. but she felt "abandoned" by her command.

"Just because I came back after all this has happened, they're treating me like I'm faking," the daughter said, according to her father, who told The Associated Press he "feel like my chain of command betrayed me."

I gave four years to that unit and I feel like it kicked me in the teeth when I was down," Christine Hasan, executive director of the Connecticut-based Midline Foundation, a support group for military victims of domestic and sexual violence, said 65 women, most of them officers, contacted her organization with stories of sexual assaults at the hands of fellow members of the military.

At least 13 had also reported the assaults to military officials.

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The inquiry was prompted by stories in The Denver Post that the military had escaped punishment in about half and 14 court-martial cases.

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Responding to a query from the FBC, CBS and Fox TV have said they would run advertisements touting the V-chip, technology built into a TV set to make it easier for companies to own indecency, might not want their shows to be interpreted as part of a seven-day-second on shows with live talk, spokesman Dana McClatchow.

Infiniti in 1995 paid the largest cumulative fine to date, $1.7 million, for various violations of a broadcast indecency.

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**what’s happening**

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**First Sunday of Lent**

Around campus (every Sunday)

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2nd: Romans 10:8-13
Anti-Semitism is the world's oldest hatred, and it is with us still. A little more than a year ago I wrote about the Library of Alexandria, the greatest library of the ancient world. It was in the Great Library that Euclid wrote his geometry. Archimedes discovered principles that would form the basis of classical science. A team of 72 translators translated the Pentateuch into Greek.

When the Library was destroyed long ago, countless irreplaceable works of literature, philosophy and history were lost to us forever. I chose to write about this because the Bibliotheca Alexandrina has recently been reopened on the site of the original Library. Built with the support of UNESCO, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina was, I suggested, a beacon of hope in a world scarred by the genocide and tyranny of the Twentieth Century. I have been forced to reconsider my optimism after reading that the Library recently displayed an Arabic translation of a book called The Protocols of the Elders of Zion as a Jewish holy text. On the very site where over two millennia ago the Jewish scriptures were translated into the common tongue of the day, one of the most virulently anti-Semitic texts ever written — which has been described as "a warrant for genocide" — was being presented as a Jewish holy book, equal to the Torah.

The Protocols were written in czarist Russia, but the book is most infamous as a seminal text of Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda. It purports to be a document detailing the secret plans of a Cabal of Jewish elders to gain control of the world. The text is a crude forgery, discredited long ago, and its content is outlined by even the standard of conspiracy theories. But despite all this, it is believed by many millions of people in the Muslim world — it is of course a simplification to speak of "the Muslim world," but no more so than speaking of "Europe." As Orwell noted, "One of the marks of anti-Semitism is an inability to believe stories that could not possibly be true." I am not suggesting that it is inherently anti-Semitic. On the contrary, for much of Islam's history, Jews suffered considerably worse persecution and discrimination in Christian Europe than they did in Muslim countries. It should also be noted that many of the anti-Semitic themes that are so common in countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia are European imports. One common claim, known as the blood libel, is that Jews use Christian blood to bake matzah for Passover and it has its origins in medieval Europe. One of the many books in circulation that repeats this libel, "The Matzah of Zion," recently went into its eighth edition in Syria. Until recently its author, Mustafa Tlas, was the Syrian Minister of Defense.

One gauge of the depth of anti-Semitism is the extent of its acceptability — the extent to which even senior statesmen and other public figures can make slanderous and hateful claims about Jews with impunity. Although not on a comparable scale there are also disturbing signs in modern Europe, where surveys continue to report widespread anti-Jewish prejudice and where in many countries there have been upsurges in Islamism and amount of violent assaults on Jews and arson attacks on synagogues. Last year the chief rabbi of France, Joseph Sitruk, felt compelled to suggest that Jewish men should not wear their skullcaps in public so as "to avoid becoming a target for potential assailants.

Last November in the city of Terre Haute, here in Indiana, a Holocaust museum was partially destroyed in an arson attack, and there have been similar attacks made on synagogues in San Francisco and Alamedia, Calif., and Syracuse, N.Y. Many sources also report a significant increase in violent assaults against Jews, as well as reports of ethnic slurs and verbal harassment.

One of the false lessons we sometimes draw from the history of the Holocaust is that anti-Semitism has its natural home on the political Right — we infer this in part because we are largely ignorant of the history of Italian Fascism, which was ultranationalist but not anti-Semitic.

Nothing compares to the Holocaust in the extent of the evil perpetrated on the Jewish people, but nonetheless the sad fact is that history has shown that virulent forms of anti-Semitism are capable of being grafted onto almost any ideology. August Bebel, a friend of Karl Marx, once called it "the socialism of fools." In the century that followed, there was no shortage of fools. Last year, copies of The Protocols were sold at a number of prominent anti-war rallies.

The rule should be simple: We should show no more tolerance for anti-Semitism amongst those we consider our political allies than anti-Semitism amongst our political opponents.

Instead, we noticed how the conspiratorial theories about the malignant influence of Jews within the government are currently a theme found on both the Left and the Right, we should certainly recognize the limited usefulness of those terms for establishing who our political allies are.

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Defending the minority

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Kanye West, the future of hip hop

By ARINNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critic

Kanye West is a breath of fresh air in an increasingly stale industry where cars, sex and bling reign supreme. West's eagerly anticipated debut album, The College Dropout, is fun, creative and at times irreverent, blending his top-notch skills as Roc-A-Fella's in-house producer with his talents as a decent MC. His role as a producer however, is the one that paved his way to success and notoriety in the hip-hop world. West worships his idols, an impressive clientele list that includes labelmate Jay-Z, Monica, Talib Kweli, Mos Def, Ludacris and Britney Spears. West is as much in demand as some of the hottest producers around like the Neptunes and Timbaland. Although he certainly delivers, his style of music, as evidenced by the Alicia Keys smash "You Don't Know My Name," West proves that he did indeed save some of his best beats for himself. Throughout Dropout, West reveals his appreciation for classic R&B, sampling heavily from the songs of established stars like Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and Luther Vandross. Fortunately, West possesses the skills and judgment to know just how much of a sample is needed and, in turn, how to tweak it for his specific musical needs. Unlike other chronic samplers whose cringe-inducing songs verge on criminal (think P. Diddy, Jennifer Lopez, etc.), West is smart and innovative, using, for example, Chaka Khan's hook from "Through the Fire" to buttress his current hit on "Through the Wire," which he vocalized with a wizened voice. Playing with notions about higher education, opportunity and social mobility, West also manages to infuse some of his political and cultural views among his solid production and lyrics. On the furious and lazy "Spaceship," West complains about a job at the GAP over a sample of Marvin Gaye's "Distant Lover." He laments about workplace racism, declaring, "If my manager found out that I will never be hiring him ... / Take me to the back and pat me askin' me bout somethings / But let some black people walk in I bet you they show off / they token blankety / 0 now they love Kanye let's put him all in the front of the store." The humorous and cheeky "The New Workout Plan" satirizes so-called "video hos" and groups, while "Jesus Walks" and "We Don't Care" question the state of a world mired in poverty, terrorism and racial inequality.

These successes notwithstanding, West is at his best on the standout track "Two Words," featuring Mos Def, labelmate Freeway, and the Harbors Boys Choir. Backed by a superb beat and swelling vocals, West boasts that he is the "most imitated, Grammy nominated / 2 words, Chi town, raised me / crazy / So I live by two words, ... pay me." In all, West's debut effort is clever and capable, presenting his talents as a rapper-producer and highlighting his consciousness and concerns as a young adult. He only narrowly escapes being bogged down by the tiring, incessant skills that have become standard on hip-hop albums by making his interludes shorter and bold. Despite this near-faw, West is golden and is certainly giving his colleagues and fellow Roc-A-Fella members M.E.M.P.H.I.S. Bleek, Freeway and Cam'ron something to think about. As these three try to keep their careers afloat, their label and the world recognize that Kanye West is the future, leaving little room for mediocrity and even less time for them to play catch-up.

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Irish band releases thrilling debut

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
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Thrilling: A word any new band wants to be described as. But why wait for the critics to call you that? Better yet, just make it the name of your band! The new Virgin Records band The Thrills seems to have adopted just that strategy in choosing their extremely suggestive name. However, the question looms: Are they what they seem? The Thrills are friends from adolescence, and after a couple of years of learning and practicing music, the band took a four month vacation to San Diego, Calif. in the summer of 1999. It was their love of the '60s West Coast rock music that led them to San Diego, and once they arrived they found sofas that they pulled onto the beach and wrote their album. The Californian influence is obvious, if not the focus, of their album. Of the 11 songs, eight are blatantly related to, if not about, California, the beach and the sun. Thus The Thrills cover three of many young adults' favorite things — not bad for subject matter. Influenced by The Beach Boys, ESP, Kurt Bacharach, as well as "The Virgin Suicides" and "West Side Story," and also their Irish descent, The Thrills produce a unique and interesting sound on So Much for the City. As for their creative name, The Thrills claim it as "inspired in equal parts by Phil Spector's Sixties girl groups and Michael Jackson's greatest LP." These guys do not fit into any box rock and roll has come across before. Throughout their album, the songs are interesting and musically unique for our time. The influence of the Beach Boys is very apparent, but the overall sound is much stronger than the melodies of the Beach Boys. With stronger drum and bass presence, the catchy melody is sung by the gentle voice of lead singer Cianor Beasy. There is a lot of Beach Boys-esque echoing in choruses and such, and overall it really works. Keys are integral to So Much for the City, as is the often plucking sound of a gentler guitar that has been seen in much current rock music. There really is not a song worth skipping on the entire record. Some of the stronger songs are "Santa Cruz (You're Not That Girl)," "Don't Steal Our Sun," "Big Sur" and "Your Love Is Like Las Vegas." Some of the songs even have a bit of a country twang to them, like "Say It Ain't So," and many of the songs have a harmonica sound added to the melody. So Much for the City is a good album done by a very unique band. The Thrills have produced an album perfect for spring break and even better for these cold weeks leading up to it.

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Mason Jennings keeps it real

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

"Trying to describe Mason Jennings' voice is nearly impossible. Lots of words come to mind — clear, authentic, straightforward, folksy, unassuming, hill billy — but none of these quite capture the sound and presence that leaves his voice resonating long after the song is done. The word that comes closest is antique, and antique is a good word to describe the whole of Jennings' fourth album, aptly titled *Use Your Voice*. Jennings follows his own advice, and his voice becomes the spice and life of every song on the album, resulting in a spare yet melodic collection of ten songs that ranges from the political to the personal.

On the grand-scale of musicians, Jennings is still small-dime, but his loyal fan base stretches the globe. On his own record label, Jennings has managed to sell close to 100,000 albums through word of mouth, touring and the Internet. In Minneapolis, the city he calls home, Jennings is often regarded as the next Bob Dylan or Johnny Cash, both of whom happen to be two of his biggest influences. Of his latest album, Jennings says on his website, "I was really influenced by Johnny Cash's American recordings and Bob Dylan's Blood on the Tracks — I love the no-frills sound on those records and that recording style makes the songs stand out and it sounds real to me." "No frills" is a good way to describe *Use Your Voice*. The album is a very simple construction of guitar, banjo, drums, an occasional harmonica, and of course, Jennings' voice. The lack of production on this album was an intentional decision for Jennings who has toured with Jack Johnson, and is currently touring the west coast. As he says on his website, "Sometimes I feel that people don't think you're a good musician if you're not polished or on the radio. And that makes me sad because I believe that a lot of people actually admire, like Johnny Cash, Paul Simon or Bob Dylan, so we wouldn't get a record deal today mainly because they sang from their hearts and not to get on the radio or anything like that. They just wrote songs for themselves, and that was my vision behind *Use Your Voice*: to sing from my heart."

Without reservation on his music from a record company, Jennings is truly able to sing from his heart, with his voice and knack for melody helping him out. One of the best songs on the album is "Ballad for Paul and Sheila," a eulogy for former Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone, who died with his wife in a plane crash last October. Jennings was on tour when he heard about the Wellstone's death and was deeply affected by it, causing him to write this song. "Burning Bright" and "45," in which Jennings' sings, "Hey Senator, I wanna say all the things you fought for didn't die here today / hey Senator, I'm gonna do all the things I can to live my life more like you lived," all say on his website, "Sometimes I feel that people don't think you're a good musician if you're not polished or on the radio. And that makes me sad because I believe that a lot of people actually admire, like Johnny Cash, Paul Simon or Bob Dylan, so we wouldn't get a record deal today mainly because they sang from their hearts and not to get on the radio or anything like that. They just wrote songs for themselves, and that was my vision behind *Use Your Voice*: to sing from my heart."

The rest of the songs on the album tend to stay away from political themes, and instead deal with loseвие confusion, working man blues, homesickness and happiness. The opening track, "Crown," blows in with a steady beat and a bluesy harmonica with Jennings singing about his ambivalence toward a former lover who broke his heart. "Empire Builder" features Jennings' voice singing like the hammer he uses during working days on the railroad. "Keepin' It Real" is an uplifting number with Jennings' voice brimming with spirit. "There ain't no rest in the happiness box."

Although mainstream fame isn't something Jennings is seeking, his music, lyrics and vocals are of a quality deserving recognition. His own lyrics describe his musical philosophy best, "In our hearts we're keepin' it, keepin' it, keepin' it, keepin' it real."

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Shinedown has a bright future

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Music Critic

Jacksonville, Florida has a checkered past, at best, when it comes to producing quality music. It has generated past, at best, when it comes to large fan base with much publicity. Mason Jennings has managed to build a large fan base without much publicity.

Shinedown was formed in the early months of 2001, after lead singer Brent Smith lost all his former band on the eve of their own record deal. The next year saw Smith join guitarist Jasin Todd, bassist Brad Stewart, and drummer Barry Kerch to form Shinedown. It did not take the boys long to hone their skills and consequently gain the chemistry needed for a successful band. Shinedown came together quickly, and it took less than a year for the labels to begin knocking on their door as they were signed in early 2002.

Shinedown has a wide spectrum of influences that range from fellow hometown sons Lynyrd Skynyrd to Led Zeppelin. Consequently, the sound that makes up Shinedown's freshman release, *Leave a Whisper*, is more mature than what most radio stations are currently cranking out. Shinedown manages to mix a thunderous guitar with passionate vocals not seen since Black Sabbath. *Leave A Whisper* begins with Shinedown's radio debut, "Fly From the Inside," which serves as the perfect track to introduce listeners to their sound. The song manages to express everything Shinedown does well on a single track. "Fly From the Inside" begins with a simple guitar that is joined by bass and drums until they fade and the guitar is left. It is in this timing of the instruments and Shinedown's ability to play off one another that sticks out as one of their greatest attributes. However, many bands possess this quality yet get lost in a pack of music groups. Undoubtedly, it is the vocals of Smith that takes Shinedown from a good band to a great one. *Leave A Whisper* has a plethora of songs that combine great musicianship with poignant vocals. This ability can be seen in such songs as "Burning Bright" and "45," in which intricate instrumentation is combined with powerful cord-driven rock, and singing is blended with passionate howling not seen since the prime of Ozzy Osbourne. It is these songs that prove the future of this young band is as bright as their name.

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Use Your Voice
Mason Jennings
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Leave a Whisper
Shinedown
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Leaves of Grass
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Upcoming Florida-based band Shinedown displays a wide variety of influences, including classic rock icons Lynyrd Skynyrd and Led Zeppelin.
Demon Deacons rally, overcome 17-point deficit in OT win

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Justin Gray scored a career-high 31 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:22 left in overtime, and No. 11 Wake Forest rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half to beat Florida State 90-85 in overtime Saturday.

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The Demon Deacons (18-6, 8-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their fifth straight game and avenged last month's loss to the Seminoles (18-10, 6-8), who have lost four of six. Florida State has lost 23 straight road games in conference play, extending a streak that began in March 2001.

The win keeps the Demon Deacons in third place in the ACC, which was ranked in this week's Top 25. Trailing 60-45 after a 3 by Pickett midway through the second half, the Demon Deacons closed the second half with a 12-0 run and completed a regular-season sweep of the Seminoles.

Gray hit the tying free throw with 1:19 left to go, and the Demon Deacons closed the game 1-for-6 at the free throw line and 2-for-14 from behind the arc in overtime. The Seminoles shot 8-for-12 from the field and 5-for-10 from the line in overtime.

FLORIDA STATE (18-6, 8-5 ACC) finished with eight points.

Associated Press

The Demon Deacons, which have lost four of six. Connecticut, which has won 11 straight Big East games.

Associated Press

Connecticut (23-2, 13-1) made its 12th straight victory an easy one with an easy one with an early 30-0 run and had a 40-8 scoring edge in the paint. Connecticut led 45-16 at halftime, but went just 7-for-22 from the field in the second half, shooting 25 percent and had 15 points off turnovers after halftime. Florida State shot 50 percent in the first half, but went just 8-for-22 in the second.

No. 9 Kentucky 92, Tennessee 74

Associated Press

Kellen Arazhukev scored 17 points and No. 9 Kentucky went 11-19 from 3-point range in a victory over Tennessee.

Associated Press

The Huskies, who led 45-16 at the break, have won 18 straight games and have dressed just eight players. Coach Susan Yow dismissed two players on Feb. 6 for undisclosed reasons and her short bench was no match for the deep and talented Huskies.

Associated Press

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The Volunteers posted their largest winning margin of the season and their highest point total since a 101-72 win over Eastern Kentucky on Dec. 23.

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The Volunteers made 11 3-pointers against Eastern Kentucky. Kentucky entered the game 10th in the SEC in made 3-pointers per game at 5.4.

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The Volunteers scored 13 points in the third and second halves.

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Kentucky also matched its third highest 3-point output of the season.

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Kentucky outrebounded the taller Volunteers 40-27.

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8:15 PM MICHIGAN STATE OCTET I
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9:00 PM WESTERN MICHIGAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA
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Bonds attacks Wendell for accused steroid use

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds chastised Colorado reliever Turk Wendell on Wednesday for accusing him of using steroids.

A day after Wendell said it was "clear just seeing his body" that Bonds was taking steroids, the San Francisco Giants slugger said the remark should’ve been made directly to him — not a reporter.

"I heard about his comments. If you’ve got something to say, say it to my face," Bonds said. "Don’t talk through the media."

"I’m not worried about him. I’m not worried about anyone. I have a lot of respect for Turk Wendell. I have a lot of respect for every baseball player in this game," he added. "You got something to say, you come to my face and say it and we’ll deal with each other. Don’t talk through the media like you’re some tough guy."

On Tuesday in Tucson, Wendell criticized Bonds to The Denver Post.

Bonds, who has always denied using steroids, appeared in December before a grand jury probing a supplements lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to athletes.

His trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men charged this month. All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged.

"If my personal trainer, me, admitted to giving steroids to baseball players, he just doesn’t want to say his name. You don’t have to. It’s clear just seeing his body."

Rockies pitcher Denny Neagle also chimed in on the subject.

"It is a pretty good coincidence that some of the names that are linked to them are the guys that are the big, massive, overmuscular looking guys," Neagle told the Post.

"I don’t know or remember what Jason Giambi looked like back in his early days, but I know he wasn’t as big as he is now. The jury is always going to be out on Barry."

Speaking after the Giants’ first full-squad workout at spring training, Bonds also hinted that he isn’t going to put up with as much from pitchers this season — but he didn’t go as far as saying he’d retaliate if he gets hit.
Tiger survives scare, beats Rollins in first round

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Tiger Woods never had the lead until it mattered Wednesday, making birdies on his final two holes to survive a scare from John Rollins in the Match Play Championship.

Facing a first-round elimination for the second time in three years, Woods twice made knee-knocking pars to stay in the game, pulled even with an 8-iron from 171 yards that plunked down 18 inches behind the cup on No. 17, then won the closing hole.

Rollins, who survived a thriller.

"That was tough," Woods said. "We're going to spend the next couple weeks evaluating where we're going to go and how we're going to get to where we decide to go. When the deadline comes around, you'll probably have an idea." New York likely will miss the playoffs for a seventh straight season despite the highest payroll in the NHL. Brian Leetch, Bobby Holik and Andrei Koscheev are among the Rangers with the most trade value, and Eric Lindros and Mark Messier are approaching the end of their contracts — if not their careers.

Assistant coach Tom Renney was promoted to interim coach, and assistants Terry O'Reilly and Ted Green will remain on the staff. With 20 games remaining, the Rangers are in 12th place in their conference, 14 points behind the eighth-place New York Islanders.

"We've got a long way to go in a lot of areas to get back to respectability, let alone trying to make a playoff run," Messier said.

The 60-year-old Sather has been booted recently by disgruntled fans, and chants of "Fire Sather!" have become common at Madison Square Garden.

"The chanting at the Garden was distracting to the players, they seemed to get uptight. You hear something like that as soon as you make a mistake, and instead of getting better, you get worse," Sather said. "I think that's part of the reason I stepped down." The New York Post reported that Sather met with team owner James Dolan on Tuesday and decided to relinquish his coaching responsibilities. Renney said Sather first mentioned the possibility of stepping down about a week ago.

On Jan. 26, Dolan gave Sather a vote of confidence despite the team's struggles.

Sather resigns as Rangers coach, remains president/GM
**MLB**

Reviving Pitchers: 
Braves have the magic

Associated Press

**KISSIMMEE, Fla.** — Hey, are you looking for someone to give you a hand? Want to know what's up, but you're not sure if it's a good decision? Well, it might be time to check out the Atlanta Braves, who have made a habit of reviving struggling pitchers' careers.

By John Hartung From Atlanta, Georgia Mike Hampton to Jaret Wright, the Braves have shown a magic touch. It all starts in spring training, when the Braves hold their first full-squad workout Wednesday. The Magnoza's perspective. It all starts in spring training, when the Braves hold their first full-squad workout Wednesday. From pitching coach Leo Mazzone, the pitching coach since 1990, pets much of credit for Atlanta's success on the mound. He's certainly been blessed with plenty of talent, including Cy Young winners Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine. But it's Mazzone's work with those guys on the fringes — the fifth starter, the middle reliever — that makes him especially valuable. The names change from year to year, but Atlanta keeps coming up with productive pitchers from the best league possibly. Such as retirement. Chris Hammond left the game for 2 1/2 years, but his return with the Braves produced some astonishing results in 2002: 7-2, 0.95 ERA. Once their work is done, they're free to leave. That's led to a recurring legendary joke: Don't get between a pitcher and the golf course after he's done throwing. "It's all about the pitchers around here," Mazzone said. "They are first-class citizens, and they get treated that way."

For Wright, coming to the Braves was a chance to revitalize a once-promising career. Only 21 when he started Game 7 of the 1997 World Series for Cleveland, two operations left the right-hander scraping rock-bottom. Wright was 1-4 with an 8.74 ERA for lowly San Diego when the Braves claimed him off waivers late last season. He pitched well in relief, made the postseason roster and now has a chance to be part of the starting rotation. He's a big supporter of Mazzone's pitching mantra: Have command of the fastball and change speeds.

"That fits in well with what I've always thought," Wright said. "I just never tried to make it as complicated. A lot of guys make it real complicated and wind up getting away from what they do best."

Burckett is perhaps the best advertisement for the Braves' rejuvenating qualities. He was cut by Tampa Bay at the end of spring training in 2000, but exactly indicative of a career on the upswing. Picked up by the Braves, he made the All-Star squad workout Wednesday. Add him to the list of players who have made a habit of reviving struggling pitchers' careers.

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**NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Top conferences prosper

**INDIANAPOLIS —** Saint Joseph's and Gonzaga have made a strong case for the nation's mid-major programs. But even in a season when some college basketball's top conferences — notably the Big Ten and Pac-10 — have been mediocre, there appears to be little change in the NCAA tournament selection process.

When the 65-team field is announced March 14, the six power conferences — the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference — are again expected to dominate the selections.

And the process seems to favor them.

"It depends on the league and the individual work the institution has done," NCAA selection committee chairman Bob Bowlsby said Wednesday. "Our job is to take the 31 automatic qualifiers and the 34 best at-large teams we can find."

Almost annually, the vast majority of those teams come from the big six leagues. The committee took 27 teams from those conferences in 2002 and 30 last year. The number could increase again, with some projections showing eight teams from the SEC, as many as seven from the ACC and six from the Big East.

But Bowlsby believes the significant success of the mid­majors this year will make the selection committee's task even more difficult.

Second-ranked Saint Joseph's (24-6) and fourth­ranked Gonzaga (23-2) lead the way and No. 16 Southern Illinois (23-2) and No. 24 Utah State (22-2) aren't far behind.

Other worthy candidates include Air Force (19-5), which is fighting for its first tournament berth since 1986, and Xavier (16-9).

"It seems to me that we have more teams under surveillance than in previous years," Bowlsby said.

"I think a lot of teams can play and a lot of players can play."

Will it make a difference? Maybe.

Bowlsby, Iowa's athletic director, insisted the committee will look at the same criteria it usually does — schedule strength, conference and non-conference records, home and away records and the Ratings Percentage Index. Inevitably, those factors seem to favor the stronger conferences, particularly the RPI.

"It is kind of an element of a self-fulfilling prophecy once you get into conference play," Bowlsby said. "But it's a mistake to use the RPI as a precision instrument."
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## In Brief

### Infamous foul ball getting explosive Chicago send-off

**CHICAGO** - This ball is going, going, going... Ka-BLAM!

In an event applying the gloss of Hollywood and R.T. Bannum to the "curse" of the Chicago Cubs, the foul ball that couldn't be caught in the championship series. The ball-bashing, taking place with the New York Yankees at this time, "is done, because some of the stuff is still up in the air," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said.

Williams is a rare example of a young player who can make the jump, although there are questions about his speed.

### Milwaukee's T.J. Ford out for two to three weeks

**MILWAUKEE** - Milwaukee point guard T.J. Ford is expected to miss two to three weeks because of a bruised spinal cord. Ford was carried off the court on a stretcher after falling hard during the fourth quarter Tuesday night against Minnesota.

The rookie spent the night at St. Luke's Medical Center. Further evaluation, including an MRI, found Ford sustained a mild bruise, the Bucks said Wednesday.

### Strawberry resigns from Yankees post

**TAMPA, Fla.** - Darryl Strawberry resigned as a player development instructor with the New York Yankees on Wednesday to spend more time with church-related activities.

"Because of the commitments that I have to my church, which includes considerable travel, I do not feel I can fulfill my obligations to be with the Yankees at this time," Strawberry said in a statement.

"I must therefore leave my position as a player development instructor. While I truly love baseball, my focus and passion now are outreach to the community and youth evangelism."

The eight-time All-Star, who has overcome a drug addiction, prison term and cancer, was hired last November. He was going to work with the major league team during spring training and with minor league teams the rest of the year.

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The team said the prognosis was good. Another proposed deal moved forward, too, the swap of Keyshawn Johnson from Tampa to Dallas for Joey Galloway. That trade was contingent on the Cowboys and Bucs adjusting the contracts of the wide receivers, whose teams have become disen­chanted with them.

The New England Patriots, meanwhile, said that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady underwent a minor procedure on his throwing shoulder.

Mike Williams reaches for a pass in USC's 45-14 win over Notre Dame last fall. The sophomore declared himself eligible for the draft Wednesday.

### Bailey, Portis almost done; Williams enters draft

The Champ Bailey for Clinton Portis deal is almost done, barring a breakdown in contract talks between Bailey and the Denver Broncos.

Still, the proposed Washington-Denver trade that has been discussed all week shared top billing Wednesday with Mike Williams' decision to leave national champion Southern California and enter the NFL draft.

The New England Patriots, meanwhile, said that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady underwent a minor procedure on his throwing shoulder.
MINNEAPOLIS — Troy Hudson filled the shoes of Sam Cassell just fine, helping end the New Jersey Nets' winning streak at 14 games.

Hudson, making his first start of the season in place of the injured Cassell, scored a season-high 21 points as Minnesota beat New Jersey 81-68 on Wednesday night, handing Nets coach Lawrence Frank his first loss.

Hudson, the streaky shoots who has been hampered all season by a sprained ankle, erased any hope for Frank's 16th consecutive win with 12 fourth-quarter points. Hudson and Fred Holberg scored Minnesota's first 20 points of the quarter, and the Wolves used a 15-0 run to open a 75-58 lead.

Hudson started the quarter with a 3-pointer and two foul shots before Hudson took over. He nailed a turnaround jumper from the perimeter, scored on a drive and hit another long jumper to bring the crowd to its feet.

Hollberg then brought another roar from the crowd with a 3-pointer to make it 69-59. Hudson followed with two straight 3s, and the rout was on. Kevin Garnett scored 18 points and Wally Szczerbiak, who missed 53 games with a plantar fascia strain, added a season-high 14 points.

Hornets 99, Clippers 80

Baron Davis' 26 points and nine assists led the New Orleans Hornets out of a two-game losing skid with a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Jamaal Magloire had 21 points and 14 rebounds, including a jump hook off an offensive rebound to give New Orleans a 91-85 lead with just under two minutes left.

Jamal Mashburn scored 20 for the Hornets, while P.J. Brown hit a pair of late jumpers and grabbed a key rebound with 28 seconds remaining as part of his 14-point, 12-rebound night.

Elton Brand led Los Angeles with 25 points and 10 rebounds, while reserve Chris Wilcox had 18, including a dunk that cut New Orleans' lead to 89-87 with 9.5 seconds left. But the Clippers were forced to foul, and Darrell Griffith made four free throws in the final 20 seconds.

New Orleans turned up its defensive intensity in the second half, forcing 15 turnovers that led to 11 points.

Davis missed Wednesday morning's shootaround, and coach Tim Floyd said he was having stomach problems and might not play. But the star, who is solid throughout, causing turnovers and turning them into points on half-court drives or crisp passes to open shooters. He also hit 12 of 15 field-goal attempts in the fourth quarter, one from several feet behind the arc.

Jamal Mashburn led 53 percent in the first half, but turnover-difficulty handled the game, allowing Los Angeles to stay close. The Clippers, who average 16 turnovers per game, committed none in the first half while converting seven Hornets turnovers into 10 points.

Magloire's 3-pointer midway through the second quarter gave Los Angeles a 98-96 lead, but 3-pointers by Davis and Mashburn helped New Orleans cut it to deficit to 47-42.

A short baseline jumper by Magloire, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds, gave the Hornets a 50-47 lead, and New Orleans led 50-49 at halftime after Quentin Richardson hit a layup for his 13th point of the half. Richardson finished with 18 points.

Celtics 106, Celtics 104

Walter McCarty's 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left, and the call on the buzzer, the referees ruling it came too late as the Boston Celtics lost to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Michael Redd scored 26 points and Desmond Mason added 21 for Milwaukee, which was back-to-back road games for the second time this season.

Boston lost its seventh straight game and has dropped 13 of 14. After the Celtics took a 101-100 lead on a three-point play by Mark Blount, Milwaukee responded with baskets by Keith Van Horn, Damon Jones and a pair of free throws by Ricky Davis.

Paul Pierce hit the Celtics with a three-pointer with 2:49 remaining. Blount chipped in 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Trailing 46-28 after one quarter, the Lakers went on a 13-3 spurt to take a 137-101 lead. Davis followed with a basket and free throw to pull the Celtics within two.

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NHL Chicago takes 1-goal win from Columbus

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Jamal Lewis indicted on federal drug charges

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who had the second-highest rushing total in NFL history last season, was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges.

The Atlanta native is accused of trying to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000 — just before he signed a six-year, $35.3 million contract with the Ravens.

No drugs were ever purchased, according to the indictment.

The running back's attorney, Ed Garland, said his client was innocent and would turn himself in on Thursday.

"Mr. Lewis wants everybody to know that he did nothing wrong," Garland said. "He was not part of any drug deal and any contention that he was is false."

Lewis is charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the offense, according to the indictment.

The indictment came out of a drug investigation that has led to 30 convictions and helped dismantle a cocaine-trafficking ring in the city, Duffy said. Lewis refused to say whether Lewis was tied to that drug ring.

In an affidavit, FBI special agent Hoyt Mahaley said that an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone on June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis' friend. The conversation was recorded, according to the affidavit.

"The cooperating source told Lewis that he/she was willing to sell the narcotics to Lewis' associate for a price that Lewis can tax," meaning the price could be marked up for a profit, Mahaley said in the affidavit.

Lewis responded "Yeah," the agent said.

Hours after the call, Lewis and the friend, Angelo Jackson, met with the informant at an Atlanta restaurant, the affidavit said. During the meeting, they discussed drugs, but no purchase was made.

Lewis wasn't at the gas station. His attorney, however, said Lewis was at the restaurant, but not for the reason alleged in the indictment.

Jackson was also indicted and arrested Wednesday. He faces the same counts and a third for attempt to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.
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Next up was a battle between off-campus freshmen Larry Hofman and Keenan freshman Benton Villano. Hofman was the winner in a unanimous decision.

145-pound division

Ed "Eddie Money" Liva, a sophomore from Dillion Hall, faced off against sophomore Richard "Fletch" Cea. Cea, from Morrey, came up short as Zahn's Russell won in a split decision.

A freshman versus senior matchup followed as off-campus senior Mark Pfizenmayer faced Alumni freshman Kevin "K-Mart" Martin. Pfizenmayer won in an unanimous decision.

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to win the match.

Zimmer will be up against Tim Hume in the next round of the tournament.

Joe Rehmann, a sophomore from Dillon, came out on top after an even, hard-fought match against Morrey senior Bryan Grissinger. The fight went back and forth, but Rehmann controlled the ring and was able to land more punches in order to win with a split decision.

Rehmann will face Alumni senior Corey Harkins in the next round.

155-pound division

After an impressive, hard-hitting match in the 155-pound division, Zahn sophomore Paul Hagan came out victorious over Alumni junior Kevin Lora. Hagan knocked Lora to his knees on one occasion and won the match in a unanimous decision.

Hagan will continue on to fight O'Neill junior Nathan Lohmeyer in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

A unanimous decision in the Mike Peters versus Sean Tucker matchup disguised how close the fight between the two competitors actually was. Tucker, a senior from Keenan Hall, won the match by a few punches after dominating the first round.

Peters, a sophomore from Knott Hall, looked to make a comeback in the following two rounds, even after getting knocked down midway through the second, but he ran out of time at the end. Tucker will be up against Mark Basola next.

Siegfried senior Ted Vorl dominated his bloody match against Alumni sophomore Mike Rooney with his constant slip jabs.

Vorl's consistency made the difference, and he won in a unanimous decision after controlling the ring and landing more combinations throughout the match. He will face Mike Panzica in the quarterfinals.

Also, freshman from Zahn, defeated Mike Gigante of Stanford in a one-sided, decisive match. Although he lacked the finesse of some of the older fighters, Burns came out strong and barely let Gigante get a shot off at all.

With Gigante struggling, the referee stopped the bout early and Burns came out victorious. Burns will face Brandon Gasser in the next round.

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BENGAL BOUTS 170 LBS-HAVYWEIGHTS

Big men set for challenge tonight

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

The larger fighters will get a chance to shine in the Joyce Center in the 74th Annual Bengal Bouts. In the 170-pound division, junior John Bacher faces off against freshman Brian Seiflon. Baker, a Fisher resident, is in his third year of boxing. The winner between Bacher and Seiflon, a Kough resident, will face senior captain Tommy Demko.

The winner of that bout faces the pair of the 170-pounders, Keough resident, will face senior Patrick McGarry. Fisher resident, is in his third year of the bouts, while McGarry, from Zahm, is in his fourth bouts. The winner will receive a first round bye.

In the next bracket, junior Jeff Schaal faces a tough opponent in senior Patrick McGarry. McGarry, from Zahm, is in his third year of the bouts, while Schaal, a Morrissey resident, is in his first year of Bengal Bouts. The winner of that bout faces the winner of the Bill Fordogna-Matthew Smith match up.

Fordogna, a resident of St. Edward’s, is in his first bouts as a sophomore. Smith, a law student, is also in his first bouts.

In the next bout, senior James Ward squares off against Keough freshman Stephen Humphrey. Ward has an edge as these are his third bouts. The winner will face the winner of Jeff Robinson, a law student, and John Walske. Walske, a senior, is also in his fourth bouts, while Robinson is boxing in his first Bengal Bouts.

The first bracket of the 170-pound division, Brian Nicholson drew Nick Navinic. Nicholson, a law student, will enter his first Bengal Bouts, while Navinic, a Dillon senior, fights in his third bout. The winner faces the victor of the Alex Hardy-Matt Knust matchup.

Harty, an O’Neill freshman, will have to make up the experience gap against the senior Knust, who enters his fifth Bengal Bouts.

The favorite to win the division is Demko, who gets a bye in the first round, and is fighting in his fourth Bengal Bouts.

180 pounds

In the first round of the 180-pound division, sophomore Zahnmbie Pat Brown faces Keough freshman Adam Frisch. Brown lost in the first round last year, but he will be hungry for revenge to earn the right to face junior Jim Christoforetti, who received a first round bye.

Nick Cerrio and Denis Sullivan will duke it out next. Cerrio, a freshman, will have to deal with Sullivan’s experience advantage. The winner of this bout will take on the winner of the Nick Klein-Brent Birch fight.

Klein, a Morrissey sophomore, is the underdog in a matchup of old and young. Birch, an MBA student, is in his fifth bouts.

In other action, Patrick Merril and Josh Norman will fight in the final bout of the 180-pound division. Merril, an O’Neill sophomore, has one year of Bengal Bouts experience under his belt, whereas Norman enters his third year of fights.

The final fight of the 180-pound division, Knott residence, takes place between freshman Robert Iachecristi squares off with dorm rival Siegfried’s Chris Henschel. Leachridge, a second-year fighter, will have to take advantage of the junior’s inexperience, as Henschel enters the fights for the first year. The winner of this bout earns the right to face senior Larry Rooney, who also earned a first round bye.

Light Heavyweights

In the final division of the night, a battle of Michaels will start off the action. Mike Abel, a Stanford junior, will take on Michael Denkelweter. Denkelweter enters his first bouts. The two compete for the right to face William Zilic, a senior who received a first round bye. Zilic is the favored fighter and also one of the five captains.

The only other preliminary fight in the 180-pound division takes place between freshmen Eric Ritter and senior Mike Bagdade. The battle of young versus old should prove to be interesting, and the winner moves on to face O’Neill sophomore Johnny Griffin.

The bouts start at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Irish ready to face undefeated Illini

Defending national champion and No. 1 Illini host “Ace the Irish” night

By KATE GALE

On paper, the Irish look to be in for a fight. Notre Dame has the task of taking on the defending national champions Illinois, who are undefeated at 10-0 on the season.

The Irish will also have to travel to Champaign, Ill. to face the Illini, where they have not lost a match since 2002 at the hands of the Irish. Illinois looks to be pumping up for the matchup with Notre Dame, the Illini are sponsoring “Ace the Irish” night, during which fans will have the chance to win raffles every time the Irish ace a serve.

The Illinois pep band will also be on hand for the contest.

The No. 1 Illini boast five ranked players, led by senior Phil Stich at No. 20.

The No. 42 Irish played multiple injuries last weekend, pulling out a 1-2 win over Northwestern and Southern Methodist. Senior Lail Laddock is doubtful for today’s match with a pulled groin, and junior Bryan D’Amico has had shin splints since the weekend’s matches.

Freshman Barry King was unable to play singles last weekend because of a sore arm.

Head coach Bubbly Bayliss has been reworking the doubles combinations, looking for the most potent combination of individual talents.

Despite the loss of players due to injury, the match should be a way to assess the team’s progress.

The Illini have won 42 straight games and are three wins away from the national record, set by Stanford.

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the first 10 points, extending its lead to 20 with 17:58 left. The Irish cons-
tinued to play defense and dominated in transition and off of turnovers. Notre Dame outsored Miami 44-12 in points off of turnovers.

The Irish bench also added 40 points, while the Hurricanes bench scored just two. Notre Dame is now 12-0 at home this season.

"That was a really important game for us," McGraw said. "We were excited to play at home, and when the crowd is behind us, we do play so much better."

Miami shot the ball poorly to start the game and spl-
Muffett McGraw
Irish coach

tered downward from there. As Notre Dame built a bigger lead, the Hurricane players lost focus and made poor decisions.

"We were disappointed in the way we played tonight," Miami coach Pathein Labati said. "When things didn't go well and the shots weren't falling early on, I think [we] got frustrated and we lost focus."

Notre Dame locked a first half lead, the Hurricanes bench scored just 10 points, extending Notre Dame's win streak to seven this season. The Irish are now 7-3 in games against top 25

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Providence, Pittsburgh or Seton Hall. But it wasn't. The Irish blew out a top-25 team that had only four losses coming into the game, with none of those losses coming by more than nine points. Miami was tied for fourth in the Big East, but that changed the minute they sat on foot on the court of the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame ran circles around No. 21 Miami. Senior Chanivia Broussard, who averages 14.6 points per game, turned the ball over 13 times, while junior point guard Yolanda McCormick turned it over 10 times. Talk about dou-

double-doubles.

Meanwhile, Irish junior Jacqueline Batteast had a dou-

ble-double of her own with 23 points and 10 rebounds, in addition to mention six steals. Notre Dame did what they had to do to win and more. They beat a good Miami team at their own game, as the Irish were the ones scoring in transi-

tion for most of the contest. Everyone was in the action, unlike the Connecticut game when Batteast took over the game. Instead, everyone with a Notre Dame jersey on made a significant impact on the court. It was the epitome of a team win.

Even the Joyce Center crowd didn't know what to think of the blowout — they just watched in awe as the Irish kept building a greater lead. But for Notre Dame, it couldn't come at a better time. After coming off a tough road stretch that saw the Irish play down to the level of their opponents (they only beat Pittsburgh, who is 2-12 Big East, by four), Notre Dame couldn't have picked a better time to play like they know they can.

So with two regular season Big East games remaining before the conference tourna-

dment, the Irish hope that their intensity and desire can carry over to the road Saturday at Rutgers. And, now that they know how to play their game, Notre Dame should have no problem making a good show-

ning in their final games. It just took them 93 points to realize what they can do.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed. Turn things around and enjoy your favorite outfit and get out. **

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You will not be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that you or your mate intends to throw at you. Try to keep your own peace and refrain from talking about your life. Your 3 stars **

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You will be hard to get along with today. Your mood swings will drive everyone crazy. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone else how to run their life. Your 3 stars **

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Arrange to make payments that won't break your budget. **

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should get out and do things that will bring you satisfaction and enhance your reputation. Problem solving abilities may shine today. Your 3 stars **

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You won't have much patience with others. Your need to be in control of what is happening may throw off your decisions to move on or make the changes necessary in your life. **

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have excellent memory when it comes to dealing with those who are being evasive. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to defend. **

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hidden rewards of fortune will occur if you have been driving too many financial vehicles. You may want to leave your credit cards at home and leave your cash in the bank. **

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**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Children will need your help today. Don't hesitate to offer assistance at the school if your children are involved in an important project. You can get into shape if you work out regularly. **

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**Blown away**

Irish offense bowls over No. 21 Hurricanes 93-58

By JOE HETTLER

Sport Editor

The Hurricanes were in the eye of an Irish storm Wednesday night.

When Katie Fleck drained a free throw with 2:23 remaining, Notre Dame led by its biggest margin of the game — 40 points — and Miami's players could only look on in disbelief as the Irish blew out the Hurricanes 93-58 at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast led the Irish (18-8, 11-3) with 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Courtney LaVere added 13 bench points and 10 rebounds, and Courtney

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast attempts a layup in Notre Dame's 93-58 win over Miami at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

by ANNE BRUSKY

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The win would be one thing if it was against a team like

**BENGAL BOUTS 140-POUNDS — 150-POUNDS**

Preliminary rounds begin

By MIKE GILLOON

Sports Writer

Gloves hit heads and noses bled as the 74th annual Bengal Bouts began Wednesday night in the Joyce Center.

The Bouts, which raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, began with the preliminaries of the 140-pound weight division as freshman George Garcia from beginning to end, causing the referee to end the bout early.

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'Doctor' Dolan lands unanimous decision

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