**CSC cancels spring trip to Haiti**

**By MATT BRAMANTI**

The University has cancelled a planned humanitarian trip to Haiti as violent civil unrest intensified in the impoverished Caribbean nation, while other programs with volunteers from Notre Dame and the Congregation of the Holy Cross continue, albeit in a restricted role.

Over the last several weeks, anti-government rebels have seized much Haiti, forcing the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and plunging the island nation into anarchy.

Engineering professor Steve Silliman, who runs the Haiti Experiential Seminar, said the decision not to go was made in late January.

The program sends Notre Dame undergraduate students to work on water pumps in rural areas in Haiti for a week to 10 days. Silliman said most students work in Cap-Haitien, the country’s second-largest city, but some participate in Lesogane, about 20 miles outside the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Silliman organized the first seminar in 1999, after discussing the possibility with other faculty members.

**ND: Satellite campus seems unlikely**

**By CLAIRE HEININGER**

The proposal to establish a Notre Dame satellite campus in a very recent development with very rem ote prospects, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

Initiated Monday by Carmel mayor Jim Brainard, the plan to strike Notre Dame as an entirely new proposal Storin said.

"There really has been no discussion here within the administration," he said. Brainard said that talks have been preliminary, but added that he "looked forward to working with officials at Notre Dame to advance the project. He said he would advocate an extension of Notre Dame's business school and an architecture laboratory for the new campus.

However, he said no timeframe had yet to be established, and declined to comment on how University officials reacted to his ideas.

"Until we get farther along, that’s all I can say," he said. Storin said that due to the family image and close campus atmosphere that Notre Dame tries to foster, the possibility of an extensive satellite was fairly unlikely.

"It would be, at most, a very limited facility if it ever came to fruition," he said.

Sheila Flynn contributed to this report.

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**Class encourages entrepreneurship**

**Editor’s note: This is the first in a Thursday series focusing on interesting classes in the Mendoza College of Business.**

**By MATT BRAMANTI**

Build a better mousetrap, and the world will beat a path to your door.

That’s an old saying, often used to encourage budding entrepreneurs. But how can you do it with only $20?

That’s the question posed to students in Introduction to Entrepreneurship, a course taught by David Hayes, a faculty member in the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The course centers around the "$20 Challenge," a program in which Hayles personally lends each student $20, with which they have to start a business. Students can pool their money in teams of two or

**STUDENT SENATE**

**Senators elect 2006 class council**

**By AMANDA MICHAELS**

Although the Office of the Registrar announced last fall that final grade reports would no longer be mailed home, which triggered a campus-wide sigh of relief, mid-semester grades will still be sent out next week, Registrar officials said Wednesday.

Associate registrar Lora Spaulding and grading and academic records specialist Jennifer Brackett emphasized that the decision to make paper final grade reports available only upon written request did not affect mid-semester reports.

"Mid-semesters are going to go out regardless of whether or not you’ve filled out that request form," Brackett said. "If students to understand this distinction, Spaulding added, it is important for them to realize that while final grades are factored into the student’s University grade point average, mid-semester grades are not written in stone.

"It’s up to the students on how they perceive how important that information is," Spaulding said. "Let them use their judgment if they want to take it seriously or not."

Brackett also pointed out that the mid-semester grades sent home — all grades for first-year students and deficiency reports for upperclassmen receiving D’s and F’s — are still addressed to the student.

"They’re always sent to the student’s attention — they’re not directed to the parents," she said. "That’s why we need
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Memorable movie lines

If you can’t think of anything to say, an appropriate quotation from a humorous, well-known movie will almost always suffice. That’s a rule I’ve always abided by, anyways, and it hasn’t back-fired too often. When I find a movie I like, I tend to watch it over and over and over, until I can recite the script with the actors. It’s not landing me in Hollywood anytime soon, but while I’m in South Bend I can give you “7 Situations In No Particular Order Where You Might Need An Appropriate Quote From A Movie.”

1. You’re in front of ResLife for the first time and you’re just about anything. Are they more horrifying than meeting your future significant others? Life has its ups and downs — and you should make it out alive.

2. The Officer is on a bike. You’re running away, screaming and looking for motivation. “Going to find monkeys in Costa Rica.”

3. Your current love interest does something nice for you. “You know, there’s a million fine looking women — and you should make it out alive.”

4. You are the perpetrator of a hijacking. I don’t recommend this, but since the future is unpredicatable, you might as well get some mileage out of the officially quotable “Super Troopers” — “You boys like Mex-i-co?” My bet is yes. (Note: probably any situation can be remedied by the use of a quote from this movie.)

5. Your friend says something stupid. Roll your eyes and think of Babe Ruth smiling down from baseball heaven when you admonish him or her “you’re killing me, Smalls!”

6. You can’t think of anything to say, an appropriate quotation from a movie I like, I — anything never met, but who sent me something nice for you. “You know, there’s a million fine looking women — and you should make it out alive.”

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What are you doing for Spring Break?

Misha Shemyakin

Senior Off-campus

"Cruisin’ the Caribbean."

Frank Brannon

Junior Alumni

"Going home and babysitting for my parents who are going to Puerto Vallarta."

Josh Odelsen

Senior Alumni

"Going to find monkeys in Costa Rica."

Bobby Gorynski

Junior St. Edwards

"Fine wine and beautiful women."

Diana Dolinsky

Freshman Pangborn

"Going on tour with Voices of Faith."

Jason Perkins

Senior Morrissey

**OFFBEAT**

One-handed golfer sinks 3 holes in one

VENICE, Fla. — A Florida golfer defied the odds, racking up three holes in one in the past six months, while swinging one-handed. According to the National Golf Foundation, the odds of an amateur golfer hitting a hole in one are 12,600 to 1. The odds of what 68-year-old Bill Hilkemeyer of Kokomis accomplished could short-circuit a calculator.

His most recent was last week at the 157-yard, par 3 13th hole at the Bird Bay Executive Golf Course in Venice. In January, he sunk a 157-yard hole at the Gulf Gate course in Sarasota and in September, he had another ace on a 105-yard hole on a course in Ohio. Not bad for a player who lost most of his right hand 59 years ago when he was run over by a train in Columbus, Ohio. Hilkemeyer, who has a 15 handicap, doesn’t use his right arm when he swings.

Rare 1866 silver dollar is found

PORTLAND, Maine — America’s rarest silver dollar — and possibly its most famous stolen coin — was discovered in a box filled with miscellaneous coins by a Maine librarian who wasn’t even a collector.

The coin, thought to be one of only two 1866 silver dollars minted without the inscription “In God We Trust,” is estimated to be worth at least $1 million. The “No Motto Dollar” was among thousands of coins taken during an armored robbery at a home in Coconut Grove, Fla., in 1967. Most of the best-known coins taken in the unsolved heist have been recovered.

**IN BRIEF**

Menachem Fisch of the Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas at Tel Aviv University, will deliver a lecture titled “Self-confronting: Philosophy and the Limits of Self-criticism.” The lecture takes place today at 11:15 a.m. in DeBartolo room 214. It is sponsored by Notre Dame’s History and Philosophy of Science Program.

Fra Dian will present her “Sept. 11 Survivor Story,” describing how her life as changed since that day in 2001 when her son’s fiancee was killed in the World Trade Center. The presentation takes place this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

The class of 2006 will sponsor a recting of the rosary at 9:30 p.m. tonight in the Coleman Morse chapel.

Enjoy music and drink specials tonight at Legends during Student Stand-up Comedy Night. The event starts at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The Omaha Theatre Company for Young People presents the play “How Anansi Came to America.” The performance takes place Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium. Call 284-4626 for ticket information.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
College Republicans end hiatus
SMC club holds first meeting in over a month

By NICOLE ZOOK
New Writer

"After a brief hiatus, the Saint Mary's College Republicans is back in business. The club held its first meeting in almost a month last night, after taking a break from its scheduled weekly meetings to reformat and prepare for next year."

"President-elect Michelle Fitzgerald emphasized how useful the break was for the club. "We created an executive board to meet once a week outside the meetings to plan structure and discuss what we will be covering at the meeting," she said. "This meeting is important to gain focus for the club, to gain membership, and to embark on the new opportunities that we have for the club."

"The St. Joseph County Women's Republican Club, which the Saint Mary's club forged a connection with this year, will provide some of these new opportunities. The club wants to get involved in politics on a local and possibly even state level through such activities as phone surveys and campaigns. "We see ourselves as a club not just for Republicans, but for political awareness in general," Fitzgerald said. "We plan on holding forums, speeches and panels for the Saint Mary's community as well as participating in activities outside the Saint Mary's campus."

On campus, the club plans to collaborate with other campus groups such as the College Democrats and Peacemakers to hold debates and inform students. Fitzgerald said that the club is highly aware that most Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students get their only news from television and The Observer's "World and Nation" section. "We definitely want to increase political awareness on the Saint Mary's campus — not just Republican issues, but all issues that are being discussed nationwide," she said.

"I think this is a good signal. We're identifying younger students to get involved and provide future leadership," Claude Renshaw, a business professor and club advisor, said.

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ND students, faculty to journey to Cuba

Special to The Observer

Some 30 students and faculty from the Notre Dame will travel to Cuba during spring break to examine the life and situation of the Catholic Church there. Most of the students are enrolled in a Notre Dame theology course, "From Power to Communion," taught by Father Robert Pelton, professor of theology and fellow of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Father Pelton will lead the tour, scheduled from Friday to March 14. Father Pelton led a similar trip to Cuba last year, when the visit was limited to the city of Havana, but this year the Notre Dame group will visit a variety of sites throughout the island Catholic Relief Services, which administers several projects in Cuba, will serve as a host and guide to the group.

Pelton, who directs the Kellogg Institute's Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), is a frequent visitor to Cuba and the author of numerous articles and books about the Catholic Church in Latin America. He will be accompanied on the trip by James McAlpine, professor of international affairs and director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

NDPresents to host Cirque performance

Special to The Observer

NDPresents, the new arts presenter of Notre Dame, will host Cirque Eloize performing "Nomade" on March 22 at South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center. Described as "modern nomads," the members of Cirque Eloize travel the world entertaining audiences with an eclectic ensemble of virtuoso feats. "Nomade" is a nighttime carnival filled with song, dance and astonishing acrobatic feats. It features jugglers, rope climbers, a trapeze artist, a contortionist, acrobats, clowns and others.

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By James McAdams, professor of American/North American Studies at Notre Dame, will serve as a host and guide to the group.

Claude Renshaw
Club advisor
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members. “I had looked for ways to get involved in developing countries. The potential for interaction with [Haitian] society was spectacular,” Silliman said. “Students are trained on how to fix hand pumps, which are the primary source of drinking water. More importantly, they teach groups of Haitian men how to fix their own hand pumps, and we leave parts and tools with those guys.”

Silliman said participants include himself and up to 10 students, half of whom are engineering majors. Non-engineering students help put the technical work into a social context.

“The technology is actually extraordinarily simple,” he said. “Making that technology work in a different society requires skills way outside the engineering experience.”

In a typical trip, students spend the first day speaking with a local pastor and identifying a group of young men to train. The next day, the students train the men on the pumps’ components. For the next few days, students repair wells and pumps as the locals observe, and then they turn the project over to the Haitians, coming back to check on their work.

The aim of the program is to build a base of Haitian workers that can continue the repair efforts after the seminar has ended. Silliman said he’s encountered some difficulties during the program, especially in persuading the locals to accept pay for their continuing work.

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Steve Miller, whose ticket gar­
nored 46.2 percent of the vote in the runoff, expressed his excitement at the victory.

“My running mates and I are excited for the opportunity to lead the class next year,” Miller said following the Senate meeting. “We’re looking forward to doing great things with the program. We’ve got the whole process is over though, and

we’re going to work on making the transition until April 1 as smooth as possible.”

After the meeting was opened the public, Katelyn Redfield, chairman of the committee on gender issues, announced that the effort to estab­lish a gender relations center has finally succeeded.

“They tried in 94, 2002 and many times in between,” Redfield said. “The evidence was compelling, the research was perfect, and it was obvious that Notre Dame was behind the times in regards to gender relations. There have been more students, faculty and alumni behind this push than most other issues, so we’re grateful that we saw it through.”

Redfield explained that the center will be a place where both men and women can come for information about sexual violence, and a resource center that focuses on a variety of issues including gender, careers, on campus, in Catholicism, and sexual discrimination.

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Bush to face Kerry for 2004 bid

Senators from Massachusetts looks to unseat incumbent by winning key states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is facing a rematch on Wednesday with the incumbent he defeated four years ago, winning only 271 electoral votes to Al Gore's 297.

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President Jacques Chirac must now formally sign it into law within 15 days. He had said such a law was needed to protect the French principle of secularism.

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The law forbids religious apparel and signs that "conspicuously show" a student's religious affiliation. Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses would also be banned, but the law is aimed at removing Islamic headscarves from classrooms.

Democrat presidential candidate John Kerry participates in a town hall meeting Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. Kerry clinched the party's White House nomination.

Haiti

 Rebel leader promises to disarm

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Rebel leader Guy Philippe said Wednesday his forces would disarm as U.S. Marines finalized a cease-fire capital — rifles at the ready — to help bring order amid Haiti's bloody uprising.

Philippe said he would send in about 300 United Nations soldiers to guard against Haiti's potentially deadly political orphans.

Haitian and U.S. soldiers are to meet Tuesday to discuss the deployment.

Washington warned the rebels, who overthrew President Jean-Bertrand Aristide after seizing the presidential Palace, that the country's future could be at risk if they fail to disarm.

Despite the rebel vow to disarm, a gun battle erupted Wednesday between rebels and militant Aristide loyalists in their stronghold, the seaside suburb of Saint-Louis. The shooting started when rebels, who started patrolling the city Tuesday, tried to disarm the militants.

There was no sign at the scene of the American and French troops, the vanguard of an expected U.N.-backed peacekeeping force. Marine commanders told a press conference they had 1,000 troops on the ground in Haiti. In addition, Chile said it was sending 120 special forces to the island.

Also Wednesday, U.S. Marines guarding the airport said they blocked rebels from chasing ex-President Aristide officials into the main terminal.
Senate budget proposes to halve deficit by 2007

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Budget Committee began debating a Republican-written 2005 budget on Wednesday that claims to halve the record deficit in three years, even if Congress provides $30 billion for defense.

The plan proposed deeper deficit reduction and lower spending than President Bush sought in his budget last month. The Senate's $2.3 trillion election-year proposal parted company with him in other ways, too.

It ignores Bush's proposals to eliminate dozens of programs, to cut spending on water projects popular with lawmakers, and permit mineral drilling in a major Alaskan wildlife preserve.

It also shows the effects of spending $30 billion to maintain U.S. forces in Iraq. Bush's budget omitted that expenditure, even as administration officials conceded they would ask for up to $50 billion after this November's presidential and congressional elections.

"We did think it was important to put a plug in for that number because it is a more realistic estimation" than leaving it out, said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okl.

Even so, Nickles conceded it reports that by the time the full Senate votes on his budget — probably next week — lawmakers likely will boost Pentagon spending to the levels Bush proposed. Domestic spending may rise as well, Nickles said.

The potential spending increases underscore the support from pro-defense conservatives and moderate Republicans that he will need to move the measure through the narrowly divided chamber.

Democrat Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, who criticized Nickles for not doing enough to reduce the deficit, argued that his budget's $1.4 trillion in tax cuts over five years would enlarge the red ink. They also complained that by limiting its projections to the next five years, the GOP plan hid the dramatically worsening budget picture beyond when the baby boom generation starts to retire.

"We are plunging into deep debt and dangerous policies without even a nod to the fiscal peril that stands before us," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

Reflecting the perils of an election year, the GOP plan shows little taste for taming the growth of benefit programs like Social Security, which consume two-thirds of the budget.

Democrats said overall savings from those programs would total $217 billion over five years — a tiny fraction for programs that will spend more than $7 trillion during that period. He proposed culling what he called waste, fraud and abuse from Medicaid and from the earned income tax credit for poor working families, and raising customs fees.

Congress' budget sets overall tax and spending targets. Its details are not binding when lawmakers later write bills governing revenues and expenditures. The president does not sign the congressional budget.

Nickles hopes to push his budget through his panel on Thursday. The GOP-run House Budget Committee plans to vote on its own, similar plan.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office expects this year's deficit to hit $477 billion — a record in dollar terms.

The Senate fiscal blueprint expects to shrink the debt to $338 billion next year and dropping it to $222 billion by 2007 — less than half this year's expected figure. Those figures exclude the costs for Iraq.

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three, but Hayes requires each project to generate a 700 percent return, meaning students have to turn $20 into $160 in just a few weeks.

Students can use their own personal resources, but may not contribute their own money to the business. "They have $20, and they're otherwise broke," Hayes said.

"If they use their own assets, they have to charge themselves rent." Hayes said he enjoys putting personal resources, but may not contribute their own money to the business.

"I tell them I'm the least expensive banker they'll ever meet," Hayes laughed.

After writing business proposals, making cash flow projections, and looking for PARADISE פאלו, students are ready to jump into their own business, Hayes said. He challenged allows students to turn $20 into $160 in just a few weeks. Hayes said he challenged allows students to turn $20 into $160 in just a few weeks.

In addition to learning about the characteristics and behaviors of entrepreneurs, we get to do it," he said.

"We see all the things that happen in the real world."

"We have partnerships that people regret... and we have great surprises that the market just embraces."

In particular, Hayes singled out the highest-returning project to date, a calendar produced by a former Irish basketball player, Karen Swanson. In the fall of 2001, Swanson developed the calendar, which features photos of women basketball players. Copies sold like hotcakes, leading to an astonishing 55,000 percent return, and allowing Swanson to donate $4,000, to support the education of children orphaned by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Many students donate part of their profits to charity, though it is not a course requirement. Hayes said that students' projects have generated over $60,000 in profits, and over 10 percent has been contributed to nonprofit organizations.

The program has become wildly successful. Hayes said that of about 150 projects over the five-year history of the course, only two have failed to hit the 700 percent target, and none have lost money.

"The average is much higher than 700 percent, probably closer to 900 percent," he said.

Successful business begun in the course have run the gamut of commerce, from Tyrol Willowingham-themed "Ty Ties" to massages.

Seniors Megan Horner and Margaret Mason are currently in the course. They are businessmen around a campus-wide video game tournament, which will pit students against each other in Madden 2004 for prizes. The students have spent the last week promoting the tournament, which will be held after spring break. Would-be digital gridiron stars pay a $5 entry fee, and compete for a $100 Best Buy gift certificate. The winner's dorm will also receive a $75 sign.

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"We're trying to make this a dorm pride thing," Mason said. "This is a campus students can do it too."

Mason said the games will be held in at least two locations on campus, probably in dorm lounges.

"We're trying to have a North Quad location and a South Quad location," she said. "Once we make the brackets, people will love to watch and play." Students unable to attend at the appointed time will be able to watch the game and report the results, similar to the procedure followed in the Bookstore Basketball tournament.

"But most girls play Mario Kart if they play video games at all."

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- 10-YEAR BOND: 6.16 +0.08 49.09
- GOLD: 1,360 -1.10 12.75
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**Exchange Rates**

- YEN: 110.2
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- CANADIAN$: 1.343

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**In Brief**

**Major brewers to join forces**

Sao Paulo, Brazil — Belgium's Interbrew and Brazil's Ambev shook up the global beer industry Wednesday with a blockbuster $11.4 billion deal to form the largest international brewer by volume, surpassing U.S.-based Anheuser-Busch.

The companies insisted that their stock transaction is an "alliance" and not a merger because Interbrew and Ambev will operate independently in different hemispheres, maintain separate stock listings and name four directors each on a new InterbrewAmbev board.

**Disney board votes to oust Eisner**

Eisner loses chairman job after shareholder backlash; former senator to step up

Eisner briefly defended his record, saying "we have never been more successful," and said it was a clear indication of the board's desire to change management and the company's strategy. Eisner said the board's change was welcome, but not enough. "If the Disney board believes this is the silver bullet to fix all the problems, they are sort of mistaken," said Cheryl Gustinton, an ISS spokeswoman.

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Fed: Economic recovery on track

WASHINGTON — Factory orders increased in March and consumers and keepers cash registers busy in the first two months of this year, fresh evidence the economy could be moving back toward a 3.5 percent gross domestic product growth rate at the end of the third quarter, according to a Federal Reserve report Wednesday. A separate survey of chief executives of the nation's biggest companies suggested hiring could start to pick up. One-third of the executives said they expected to hire in the next six months, while 50 percent expected to cut payrolls and 45 percent expected no change, according to a Business Roundtable survey.

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Coke questioned about water ads

Associated Press

LONDON — The Coca-Cola Co., world famous for its “real thing” sodas, is being questioned in Britain about labeling water “pure” to advertise its Dasani bottled water.

Why? Because it’s specially treated London tap water.

On Tuesday, British trading standard officials asked the borough where Coke’s headquarters is based to look into the matter.

Coke, which sells a similarly made Dasani water in the United States, said it’s confident it’s compliant with all regulatory bodies and in this instance we are fully satisfied that we are compliant with all guidelines and regulations,” the company said in a statement.

A Coke spokesman said on condition of anonymity that the complaint may have been made by its competitors in Britain’s $1.9 billion-a-year bottled water market.

Coke says its Dasani water is treated in a highly sophisticated filtration process, perfected by NASA to purify fluids on spacecraft.

In Britain, why British newspapers such as The Daily Mail asked Tuesday, should consumers pay up to $1.76 for 17 ounces of Dasani when it’s based on London drinking water that costs 6 cents for the same amount?

The same purification process is used for the Dasani water that Coke has sold in the United States since 1999. Dasani is the second-best seller in the bottled water market there, behind a similar purified water product — Aquafina — made by Pepsi-Cola Co.

Britain’s Food Standards Agency asked the borough authority where Coca-Cola’s headquarters is based to look into whether the term “pure” still water breached labeling guidelines.

Dasani, which was launched in Britain last month, uses municipal water at Coca-Cola’s factory in Sidcup, southeast London.

The soft drinks giant said a “highly sophisticated purification process” removes any impurities, such as “bacteria, viruses, salts, minerals, sugars, proteins and toxin particles” from the tap water.

The Food Standards Agency said Dasani may have broken guidelines designed to protect shoppers from misleading marketing.

“This bottled water does not appear to follow our labeling guidance on the use of the term pure,” an agency spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity.

“Consumers may not realize that there are three types of water sold in bottles: natural mineral water, spring water and drinking water (which can be tap water). If a product is not labeled as mineral water or spring water, it will, in fact, be bottled drinking water.”

Fox says he’ll push for migration accord

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox has encouraged President Bush to keep promoting a migration accord that he acknowledged that U.S. Congressional approval was still in the distant future.

“We know it is going to take more time than we expected this whole year, before we reach an integrated agreement on migration,” Fox told reporters Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Fox said guaranteeing progress on a migration accord would be his top priority when he meets with Bush on Friday and Saturday in Texas. He also said he would urge the United States to treat Mexican visitors in the same way it treats those from Canada.

“We want to ask for equal treatment, the same system,” he said, without giving details. “We shouldn’t be treated differently.”

Currently, Mexicans must have a visa to vacation and work in the United States, while Bush has restrictions for Canadians are much lighter.

“Fox said he would work to further the agenda on a migration accord, although he said he did not expect any conclusions.

“It is a key issue for both of our nations,” he said. “It is very important for our economies. It is very important for economic growth and expansion.”

Fox has pushed for an accord since taking office three years ago, but the issue was temporarily sidelined by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Mexico has increased security to combat terrorism, but Fox said Tuesday that officials had found no evidence that terrorists were operating for Mexico — despite U.S. concerns.

Even so, he said the country would continue to cancel flights and take other precautions when necessary.

“Everyone must give us all the evidence before taking action,” he said. “We can’t run the risk of a terrorist act in Mexico or a terrorist passing through Mexico on their way to the United States.”

The British government was criticized at home after it canceled several flights to Los Angeles because of U.S. agents to work visibly at Mexican airports, in part because of the fear of possible terrorist attacks.

In Mexico, the Fox administration launched an investigation into whether the terrorist concerns were valid.

Fox said U.S. officials had told Mexico they were concerned the planes could be used as weapons, but he indicated they gave few details.

The meeting at Bush’s ranch in Crawford, Texas, is the latest sign of mended ties between the two countries.

Mexico was Bush’s first overseas as U.S. president, and he traveled to Fox’s ranch in central Mexico. But relations between the two leaders were strained after Fox refused to back the Iraq war and canceled a trip to Texas to see Bush because the state executed a Mexican man.

In January, however, relations began to warm after Bush announced his new plan for a migration agreement that would give visas to Mexicans with U.S. jobs. During a meeting in January in northern Mexico, Bush invited Fox to Texas ranch and Fox readily accepted.

Fox said he would discuss with Bush ways to make sure that North America — including Canada — can compete with Asia, especially the growing power of China.

Mexico has lost thousands of jobs to its Asian rival.

He also said he didn’t believe the United States had overstepped its authority in helping negotiate Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide’s removal from office.

Aristide has said American troops forced him to leave power, a claim denied by Secretary of State Colin Powell and other American officials.

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Associated Press

MOHALES HOEK — Britain’s Prince Harry, seeking attention Wednesday for paranoids children AIDS, planted a peach tree at an orphanage in this HIV-infected nation.

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Society gives our generation hot images that impress ideas about real, good sex. But people following these ideas may feel empty by what promises to deliver and eventually fails to provide happiness. Our society has an obsession with sex points to a deeper need for meaningful relationships. What is needed is intimacy, which could also mean "into-me-se," where people in a relationship see fully into one another.

To harmonize our hearts with our bodies, we need to strip down our culture's idea of sexuality and return to the naked truths of Genesis. Then we can explore ideas about the relationship that needs to be linked with sex.

In the beginning, man and woman were each created as "an image of the power and tenderness of God" (Genesis 2:24). They would become one not just in flesh, but also in heart and spirit.

In this union the heart opens up completely to expose our soul and deepest emotions. Sex acts as a personal way to communicate with our loved one and serve our most intimate spirit and body. We show unconditional acceptance of their very person and life. It's a liberated expression: "I love you completely for who you are. I take your weaknesses, cares, heart and soul. I do this for you and for no other person."

Unfortunately, we can have sex but tragically miss its spiritual intimacy. In trying to satisfy a deeper desire of the heart, we may experiment with sex outside of its deeper relational context. Or, both inside and outside of marriage, we may use sex as a physical release with little genuine regard for the other person. In both cases, one person—most often the woman—is hurt in the experience.

We must learn to develop this power and tenderness of God by firmly honoring our bodies, our loved ones, and our future life-giving as a couple shares in God's love.

For example, Pope John Paul II, in his book Love and Responsibility, underscores the need for continued sexual education with the purpose to "create the conviction that the other person is more important than I."

His focus is on a relationship where a man and woman belong to one another. The Catechism explains the sexual bond becomes personal and truly human when it is mediated into the relationship of one person to another, to the complete and lifelong mutual gift of a man and a woman (2337).

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DeBerry
ND Changing Times

I sincerely want to thank Saint Mary's students and faculty who took part in the discussion on "The Passion of the Christ" on Tuesday.

I have been teaching in the Religious Studies Department at SMC since 1970, and I've never experienced such an open and honest discussion in a large group. A considerable crowd stayed for an hour and a half in St. Joseph Lounge, listening with attention and speaking intensely.

Four RSLT faculty presented short statements about the film based on their academic specialties: Stacy Davis on the Hebrew Scriptures, John Fotopoulos on the New Testament, Sister Kathleen Duff on theological issues and Sister Elena Malits on religion and film.

Comments from students frequently disagreed with the panel, but did so respectfully. Questions were genuine and often really insightful. An authentic dialogue was going on, with all parties respecting differences and seeking understanding. Whatever faults the Mel Gibson film may have, it can only be applauded for engendering this level of dis-discussion. May we have more sessions like this.

Elena Malits
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Breaking everyday habits

Wednesday, a good man, Adam Cahil, lamented the way that everyday at Notre Dame you pass by hundreds of exceptional students without a second thought. However, I would like to take a minute to honor a few of those who broke this trend and have made my time at Notre Dame just a little bit crazier and therefore, just a little bit better.

Much like the Fresh Prince of Bel Air, my first story is about how my day got flipped, turned upside down, if you will. Allow me to present to you “that dancing hall girl” (TDHG). Now we all know the drink lines at South Dining Hall can be mentally excruciating as you observe many of the not so exceptional Notre Dame students at work, but this time was different. This time was special.

While waiting for the “Fancy,” water machines, a voice randomly comments about low slow they are. Expecting to turn and see a familiar face, instead I was greeted by a complete stranger, it was TDHG. Rather than drop my tray and seek cover below the marshmallow line and admired what quality dining hall machines are. Once out of the water, I proceeded to fail correctly. Still she pressed on, we did three times at pronouncing her name, which I let slip away. Unable to bear the thought of TG suffering such anguish, I convinced TDHG to go ask for a cherry icee and her phone number.

Politely he did. He was shot down swiftly, for this cherry icee girl was already involved. None of us were surprised, who wouldn’t want to date this cherry icee girl. While TG may have struck out with the icee girl, he became a legend in the minds of an admiring few. Carry on TG, carry on.

Finally, I salute “that freak-o girl” (TGG). TGG and I didn’t even meet at an ice breaker, rather at one of those useless advisor meetings. I was late and a sweaty mess from my futile attempt at making the cross country team. Much like the Grinch, I shouldn’t have been touched even with a thirty-nine-and-a-half foot pole. Unwavered, TGG struck up conversation and I proceeded to fail swiftly, for this cherry icee girl was my best friend. Everyone talks about the horribly awkward moments we experience at Notre Dame, but I just wanted to applaud those brave and wacky people who make it all worthwhile. God bless you crazy people and best of luck bringing just a little more randomness into our lives.

Sean MacCready
Fisher Hall
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Liberating society

The California Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Catholic Charities, a non-profit Catholic organization performing charitable deeds nationwide, must pro­vide con­se­p­tive cov­er­age to employees in accordance with California law — despite Catholic teaching against contra­ceptive tech­niques.

Without a word of qualification, the Supreme Court has infringed upon the rights of religious organizations to follow and sup­port the teachings for which they are responsible. This is an unpar­allelled violation of religious free­dom, and has set a precedent from which courts around the country may find support for sim­ilar rulings against the rights of religious organizations.

The foundation for the court’s 6-1 ruling comes from the absurd con­cept that Catholic Charities performs secular services such as provid­ing low income housing, coun­selling and aid to immi­grant and therefore is not a reli­gious organi­za­tion. How this court can label charitable actions as secular, despite their jus­tification and require­ment in deep-root­ed tenets of Christian faith, is an enigma in defiance of basic common sense.

How the court can use such a preposterous argument to manipulate the actions of a religious group is an outrage fly­ing in the face of the state’s separation from faith. The fact of the matter is, Catholic Charities has been — and still remains — a religious organization. Albeit pop­ulated predominately by the lay, the group was founded in 1910 as a conference of national Catholic charities. The contemporary group is funded by donations from a diverse group of donors, but finds a great deal of support from the Catholic Church. Catholics donate privately to the organization, while the Mass often includes col­lections designated for distribu­tion to the group. Consequently, the charity fund benefits directly from an aspect of the Catholic liturgical service — the most fundamental aspect of Catholic practice.

Furthermore, the organization includes a division intended to organize the activities of member groups within the Catholic social teachings. The group cannot be separated from its foundation in faith, and the court has succeeded in delib­erately ignoring the relationship and rationalizing the fabrication of such a division.

The courts, and indeed the gov­ernment, must recognize the rights of religious groups to teach and uphold beliefs within reason­able bounds — without the inter­ference of the secular world. While Catholic Charities does indeed employ and minister to non-Catholic individuals, the court should not use this as justifi­cation for their impunity.

Neither set of individuals are forced to contribute or benefit from the fund and require­ing the organization to defy its own religious ideology from which it is founded is an enforced hypocrisy tantamount to ter­rifying.

If this country is to meet the demands of what seems to be a large fraction of its popu­lace, it will divorce religion from the state. In this event, it must not be a mere restrain­ing order on religion as the California Supreme Court has ordered yesterday’s ruling smacks of the constitution­al rights of reli­gious groups on the grounds of over­whelming disregard for Catholic Charities’ religious presence.

Moreover, the California court has purposefully declared that the government will wrongly retain influence over religion when it interferes with secular social agendas.

This is a double standard that cannot exist in a truly free and liberated society.

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Thursday declares war

By MICHAEL TENNANT
Scene Music Critic

Thursday's third full-length album brought with it the heavy burden of huge expectations from not only the band's fans, but also from similar bands hoping they would carve a path into the mainstream that others could follow. After releasing two albums, including 2001's hit Full Collapse under Chicago-based independent label Victory Records, the band signed with Island Def Jam Records, home to both Jay-Z and Bon Jovi. Even with the backing of a major label, these New Jersey punk/hardcore rockers refuse to forget their roots. On War All the Time, which was released in late 2003, Thursday stays true to the heavy yet emotive style that they are known for. The album is full of intense, start/stop guitar playing interspersed with a bouncy double-time feel and a gospel-esque groove. "Just Say This" is a tremendous example of why the New Jersey underground scene is so proud of this band.

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New jazz album is 'strangely liberating'

By CHRISTOPHER KEPNER
Scene Music Critic

Strange Liberation pairs Dave Douglas' current working quintet with guest guitarist Bill Frisell. The leader expresses sheer joy at the opportunity to collaborate with Frisell, and claims that he has desired to do so since 1987. On his Web site, Douglas describes hearing Frisell and his band as a "revolution." The music on this record is very modern in style. The tunes exhibit long, drawn-out themes for the most part, and the solos, especially Frisell's and Uri Caine's, can be anything but traditional at times. Some of the tracks on this album, most notably "Just Say This" and "Mountains From the Train," might even be classified as tone poems. Douglas, who plays the trumpet, has created a group with a very unique and refreshing sound. Clarence Penn, who plays the drums, has the spectacular ability to recognize the time in all of its subdivisions and exploit them in such a way that the feel is always fresh and never tiresome for even a measure. Like a great drummer should, he takes control of the music and drives it to where it wants to go based on the feeling of the other players. His fills are simple and tasteful, and his brushwork is incredible.

Frisell is a star whose playing shines on pretty much every album on which he appears, and Strange Liberation is no exception. He carves out his own little niche nicely in a group that has played together extensively without him. His signature bluegrass twang comes out at just the right moments, and his harmonics and palm muted notes fit so well that you could go on for as long as to call them necessary for the music. Frisell has an extremely creative sense of melody when improvising. He weaves in and out of the chords with a master's touch and stays right in the pocket, no matter how syncopated his rhythmic figure may seem. As an accompanist, he employs a superior repertoire of chord voicings to create any color or mood that he chooses.

Chris Potter is another player who challenges you to find a bad spot on his discography, both as a leader and a sideman. He and Douglas play very well together, which is a testament not only to both players' ability but to Douglas's fantastic composing.

Caine utilizes the sound of the Fender Rhodes with tremendous skill and adds a certain ambiance to the group that a normal piano wouldn't achieve. He accounts for Frisell's addition to the rhythm section by playing back and sharing the accompaniment duties. Both players respect one another's space under the soloist. James Genus rounds out the rhythm section very well. His playing is very lyrical at times, and he will frequently neglect a regular pulse in favor of colorful lines that not only hold the group together but add another voice to the music.

This is definitely an album that you can listen to all the way through. The title track alternates between straightforward and swing feels, or broken swing, and even suicide. But this is not an album full of anti-war protest or pro-war rallying cries. Instead, Thursday uses war as a metaphor for battles in life, ranging from relationships to mindless violence and even suicide.

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Strange Liberation
Dave Douglas
RCA Records

That's very loosely based on "Blue Monk," and alternates between a bouncy double-time feel and a gospel-esque groove. "Just Say This" is a somber ballad, and Douglas's subtle and classy tribute to those affected by the 9/11 tragedy. "Mountains From the Train" is a freer, more experimental piece that features Frisell's mastery of loop and effect pedals for the guitar.

Strange Liberation is a tremendous album that both the student of jazz and the casual listener should be able to enjoy.

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Final stretch begins with tonight's Senior Night

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The discussion isn’t about whether the Irish will beat Georgetown or St. John’s, but how many games in the Big East Tournament the Irish need to win to have their name called on Selection Sunday. But sitting at 14-11 overall, 7-7 in conference with a home loss to Central Michigan, the Irish aren’t looking past these next three days — especially with tonight being Senior Night.

“Yet, like Notre Dame, I'm just trying to go about it with the same approach as any other game,” Jones said. “Obviously, we’re hot, look ahead to making noise in the Big East Tournament. That’s the message Brey gave his players after the loss to Providence.

“Give Brey credit — it really helps to focus because we know how important every single game is,” Jones said. “It’s still big game on our schedule and the fact that it’s my last game doesn’t get in the way of our main goal, our main focus of the season.

“The Irish recognize a loss in the next three days would kill their NCAA Tournament hopes, and they can’t look ahead to making noise in the Big East Tournament yet. That’s the message Brey gave his players after the loss to Providence.

“Keep your head up, Brey. It’s tough to get this one for the simple reason they’re hot, look ahead to making noise, Jones said. “Forget about the post-season right now, don’t even talk about it — just think about one game at a time, winning. Winning is second in points range to shoot the 3-pointer, but Riley is the team’s leading scorer. Causey and Kilkenny-Causey and Kilkenny-

“The Hoyas are really a two-man game, led by Riley and Bowman. Yet, like Notre Dame, they’re not afraid to boast their 3-pointers, they’re tough to beat.

“With Sweetney finally out of the picture, the skinny Bowman is the most dangerous low-post threat. He leads the team in rebounding, is second in points scored and also has the range to shoot the 3-pointer.

“Cook has done an adequate job at the point, but he’s not the team’s leading scorer. However, Cook is a guard averages more than nine points a game. Owens, however, is a dangerous threat from behind the arc.

“With Francis out, Notre Dame has adopted a five-out set where all five starters move around the floor and all five starters move around the floor and all five starters move around the floor and...
No keeping up with this Jones

Merely a role player for his first three years with the Irish, senior Torrian Jones now explodes with his final year.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

Mired in a Big East season where he spent more games on the bench than he did on the court, Torrian Jones grew frustrated.

He watched his teammates reel off eight straight wins to lock up the Big East West Division title. He watched the Irish make their first NCAA Tournament in over a decade. He watched, he watched, and when he thought he was done watching, he watched some more.

But when he listened to then-assistant coach Anthony Solomon, he felt better.

"It's not about the accolades. It's not about the statistics," Jones remembers Solomon barking at him time after time. "It's about how you finish your career."

Tonight, Jones will play his final regular season game in the Joyce Center, will step onto the court with his parents to a thunderous roar from the crowd and will receive a heartfelt hug from his head coach. That's because Jones now starts every night, leads the team in minutes played, has the ball in his hands, and excitedly equaled those numbers in the entire Big East season.

Freshman futility

Jones was a Notre Dame team in 2000 that was meeting its third head coach in as many years. And while Jones, who originally committed to former Notre Dame coach, Matt Doherty, never considered changing schools, he wondered whether he would get his playing time on a team that might be.

"I was so nervous about the coaching staff being wondering the same thing," he said. "I was helping the team out, and that's when I realized I could contribute for my team."

Boost of confidence

Just because he could contribute, however, didn't mean that Jones would see his minutes dramatically increase. He was stuck playing behind veterans like David Graves, Matt Carroll and Dan Miller, and the arrival of McDonald's All-American Chris Thomas meant Jones would essentially be relieved of his point guard responsibilities.

So he settled into the life of a role player, getting called on to play five minutes one game, 20 minutes the next.

"It's always tough, and I knew it was going to be like that," he said. "And it wasn't like I was getting sat for guys who didn't deserve to play.

"But it's tough because you want to contribute more, and that means losing your game down and taking that role player position. I'd get discouraged because I wanted to unleash my full game, but was winning games and I was happy."

While he consistently talked with his coaches about playing more, Jones understood his role as the team's defensive spark. With Solomon's assistance, Jones became a more refined player who demonstrated increased maturity and decision-making.

He got an unexpected boost of confidence midway through the season, when Brey inserted him into the starting lineup in place of a struggling Graves. He ended up starting nine of the next 10 games and scored a career-high 17 points in a win against Miami.

"It showed that the reason that they weren't playing me wasn't because I couldn't contribute, but because they had older guys who could do it," he said.

Jones' selfless, team-first attitude continued into his junior year. He looked around the country and saw his peers playing major minutes or starting, yet he remained in a largely supporting role.

His classmate and close friend, Chris Markwood, couldn't take it. Unsatisfied with his minutes midway through the season, Markwood transferred from Notre Dame. But Jones didn't -- and earned respect from his teammates as a result.

"There's a lot of guys in his situation who would have transferred," Brey said. "I really respect how he handled it." Speaking up

If Jones was a supporting actor on the court, then his vocal leadership made him the star in the locker room.

He began in a game at Indiana his sophomore year, when he and senior Ryan Humphrey started yelling at each other in the middle of a timeout. The scene was almost comical -- a wet-behind-the-ears sophomore going toe-to-toe against the Big East's most improved player.

But when the two left the huddle, they shook hands and Humphrey said he was proud of how Jones called the veteran out.

"When you get to a point like that where an accomplished senior and a guy who is going to the NBA says that and shows you that respect, you have that much more confidence," said Jones, who modeled his own off-court attitude off Humphrey's style of motivation and work ethic.

Soon, Jones adopted a vocal role in the locker room. If his contributions weren't evident on the court, they were obvious off it.

"Even as a sophomore, he always had a good voice in our locker room," Brey said. "That was always something he had. Once we pushed the buttons, we knew he'd be great at it."

Senior moment

The departures of Graves, Carroll and Miller left a starting spot open in the backcourt. And in Brey's mind, there was no question who he was going to give it to.

"It was only fitting," Brey said. "That he deserved to be a starter and a 30-minute-a-game guy given that he's been such a team player."

Given the chance to do whatever he wanted, Jones tried to do everything. In seeking to fill the void left by Notre Dame's other two seniors, Jones started trying to carry the Irish by playing out of his element.

"I was probably too much my fault as it was his fault," Brey said. "You're not telling him he's going to do that, you need him to score, but he had to make those decisions.

"I was trying to fill the void the wrong way," Jones said. "I tried to be that guy like Matt and Dan in shooting 3s and jumpers.

"That's not my game. I was trying to do everything I could to help out, and it was like I was doing that wrong way." Brey and Jones came to the conclusion at roughly the same time. This gave Brey the chance to start the two as seniors.

"We had to make sure his senior 'get back to what you do best', which is driving, getting dishes going, " Brey said.

The results were immediate: Jones' point-per-game average increased by one and rebounds-per-game average by two. When Torrion Francis was sidelined, Jones grabbed 12 rebounds in wins against Connecticut and Syracuse, two wins that helped propel the Irish to the brink of the NCAA Tournament.

"It's not about the accolades. It's about how you finish your career."

Torrian Jones on advice an assistant coach gave him as a freshman
Will the Irish qualify?
John Frusciante collides with greatness

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

If a band wants to be successful today, it needs some sort of gimmick that makes it stand out. Consider the past success of musicians like Dashboard Confessional, Blink 182 and Britney Spears. Each has its own specific shtick that sets it apart from the masses. Dashboard Confessional has musicians like Dashboard Confessional, Blink 182 and Britney Spears. Each has its own specific shtick that sets it apart from the masses. Dashboard Confessional has musicians like Dashboard Confessional, Blink 182 and Britney Spears. Each has its own specific shtick that sets it apart from the masses. Dashboard Confessional has musicians like Dashboard Confessional, Blink 182 and Britney Spears. Each has its own specific shtick that sets it apart from the masses. Dashboard Confessional has musicians like Dashboard Confessional, Blink 182 and Britney Spears. Each has its own specific shtick that sets it apart from the masses. 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Mass Schedule
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Tom Gaughan, c.s.c

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Tom Gaughan, c.s.c
11:45 p.m.
Rev. Nicholas Ayo, c.s.c

Spanish Mass
St. Edward’s Hall Chapel
1:30 p.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

Spanish Mass
Law School Mass
5:00 p.m.
Law School Commons


1st: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
2nd: Philippians 3:17-4:1

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The Black Catholic Experience

Uncommon Faithfulness

by Chandra Johnson
Director, African American Student Ministry

If you’ve ever celebrated a Catholic Mass with a predominantly black Catholic congregation, you’ve never forgotten it. There’s something about how we do Church that touches the soul’s very core.

For centuries, people of African descent baptized into the Catholic faith have sought an intimacy with God that surpasses a common understanding. Some say our prayer is a little different than most. I’ll never forget the Sunday about nine years ago when a black priest from Atlanta presided at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica. During his homily, he made reference to my favorite Negro spiritual, “Give Me Jesus.” His scriptural exegesis was so moving that after his homily, I stood at my place and sang “Give Me Jesus” a capella. I couldn’t help it. Something came over me and if I didn’t stand up to sing, I was going to explode. How does one explain that? Well, you can’t. My only answer to those who asked why I was led to do that was “the Spirit moved me to sing.”

The black Christian faith experience derives from an intimacy and ease in one’s relationship with God. We love God because we know God loves us. We trust God because we know God trusts us. We hear God speak to God is an accessible God. The familiarity with which people of African descent speak to God is an uncommon faithfulness rooted in black history and evident in the black Catholic story.

During Spring Break, over 250 black Catholics will arrive on campus to share the black Catholic story of God through theological discourse and prayerful examination. Convened by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, “Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics,” will be held at McKenna Hall, March 11-14. The conference will examine the latest scholarship on black Catholics in history and theology, explore critical issues for the ongoing development of African American Catholic studies, and celebrate and enhance the vitality of black Catholic life in the United States.

Eighteen conference speakers will represent renowned experts on black Catholics in the United States. Liturgical services will include a prayer service on Friday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium, and the closing Mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Basilica. South Bend’s St. Augustine’s Catholic Church Choir and the Spelman College Glee Club from Atlanta will lead the congregation in song. “Uncommon Faithfulness” will provide the venue in which this scholarship to our campus and stand ready to be taught by them. Please join us next week and let the Spirit move you to sing!
The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins reached a contract agreement with free agent cornerback Champ Bailey that ranks among the richest contracts ever in NFL history.

Bailey agreed to an eight-year, $50.5 million contract with veteran defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin, re-signed offensive lineman Lende Georkyn and re-signed running back Clinton Portis and quarterback Mark Brunell.

Portis and Brunell were acquired in previously announced trades that became official Wednesday. Springs, Seattle's first-round choice in 1997, the third overall pick in that year's draft, was being flown to Washington late Wednesday and was to sign his contract Thursday, said an NFL source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Eightightend Walter Raseby also paid a visit and the team hoped to sign the free agent before the day was done.

Springs, considered one of the top cornerbacks available, will replace four-time Pro Bowl corner Champ Bailey, who is being traded to the Buffalo Bills for primo pick Portis.

Springs went to the Pro Bowl in 1998 when he had career-high seven interceptions, but he has been hampered by injuries over the past four seasons. He missed the first four games last season after fracturing a bone in his hand.

Terms of Springs' contract were not immediately available. The Redskins had no comment.

Griffin, who has played four seasons with the New York Giants, arrived early Wednesday and signed after passing his physical. Griffin had one sack in 15 games last season and has 12 1/2 sacks in his four-year career. Griffin has made 17 straight games, was a rookie in 2000, when he had five sacks even though he wasn't a starter.

Griffin and Springs became the fourth and fifth significant offseason acquisitions for the Redskins, joining Portis, Brunell and defensive lineman Phillip Daniels. Griffin and Daniels are the first steps in the overhaul of the front four on a defense that ranked 25th last season.

The Portis trade was cemented when Bailey agreed to a seven-year, $63 million contract with Denver late Tuesday. The deal includes an $18 million signing bonus and $5 million in other bonuses, making it one of the richest contracts ever for a defensive player.

Earlier this week, Portis agreed to an eight-year, $14 million contract with the Redskins.

The Redskins sent a third-round pick to the Bills for Brunell, who agreed to a seven-year, $43 million contract with the Redskins last month.

Associated Press

DENVER — Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey will be the highest-paid cornerback in NFL history.

Bailey agreed to a seven-year, $63 million contract with the Denver Broncos that includes an $18 million signing bonus and $5 million in other bonuses, plus $1 million for one year.

Bailey's agent, Jack Reale, said the deal was reached late Tuesday.

The Broncos declined comment Wednesday. The team set a news conference Thursday, but would not specify the topic.

The agreement clears the way for the Washington Redskins' four-time Pro Bowler to be traded to the Broncos for running back Clinton Portis, who ran for 1,500-plus yards each of his first two seasons.

Portis agreed to a seven-year, $20 million contract with veteran defensive tackle Ted Washington.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders took the first step toward revamping their defense Wednesday by agreeing to a $14 million, four-year contract with veteran defensive tackle Ted Washington.

Washington, a key member of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots last season, receives a $4 million signing bonus.

He turned down an $8 million, three-year offer from the Pittsburgh Steelers to become a free agent.

Washington, who turns 36 in April, fills a major void as a run-stopper for the Raiders, who ranked last in the league in rushing defense last season, when they finished 4-12 only one year after reaching the Super Bowl.

"He's being paid as a quality defensive lineman," Angelo Wright, Washington's agent, said. "It's unprecedented that he's 36 years old and doesn't play like he's 36 years old. He's excited that he has the opportunity to help out the Raiders return to a prominent status in the league.

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The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay's Keyshawn Johnson agreed to a seven-year, $50.5 million contract with the Buccaneers.

The receiver was deactivated for the last six games of 2003 after meeting with Gruden and former general manager Rich McKay to inform them he had no intentions of playing for Tampa Bay beyond 2003.

Johnson was halfway through an eight-year, $56 million contract that Bucs gave him after acquiring Johnson from the New York Jets in exchange for the trade for the Buccaneers' Keyshawn Johnson to go through.

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Bagger was born a male in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1966 and began playing golf as an 8-year-old. Golf World magazine ran a photo of Bagger as a 14-year-old boy posing with Greg Norman at a golf clinic. Bagger got down to a 4-handicap but stopped playing golf in 1992 to begin a transformation to a female with hormone therapy. Bagger had the sex-change operation three years later, then resumed playing in 1998. For those concerned she has a physical advantage over the other women in the field — which includes Karrie Webb, Laura Davies and Rachel Teske — Bagger says they are misinformed. "People aren’t aware of what’s involved with transsexualism," said Bagger, who is 5-foot-10 and 150 pounds. "People aren’t aware that there are certain physiological changes you go through with hormone replacement therapy. We lose an amount of muscle mass and overall strength as a result. "After surgery, those effects are permanent and irrevocable."

Another transsexual, Renee Richards, faced some opposition when she played on the women’s tennis tour in the 1970s. Bagger, though, is being welcomed. Teske and Davies were among players who supported her appearance at Concord Golf Club. "She’s a girl now, let her have a go," Davies said. "She’s not gaining any advantage from what I understand. She doesn’t hit the ball 350 yards. Why not give her a chance?"

The LPGA Tour, U.S. Golf Association and the Ladies European Tour have policies that must be female at birth. "The reason for that restriction was Charlotte Wood, a transsexual who was 50 when she finished third in the 1987 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur, and reached the semifinals of the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. The USGA put the "female at birth" clause in its entry forms in 1989, while the LPGA Tour added the restriction in 1991. "We live in interesting and ever-changing times," LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw said Wednesday. "How other organizations deal with this, such as the IOC, is something we’re looking at in relation to this specific policy. But right now, our regulations are they have to be female at birth."

The International Olympic Committee last week put off a decision allowing transsexuals to compete in the Olympics, saying more time was needed to consider all the medical issues. The IOC medical commission proposed that athletes who have had sex-change operations be eligible for the games after hormone therapy and a two-year waiting period.

Women’s Golf Australia, which runs the Women’s Australian Open, removed its "female at birth" clause in 1998 and gave Bagger an exemption to the tournament. "I think the publicity has been enormous," WGA president Sally Hamersley said. "But quite honestly, I feel for the player. It’s going to be quite a weight for her to carry."

Votaw was at the Australian Ladies Masters last week, and met Bagger when he stopped by Concord Golf Club to visit players. "She seemed like a very nice person who is just trying to play some golf," Votaw said. "I introduced myself to her and wished her luck and told her to have fun."

Still, her presence has created a lot of attention.

"I can say I thought I’d never have to answer a question like that," Webb said when asked how she felt about playing against a transsexual. "It's up to the tournament, and they can choose to use their sponsor's exemptions any way they want. I have not met her, and it doesn’t really bother me. But I'll be interested to see how she does this week."

After Bagger resumed playing golf in 1998, she won the South Australian State Championship for amateurs in 1999, 2001 and 2003, and turned pro last summer by joining the Danish PGA. Bagger says she is not a power player, and only hits the ball about 240 yards off the tee. All she wants this week is a chance.

"I want to play professional golf and have the same opportunities as other women," she said.
**Baseball America Top 25**

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The Philadelphia Eagles one-upped Daniel Snyder and the Washington Redskins, outbid­ding them for defensive end Jevon Kearse on the first day of the free-agency signing period.

But the traditionally hyperactive Redskins also made moves Wednesday. Snyder's team agreed to terms with defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin and, according to a league source who requested anonymity, with Seattle cornerback Shawn Springs.

Kearse agreed to a six-year, eight-year deal to move from Tennessee to Philadelphia, which took a risk. Kearse has been hurt often the last two seasons, playing in only 18 of 32 games. That was one reason the Titans decided not to protect him with the "franchise" player tag.

But after losing in the NFC title game three years in a row, the Eagles decided to go for the pass rusher they lacked last season after letting fugitive Douglas leave for Jacksonville.

The Redskins had been interested in Kearse, but had to settle for Griffin, who spent his first four seasons with another NFC East team, the New York Giants. He also is a risk. His best season was as a rookie in 2000, and he had only one sack in 2003. Springs would replace Bailey as the "shutdown" cornerback in the Washington secondary. The Redskins also took a chance on Springs, who hasn't played a complete season in four years. This year, Snyder signed four players on the first day of free agency, picking up guard Dave Fiore in San Francisco just after midnight in his private plane and zooming him to Redskins Park to sign a contract.

**IN BRIEF**

Rangers trade Leetch to Maple Leafs

NEW YORK — The New York Rangers traded star defenseman Brian Leetch to the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday night, ending his 17-season run on Broadway. Leetch has only been with the Rangers in his NHL career that began in February 1988, immediately after he played for the United States in the Calgary Olympics.

The Rangers acquired defensemen Maxim Kondratiev, forward Jarkko Olli and the Washington Capitals' fourth-round pick in this year's draft for a third-round choice in the 2005 second-round selection. The Maple Leafs also received a conditional pick.

"Brian is not only one of the best players to ever play for the New York Rangers, he's also a classy individual," Rangers president and general manager Glen Sather said.

"As we proceeded down the path we felt we did very well with the players we got and the draft choices we got. We felt that going as far as we did go with Toronto was as maximum as we could get," Leetch, 36, a two-time Norris Trophy winner as the NHL's top defenseman, helped lead New York to the '94 Stanley Cup title, the club's first since 1940. He had 11 goals and 23 assists in 23 playoff games to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

Suspended player says he was paid to play

MINDOLA, N.Y. — A suspended St. John's basketball player conceded Wednesday he got $300 almost every day of free agency, picking up guard Dave Fiore in San Francisco just after midnight in his private plane and zooming him to Redskins Park to sign a contract.

"One of the things I admire about Dan is he makes quick decisions," said Joe Gibbs, who didn't have to deal with free agency or the salary cap when he first coaxed the Redskins from 1981-92.

"At 12:01, we were on the phones. It's exciting. It's one of the biggest nights we'll have."

This year, the Skins made their splash before the official start, sending defensive back Champ Bailey to Denver for running back Clinton Portis and acquiring quarterback Mark Brunell from Jacksonville for a third-round draft choice.
Valenzuela moves closer to defending title

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Jon Valenzuela will advance to his second Bengal Bout finals after taking a close split-decision win over senior Pedro Alves in the 135-pounds weight class. Alves came out strong in round one attacking the experienced junior, but it was Valenzuela who connected first after a quick slip. Alves continued to initiate contact, but Valenzuela successfully slipped under his lead left and connected to score. Valenzuela tested his right hook a number of times in the second and as the round ending he was beginning to find success with it. Alves looked strong at the start of round three and dominated the early exchanges. Valenzuela was able to get inside and score importantly body shots as Alves covered.

Michael Schmitt fought well and earned his place in the finals against Jon Valenzuela by coming out on top in a called match against left-handed Larry Hofman. Early in round one, Hofman dominated and landed two scoring lefts, which left Strobel hunched over. The fight was called 18 seconds into the final round and found suc-cess. In a tremendous fight with many high quality blows, both boxers proved they were worthy of the semifinals and more. Dillon won in a split decision and the finals await him on St. Patrick's Day.

Senior Paul Robinson secured his first appearance in the Bengal Bout finals by winning a called fight against sophomore Todd Strible. Robinson left the corner fast and closed in on Strible hard to start the match. Following a clinch, Strible boxed well and a strong six-punch combo put Robinson on the ropes. Robinson came off the ropes well, replying right away with a big right hook that put Robinson an eighth-count on. Robinson threw significant leather several times.

Dillon's hooks continued to find their target throughout the round. Pfizenmayer was not deterred, however, and his punches remained straight and consistent throughout the whole fight.

Early in round two, Pfizenmayer took over for a bit, throwing more and avoiding Schmitt's defense. Though gloves contact was minimal, Pfizenmayer was able to contact more than leather several times.

Despite a high contact rate to start the third, neither boxer appeared the least bit tired in the final round. Though gloves contacted only gloves in early exchanges, Pfizenmayer's right came alive again late in the third, prompting a clinch by Pfizenmayer. Both were scoring well and taking hard shots as the match ended. In a tremendous fight with many high quality blows, both boxers proved they were worthy of the semifinals and more. Dillon won in a split decision and the finals await him on St. Patrick's Day.

Justin Alanis, left, and William Phillip clash in a 160-pound semifinal bout Wednesday night.

T.J. D'Agostino is making his second trip to the finals after beating Justin Alanis in a 160-pound semifinal bout Wednesday night. D'Agostino's slow start was no indication of the later rounds. Though both boxers fighters looked grotte the lone freshman in tonight's semi­finals was unable to overcome the veteran. D'Agostino won in a unanimous decision.

Left-handed Jon Pribaz over­came junior captain Galen Loughey in the second bout of the 150-pound division. Both boxers moved well and picked their punches and combos carefully in round one. Pribaz initiated in most exchanges, but Loughey didn't seem thrown off by the lefty at all. It was an even round dominated by defense, which was expected from the two veterans.

Early in round two, Pribaz had a number of good scores. Punches were coming straight and hard from both boxers, but Loughey's superior defense prevailed again in the second. Both boxers found only leather or air with attacks.

In round three, even, hard and on-target punches landed only protective gloves. Loughey went to body well in the final round and found success there. The last 30 seconds saw an increase in punch count from both fighters. Pribaz kept his attacks coming, and though many found only Loughey's protective hand, enough punches snuck through to earn him the unanimous decision win in the evenly matched bout.

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Bengal Bouts semifinal rounds

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Ryan Duffey fought a clean match from the opening bell utilizing his slight reach and accurate jab to pick off the advances of the aggressive Bobby Gorynski. Round one featured mostly traded jabs and only a few power punches. Duffey's punch count was higher in both the first and the round. Gorynski took the fight to Duffey near the end of the first, but Duffey replied well to every advance of Gorynski. Gorynski came out with a strong combo to start round two and initiated several exchanges early in the round. Duffey sent a number of stiff jabs at the ever-advancing Gorynski and remained composed throughout the round. In round three, Gorynski was throwing more punches per combo, and Duffey chose to move in and counter-punch throughout the round. Duffey's jabs continued on Gorynski, but the junior was not dismayed and continued to advance with three and four-punch combos throughout the round. Duffey took the split decision in the even bout.

Tim Huml and Corey Harkins complemented each other well in the second match of the 153-pound class. The match was evenly fought and Harkins checked each other well early on in the first round. They traded jabs throughout the first, and then a technical round of boxers followed. Harkins moved well and kept their form.

In the second round, Harkins was coming on strong and advanced on Huml well. Harkins had a solid score late in the round, but the second round proceeded much as the first with good exchanges. Neither boxer dominated the match. A strong right at the start from Harkins sent Huml back a bit. Both boxers worked hard throughout the entire fight, continually exchanging and initiating contact. Overall, it was an extreme close fight with the split decision going to Harkins.

Round two began with a hard exchange in which both boxers took some serious shots. Phillips’ one-two landed accurately late in the second, and he scored in nearly every combo. In round three, Phillips was scoring in spite of Alanis’ advances. As the round continued Phillips found more scores, particularly over the dropping hands of Alanis. Phillips left it all in the ring last night, but Phillips’ ability to finish off exchanges came the hardworking junior.

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Justin Alanis. Alanis initiated contact well and held the ring early on, forcing Phillips to move around him and select his punches from the outside. Though Alanis initiated, Phillips often finished the exchanges throwing the extra, scoring punch as Alanis broke contact. Phillips seemed he was willing to take a punch or two to set up his multi-punch, scoring combinations.

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Tommy Demko, left, takes a punch during his semifinal bout against Matthew Smith. Demko is a Bengal Bouts captain.

There will be an open meeting for students with selected members of the NCA accreditation team on:

Tuesday, March 23, from 5:00-5:45 p.m. at McKenna Auditorium.

All students — undergraduate and graduate — are invited to attend.

The NCA accreditation team wants to hear your ideas about how Notre Dame can continue to improve as a university.
Tennis

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can be a distraction for our kids.

On Friday, the traditionally solid Illinois (5-2) suffered a 5-2 loss to No. 4 Washington. They then defeated Western Michigan, 6-1, on Saturday.

Louderback is confident the Irish will remain poised despite having to face such skilled opponents.

"I feel really good about how our team competes," Louderback said. "Our girls do a good job at getting each other pumped up. They really get the momentum of the "match to swing back our way and I think they'll do that today."

The Irish return to the courts after a 5-2 win against Indiana Sunday. They claimed the doubles point and four of the six singles points against the No. 26 Hoosiers. The win marked the seventh consecutive Irish victory.

Last year's match between Notre Dame and Illinois resulted in a 6-1 victory for the Irish. Notre Dame claimed the doubles point and five of the six singles matches.

Louderback recalled that last year's win did not come easily.

"It was a tight match," he said. "We started off strong in doubles last year, and that's what gave us momentum going into singles."

Though the Irish are on a seven-match doubles winning streak, Louderback has continued to concentrate on doubles play during practice in addition to drills. Gaining the doubles point has been of utmost importance to the team this year.

"As the season goes on, you start to look at singles a lot more and you can't do that," Louderback said. "Then your doubles start to slip. It really makes a difference when we win the doubles point because it takes the pressure off of our singles players."

Following today's match, the Irish face a tough stretch of opponents, beginning with No. 6 Duke on March 10 and No. 36 Tennessee on March 13.

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BENGAL BOUTS 165 POUNDS — HEAVYWEIGHT

Boxers advance into final round

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Ross Bartels won the best fight of the night against defending heavyweight champion Alex Fergus by unanimous decision. Bartels came out hard and brawling in round one and was relentless in pursuing Fergus. Fergus held his hands low, waiting to set up his powerful right. The right came at 55 seconds in and sent Bartels to his knee. Bartels sprung up and came out fast after the break, relentless again in his pursuit of Fergus’ right. Smith initiated contact well and his right jab often found its target, but Demko’s counters were excellent and scored often. Late in the third round, Smith began to dominate and his right jab found its way in several times, perhaps swaying a number of judges to call the fight for him.

Senior captain Pat Dillon achieved his longtime goal of a place in the finals after winning a called fight against junior Craig Thompson. Thompson brought the match against Dillon early in round one, but Dillon began the match well and used a parry, one-two combination to score a number of times throughout the match. A strong right hook at 50 seconds into the second round warranted a standing eight-count against Thompson. Ten seconds later, a parry one-two combo stopped the fight. The RSC was called at one minute, 30 seconds into the second round.

170 pounds
Senior captain Tommy Demko won a split decision victory to earn a well-deserved place in the finals. Law student Matt Smith was a strong lefty, but Demko did not seem flustered at all. Demko countered the advancing Smith well for the first 25 seconds and earned a standing eight-count thirty seconds into round one with a big right hand. Smith initiated contact well and his right jab often found its target, but Demko’s counters were excellent and scored often. Late in the third round, Smith began to dominate and his right jab found its way in several times, perhaps swaying a number of judges to call the fight for him.

Brian Nicholson won a hard-fought split decision victory over James Ward in the second 170-pound bout. The match began as a brawl with a huge flurry featuring only a few clean punches. Nicholson settled down shortly after and found success with his one-two. Ward came on strong in the second round, landing his lead jab well in initiating contact. Round three began with a lot of contact and heavy punches. Nicholson landed his lead hand wrapped in the first 25 seconds and earned a standing eight-count thirty seconds into round one with a big right hand. Smith initiated contact well and his right jab often found its target, but Demko’s counters were excellent and scored often. Late in the third round, Smith began to dominate and his right jab found its way in several times, perhaps swaying a number of judges to call the fight for him.

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"We’re pretty disappointed about how we performed as a team," sophomore Scott Gustafson said. "We can’t go in against teams like that, play as we did and expect to do well."

As a sophomore the extra hours paid off. Demko advanced to the semifinals, losing in a split-decision loss to Chris Pearshall, but Demko turned the event into a motivator.

"Losing that close split decision my freshman year motivat ed me to improve my skills, really spend a lot of time in the gym," he said.

As a sophomore the extra hours paid off. Demko advanced to the semifinals, losing in a called fight against former football player Matt Sarb. A huge right hand on the chin from