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## Exclusive off-campus housing offered

*Townhomes, houses, apartments available to students*

By TESS CIVANTOS  
News Writer

Students looking to move off campus have a plethora of options for housing, most of which cluster students together in all-student neighborhoods.

Options include Clover Ridge, Irish Crossings and Irish Row and the wide variety of Kramer Properties rentals.

The amenities offered at these complexes vary.

Clover Ridge provides its 300 residents with a swimming pool, exercise room, tennis court, tanning bed

and courts for tennis, basketball and sand volleyball. Free cable, internet, water utility and parking are included.

Kristie Nozykowski, property manager for Clover Ridge, said, "The thing that students really like about Clover Ridge is that we try to put them near their friends. They can get off-campus living but still have friends close by."

Irish Crossings, with 84 residents, and Irish Row, with 185, are the newest of the properties. They include all utilities except gas and electric, and offer full furnishings with each unit.

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### off campus housing

building	no. of residents
Clover Ridge	200
Irish Crossings	84
Irish Row	185
Kramer	850

Observer Graphic by Mary Cecilia Mitsch

## Parry top of class at Saint Mary's

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's valedictorian, senior Courtney Parry, said she is very grateful to her professors and the faculty who have helped her throughout her four years on campus.

"I owe a great deal of gratitude to the professors and faculty I have learned from over the past four years. My professors have inspired me to want to learn more about their discipline, and have excited me about my own ability to make a difference in the world," Parry said.

Parry, a mathematics and economics double major with a 3.99 GPA according to a press release, was not planning on becoming valedictorian.

"I was not working toward this goal specifically, and was very surprised when I first learned about the designation. I had honestly given my class rank very little thought prior to learning about my status," Parry said.

Parry has also been involved in many other organizations on campus. She is the student member of the Board of Trustees and is currently administrative resident advisor for Holy Cross Hall after two years of being a resident advisor in

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## Group plans to present petition to Fr. Jenkins

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Associate News Editor

Student members of the Campaign for Human Dignity plan to present a petition to University President Fr. John Jenkins the Wednesday after spring break to urge the University to include "sexual orientation" in its nondiscrimination clause.

"Notre Dame claims that they don't discriminate against gay and lesbian students," sophomore Mary Dewey said. "So this is a challenge for them to put that commitment in writing. We believe it would go a long way to make Notre Dame a more welcoming place for all its students."

The University's nondiscrimination notice states the following:

"The University of Notre Dame does not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age in the administration of any of its employment, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, recreational and other school-administered programs."

As of last night, the Campaign for Human Dignity, composed of students from other campus groups like the Progressive Student Alliance, College Democrats and Human Rights ND, had collected just over 2,700 signatures of students in

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## Recession affects potential jobs

By JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writer

The economic recession is affecting students looking for jobs in a variety of industries, according to Ray Vander Heyden, assistant director for business career programs at the Notre Dame Career Center.

"This is affecting the whole economy, and a wide range of organizations," he said.

Assistant Professor of Economics Abigail Wozniak agrees that the recession, which initially only affected the financial sector, is now an issue for the entire job market.

"What's surprising is how wide ranging it has been," Wozniak said, citing the effects of the recession on

the consulting and legal industries."

Both Vander Heyden and Wozniak also cited non-profits as being affected by the recession. "Funding isn't flowing into non-profits as much," Vander Heyden said.

Wozniak views the legal sector as another industry that will be hit by the recession because of its close relation to the financial sector.

"I think the financial sector is going to be different long-term," she said. "The legal profession is somewhat tied to that. When you're undertaking a lot of acquisitions, you need a lot of lawyers to help you with that. If you're really on the fence and never really wanted to go to law school, you shouldn't go because you can't get a job," she said.

Wozniak cites the health-care and education sectors as ones that she sees with potential to grow. Growth in education would be helpful for the long-term future of the country, according to Wozniak, who is currently on leave from Notre Dame at Princeton University for the academic year.

"I really would like to see the United States commit itself to increasing education throughout its population. In terms of returning the U.S. to competitiveness with other countries, that's the route we have to go," she said. "It seems to be a sector that helps us in the long run and the short run."

It's important for students to consider opportunities in

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## Franks discusses Sanger, euthogenics

By ROBERT SINGER  
News Writer

Angela Franks, author and Ph.D. of theology, linked the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, to the eugenics movement of the first half of the 20th century, while arguing that elements of eugenics — which attempts to improve the quality of the gene pool through selective fertility — are still present in today's organization.

"We know Margaret Sanger because she established an institution and gave eugenics staying

power inside an institution," Franks said.

Franks lectured on "Margaret Sanger and Planned Parenthood: The Eugenics Connection" Wednesday night in DeBartolo Hall. According to Franks, Sanger, who is popularly known for her efforts to provide women with contraception, was also a prominent figure in the eugenics movement, which saw overpopulation as a problem on the horizon.

"Sanger is a eugenicist," she said. "Basically she believed that birth control limits the bad genes and

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Courtesy of Newman Brehl

Angela Franks, author and Ph.D. of theology, talks about the personal views of Margaret Sanger in DeBartolo, Wed.

## INSIDE COLUMN

# Bulls Extravaganza

This past weekend I had the pleasure of spending an evening with a lovely young lady at a Chicago Bulls extravaganza. I don't want to call it a game, because that was far and away the least interesting part.

The Bulls won, beating the red hot Denver Nuggets. The score (116-99)

was relevant for one reason — Chicago broke the century mark which meant that each fan in attendance won a free Big Mac.

With the shot clock running low and a hand in his face Chicago's Tyrus Thomas nailed a clutch jumper late in the fourth quarter. The shot gave the Bulls a two-point lead and all the momentum they would need to pull away.

Thomas's shot was celebrated with smattered applause and a few screams from circular, furry men in the upper deck. A few seconds later the United Center erupted. Fans jumped to their feet and pulled at their hair in excited anticipation. I followed their eyes towards the rafters to see what was going on. It was T-shirts.

During the TV timeout, free shirts attached to parachutes cascaded down from the ceiling. They might as well have been coming from heaven. Thousands of fans groped hopelessly at the sky like newborn birds looking for a worm. When they brought the T-shirt cannon out the growing fervor became full blown ecstasy. People love free stuff.

By this time in the extravaganza, I shouldn't have been shocked; the biggest cheers all night were coming during TV timeouts. And I have to admit, the sideshow acts were more deserving.

Benny the Bull and his troops paraded act after act onto the parquet. It was the first time I'd ever seen fans wait until the game started up to hit up the snack bar.

Leading the way were the half-cheerleader, half-strip-tease squad known as the Luvabulls. Even during the game they were hard to keep your eyes off of. The girls went through several different dances and four costume changes during the four quarters.

Their moves were second to one, the Swinging Seniors — the only dance crew that you need an AARP membership to join. The seniors didn't shy away from any booty-bumping, air-humping modern moves during their two minute medley of hardcore rap songs. If you don't believe me, I'm sure it's on YouTube.

Other highlights included the Stampede drumline, the trampoline dunk team and a half-time karaoke contest. The guy who lost got booed more than Carmelo Anthony.

The true star of the show, however, was the world's smallest cowboy. The well-trained monkey complete with his own miniature bandana rode proudly around the arena on the back of an Irish setter steed. He finished at halfcourt by giving a fist-pump while his dog went up on his hind legs.

The cowboy was in town to promote Saturday night's rodeo at the United Center. Rumor has it Kirk Heinrich volunteered to wear face paint and an empty barrel so he could get some attention.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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## CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Mar. 3 edition of The Observer, the new student center was called the Stayer Center. The new Executive MBA building will be called Stayer and as of yet there are no names or funds for the new student center. The Observer regrets this error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT MOVIE WILL BEST DESCRIBE YOUR SPRING BREAK?



Leon Zhou  
freshman  
Stanford

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."



Colin Sullivan  
freshman  
O'Neill

"It's a Wonderful Life. I'm not going to leave my couch."



Lei Lei  
freshman  
Badin

"Catch Me if You Can."



Theresa Nguyen  
junior  
Lewis

"Rush Hour 2."



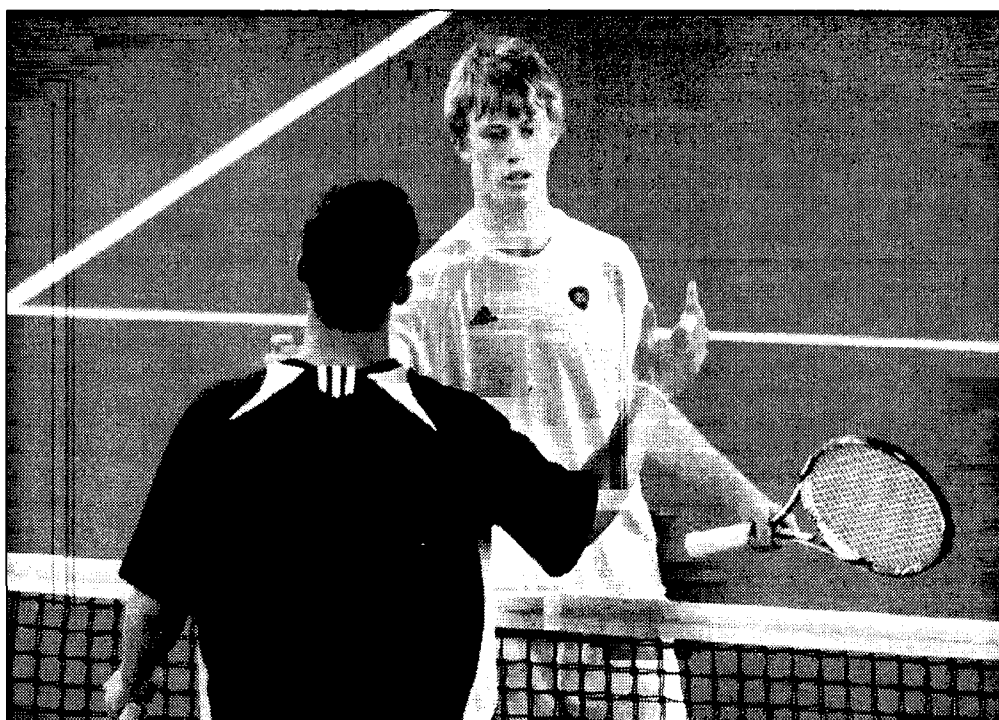
Grayson Duren  
freshman  
Keenan

"Dances With Wolves."



Andrew Diaz  
freshman  
Keough

"Animal House."



Casey Watt meets his opponent at the net after his win clinched the match for Notre Dame against Michigan Wednesday.

JESS LEE/The Observer

## IN BRIEF

Notre Dame faculty members will give a presentation titled "In the Wake of the Beagle: Darwin in Latin American 1831-1836" today at 4:30 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. The presentation is offered as an academic investigation of Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" to mark the 150th-anniversary of its publication. The event is free and open to the public.

The ND/SMC Ballroom Dance Club will hold a beginning dance class in room 205 of the Rockne Memorial Building tonight from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15. The class costs \$4 per lesson.

The film "Slumdog Millionaire" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Student Stand-ups of Notre Dame will be performing tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends. Performers include Bill Ehrlich, Ryan McCune, Patrick Hernandez, Michael Mikuska and Danny Cox.

Nanovic Institute for European Studies will be sponsoring the keynote speaker for the Graduate Student Conference, Paul Franks, who will give his lecture Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to [obsnews@nd.edu](mailto:obsnews@nd.edu)

## OFFBEAT

## Eagle survives crash through truck windshield

RENO — The eagle has landed — with a thud — after crashing through the windshield of a tractor-trailer on a Nevada highway. State wildlife officials said Wednesday that a 15-pound golden eagle with a 7-foot wing span has a swollen head but otherwise appears unhurt after crashing into a Florida truck driver's big rig on Monday.

Matthew Roberto Gonzalez of Opa Locka, Fla., was driving on U.S. Interstate 80 in northeast Nevada near Wells, about

60 miles west of the Utah line, when the eagle came crashing into the cab of his truck.

"I heard a loud thump like a brick or something coming through the glass," said Daryl Young of Miami, the co-driver who was dozing in the sleeper berth when it happened. "I woke up, and the windshield was all over me. Next thing I know there was a big bird lying on the floor."

## Man uses debit card to buy drink in alleged holdup

CHARLESTON — Would-be robbers take note: Don't use your debit card

during a holdup. A West Virginia man who police say attempted to rob a convenience store instead ended up buying a soft drink with his debit card — ultimately leading to his arrest.

Shawn Thomas Lester, 33, told the store clerk Monday he had a gun and wanted all the money in the register, police said. But the suspect got flustered when a customer walked in and the clerk told him to pay for the soft drink.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 50 LOW 42	HIGH 42 LOW 32	HIGH 52 LOW 38	HIGH 50 LOW 33	HIGH 43 LOW 35	HIGH 48 LOW 35

Atlanta 66 / 35 Boston 37 / 19 Chicago 53 / 33 Denver 60 / 38 Houston 81 / 59 Los Angeles 62 / 49 Minneapolis 41 / 29 New York 41 / 22 Philadelphia 43 / 22 Phoenix 79 / 58 Seattle 46 / 39 St. Louis 64 / 32 Tampa 75 / 49 Washington 54 / 26

# Students seek out service

University provides philanthropic programs for interested Domers

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

Next week, while their classmates jet off to exotic locales, spend time at home or remain on campus, some Notre Dame students will spend their spring breaks serving others by participating in one of the many service programs offered by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns.

According to Connie Snyder Mick, the assistant director of the Center of Social Concerns, a total of 240 students will be participating in spring break service programs.

The Appalachia seminar focuses on the problems facing the people who reside in the Appalachian Mountains. Each site offers a different slate of activities for the week — students can help with anything from home repair to helping teach children about environmental conservation.

The Children and Poverty Seminar takes place in New York City. The seminar focuses on the lives of youth affected by poverty, with a focus on community outreach, education and

prevention.

The Environmental Justice and Human Rights in the Aftermath of Katrina seminar examines how impoverished Louisiana communities were affected by the hurricane from a theological and environmental standpoint.

The Community: Faith, Culture and Work seminar sends students to Coachella, Calif. to work alongside Priests of the Holy Cross aiding people afflicted by economic challenges.

The L'Arche seminar has two locations: Washington, D.C. and Toronto, Canada.

L'Arche communities provide a place for people with disabilities to live and work alongside other people with disabilities. The seminar provides students with the opportunity to see how living in such a community has influenced members.

The Migrant Experience focuses on the social issues involved with migrant farm labor. Students will travel to Immokalee, Fla. to gain a firsthand look at these issues.

The Changing the Face of American Healthcare seminar will send students to Washington, D.C. to exam-

ine the declining health care system by visiting government agencies and health care organizations.

No matter which seminar they choose, all Notre Dame students participating are looking forward to spending a week helping others.

Junior Michelle Romeu will spend next week helping teach high school students at the David School in David, Ky. She is looking forward to spending her spring break doing something worthwhile.

"After having a really fun fall break when I was abroad, I felt like I should do something productive for this break," she said.

Sophomore Lindsey McAlarnen is participating in the L'Arche seminar. She said she is looking forward to broadening her horizons and forming connections both with the people she will meet at the site and her fellow students.

"I'm going on the trip because I want to do something meaningful with my spring break, experience something new and meet new people," she said.

McAlarnen is giving up a week at home in sunny Florida to travel to Toronto to volunteer, but she said that the experience is worth it.

"I'm missing out on being warm," she said. "But in the long run, this experience will definitely be worth it."

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# SMC offers spring break alternatives

By ALICIA SMITH  
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The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's is offering a substitute to the traditional spring break trip for students. The program is called Women's Issues in the City: Alternative Spring Break, and will take students to Indianapolis to work with the Indianapolis Peace Institute (IPI).

Carrie Call, director of OCSE, said, "The trip is offered in conjunction with the Indianapolis Peace Institute in Indianapolis." Students had to apply to the program through OCSE.

During the trip, students will work with Kate Williams, a member of IPI. Williams is a Saint Mary's alumna.

Throughout the trip, students will learn about women's issues and will also participate in service projects.

"On the trip, students will live together in the restored mansion owned by IPI, visit sites in the city to learn about issues that affect women, do some direct service with a few agencies and share in meals and reflection together," Call said.

One such project gives students the opportunity to work at a soup kitchen in Indianapolis.

"One of the service projects includes serving meals

at the Cathedral Kitchen which is run by the Sisters of Providence," Call said.

This year, students will learn about issues relating to women and the criminal justice system, women and violence, the reality of human trafficking and various other topics.

The trip begins March 7 and will conclude on March 13.

"The trip provides students with an opportunity to combine service and learning during their spring break," Call said.

According to IPI's Web site, the program will allow students to "examine issues facing women in Indianapolis, and how we can seek to address them as a community."

IPI offers several trips during spring break and fall break each year.

"I think students are participating because they care about women's issues, they want to learn more about how to make a difference, and they want the opportunity to do some hands-on service," Call said.

According to the IPI Web site, it offers these trips to give students "the opportunity to delve into various issues related to the field of peace building in an intense short-term setting." For more information about IPI and its programs, visit [www.indianapolispeaceinstitute.org](http://www.indianapolispeaceinstitute.org).

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## Parry

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the same building, according to a press release.

Parry has also been a member of the math honor society, Pi Mu Epsilon, since her sophomore year and is now president of the Saint Mary's chapter. She said she enjoyed her math classes and fellow math students.

"I would certainly say that, in general, I have enjoyed the tight-knit math department. Math majors can frequently be found in the math resource room working in small groups, trying different problem-solving techniques," Parry said.

She also recognized that her four years here have gone by very quickly.

"Though it sounds a bit cliché, I would certainly advise upcoming students to make the most of every minute of their time as a

student. Four years goes by so quickly," Parry said.

Parry's fondest memories were not necessarily found in the classroom.

"I have always enjoyed the Heritage week dinner as it is such a wonderful bonding opportunity for students

to come together and learn more about Saint Mary's traditions," Parry said.

While Parry has not yet decided what she is doing after graduation, she did have some advice for underclassman at Saint Mary's.

"I would encourage upcoming students to always try their hardest and work to make each day better than the day that came before," Parry said.

Parry graduated from Marquette High School in Michigan City in 2005.

Saint Mary's commencement will take place May 16 at noon on the LeMans Green.

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## STUDENT SENATE

# Senate debates new library renovation

*Student leaders discuss possible updates to Hesburgh facade, concerned with lighting, new cafe and added noise*

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
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Student Senate discussed possible improvements and concerns regarding the renovation of the first and second floor of the Hesburgh Library at Wednesday's meeting.

A committee is currently examining the best way for renovations to utilize the library as a study space for students, according to sophomore class president Cynthia Weber.

Weber, the only undergraduate student on the committee, said the renovation is slated for completion sometime during the 2010-2011 school year.

"The key theme in the renovation is that we want the Hesburgh Library to be a hub of academic life," she said.

There will be a café in the library and the first floor will be more centrally oriented, Weber said. The committee has also discussed putting a "new books and popular magazines section" near the café to draw students in, she said.

O'Neill Hall senator Kevin Kimberly said aesthetics should play a major role in the renovations.

"Basically, the library is ugly and doesn't give me any incentive to go there, especially when I live in O'Neill," he said.

Several senators said a lack of proper lighting is a problem many study areas in the library currently face, and they suggested the committee look into the issue.

Lighting is huge," Lyons Hall senator Catherine Flynn said. "I need bright lighting to keep me awake."

Morrissey Hall senator Austin Holler suggested installing individual lights at study desks to remedy the lighting problem.

Several senators voiced a concern that the addition of a café in the library would create a problem with noise.

Weber said the café is supposed to draw students into the library, but an increase noise level is a concern. She said the plan includes study areas in the library that are designated for both quiet study and group study.

Student body president Bob Reish said he believes the committee should make this concern a priority and somehow make it clear which areas of the library are designated for group study and which are for quiet study when renovating.

Weber said she does not know when or how the construction will happen.

Ryan Brellenthin, chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, asked about the possibility of a 24-hour space in the library.

"There should be a 24-hour study space. There's nothing worse than being kicked out of the library at two."

When you walk into the library, it will be completely different," she said.

Badin Hall senator Kaitie McCabe asked if the whole first floor would be under construction all at one time, and if so, how much study space would be lost in the process.

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Weber said a 24-hour space is a huge issue that is under consideration, but she said it presents several problems.

"It's a safety concern, finding an architecturally safe environment for 24-hours," she said. "Also, it has to then be staffed."

## In other Senate news

◆ Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said despite the demand from students, there is no chance the price of Subway footlongs will be lowered to \$5 because the budget is already fixed for next year.

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## Housing

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Karie Miller, property manager for Irish Crossings and Row, said, "Our location is great. We're just one block east of the Notre Dame sports field."

The Kramer properties, which serve 850 student residents, include apartments, townhomes and houses in all sizes and at varying distances from campus. Kramer-owned Lafayette apartments provide water utility, but most Kramer properties, the houses specifically, leave residents responsible for their own utilities, Kramer said.

Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, said, "What's unique to Kramer Properties are the houses. Not many have the options we have, with the number of houses and the different sizes available."

One feature all the rental companies share is that students in these properties will only have other students as neighbors.

"Our properties allow students to cluster together and have their own neighborhood. Our townhomes and apartments are 100 percent student occupied," Kramer said.

The reasons for this are obvious, Kramer said.

"Students typically study late, they stay up late, they party. That can be disturbing to residents that are not

students," Kramer said. "There's less potential for problems if they're with like-minded people on the same schedule."

Junior Jacqueline Livaudais will live off campus next year with two of her friends. Instead of renting a unit in one of these complexes, however, she will live in an independently-owned house. Finances are a major reason for her decision to move off.

"It's significantly cheaper to live off campus. It's about half the price, at least for us," Livaudais said. "We also wanted to live in a house as opposed to an apartment."

Livaudais and her friends found the house through a friend who lived there last year.

Sophomore Octavia Ratiu has already begun looking at housing options for her senior year.

"I think living off campus can give a little taste of what it's like to live in the real world," Ratiu said. "The Notre Dame campus is a bubble, and while that is nice in some respects, it fosters a disconnect from reality that makes the transition to life after college more jarring than it should be. I'm not saying that living on campus senior year would be a mistake, but it's an experience I want to try."

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## Upcoming Shows

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Prime minister bungles words

TOKYO — Reading Japanese isn't easy — even for the Japanese.

Take Prime Minister Taro Aso. He's made so many public blunders that an opposition lawmaker tried to give him a reading test during a televised session of parliament.

The Japanese leader bungled the word for "frequent," calling Japan-China exchanges "cumbersome" instead. Another time, he misread the word "toshu" (follow), saying "fushu" — or stench — and sounded as if he were saying government policy "stinks."

While the media and Aso's political rivals have been quick to heap ridicule, many Japanese have seen a bit more of themselves in Aso's goofs than they would like to admit. Since his missteps, books designed to improve reading ability have become all the rage.

Aso's nemesis is his mother tongue's notoriously tricky mishmash of Chinese characters and its two sets of indigenous syllabaries.

### Afghan election to stay in August

KABUL — The Afghan election commission rejected President Hamid Karzai's request to move the presidential elections to the spring, saying the country won't be safe enough or have enough money by then to hold a vote.

The commission's decision came Wednesday as a car bomb exploded outside the main U.S. base at Bagram, underscoring the shaky security situation the country faces as a resurgent Taliban militia increases its attacks.

Karzai had asked the commission to move the elections from Aug. 20 to spring, but the commission said it could not because of bad spring weather, lack of funds, security issues and logistical problems like the distribution of ballots.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Violence leads to precautions

SAN ANTONIO — The drug violence in Mexico has gotten so bad that booming numbers of Mexican and American professionals are having their cars fitted with armor plates, bulletproof glass and James Bond-style gadgets such as electrified door handles and push-button smokescreens.

Until recently, it was mostly movie stars, business moguls and politicians who took such precautions. But now, industry officials say, the customers include factory owners, doctors, newspaper publishers and others who have business on both sides of the border and fear killings, kidnappings and carjackings by drug dealers or people in their debt.

The customers "don't have to be very big," said Mark Burton, CEO of International Armoring Corp. of Ogden, Utah. "This becomes almost a necessity."

One San Antonio company said it expects a 50 percent increase in business this year.

### Judge overturns conviction

NEW HAVEN — A federal judge on Wednesday threw out a conviction against a former Navy sailor accused of passing along information about ship movements, dealing a post-mortem blow to a Bush administration that had praised the case as a success.

U.S. District Judge Mark Kravitz overturned last year's conviction of Hassan Abu-Jihaad, of Phoenix, on a charge of providing material support to terrorists, citing the language of the law. He upheld his conviction for disclosing classified national defense information.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Senator develops proposal for fund

INDIANAPOLIS — A top state senator is developing a proposal for fixing Indiana's bankrupt unemployment insurance fund that he said Tuesday is likely to include higher taxes on employers and cutting benefits paid out to the jobless.

Republican Sen. Dennis Kruse of Auburn, chairman of the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee, is taking the lead on the issue in the GOP-controlled Senate. The Democrat-led House failed to pass a bill to fix an unemployment system that has been paying out millions of dollars more in benefits than it has been collecting from employer taxes.

## THE NETHERLANDS

# ICC charges president of Sudan

*Omar al-Bashir's government removes 10 humanitarian groups from Darfur*

Associated Press

THE HAGUE — The president of Sudan became a wanted man Wednesday when the International Criminal Court charged him with war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur — its first action against a sitting head of state and one that could set the stage for more world leaders to be indicted.

President Omar al-Bashir's government retaliated by expelling 10 humanitarian groups from Darfur and seizing their assets, threatening lifesaving operations, a U.N. spokeswoman said.

Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the United States supported the court's action "to hold accountable those who are responsible for the heinous crimes in Darfur." Up to 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million have fled their homes in the region.

U.N. officials in Sudan will continue to deal with al-Bashir because he remains the president of the country, U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said in New York.

In the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, the government denounced the warrant as part of a Western conspiracy aimed at destabilizing the vast oil-rich nation south of Egypt. "There will be no recognition of or dealing with the white man's court, which has no mandate in Sudan or against any of its people," the Information Ministry said.

Several thousand people waving pictures of al-Bashir and denouncing the court turned out in a rally in Khartoum. Some waved posters of chief prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo's face with pig ears superimposed to chants of, "Cowardly pig, you will not get to the Sudan."

Al-Bashir, who denies the accusations, drove through



Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, center, attends a graduation ceremony at an air force academy near Khartoum, Sudan Wednesday.

the capital after the warrant was announced, waving at crowds. Security was tightened at many embassies, and some diplomats and aid workers stayed home amid fears of retaliation against Westerners.

The decision by the court lays the groundwork for potential indictments of other heads of state who have been mentioned as possible targets of war crimes investigations, including leaders of other African nations and Israel.

"Head of state immunity no longer is a bar to prosecuting heads of state who commit war crimes and crimes against humanity during their time in office," said David Crane, an inter-

national law professor at Syracuse University and former prosecutor of the Sierra Leone tribunal that indicted exiled Liberian President Charles Taylor and put him on trial in The Hague. After he left office, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic was indicted by the tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Crane said the principle could even extend to former U.S. President George W. Bush over claims officials from his former administration may have engaged in torture by using coercive interrogation techniques on terror suspects.

Congressional Democrats and other critics have charged that some of the harsh interrogation tech-

niques amounted to torture, a contention that Bush and other officials rejected.

The prospect of The Hague-based court ever trying Bush is considered extremely remote. The U.S. government does not recognize the court and the only other way it could be investigated is if the Security Council were to order it, something unlikely to happen with Washington a veto-wielding permanent member of the council.

The Security Council adopted a resolution ordering the International Criminal Court to investigate Darfur in 2005, leading to the charges against al-Bashir even though Sudan does not recognize the court's jurisdiction.

# State lawmakers seek embryo limit

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lawmakers in two states, outraged by California's "Octomom," are seeking to limit the number of embryos that may be implanted by fertility clinics.

The legislation in Missouri and Georgia is intended to spare taxpayers from footing the bill for women having more children than they can afford. But critics say the measures also would make having even one child more difficult for women who desperately want to become mothers.

"What they are proposing is a cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all approach," said Dr. Andrew Toledo,

medical director of the Atlanta-based Reproductive Biology Associates. "Not every couple and not every patient is the same."

Infertility doctors argue that decisions on how many embryos to transfer should be left up to medical experts familiar with a patient's individual circumstances.

Debate has raged since Nadya Suleman gave birth to octuplets in Bellflower, Calif., on Jan. 26. She has six other children, lives in her mother's three-bedroom home and has relied on food stamps and disability income to provide for her family.

"It's unforgivable," said Ralph Hudgens, a state senator who is sponsoring the Georgia bill. "This

woman already has six children. She's unemployed, and she's going and having 14 children on the backs of the taxpayers of the state of California."

Hudgens, a Republican, has proposed legislation that would allow no more than two embryos to be implanted at any one time in a woman younger than 40. For women older than 40, the legislation would limit the number of embryos to three to account for increased difficulty getting pregnant.

Supporters say the measure is needed to rein in lucrative baby-making businesses often more concerned with success rates and profit than with ethics.



## Jobs

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growing sectors, even if they would not have considered those options two years ago, Vander Heyden said.

"Students should look to apply their education to these [growing] fields," he said, citing healthcare, energy and the federal government. "You can become an accountant for a hospital, instead of an accounting firm."

### Long-term outlook

Wozniak views the recession as being relevant for years to come.

"In terms of getting back to ... where we were two years ago, that might take 10 years," she said. "A 10-year recession would be extremely long, but a 10 year recovery is not at all unrealistic."

Despite the pessimistic estimates, Wozniak said the current recession is not as bad as the recession of the early 1980s, at least according to unemployment numbers. "We have seen serious downturns in the past and we still have not reached those numbers," she said. "There are a number of reasons to expect that growth won't come back in the same way as in the 1980s, but the present still isn't entirely unprecedented."

While the current recession is often compared to the Great Depression, Wozniak said the recovery will not need to be as severe as it was in the 1930s. "We learned a lot from the Great Depression," she said. "Even if the downturn does become that severe, the recovery will be a lot faster."

### What can I do?

Wozniak said current juniors looking to graduate in May 2010 will be the most affected by the recession. "They should think about a long-term strategy for themselves," she said. "They should be thinking of a challenging labor market for the next five years and should ask: What can I do now to get on some sort of career trajectory?"

The job market no longer has a focus on high-paying, short-term careers, according to Wozniak.

"Any student who is thinking of going into a high-paying career temporarily should probably start thinking about how to get into what they really want to be doing right now," she said. "I don't think that's going to ever come back. If students really want to go into teaching or something else,

they should just start looking for jobs in those industries."

Vander Heyden urges students to make sure that they are putting a good effort into their job searches.

"Positions are still out there for students with the time and energy to find them," he said. "The economy is having an impact and it takes more time and energy."

Notre Dame graduates have a leg up on graduates from peer institutions, Vander Heyden said.

"Our graduates are more well-rounded than their peers due to our method of education," he said.

Notre Dame students are often more hard working than their peers and have "reasonable expectations," according to Vander Heyden.

"They apply themselves and are quick learners," he said.

Vander Heyden cited a survey of employers conducted about two and a half years ago as the source for his claims about Notre Dame graduates.

Wozniak agrees that Notre Dame students may have a better time finding jobs than other college graduates. "A Notre Dame candidate is potentially going to displace another candidate," she said. "I wouldn't say it's the time to completely stop looking, especially for students coming out of a place like Notre Dame."

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## Chicago may host Olympics

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

Chicago is rallying for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic bid, and the Notre Dame community is trying to help make that a reality.

Senior Kelly Kapshandy, who has been working on the Chicago 2016 Olympic and Paralympic bid for more than a year, sought the support of the Notre Dame community Wednesday in the LaFortune Student Center where she registered more than 425 students, faculty and members of the campus community in support of the bid.

Kapshandy said because much of the campus community is connected to Chicago, she wanted to help bring the Olympics to the city by rallying the support of Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni.

"The Olympic committee comes in one month, so we are trying to get students involved in raising support for the Olympic bid. So many people at Notre Dame are from Chicago originally, so getting the campus involved is a great way to build positive hype for the games," she said.

Additionally, since Chicago is the only city in the United States in the running to host the 2016 Olympics, Kapshandy said it is important for the country to support the bid as well.

"We want to show not only that Chicago supports the bid, but that America does,"

she said.

Kapshandy said Chicago would be a great venue for bringing people from all over the globe together.

"As of today, over 1.1 million people have registered their support on the Chicago 2016 Web site," Kapshandy said.

The International Olympic Evaluation Committee is visiting the four candidate cities starting with Chicago in April and continuing through May, Kapshandy said. The International Olympic Committee will announce who will host the 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games on Oct. 2.

The other three candidate cities are Madrid, Spain; Tokyo, Japan; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

According to Kapshandy, the Olympic committee's decision about where to host the summer games involves much scrutiny.

"The committee is looking at everything: is city able to host one million people in the span of several weeks, are citizens of the city also supporting the bid, do they have adequate transportation?" she said.

While Kapshandy could not disclose specifics about how Chicago 2016 is planning to prepare for the Olympics if it is chosen as the host of the 2016 summer games, she said the city will make sure that everyone from residents to visitors are accommodated.

"... Chicago is trying to make sure that the Olympics are held the best way to

accommodate residents, athletes, and spectators," she said.

Plans are in the works to hold another registration drive on campus later this semester, Kapshandy said.

Notre Dame's involvement in bringing the Olympics to Chicago doesn't end on campus. Today the Notre Dame Club of Chicago will host its Hesburgh Forum, which will feature three Notre Dame Alumni speakers and a luncheon at the Union League Club in Chicago. The Notre Dame alumni speakers include Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Chicago 2016 committee Valerie Waller and Chairman of the McDonald's Corporation Andrew McKenna Sr.

Kapshandy said she first got involved in bringing the Olympics to Chicago to keep herself busy over Christmas break.

"During Christmas break in 2007, I decided to do something with my break and I sent a few e-mails to people on the Chicago 2016 committee. I connected with a Saint Mary's alum who was working on the 2016 Olympics and I've been there for over a year now," Kapshandy said.

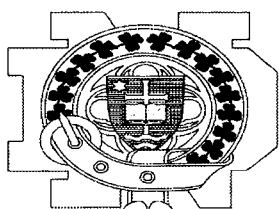
I'd heard about it before it became popular, I grew up in Chicago, and I love sports ... so I decided to do what I could to bring the games to Chicago in 2016."

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## MARKET RECAP

### Stocks

**Dow Jones** **6,875.84** +149.82

Up: 3,014 Same: 86 Down: 813 Composite Volume: 272,845,108

AMEX	1,280.87	+31.56
NASDAQ	1,353.74	+32.73
NYSE	4,464.89	+130.19
S&P 500	712.87	0.00
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	7,459.08	+168.12
FTSE 100 (London)	3,645.87	+133.78

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
GEN ELECTRIC CO (GE)	-4.56	-0.32	6.69
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-7.38	-0.09	1.13
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+2.37	+1.66	71.73
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-1.37	-0.05	3.59

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+2.48	+0.073	3.011
13-WEEK BILL	-5.66	-0.015	0.25
30-YEAR BOND	+0.60	+0.022	3.698
5-YEAR NOTE	+4.01	+0.076	1.969

### Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+3.73	45.38
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-6.90	906.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+3.00	81.55

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YEN	99.2350
EURO	1.2608
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.2780
BRITISH POUND	1.4158

## IN BRIEF

### Swiss bank maintains secrecy

WASHINGTON — UBS AG now says it had about 47,000 accounts held by Americans who didn't pay U.S. taxes on their assets, but Switzerland's biggest bank is providing the names of only 300 American clients to the U.S. government in a showdown over secrecy.

Lines were drawn in the burgeoning cross-border dispute at a hearing Wednesday by a Senate investigative panel.

A Justice Department official signaled that UBS could still be subject to criminal prosecution if terms aren't met under the bank's recent agreement with the U.S. government. A key senator, meanwhile, noted improving prospects, including the backing of President Barack Obama, for U.S. legislation to fight offshore tax-haven abuses.

"The rest of the world is getting fed up with offshore tax havens that turn a blind eye to tax evasion and allow their financial institutions ... to profit from tax dodging," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

### Businesses say economy growing worse

WASHINGTON — The businesses on the front lines of the dismal economy say the recession is getting worse in almost every part of the country, and in a bleak new forecast they see no improvement until late this year at the earliest.

A Federal Reserve snapshot of business activity issued Wednesday showed widespread declines in production, from the factories of Cleveland to the high-tech firms of Texas and California, in blue-collar construction jobs and at white-collar accounting firms.

The survey, known as the Beige Book, rated the prospects for economic improvement anytime soon as "poor, with a significant pickup not expected before late 2009 or early 2010."

Factories exposed to the housing industry were hardest hit. Construction equipment and materials, such as primary metals, wood products and electrical equipment, saw especially steep drops in production. So did makers of furniture and cars.

# Ford offers to exchange debt

*Company takes step as an effort to stay cost-competitive with other automakers*

Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. took another step Wednesday to stay cost-competitive with other automakers receiving government help when it offered to exchange up to 40 percent of its debt for cash and stock.

The company and its financial arm are putting up \$2.2 billion in cash to entice holders of \$10.4 billion in convertible notes, other unsecured debt and secured term debt to take the offer. The company said reducing the debt will cut the amount it pays in interest and put it in better position to compete with General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC.

"This is all part of a restructuring plan to make the company healthier in the end," said Ford spokesman Mark Truby.

GM and Chrysler also are trying to swap debt for equity as a requirement of the \$17.4 billion in government loans they have received.

Ford, which also is trying to restructure amid a severe automotive sales downturn, said Wednesday that it still does not intend to seek federal aid.

The company said it will offer a cash premium to get debtholders to exchange up to \$4.9 billion in convertible notes issued in 2006. Every \$1,000 in notes is already convertible into about 108.7 shares of common stock, but Ford will offer an additional \$80 in cash to sweeten the deal.

In addition, the company will use up to \$1.3 billion in cash from Ford Motor Credit Co. to buy back as much as \$4.2 billion in unsecured, nonconvertible debt. The company said it would purchase those bonds for 30 cents on the dollar, when they are now trading at around 20 cents because of deep worry among investors about the automaker's health.

The offers expire at 9 a.m. EDT on April 3. However, the offer of 30 cents on the dollar



Unsold 2008 Ford vehicles remain in dealership lot in Castle Rock, Colo., in February. The company offered to exchange debt for cash and stock Wednesday.

for the nonconvertible debt will drop to 27 cents after March 19.

Ford also said it will pay \$500 million in cash for up to \$1.3 billion in senior secured term loans through an auction process. That offer expires March 26.

Ford also said it will defer dividend payments on its 6.5 percent preferred securities starting in April, which will help the company conserve cash at a time when U.S. auto sales are at their lowest level in more than 27 years.

Kip Penniman, credit analyst for KDP Investment Advisors, estimated Ford could save up to \$600 million

in interest expense if it got debtholders to take the terms outlined. But he said only an increase in consumer demand for automobiles would save the struggling company.

Penniman said the offers may only be a starting step in opening discussions with bondholders, who might be looking for more cash.

"I think it's just the beginning of negotiations," he said. "The efforts are beneficial for the company, but there's still a question of whether it's enough to keep them out of Chapter 11."

The Dearborn-based automaker said it is trying to

match the debt restructuring requirements imposed on Chrysler and GM under the terms of their government loans. GM's terms, for instance, set a target for the company to swap two-thirds of its unsecured debt for equity.

Ford had \$25.8 billion in debt at the end of 2008.

As debt is converted to shares, current stockholders will hold a smaller piece of the company's equity. The 500 million shares that are part of Ford's conversion offer will make a large addition to the approximately 2.3 billion shares of common stock already outstanding.

# Not all borrowers qualify for refinancing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's housing plan is intended to help 9 million struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure, but it leaves out tens of thousands of borrowers in the most battered housing markets who won't qualify because their homes have lost too much value.

The program detailed Wednesday offers refinanced mortgages or modified loans with lower monthly payments. Yet its refinancing plan is limited to borrowers who owe up to 5 percent more than their home's current value. Loan modifications, supported by \$75 billion in federal funding, are unlikely for severely "underwater" borrowers.

In the California cities of Stockton,

Modesto and Merced, more than one out of every 10 homeowners with a mortgage won't qualify for any help because they owe more than 50 percent more than their house's current value, according to data from real-estate Web site Zillow.com.

The ineligible households are concentrated in speculator-driven markets in California, Florida, Nevada and Arizona, but can also be found in struggling cities such as Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich. Even houses in the outlying suburbs of the nation's capital, where the economy is relatively healthy, have dropped substantially in value.

For a homeowner who borrowed \$380,000 and now has a house worth \$270,000, "I just don't know what you do with that," said Jared Martin, a mortgage broker in Bethesda, Md.

Government officials acknowledge that the initiatives are only a partial fix for a sweeping problem that has helped plunge the U.S. economy into the worst recession in decades.

"This is not going to save every person's home," said Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary. "The plan is not intended to ... augment somebody's loan for a house that they couldn't afford under any economic situation, good or bad."

Of the nearly 52 million U.S. homeowners with a mortgage, almost 14 million, or nearly 27 percent, owe more on their mortgage than their house is now worth, according to Moody's Economy.com. Nearly half of all borrowers in Nevada were "underwater" on their home loans as of December, according to First American CoreLogic.

## Sex

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favor of adding sexual orientation to the clause since they began circulating the petitions about a month ago.

Sophomore Bridget Flores, the co-president of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), said the group obtained permission from the Student Activities Office (SAO) to pass around the petitions, and they have been bringing them to classes, club meetings, LaFortune, the dining halls and residence halls.

They plan to bring the petitions to Fr. Jenkins' office on March 18, along with a letter that outlines their objectives.

"By not including sexual orientation in its Non-Discrimination Clause, the

University of Notre Dame reserves the right to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, employment, and athletic and other school administered programs," the letter said.

A similar petition was delivered to Fr. Jenkins last April. At that time, assistant vice president for News and Information Dennis Brown said in an email Wednesday, "no new information was presented that would have caused us to change our position regarding the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause."

The position of the University in not including sexual orientation in the clause was reached after legal and theo-

logical analysis, and is stated in Notre Dame's Spirit of Inclusion document and accompanying 1997 letter from then-president Fr. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy to the Notre Dame community.

The document states that Notre Dame strives to create an "environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth."

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, reli-

gion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we deserve to be treated," the document says.

The Officers of the University adopted the inclusion statement on Aug. 27, 1997, the same date Malloy sent an open letter on

the issue to the Notre Dame community. The letter notes that several groups had asked the University to consider making changes to its nondiscrimination clause, including the Ad hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, the Faculty and Student Senates and the College Democrats, which submitted a petition signed by students in favor of the change.

Malloy wrote that the University considered these

requests over the course of the 1996-1997 school year and decided not to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause.

"Within society at large, the phrase 'sexual orientation' sometimes becomes a term that does not admit of distinction between sexual orientation and the manner in which people live out their sexual orientation — a distinction that is critical to us as a Catholic Institution," Malloy wrote in the letter.

Dewey said that she thinks inserting "sexual orientation" into the nondiscrimination clause is "very much in the Catholic character of the University."

Representatives of the Campaign for Human Dignity have scheduled a meeting with Fr. Jenkins on March 30 to discuss their petition.

The point of the petition is not just to get sexual orientation added to the non-discrimination

clause, Flores said.

"We want students to be aware of what is going on, of how unwelcoming of a place Notre Dame can be to students of alternative lifestyles, but how we recognize that Notre Dame is a great place and we want to make it a better place," she said.

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Bridget Flores  
sophomore

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## Sanger

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she saw it helping to keep the unfit from reproducing. The eugenic worldview doesn't say that all people are created equally."

In linking Sanger to the eugenics movement, Franks made numerous other claims.

"She said her work was nothing more or less than the facilitation of the process of weeding out the unfit and preventing the birth of defectives or those who will become defective," Franks said.

Franks also gave her perspective on Sanger's motivations — which she saw not only as unproductive but harmful.

"Sanger believed in a sexual license," she said. "She really believed that if women could live like her and have multiple lovers and no children, they could have freedom."

Franks gave her view on Sanger's philosophy of feminism.

"Sanger believes women are oppressed by their own bodies," she said. "She talks about sex servitude. What she means is that women have a reproductive system, which tends toward women are oppressed by

their fertility."

"You get this ease, this ability to dehumanize the people she finds inconvenient," Franks continued.

But Franks also made a distinction between what she views as Sanger's extremism and Planned Parenthood's current organization.

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author and Ph.D. of  
theology

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poor are the major recipients of subsidized abortions from Planned Parenthood. Presumably, Franks believes Planned Parenthood is motivated to limit birth rates among the poor to fulfill a eugenic mission.

Giving her view on abortion, Sanger said, "the death toll is staggering. Birthrates of African Americans

have remained steady, while Hispanics have been rising. They've been targeted."

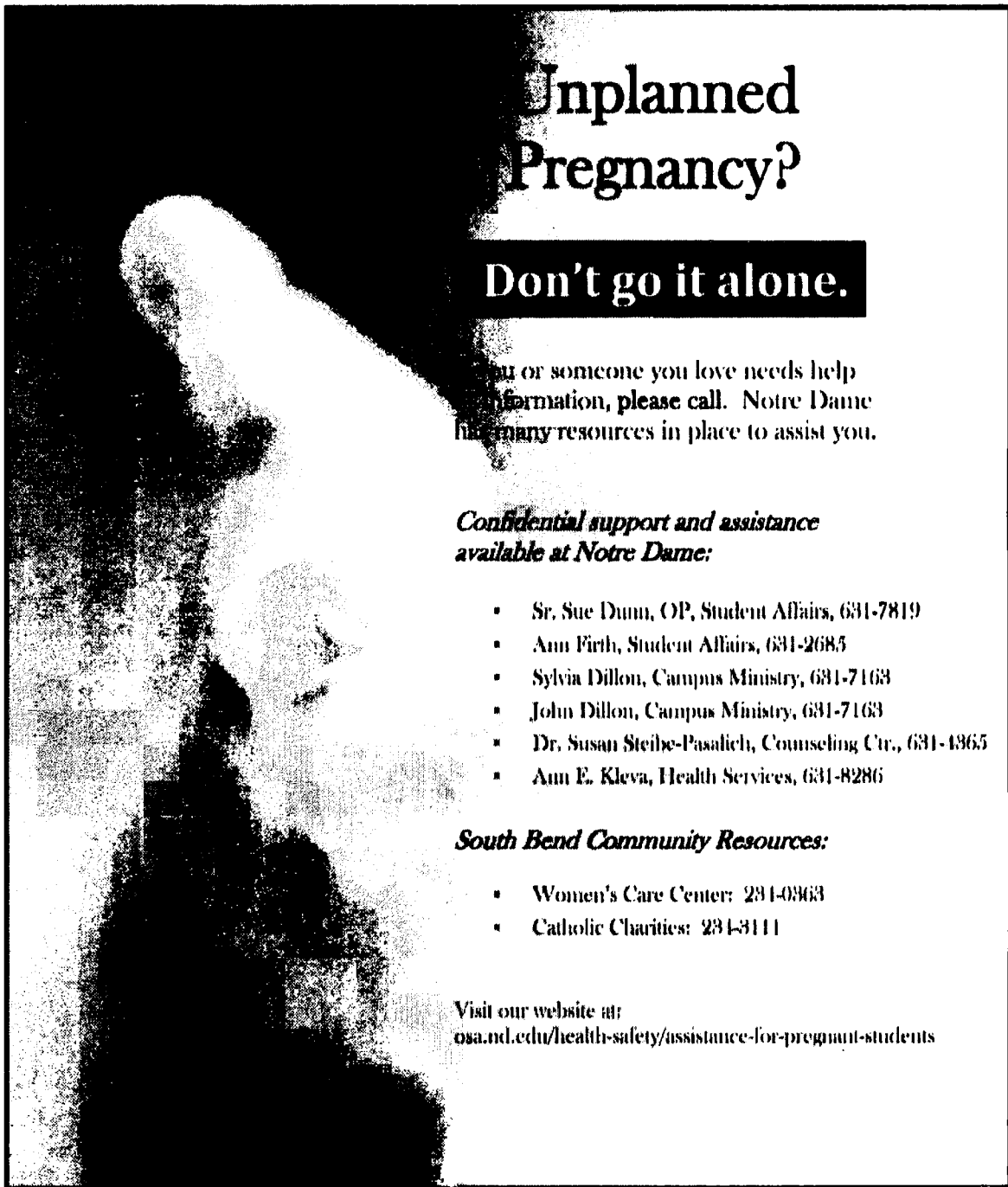
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# Overbudget, NASA gets more

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NASA can land a spacecraft on a peanut-shaped asteroid 150 million miles away, but it doesn't come close to hitting the budget target for building its spacecraft, according to congressional auditors. NASA's top officials know it and even joke about it.

This week auditors found that on nine projects alone NASA is nearly \$1.1 billion over cost estimates that were set in the last couple of years.

Congress' financial watchdog, the Government Accountability Office, reviewed NASA's newest big-money projects and found most were either over budget, late or both. That doesn't include two of NASA's largest spending projects whose costs have wildly fluctuated and still aren't firm — replacements for the space shuttle fleet and Hubble Space Telescope.

Historically, overruns have caused NASA to run low on money, forcing it to shelve or delay other projects. Often, the agency just asks taxpayers for more money.

In fact, NASA got \$1 billion from the new stimulus package. It's to be spent on climate-watching satellites and exploration among other things.

"Getting an extra infusion of money doesn't necessarily mean you have a capability to spend it well," said Cristina Chaplain, GAO's acquisitions chief who wrote the study.

A second GAO report used NASA as one of its leading poster children for bad practices in estimating costs. The space agency, which has a

budget of about \$18 billion, needs "a more disciplined approach" to its projects, the GAO said. NASA spending has been on GAO's "high risk" list since 1990. Its cost overrun problems will be the subject of a House Science Committee hearing Thursday.

"A cancer is overtaking our space agency: the routine acquiescence to immense cost increases in projects," NASA's former science chief Alan Stern wrote in an op-ed piece in the New York Times in 2008. He quit last year over the shifting of money to pay for cost overruns.

NASA's spending problems are so predictable and big that two years ago Congress put it under the same tough budgeting rules as the Defense Department. That means NASA must notify Congress if a program's cost rises by more than 15 percent. The GAO report issued Monday was the first using NASA's new requirements.

In a statement to The Associated Press, NASA said its missions "are one-of-a-kind and complex, which always makes estimating challenging... We do believe NASA is a good investment of federal funds and strive to provide the best value." The agency statement said external forces, such as launch availabilities, also cause delays and cost increases. The agency says it has improved its cost estimating.

Last December then-NASA administrator Michael Griffin tried to compare cost overruns — like the \$400 million extra needed for the Mars Science Laboratory — with do-it-yourself projects that keep requiring extra trips to

the hardware store. When a reporter quipped that his do-it-yourself projects use his own money, Griffin drew laughter with his response: "And we are spending your own money for this."

Imposing financial discipline, as GAO urges, "is an uphill fight," said Smithsonian Institution space scholar John Logsdon, who is on NASA's advisory council.

In the latest report, NASA couldn't provide the GAO with current accurate estimates on two of its hugest projects so the watchdog agency merely cited ballpark guesses:

— The program to build new spaceships to send astronauts back to the moon would cost somewhere around \$37 to \$49 billion and already has financial and technical risks, the GAO found.

— The multibillion-dollar James Webb Space Telescope, whose current cost is unknown, was at least \$1 billion over estimates three years ago, before NASA began its new cost accounting methods.

NASA has cost overruns for several reasons, said the GAO's Chaplain. Those include poor cost estimating at the beginning, trying to do cutting-edge science, constantly changing designs, and poor contractor performance. Six of the projects had problems with contractors, including lack of experience, that led to delays or higher costs.

In his December news conference, Griffin said there isn't a very good way to estimate at the front end of a mission what it's going to take to achieve scientific priorities.

# 'Normal' child shoots and kills step-mom

Associated Press

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — Good student. Starting quarterback. Aspiring hunter. By most accounts, 11-year-old Jordan Brown was a typical boy in his rural Pennsylvania community, albeit raised mostly by his father after his mother gave him up.

So it baffles Jordan's friends and neighbors that he is accused of taking a 20-gauge youth shotgun he got from his father for Christmas and fatally shooting his father's pregnant fiancée, the woman who tried hardest to be a mother to him.

"There were no red lights, there were no indications that we should have done something differently," said Timothy McNamee, superintendent of the Mohawk Area School District, noting there were no reports Jordan was bullied or was having problems in school or at home.

Authorities say the Feb. 20 killing of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk in Wampum, a small community about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh where nearly everyone knows everyone, was premeditated. Police say Jordan threw the spent shell casing in the woods, got on the bus and went to school.

Jordan has been charged as an adult with double homicide. If he is convicted as an adult, he faces life in prison. If his case gets moved to a juvenile court, he would probably spend the next 10 years in a secure juvenile facility.

Jordan's mother, Mildred Krause, was just four months pregnant with him when she first entered a courtroom to battle his father, Christopher Brown.

At that time, in March 1997, Krause filed a protection of abuse order against Brown, claiming he drank, did drugs and had threatened to harm her. Apparently unaware Krause was pregnant with his son, Brown was ordered to stay away from her, an order later expunged, according to court records and Brown's attorney, Dennis Elisco.

Immediately after Jordan was born on Aug. 30, 1997, Krause contacted Lawrence County Children and Youth Services requesting that they take custody of the child so her mother could adopt him, according to court documents. Not having the father's consent, the agency declined her request.

Brown, meanwhile, tipped off by Krause's grandmother and brother that she was having his baby in secret, filed an emergency petition with the court, opposing the move to have the child put up for adoption and demanding full custody of his son.

In a back-and-forth battle resolved when Jordan was about 2 months old, a court ruled Krause and Brown would share custody, with the mother getting him four days a week and the father three.

But on Feb. 5, 1999, with the consent of both parents, Christopher Brown was awarded full custody of his 18-month-old son. Court records don't indicate why.

Friends and family say that from February 1999 on, Krause had little contact with her son, entering and exiting his life at will. They say Brown was a

good father and spent a lot of quality time with his son.

The instability that characterized Jordan's formative years, including the fact he might have felt rejected by his biological mother, could have influenced his later behavior, said Daniel Shaw, chairman of the psychology department at the University of Pittsburgh.

"You can easily say it's a risk factor, a very important one, in early childhood that has been linked to ... antisocial behaviors," Shaw said. However, "it's not usually going to result in the child killing someone at age 11."

Christopher Brown, Jordan's father, refused to be interviewed for this story but answered a few questions through his attorney. A phone call to a phone number for the boy's mother's family rang unanswered. A person answering a phone at an address listed for the Krause family said she no longer lived there.

Through Elisco, Brown said Jordan was a good student, pulling mostly As and Bs, his favorite subjects being math and science. In the past two years, Jordan was the starting quarterback for his midget football team and also played baseball.

Jordan's school district serves about 1,785 students in the rolling farmland of rural western Pennsylvania. There were about 20 students in his class, and he probably knew many of the other 125 fifth-graders through baseball and football, said McNamee, the superintendent.

In May 2008, Jordan's father began dating Houk. By Christmas, they were engaged and had moved into a farmhouse together, along with Jordan and Houk's two daughters, ages 7 and 4. Houk was already about six months pregnant.

Houk's family said their daughter tried to include Jordan in everything, in part to compensate for the missing mother figure in his life.

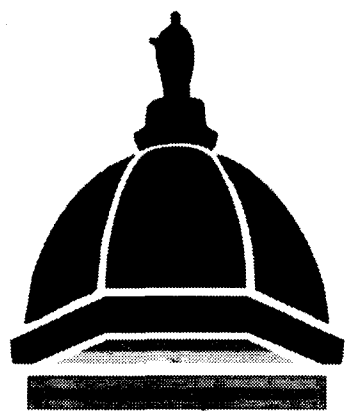
Willard Houk, Kenzie's uncle, said he stopped at the farmhouse a short time after Kenzie and Christopher moved in. He took Kenzie's girls for spins on his motorcycle. Then, Kenzie's 7-year-old reminded him that Jordan needed to get a ride too, "because he's a part of our family now," he said.

Jordan got his ride, but Houk said it seemed strange to him that unlike the girls, who were "bubbly and jumpy," Jordan was barely excited. It made Houk think Jordan needed more men in his life, and he was determined to help.

So at Christmas, Willard Houk bought Jordan a present, like he did for the girls. And Jordan got a 20-gauge youth model shotgun from his father, the one police said he used to shoot Houk in the back of the head.

Like many other kids in the area, Jordan began target shooting with his dad in preparation for the 2009 hunting season, when, at age 12, he would be old enough under Pennsylvania law to get a hunting license.

Father and son would shoot targets in the back yard, which police say helped Houk's 7-year-old daughter identify the sound of the gunshot she heard the morning her mother was killed.



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## The Observer, and other good things

The funniest thing I've ever seen in The Observer was published a few months ago. On the page typically dedicated to national and international news, the full-page-width headline said this:

"9/11 Masterminds Prepared to Confess."

Don't worry, we're not to the funny part yet.

The headline was right — 9/11 masterminds were, in fact, prepared to confess. And the article was complete, and didn't continue on the wrong page or anything.

Beneath the headline, though, was a picture. Unfortunately, as far as I know, the people pictured were not, in fact, 9/11 masterminds. No, they were a lesbian couple from Iowa City, Iowa, and their three lovely young children.

And you thought not having a recognized Gay-Straight Student Alliance was as bad as Notre Dame got.

Newspapers have long been known to navel-gaze, a bit. It's not unusual to see front-page newspaper stories about the decline of the newspaper, as if those outside the paper cared as much about the solvency of the Sacramento Bee as they do about Iraq, Obama and other front page news.

But this is not an example of gazing at my own navel. To be clear, I'm not really part of The Observer. I mean, yes, I get invited to the parties, and mooch off the paper's budget for a delicious dinner at The Vine each semester. But other than that, all I do is send in an e-mail once every other week.



Andrew Nesi

## Spicy Sea Nuggets

Until there was free Heavenly Ham in The Observer offices at the end of last semester, I had never met then-Editor-in-Chief Chris Hine. I only knew Kaitlynn Riely, another editor, from class and her embarrassing spam-post (a new noun) on my Facebook wall about a cool new Web site I could go to find about all of my crushes. And I only knew Deirdre Krasula, yet another editor, because she was a mediocre defensive back on the Badin interhall football team that I helped coach. Last week, they all left office, leaving the keys and responsibility to a whole new set of budding liberal media elites.

So all of that aside, there's something most people on this campus don't realize about The Observer staff:

These people work damn hard every single day and night to get out a full paper. That's not something that most school newspapers even dream of doing — once a week, maybe three times, that's more standard. But every day? We're in pretty good company.

They catch a lot of flak on this campus for their faults. I've had at least three professors who have shared with the class that they avoid The Observer as much as possible.

Another suggested that reliable source of news would be to read The Observer, and believe the opposite. And granted, many students on this campus would be perfectly happy if, instead of a full newspaper, The Observer just printed a word jumble, crossword puzzle and horoscopes every day.

The hyperbole aside, I understand all of that. And importantly, from my impression, so does The Observer.

Yes, sometimes they make hysterically funny mistakes.

And yes, sometimes, their articles are incomplete. Sometimes their quotes are basically fabricated.

Sometimes their pictures imply that lesbian women were the masterminds of the 9/11 attacks.

And no, they don't always — or, ever — do the hardest-hitting, investigative journalism.

But compared to many school newspapers, they do an incredible amount of hard work to make it all happen, and it's really impressive.

At the risk of sounding remarkably ignorant, this is something that it's taken me until my senior year to realize: by and large, we don't give student leaders on this campus enough day-to-day credit for the remarkable amount of work they do. Within their organizations and groups, of course, they get due credit. But from the outside, that's often ignored.

It's not just Chris, Kaitlynn, Deirdre, and countless others at The Observer. It's Bob, Grant, Cynthia and countless others in Student Government. It's even Andrew, Greer, Brandon, and countless others at The Irish Rover.

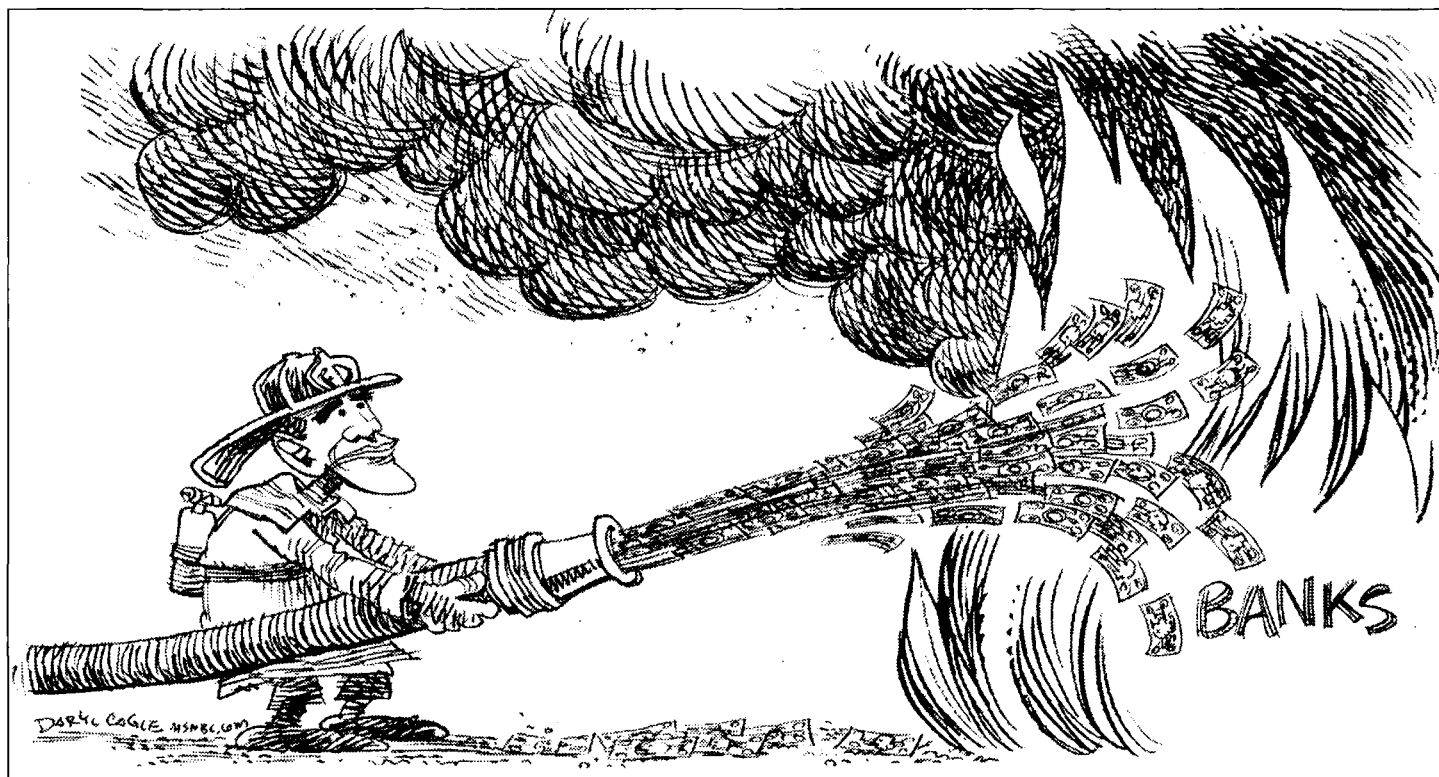
Whatever we think of the content of their work or their attitude towards it, these people all do remarkable things around this campus. They work hard so that we can all be part of a more engaging, interesting, worthwhile campus community. Do they miss the ball sometimes? Of course. And it's fine to make fun of them when they do.

But I owe them all a thank you, too, and an apology for not saying it sooner.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## OBSERVER POLL RESULTS

## What are you doing for Spring Break?

Going home	35%
Partying somewhere safe	27%
Taking my chances in Mexico	23%
Staying here	16%

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again."

Bonnie Prudden  
American rock climber

## Change we should believe in

If you're really lucky — or somewhat irresponsible — perhaps you're reading today's Observer on your way out of town. On your way home? On your way to someplace warm? On your way to someplace that should be warm but recently received 10" of snow?

**Kate Barrett**

*Faithpoint*

Maybe you're here till tomorrow, or you're here for the whole break. Whether you have to study, work, grade papers or exams ... or if you're fortunate enough to travel to Appalachia, New Orleans, Washington D.C., Coachella or Cancun, the week does feel like a break. It's different. It marks the (more or less) halfway point of the semester and helps us turn the corner from winter to spring, from the starting point of the beginning of the semester to the finish line of finals and summer. No matter how you spend it, spring break refuses to be ignored. Spring break means change is on the way.

Cool coincidence, then, that every year the second Sunday of Lent, which happens to be this first Sunday of spring break, offers us an unusual, or some might say kind of weird, reading

about ... change. The second Sunday of Lent always proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration, this year from Mark's Gospel (Mark 9:2-10; go ahead, look it up if you like). In each of the three "eyewitness" Gospels — Matthew, Mark and Luke — we can find this event reported, and it always follows Jesus' prediction that he will suffer and be crucified. The basics of the story go as follows: Jesus has invited Peter, James and John to come up Mount Tabor with him. Suddenly the disciples see what seems to be a vision: Jesus looks dazzlingly different, brilliantly lit, dressed in eye-popping white and conversing with two men whom the disciples would have immediately recognized: Moses and the prophet Elijah. Peter, befuddled, suggests that maybe they should just stay up there on a permanent basis. A cloud overshadows the scene, which for a Jew would instantly signify the presence of God. A voice from the cloud says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Now this story doesn't mean a whole lot beyond its admittedly high "wow" factor unless we realize that it's not about a change in how Jesus looks or acts. After all, he soon looks just like himself again, and he orders them not

to tell anyone about the incident (a command he repeats, and which is usually ignored, throughout the Gospels). But God has given the three disciples the gift of a new understanding. Not only is Jesus now irrefutably linked to two central figures in Jewish salvation history, but God (in the cloud) has commanded respect for Jesus. The story doesn't focus on the fact that Jesus has changed, but that now the disciples have the opportunity for change. They have seen a vision, and they can now see with new vision. Peter, James and John became transformed by a clearer understanding of Jesus' whole identity and therefore a deeper sense of their own purpose as disciples.

This doesn't mean they got it right away. As they came back down the mountain, Peter, James and John remained confused (in Mark's Gospel, the disciples are confused a good bit of the time). But events like the Transfiguration peel away layer upon layer from their hearts and minds until with the grace of the Holy Spirit they have gradually become able to follow with their whole lives the command of God, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Just as the disciples needed moments

of transfiguration in their lives to begin to comprehend both Jesus' identity and their roles as disciples, we too can change if we will "listen to him." The voice of God will become audible to us this Lent if we can approach our prayer, fasting and almsgiving as whole-hearted opportunities for our own transfiguration, our own "new vision" of Jesus Christ. Though we too may feel confused a good bit of the time, we can certainly believe that God wants us to have every chance possible to turn a new corner, to move from winter to spring in our lives of faith. As we prepare to approach Easter and come face to face with the heart of our salvation through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we can see Christ at work anew in our lives. This week and each week that follows will bring change, growth and signs of new life. It's spring. Listen to him!

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Must not marginalize male sexual abuse victims

This past week was sexual assault awareness week at Notre Dame. It was a much needed event. The surprisingly low amount of reported cases of sexual abuse at Notre Dame is not due to a lack of sexual abuse but rather a lack of reporting. Women and men are raped and sexually abused at Notre Dame — there is just a multiplicity of factors that deter abuse victims from speaking out.

I attended the awareness dinner "A Time to Heal" at Legends this past Friday night. It was truly a remarkable event. The dinner guests were addressed by a panel of five speakers: two female rape survivors, the president of Men Against Violence, Anthropologist professor Carolyn Nordstrom and Theology chair John Cavadini. The bravery and courage of the two young women who spoke about their experiences stunned the audience. They spoke poignantly and articulately, announcing that they would not be silent — announcing that sexual abuse is a real issue for the students of Notre Dame.

I applaud this much needed movement at Notre Dame. Even though this movement will result in more reported rapes and abuses, and therefore a smudged public image, the University must push

this initiative forward. Thankfully, this is slowly being done. I would now like to add to the momentum of this movement by offering a constructive critique.

Male sexual abuse survivors are a nationally under-acknowledged demographic — Notre Dame's sexual abuse awareness campaign is potentially falling victim to this same problem. While sexual abuse done towards women is statistically greater than that done towards men, it ought not to overshadow the reality of the tragedy of male sexual abuse. For instance, the Feb. 26 edition of "Scholastic" chose a regrettable wording that plays to this unfortunate trend of marginalization towards male sexual abuse survivors. "Scholastic" reads: "According to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated one out of four college women will be victims of an attempted or completed sexual assault in one school year alone, whereas only one out of six men will be sexually assaulted in his entire lifetime." There are several problems with this sentence.

Firstly, the sentence structure is comparatively exploring two different statistics. This is deceptive because these two different statistics cannot truly be meas-

ured to each other. The first statistic regarding women quantifies the likelihood of an "attempted or completed sexual assault" whereas the statistic for the males is only addressing completed sexual assaults and not attempted sexual assaults. If the sentence must be comparative at all, why couldn't it compare the same thing?

Secondly, the wording of the sentence diminishes the importance of male sexual abuse as compared to female sexual abuse. The key word here is "only." The sentence first gives the statistics for females, then uses the word "whereas" in order to make a comparison, then uses the word "only" to minimize the secondary statistic of male sexual abuse. Why did that word need to be in the sentence? The sentence would have read fine without it.

There is no "only" when speaking about sexual abuse. It does not matter how much the second statistic is less than the first, when speaking about an issue with the gravity of sexual abuse there is no "only." One male who is sexually abused is a tragedy that must not be brushed aside.

The dinner, "A Time to Heal" was an important event that had many powerful

moments. Unfortunately, it only gave a polite "nod of the head" towards male sexual abuse victims and focused almost exclusively on female sexual abuse. It would have been great if there could have been a representative speaker for males who had been sexually abused. If the statistics are correct, that room had plenty of male sexual abuse survivors sitting there as their painful experiences were largely being ignored and minimized. The talk from the president of Men Against Violence, telling his "lads" that this is a man's problem, certainly did not help either. The issue of sexual abuse is not a "female issue" or a "male issue." It is a person issue. Whether or not we know who they are, we all know people who have been sexually abused.

The Notre Dame sexual awareness movement is important, absolutely necessary, and making a good start. It must be attentive though not to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse survivors.

**Michael Clemente**  
senior  
off-campus  
Mar. 2

## Coach Jackson thanks students

Dear Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College Students:

Throughout this hockey season, one of our team's greatest inspirations has been the enthusiasm of their fellow students in section six. Because of your vocal support, the Joyce Center has become a tough venue for opposing teams to enter, and you have given us a great home ice advantage all season. Now that our regular season has ended, we need your continued support as we enter tournament time. Our team has earned a first-round bye in the CCHA tournament, but we will host the second round at the Joyce Center March 13-15. If your spring break plans allow it, I encourage you to come to the games

and to prove once again that we have one of the best student sections in all of college hockey. In addition, 250 tickets for Sunday's (if necessary) game will be issued in the Dooley Room of LaFortune from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. The remainder of the tickets will be given out at 6 p.m. on March 15 on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you for your support all season, and we hope to see you at the Joyce Center for the CCHA Tournament.

Go Irish!

**Jeff Jackson**  
Head Coach  
Notre Dame Hockey  
Mar. 4

## Increase in tuition

I read your story ("University increases tuition for 2009," March 4) about the new increase in tuition with great sadness. The last time I attended Notre Dame, my last year, the tuition was \$9,000, for law school.

In the 23 years since 1986, there have been increases yearly totalling 327 percent, for an average of 14 percent per year, or \$29,477 more. I understand some costs will rise and you have to recoup them.

You cannot convince me that costs necessary to teaching students have risen at an annual rate far greater than any stock or bank would ever pay. Those rates have been paid on the backs of students and their families.

If the goal is to create an elite institution made up of rich eligible students, then we are well on the way.

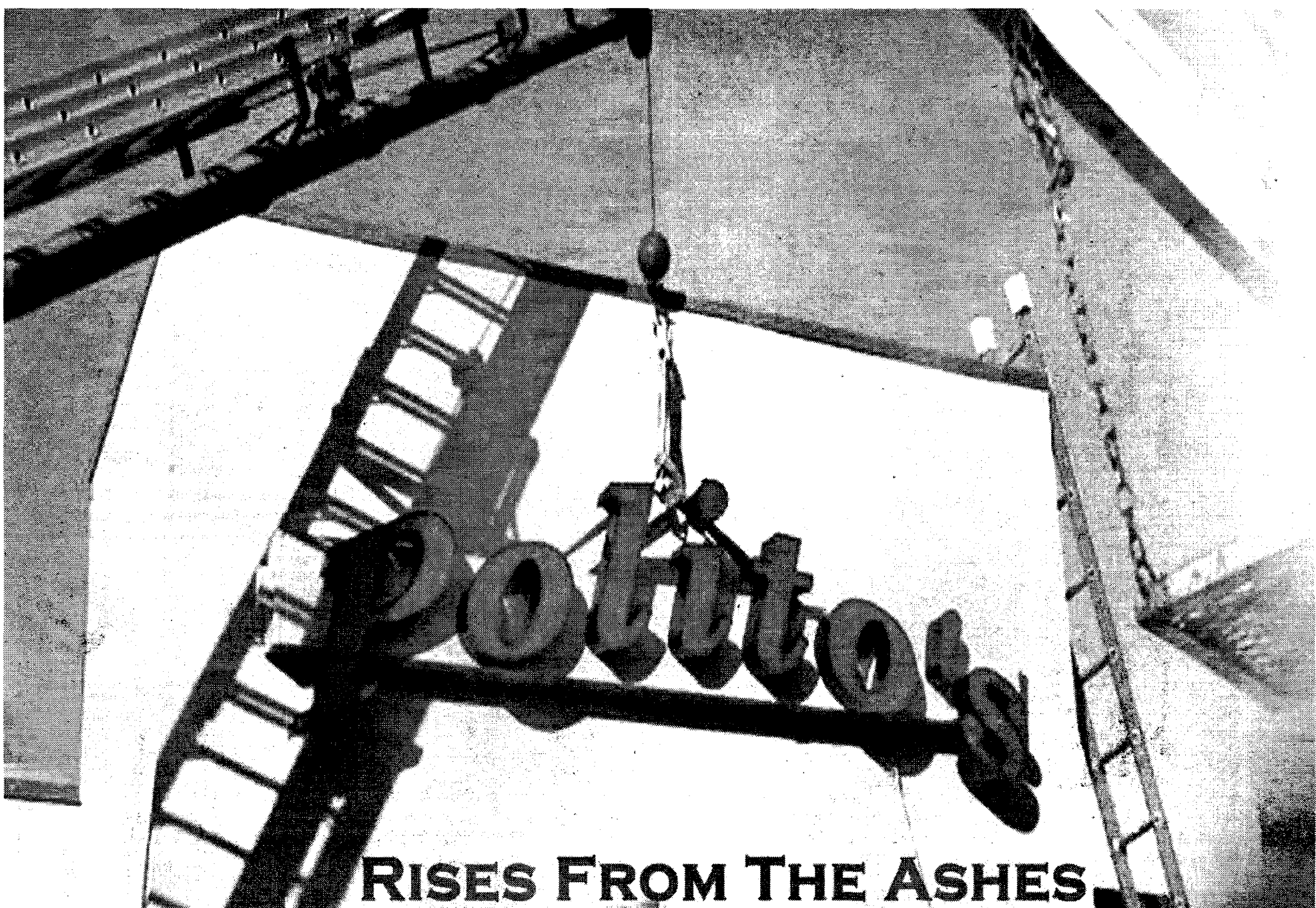
To say we are setting aside up to 10 percent for subsidies for need is spitting in the ocean.

Someone needs to say enough building — enough expansion. No more expansion — keep enrollment down, and here is a thought — reduce the tuition. If you are interested in building an endowment for the future, then set up one to cover tuition, or reduce it to the cost of state universities.

I would not raise this if I did not think there was value in a Notre Dame education. However, no student should start his adult career saddled with over \$200,000 in college costs.

**Michael H. Maguire**  
alumnus  
Class of '74  
Mar. 4





## RISES FROM THE ASHES

By J.J. REES  
Scene Writer

In the fall of 1997, Frank and Rebecca Polito opened a restaurant on Grape Road to moderate success, especially considering their national chain competition on the main drag of Mishawaka. On Aug. 8, the Politos woke up to find that their restaurant of almost 11 years had caught fire, along with the adjacent business.

Fortunately for the Politos, they had been planning on opening up a new branch of their restaurant on Hickory Road, just off McKinley Avenue, in the former home of Rathskeller Pizza. That morning, the family decided to sign the lease and begin immediately on building up their replacement restaurant. By Sept. 5, the new Polito's was open for business.

It is difficult to see how exactly Polito's has changed. Beyond the unpretentious front room, the standard back room seems like a place for more of a bar-restaurant feel, but it isn't. There's certainly an atmosphere of establishment; servers and chefs seem to have been doing their jobs for years, or at least have watched their parents do theirs. The décor is hackneyed, with posters of The Three Stooges, football teams, Miller, Coors and "Hoosiers." Three TVs sit in the corners, playing programs from sports and news to "America's Funniest Videos." Despite the sports posters and beer pitcher specials (Miller Lite \$6, Killian's

and Blue Moon \$7), things like families with young children and a gameroom/arcade keep the restaurant from achieving sports bar status.

Getting past these incongruities, Polito's affirms itself as famous for its "secret family vodka sauce," and with good reason. Our waitress offered this creamy, peppery mix as a sample with rigatoni, and our small taste did not disappoint. Thick as alfredo, enough of the sauce leaves a peppery after-kick in the back of the throat. However, loaded onto the penne graciella with chicken, the sauce becomes the main element of the dish. Although the chicken was a bit dry, it was a fitting addition to the pasta, sun-dried tomatoes, broccoli and mushrooms.

A friend was quick to tell me that Polito's serves the best chicken parmesan sandwich he's ever had, so my selection was preordained. And to his credit, the sub was the most satisfying part of the meal. Served on a breadstick-like roll, the massive amounts of chicken and mozzarella cheese are rounded out by a smaller amount of flavorful sauce. Perhaps the best part of the sub is the bread — firm but chewy. I only ate half of this huge sandwich that night, and to my surprise, I enjoyed the second half just as much days later.

The pizza is popular (especially the weighty stuffed pizza), but the thin and thick pizzas were disappointing. The pepperoni was too greasy and the ground sausage was seemingly without effort. To qualify, because the half-sandwich was so filling, I tried the pizza a short time after we left, but I suspect that the dull flavor and poor texture were results of more than a short wait.

A strange aspect of our meal was that the service was quickest for our entrées. Otherwise, our server seemed bogged down by a busy section. It was understandable to wait a few minutes on orders, but processing the check caused one of the longest delays.

All things considered, I don't recommend against Polito's. Sure, skip the pizza and head to Bruno's. Maybe get a pitcher of beer and try some pasta or one of the run-of-the-mill specials. Bear in mind the penne graciella, as long as you don't mind shoveling away some of the delicious vodka sauce. But if you've ever enjoyed a chicken parmesan sandwich, do consider Polito's. And make sure the TVs are tuned to something fitting, like "America's Funniest Videos."

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## BLUE-COLLAR COMEDY

LINDSAY SCHRADER'S INTENSITY-  
AND HER FUN-LOVING APPROACH  
TO THE GAME - HAVE HER PLAYING  
BETTER THAN EVER.



# Recipe for success for Irish in tourney: toughness

If Notre Dame wants to do well this weekend, it is going to have to be the toughest team in Connecticut for at least four days.

That isn't to say the Irish aren't a talented team. Their 21 wins — including 10 in the always competitive Big East — and four players in double figures speaks for itself. But so does the play of Notre Dame's potential opponents in the tournament.

Even though Notre Dame's first game is against two teams limping into the conference tournament — St. John's has lost six of its last seven and Syracuse has only three wins in its last 13 games — Irish coach Muffet McGraw said her team's games against those two were both tight matchups.

"They were both really good games. The St. John's game we had to defend the 3-point line to win and that was a very close game," she said. "And the Syracuse game was close throughout."

Notre Dame beat the Red Storm 70-67 on Jan. 17 and the

Orange 90-79 on Feb. 24.

But in the conference quarter-finals, things start to get interesting. The Irish replay Villanova, which had a murderous finish to its conference season.

The Wildcats waited until the end of February before playing Pitt, Louisville and Connecticut — the top three teams in the conference — and two of those games were on the road. And after a disappointing loss to South Florida to end the regular season, Villanova will no doubt be hungry for a win to flash in front of the NCAA Selection Committee.

And even if the Irish make it past Villanova, there looms UConn — the undefeated, top-ranked, seemingly unstoppable juggernaut of women's basketball.

The Irish have put up the best Davidic fight against the goliath Huskies, losing by only 10 points in Hartford on Feb. 22. Although McGraw hesitated saying her team played close with Connecticut, that was UConn's smallest margin of victory for the season and Notre Dame's 6-0 lead early was its largest deficit all season.

But that's what Notre Dame has going for it. The team is made up of, in McGraw's own word, fighters.

"When they get down by a few points it doesn't bother them. They can take a punch and give

punches," she said. "They can get that killer instinct."

No more evident was that when the Irish played Vanderbilt earlier this season, overcoming an 18-point deficit to win by two on the road.

"We just don't want to lose," Irish forward Becca Bruszewski said. "You wouldn't be playing college basketball if you wanted to lose."

The fighter's attitude goes throughout the entire team.

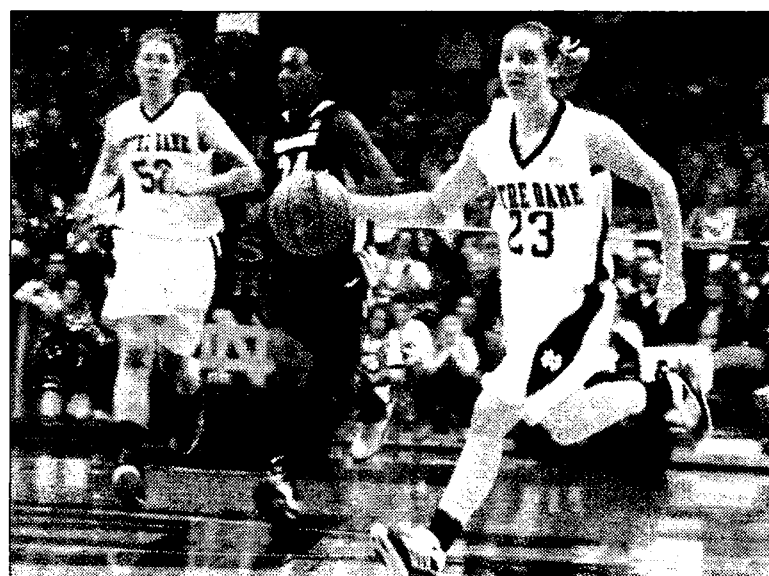
Center Erica Williamson's self-professed favorite thing about playing defense is taking charges.

McGraw said guards Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner play with a great deal of passion, all of which trickles down to the rest of the team.

Anyone who has seen junior guard Ashley Barlow play in the last few years knows she must be closing in on the NCAA record for most times falling down in a career. But she always gets up and gets right back to work, no matter how many different bags of ice she has to schlep to the interview room after the game.

McGraw said that this "blue-collar attitude" is not a new development, and she's right.

Last year's starting point guard Tulyah Gaines would do what it took to get the ball in the hoop, if that meant dishing it off or knowing when to control of the game — just like Lechlitner.



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Junior guard Melissa Lechlitner carries the ball upcourt during Notre Dame's 62-51 win over Purdue on Dec. 7, 2008.

Former guard Breona Gray did a lot of things that wouldn't show up in the stats, things like accepting defensive responsibilities against the top scorers from the other team — just like McGraw will soon ask freshman Fraderica Miller to do.

The Irish need to make sure they bring this mindset with them to Hartford, because it is the best cure for what has ailed the Irish all season long.

When they have failed to score, tough, gritty defense has kept them in games. When they have needed an extra rebound or two to secure a lead, some-

one — usually Barlow or Schrader — has found a way to rise above the rest and grab the board. When they have played teams they seemingly had no business running with — like Connecticut — they have found a way to grind it out for 40 minutes and hang with some of the top teams in the nation.

And when they've gotten punched, they punch back.

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## Bruszewski's ability to shoot the 3 helps Irish offense run

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When Irish forward Becca Bruszewski started shooting 3s this season, it didn't surprise coach Muffet McGraw.

Sure, the sophomore had only taken two shots from beyond the arc during her freshman season (making one of them), and so what if she was supposed to be a post player for the Irish.

The thing that surprised McGraw was that Bruszewski hadn't been taking that shot all along.

"Last year, we were at practice and we were doing this drill that requires you to shoot a lot of 3s and [Bruszewski] didn't take any," McGraw said. "In high school she had shot 3s, in AAU she had shot 3s. And I said to her, 'How come you never shoot 3s? It's practice, now's the time to shoot them.' And she kind of was like, 'Oh, I didn't know I was allowed.'"

Bruszewski (pronounced brew-SHEFF-ski) herself admitted to being unsure of knowing exactly how she fit into the offense last season.

"I didn't know my role on the team. And then I talked with coach and she kept telling me that I can go out of the offense," Bruszewski said. "I'm more of a creative player, I look for openings and try to get the ball there and attack. She basically gave me permission to go outside of the offense, and I didn't know I could do that."

As for the 3-pointers, that's something she worked on over the summer during pickup games with her teammates.

"I started shooting them in pickup in last summer and my teammates told me I could shoot them and had confidence in me, and they would actually get on me for not shooting them, so I started shooting them," she said.

It's been a good thing for Notre Dame's offense that Bruszewski figured that out, because she has been one of the top producers for the Irish this season, and her 10.9 points per game is third on the team. She is also making 38.3 percent of her 3s.

McGraw said it is good for the team that she hangs out on the edge because she is more comfortable facing the basket.

"She's not a back-to-the-basket, drop step, power player. She's a finesse player. And her strength is in her versatility that she can face the basket, it makes her harder to guard," McGraw said. "She has shot the ball well and that has helped her, because she's shot the ball well and gained some confidence."

Recently, McGraw said, the Irish playbook has been reconfigured to add plays designed for Bruszewski. That's panned out well for the 6-foot-1 forward, who has averaged 15.2 points and 6.6 rebounds in the last nine games.

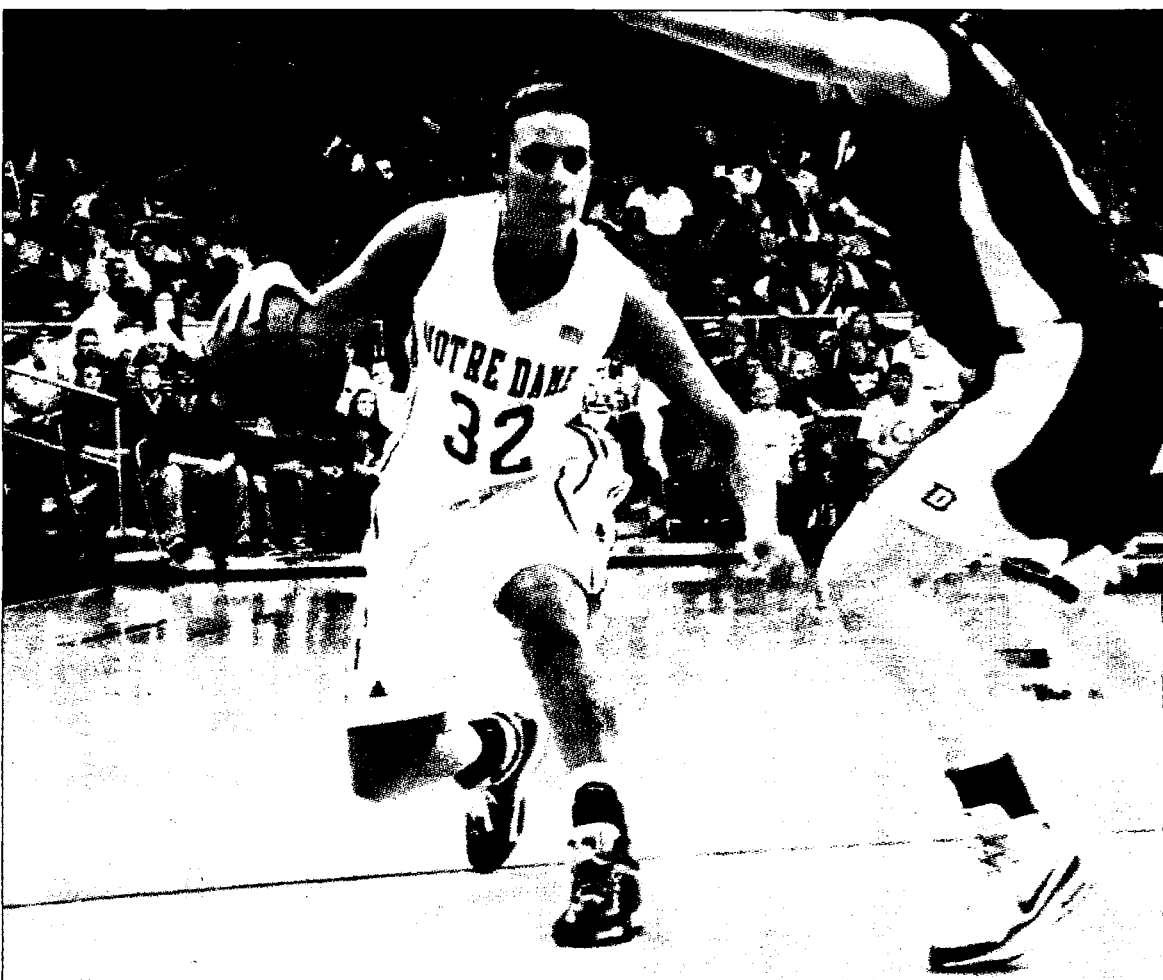
"I think coach gave me the green light. She wants me, if I'm the first post down there, to post up and drop from there or take it off the drive. She has given me a lot of freedom," Bruszewski said of her play since the reins have been taken off.

McGraw said she saw glimpses of what Bruszewski could do during Notre Dame's games against top-tier opponents last season.

"I remember thinking she plays best in the big games," she said. "We were at Maryland, she played well. We had Connecticut, she played well. Rutgers, she played well. All the top teams, she was playing well."

But Bruszewski saved her best performance during her rookie campaign for her last: a 16-point effort during Notre Dame's Sweet 16 loss to Tennessee.

"And then in the end of the year in the NCAA Tournament, she went career-high, another game career-



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski dribbles during Notre Dame's 62-59 win over DePaul on Feb. 8. Bruszewski had 14 points and 12 rebounds in the game.

high. You have a lot of respect for somebody who can get their career high against a team like Tennessee," McGraw said.

Bruszewski said playing well as a freshman against those teams has given her confidence going into this season because she has the knowledge that she can hang with any team in the country.

"Now I know I can play with them. If I knew I could play with them as a freshman, and now I've evolved my game so much, I'm

more confident," she said.

McGraw saw that confidence early in the preseason, and said Bruszewski's improvement helped her and her assistant coaches make an easy decision about the rotation.

"Coming into this year I think she was determined to play a bigger role, to get more playing time," McGraw said. "She worked on her 3-point shot and really right from the beginning of the year, at least as far as the post ... she was the first one we said she's definitely starting.

She impressed the coaches with her play and has played well all year."

But even with the increased playing time and scoring, Bruszewski said she understands that this Notre Dame team's success lies in its versatility.

"We have so many options for everyone now," she said. "We have three people doing different things and it all works."

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# Fun and games

*Lindsay Schrader balances intensity with a positive attitude towards basketball*



GRACE KENESY/The Observer

Teammates congratulate Irish senior forward Lindsay Schrader on her 23-point performance on her birthday during Notre Dame's 90-79 win over Syracuse on Feb. 24 at the Joyce Center.

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Editor

## Blue-collar?

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said the phrase described her senior guard pretty accurately.

Lindsay Schrader wasn't sure about that. Sure, the collar on her No. 24 Irish jersey is indeed blue, but she couldn't envision the term "blue-collar" applying to a basketball player.

"The way I show emotion on the court, that's one thing that really helps me get going and everything," she said. "Some games I'm just not feeling it, and it's hard, and my other teammates pick it up."

She paused, thinking.

"Blue collar?"

Whatever phrase Schrader feels will accurately describe her, Schrader's production on the court this season necessitated a lot of hard work. A reworking of her jump shot and a motivational session with a coach got her on track to success.

## Having fun

Schrader has fun on the court. She's intense, but enjoys herself.

"She just looks like she's having so much fun," McGraw said. "She's enjoying every minute. She's upbeat at practice, she's upbeat at film sessions."

That attitude carries over into postgame press conferences, where Schrader will elaborate on other players' answers, interject her opinion and pressure her teammates to respond well when asked about her. All in good fun.

"Why would you do something if you're not having fun with it?" she said. "Why would you do something you hate? You're never going to survive that way. If you're going to play college basketball you've got to

love it."

It's not all fun and games, however. McGraw said Schrader's confidence infects the other players and that her vocal leadership has improved.

"She's been kind of a leader by example during her time here and even at the beginning of this year, but I think now she's really seeing a sense of urgency," McGraw said. "She's playing with so much confidence that it's exuding from her now and I think she's really enjoying being in that role."

Schrader said being energetic on the court helps both her and her teammates, and that she carries confidence into every game and expects to outperform her opponents.

"I have the mentality that we're good, and they're going to have to stop us instead of the other way around," she said. "We're going out there with a chip on our shoulder because we are a good team and we just have to prove it."

## Revamping her game

Schrader leads the team in scoring with 12.9 points per game and in rebounding at 7.4 per game. Part of that comes from a retooled jump shot that Schrader spent all of last summer perfecting.

The reason for the reconstruction: the old way wasn't working.

"It wasn't going in," she said.

The ball was falling too far behind her head, she said,

which threw off her motion. She focused on shooting the ball from in front of her face.

"It helped me tremendously," she said. "I just got into a bad habit. That's all I did this summer is my jump shot."

Her overall game changed in one moment, she said: a meeting with assistant coach Jonathan Tsipis.

"Coach Tsip and I had a moment," she said.

What kind of moment?

Happy, sad, angry?

"A face-to-face moment. Between a coach and a player who really wants to succeed," she said. "After that it was just a 360."

## "Night and day"

Schrader had the skills and confidence since her freshman year. Against Boston College her freshman year in the NCAA Tournament, she dropped a career-high 29 points. Four days into practice sophomore year, however, she tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and missed the entire season. Junior year, she came back and scored 10.3 points per game. This season, her game has flown to new heights.

"It's been night and day," McGraw said. "She's become so much more vocal. She's playing a bigger role within the team in terms of leadership. She's been

our go to player."

Before, McGraw said, Schrader had a business-like approach to the game and didn't take it as lightly as she could have. Now, McGraw said, Schrader understands that enjoying the game will allow her to play better.

"I think before it was all basketball," she said. "I think now she's just as serious about basketball, but there's an edge of fun to it, which has helped her game."

The fact that Schrader can get a medical redshirt and play next year with the same teammates has created better connections with the team, McGraw said.

"She's closer to this team. I think there's a chemistry, like it's a better chemistry than it has been," McGraw said. "She was a little more aloof in her first couple years. I think she sees her role a little differently."

Don't let all this talk of a fun-loving player fool you: Schrader is as intense as they come. Watch her drive the lane with the shot clock winding down or out-rebound an opposing post player three inches taller than her and it's immediately apparent.

"[Her teammates] always respected her leadership by example but they love her intensity," McGraw said. "They love when she makes a big shot and gets excited and looks excited after making a shot. I think that fires them up. They really like in the huddles when she can bring some intensity."

In fact, McGraw said, Schrader's intensity makes her the go-to player in a close game. McGraw used words like toughness, intensity and competitiveness to describe Schrader, but her analysis of Schrader's ability to play well under pressure says it all.

"When we're down, she wants the ball, and when we absolutely have to have a basket, she wants the ball,"

McGraw said.

## Off the court

Schrader said people would be surprised to see how relaxed she is when not playing basketball.

"Everyone probably thinks I'm so focused, mean, stuck up, b\*\*\*\*, stuff like that, but off the court I am so relaxed, easy-going. I try to be a little funny," she said. "I have a totally different aspect outside the court. And I think that's good to have."

Schrader enjoys "Grey's Anatomy" ("If I have a game Thursday I have to record it and watch another time") and "Life." If she gets the chance when the team has two days off, the Bartlett, Ill. native will go home.

"I just go home for a night just to get away from it," she said. "Seeing these girls all the time, don't get me wrong, I love them. I love my coaches. But it's good to get away for a while. It just helps you clear your mind."

Schrader has torn defenses apart on the court lately. She's led the team in both scoring and rebounding in four of the last five games, including a 23-point performance in a win over Syracuse on her birthday.

She said she knows what to expect this weekend at the Big East tournament in the XL Center in Hartford, Conn., and she doesn't care who she plays — except for the teams the Irish lost to. She's well aware that with a win Saturday over the winner of Friday's Syracuse-St. John's game, Notre Dame faces Villanova, whom the Irish lost to on the road. Should they win that, they get No. 1 Connecticut.

"I know the atmosphere, I know what it takes to win," she said. "We're going to come in with confidence, at least I am, and have some fun."

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Senior guard Lindsay Schrader goes for a layup during Notre Dame's 96-61 win over Evansville on Nov. 19, 2008. Schrader tied a record this season for Notre Dame guards with six double-doubles.

# No. 5 seed Irish face winner of Syracuse-St. John's

Team has first-round bye, plays its first game on Saturday

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Editor

The Irish need rest, and they earned an extra day of it. No. 20 Notre Dame enjoys a first-round bye in the Big East championship this weekend at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

Notre Dame (21-7, 10-6 Big East) got the No. 5 seed in the tournament, which in the new 16-team format gives it a bye. On Saturday at noon, the Irish play the winner of Friday's matchup between No. 12 seed Syracuse and No. 13 seed St. John's.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she likes the new tournament format.

"I think it's a good format," she said. "We'll have to go through it a couple of years before we can really tell, but I think it's a great idea."

Notre Dame has won four of five heading into the tournament with the only loss coming to top-ranked, No. 1-seed, undefeated Connecticut at home.

"I'm kind of looking at it as we played five good games in a row," McGraw said. "We have a lot of offensive momentum, I would say."

More than that, McGraw said everyone on the team, freshmen to senior, has contributed of late. She said while the senior guard Lindsay Schrader and

sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski have gotten most of the attention, everyone else has chipped in.

"I feel like all the starters are playing well, and it's a really good feeling going in. everybody's contributing," McGraw said.

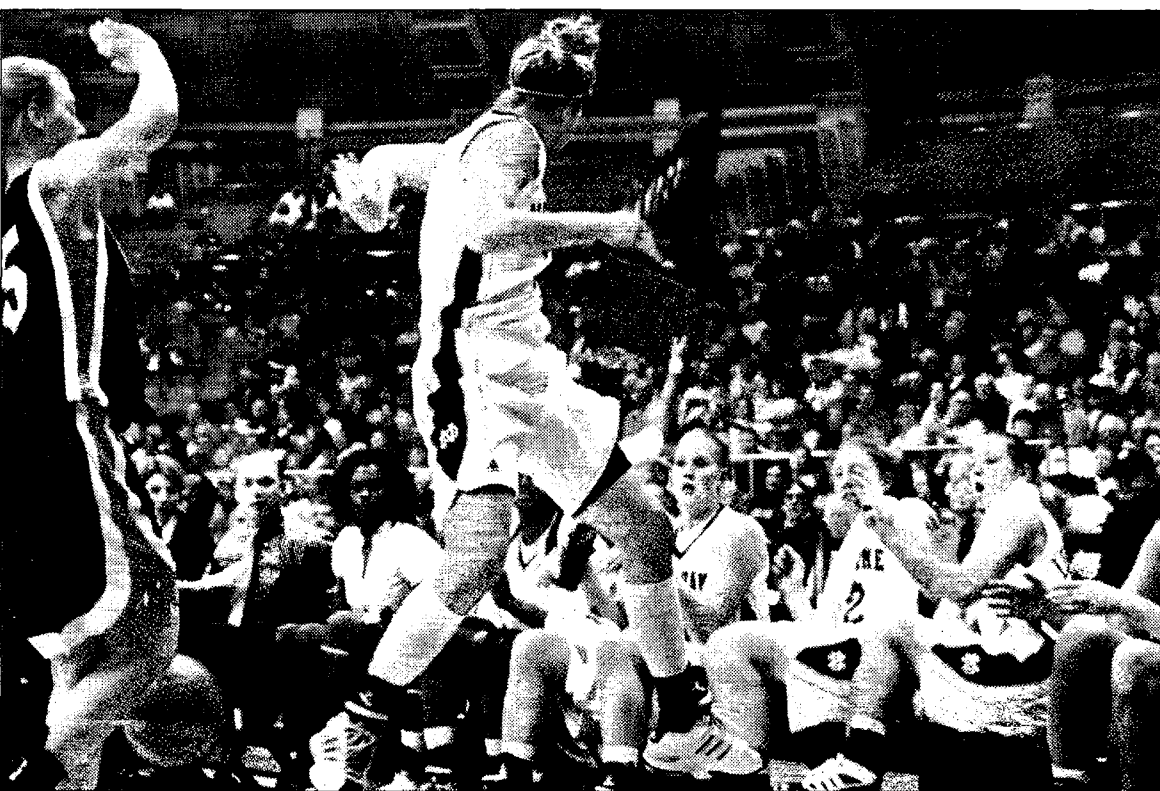
Freshman forward Kellie Watson, McGraw said, has passed the ball well recently. Watson turned down several open looks in Notre Dame's last game, a 72-66 win over West Virginia at home Monday, to pass to teammates.

"She's a fantastic passer, and that's something that I thought when I saw her in high school is really her greatest strength," McGraw said. "She has great visions and can get the ball out of her hands so quickly."

Watson had three assists in each of the last two games. She also broke a four-game stretch without hitting a 3-pointer when she sank one against the Mountaineers.

McGraw also mentioned junior guard Melissa Lechlitner, who went through a scoring drought recently, as someone who's playing better. In the five games before the West Virginia game, Lechlitner shot 29.7 percent from field goal range, but made 4-of-9 shots Monday.

Finally, junior center Erica Williamson has surged in the past three games. She scored 20 and 21 points back to back against DePaul and Georgetown in early January, but never topped six points for the next 10 games. Against Syracuse, however, she scored 18 and had 11



Irish freshman guard Natalie Novosel jumps to save a ball from going out of bounds, scaring her teammates in the process, during Notre Dame's 96-61 win over Evansville on Nov. 19, 2008.

rebounds, and she scored 13 against West Virginia.

The Irish have faced both the Red Storm and the Orange recently and won both times. They beat St. John's 70-67 at home on Jan. 17, and the Orange 90-79 at home on Feb. 24.

"They were both really good games," McGraw said. "The St. John's game we had to defend the 3-point line to win, and then the Syracuse game was very close throughout."

That defense, McGraw said, still leaves something to be desired. The team worked on it during practice Wednesday, McGraw said. She did say, however, that she was happy with where the offense was.

Both teams present similar challenges to the Irish, McGraw said.

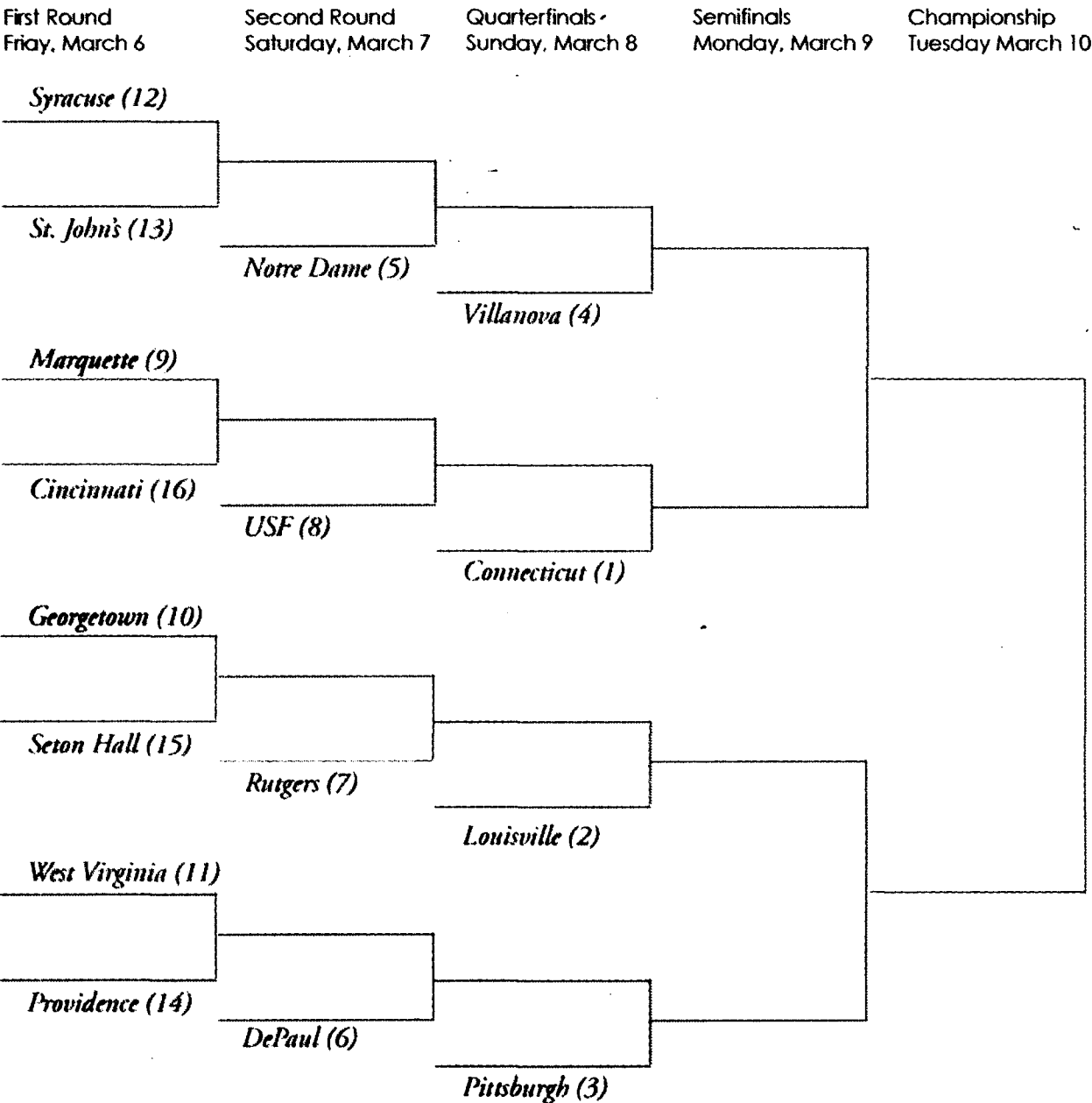
"They're both really athletic, they both have quickness — they're a little bit quicker than we are," McGraw said. "They'll both play some zone and some

man. We're trying to find some new wrinkles and new things to do coming into the tournament, but it's nice that we've played them both recently so we have some film on them."

**Note:** McGraw said the team needed rest, so they took practice off on Tuesday and will take practice off again today.

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## 2009 Big East Women's Basketball Championship



## WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

### THUR.

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**"Slumdog Millionaire" (2008), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema**

If for some odd reason you have been living on the other side of the planet (which is not an excuse because then you're practically in India) and have missed the chance to see the fabulous film "Slumdog Millionaire," here's your chance! Jamal Malik, a poor Indian orphan, lands a spot on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in hopes of reuniting with his true love and winning enough money to pull both of them out of poverty. This story is packed full with enough adventure, excitement, romance and the necessary heart-warming ingredient to ensure this movie is worth your time.

**Organissimo at Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club, 9 p.m.**

With minimal partying taking place on Notre Dame's campus this weekend, take advantage of the opportunity to venture into the unknown corners of South Bend and visit Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club. Don't miss out on the chance to relax after a tough week of midterms with Organissimo, a band that incorporates the tradition of classic 1960s jazz with modern twists. The event is free, but bring a few extra bucks to indulge in the upscale, casual dining experience Trio's promises to provide.



**Riely O'Connor's Songwriters Spotlight, 8:30 p.m., The Beanery Gourmet Coffee and Cafe**

Known for his powerfully thematic and insightful songs, Riely O'Connor will be taking the stage at The Beanery restaurant for an all-original performance that will have audiences humming along to both his energetic rock songs and his heart-felt ballads. O'Connor is a native of South Bend, and released his first album, "Working on a Memory," in 2004. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere of this coffee house as you snuggle in for a relaxing and entertaining Saturday night. Tickets are \$5.

**Feel the Spirit! Presented by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., Leighton Concert Hall**

Wind your weekend down with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. Not only will you get to see the show for the extremely low student price of \$5, but you will also get to listen to the beautiful voices of The South Bend Chamber Singers. Pieces performed will range from Benjamin Britten's "Suite on English Folk Tunes" to a unique take on the American spiritual in John Rutter's "Feel the Spirit." Tickets are \$25 for faculty and staff, \$23 for seniors and \$5 for all students.

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## Dining Hall Dish

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Lent brings certain challenges to the student who frequents the Notre Dame dining hall. What to do on those meatless Fridays? You have two choices: Embrace it or work around it. This week's column is geared towards giving you tips about what to make on Fridays for the next couple of weeks (without simply abandoning the dining hall for Subway). Never fear, the Dining Hall Dish is here to help.

1. Know your proteins. Without the obvious choice — meat — you may be looking for another option. Other foods high in protein are: fish, and especially tuna;

eggs, nuts and seeds (try peanut butter or adding seeds and nuts to your salads), beans (try tofu or the various beans available at the salad and Mexican bars), cheese and yogurt.

2. Think up new ways to serve the above protein-packed items with these ideas:

Mash up black beans and mix with olive oil in order to make a great spread to add to your sandwich.

Take a sweet or a baked potato and add a mixture of black beans, tomatoes and a little bit of sour cream and cheese. For an even quicker meal, just pour a little chili over a baked potato.

Don't stick with plain tuna, kick it up. Try taking either the salad

bar tuna or the sandwich bar tuna spread and mixing in ingredients like olives and even corn. Then layer on cheese and spinach and give it a good toast in the Panini maker to make it into a great tuna melt. If you're not a tuna fan, you can take the same idea and apply it to egg salad.

Instead of adding meatballs to your spaghetti, look for other options. Try adding in some cooked vegetables and extra cheese to make it a little heartier.

3. Make an excellent salad. Salad is so much more than just a bunch of green stuff. Try out all of those things on the salad bar and load it up with lots of flavor and vitamins.

4. Take advantage of the new things in the dining hall. The North pizza bar usually offers pesto sauce more often, both dining halls try out sushi and usually crab meats appears at the stir fry bar (You can even request it to use in other things. It would make a great addition to a salad or pasta). Keep an eye out and you might find something really worth the try.

5. Deal. It might be annoying sometimes, but hey, it's only one day a week. Listen to your mom's good advice and eat your vegetables instead.

*Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail [mfordice@nd.edu](mailto:mfordice@nd.edu)*



## NFL

# Warner gives Cardinals hometown discount

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Kurt Warner wound up right where he wanted to be, with a hefty pay raise to return to the Arizona team he led to the Super Bowl.

The 37-year-old quarterback agreed to terms Wednesday on a two-year, \$23 million contract with the Cardinals.

"I love what we've been doing," Warner said. "I love what we've been building here."

The deal includes a \$15 million signing bonus. Combined with a \$4 million salary for the first year of the contract, \$19 million is guaranteed.

"We're ecstatic about the commitment the organization has made to us," Warner said. "Now it's my job for the next two years to go fulfill my part of the deal."

He believes it's his final NFL contract.

"You never say never," Warner said, "but I'm old."

He had talked about needing time after the season to decide whether to retire, a thought that turned out to be fleeting.

"Probably two days after the Pro Bowl all that was on my mind was football," Warner said. "I told my wife, 'Sorry honey, it's not time.'"

He said he understands that he's getting a lot of money in a time of financial hardship for so many.

"You know the numbers are staggering, and to add to that the economy and where people are struggling, it's tough," Warner said. "But all I know is I've worked hard to get to the point that I'm at, to be in this position and have opportunities like this and I don't regret that fact."

"The fact is that's the market for what I do. I'm fortunate for that and I'm blessed in so many ways."

Warner and his wife Brenda made a highly publicized visit to the San Francisco 49ers on Monday, but he said he knew quickly that he wanted to return to the Cardinals.

"I told my wife probably 45 minutes into it that I just felt God say 'You're supposed to be in Arizona,'" Warner said, "and I told her that. She tried to tell me to stay open, but He just continued to confirm it."

While the 49ers are planning a run-oriented offense, the Cardinals were among the best passing teams in the NFL, with a trio of outstanding receivers in Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and Steve Breaston.

Warner said the 49ers made him an offer that was larger than the one he agreed to in Arizona. But on the flight back from San Francisco, he said he called his agent Mark Bartelstein and told him to do what was necessary to get the Cardinals deal done.

Initially, Warner had sought to be among the top five paid quarterbacks in the NFL, about \$14.5 million a year. But on Tuesday, Bartelstein offered Arizona a two-year, \$23 million deal. The Cardinals initially had offered two years and \$20 million.

The deal was essentially reached on Tuesday, Cardinals general manager Rod Graves said, with only a few details to be ironed out on Wednesday.

"We wanted to come up with a number that was fair to Kurt, and to be able to do that within the context of other team objectives," Graves said.

The Cardinals now turn their attention to possible free agent signings and new contracts for some of their current players, including safety Adrian Wilson and linebacker Karlos Dansby.

Earlier in the negotiations, Warner had offered to give \$1 million a year of his contract toward a new deal for Boldin, but that provision wasn't in the final agreement.

Boldin has asked to be traded because he feels the Cardinals failed to follow through on a promise for a new contract a year ago.

Graves said the team still plans to eventually address Boldin's desire for a long-term contract.

Warner has been with the Cardinals for four seasons but had to win the starting job from Matt Leinart in training camp a year ago. He went on to have a Pro Bowl season that rivaled his league MVP days with the St. Louis Rams.

He started all 20 games for Arizona last season. In 16 regular-season games, Warner completed 67 percent of his throws for 4,583 yards and 30 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions. He finished second in the NFL in completions, completion percentage and yards passing.

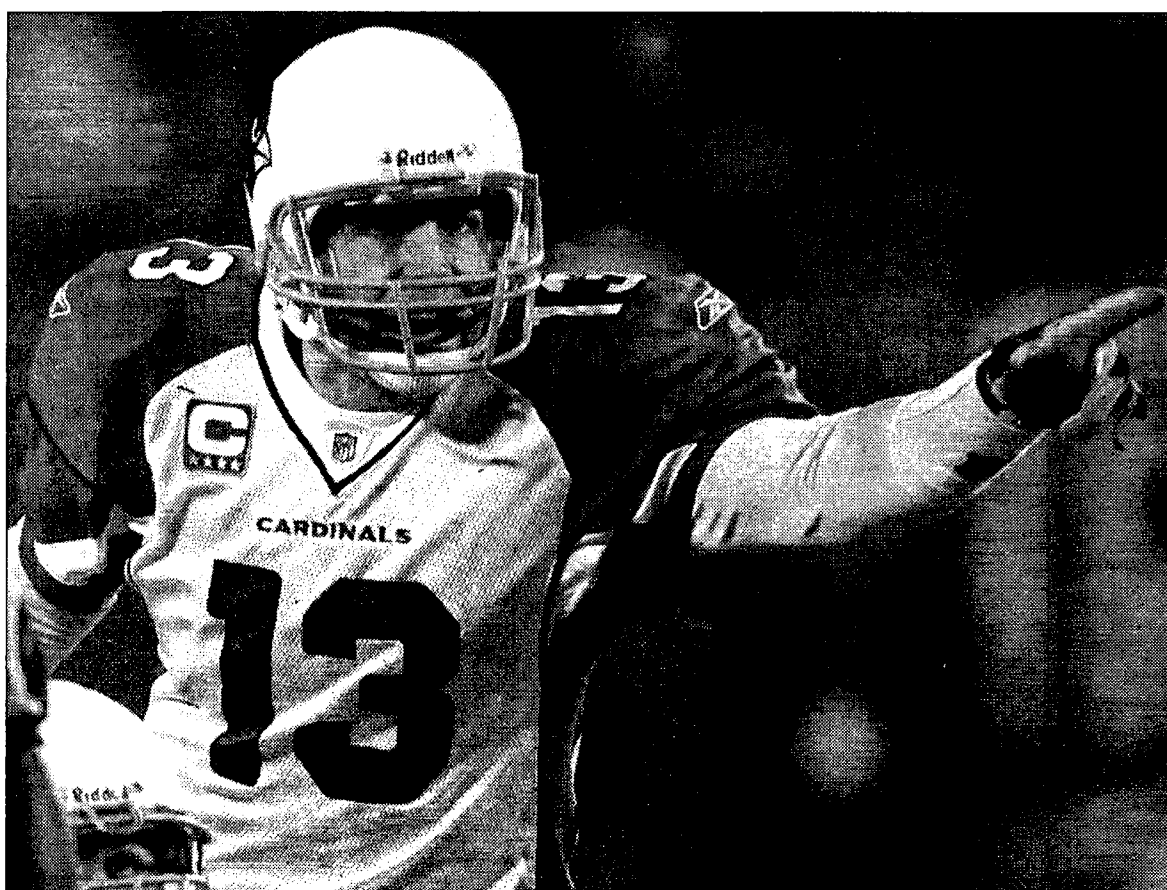
In four playoff games, he was even better, completing 68 percent of his passes for 1,147 yards and 11 touchdowns, with three interceptions.

But for one extremely costly interception, Warner was brilliant in Arizona's 27-23 loss to Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl, completing 31 of 43 passes for 377 yards and three touchdowns.

In addition, Warner was named the NFL man of the year for his off-the-field contributions, as well as his playing excellence.

Graves called Warner "an elite player, a class act, and truly a professional."

Warner's return to the top was one of the best stories of last season, an intriguing chapter to his storybook career. His well-known tale includes stocking shelves in a supermarket, then working his way through the Arena Football League and NFL Europe to the Rams, where he was thrust into the starting



Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner resigned with the Cardinals Wednesday after turning down a contract offer from the 49ers. Warner led the Cardinals to the Super Bowl last season.

job after an injury to Trent Green.

Warner led the Rams to two Super Bowls, winning one of them, but lost his starting job to Marc Bulger and left as a free agent for the New York Giants, where he was displaced by rookie Eli Manning.

Then it was off to Arizona, where he went from backup to the leader of a franchise that rocketed from nowhere in 2008.

## Lewis resigns with Baltimore

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens brought back a famous Pro Bowl player and added another one, too.

Linebacker Ray Lewis will finish his career with the Ravens after reaching agreement on a multiyear deal with Baltimore, which also agreed with center Matt Birk on Wednesday.

"From beginning to end as a Raven. ... Wow!" To be with the same team with the same fans for an entire career, that doesn't happen in the NFL," Lewis said. "I don't think an athlete can have a greater legacy than to be able to stay in one place for an entire career."

By keeping Lewis, the Ravens fill the void created at inside linebacker when Bart Scott signed with the New York Jets.

"We got better today. Our football team got better. I am very happy," general manager Ozzie Newsome said. "This will allow Ray to finish his career as a Raven."

Birk replaces last year's starting center, Jason Brown, who signed a five-year, \$37.5 million contract with the St. Louis Rams.

"To add a player like Matt, who will also give us outstanding leadership, makes us a better team," coach John Harbaugh said. "We're not standing pat. We're moving forward and getting better."

Lewis earned his 10th Pro Bowl this season after leading the NFL's second-ranked defense with 160 tackles. He also had 3½ sacks, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

## Coles joins Bengals

CINCINNATI — All the Cincinnati Bengals needed was one day to replace their top receiver.

The Bengals agreed to a four-year deal with former Jets receiver Laveranues Coles on Wednesday, a day after T.J. Houshmandzadeh left for Seattle as a free agent and suggested that Cincinnati wasn't sincere about trying to keep him around.

Coles got the opposite impression.

"The Bengals were very aggressive right from the start in talking to us," Coles said, in a statement released by the team. "And when a team makes you feel really wanted, that's a factor you're not going to ignore. They said, 'Let's get this worked out,' and we did."

The Jets let the 31-year-old receiver leave as a free agent last week, restructuring his contract to make it easier. Coles had another year left on his deal, but wanted a multiyear extension. As part of a compromise, he became an unrestricted free agent and the team did-

n't have to pay \$6 million that was guaranteed him this season.

ESPN reported that the deal with Cincinnati was worth \$28 million, another indication of how badly the Bengals wanted him. Coles also visited Buffalo last week.

"Clearly, Laveranues gives our passing game another proven weapon," coach Marvin Lewis said. "He's been durable and reliable, with high production in catches, yards, yards-per-catch and touchdowns. He's also a passionate player, a guy who will bring a very positive chemistry to our locker room."

In the past two days, the Bengals shored up two glaring needs.

They re-signed running back Cedric Benson to a two-year deal on Tuesday, when Houshmandzadeh was being introduced in Seattle. The two of them were the only bright spots last season in an offense that finished last in the league.

The Bengals could have used their franchise tag on Houshmandzadeh, who said repeatedly last season that he was willing to stay if he got a long-term deal. By using the tag on kicker Shayne Graham, the Bengals opened the way for him to leave as an unrestricted free agent.

Houshmandzadeh visited Minnesota and Seattle, and also got a multiyear offer from the Bengals.

"If Cincinnati wanted, they could have had me," Houshmandzadeh said in Seattle. "They wanted me, but at their convenience."

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## NCAA Softball Division 1 Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Alabama	653	13-1
2	Florida	644	19-2
3	Washington	630	17-0
4	UCLA	601	19-2
5	Stanford	567	18-1
6	Oklahoma	536	15-3
7	Arizona St.	497	18-4
8	Tennessee	489	17-1
9	Michigan	429	13-5
10	California	418	14-3
11	Georgia	378	12-1
12	Missouri	360	13-2
13	Arizona	345	14-4
14	La.-Lafayette	297	10-2
15	North Carolina	288	14-3
16	Northwestern	227	10-6
17	Texas A&M	189	13-8
18	Southern Ill.	174	11-1
19	LSU	173	11-4
20	Massachusetts	173	8-4
21	Ohio St.	148	15-3
22	Louisville	143	14-2
23	DePaul	135	9-4
24	Fresno St.	84	8-6
25	Mississippi St.	41	11-3

## NCAA Women's Tennis Division 1

	team	points
1	Northwestern	91
2	Georgia	84
3	NOTRE DAME	74
4	Duke	72
5	Baylor	67
6	Miami (Fl.)	61
7	California	60
8	Georgia Tech.	57
9	Clemson	56
10	Southern California	56
11	UCLA	53
12	Tennessee	46
12	Stanford	46
14	Kentucky	45
15	North Carolina	44
16	Arizona St.	40
17	Florida St.	36
18	LSU	35
19	Michigan	35
20	Virginia	35

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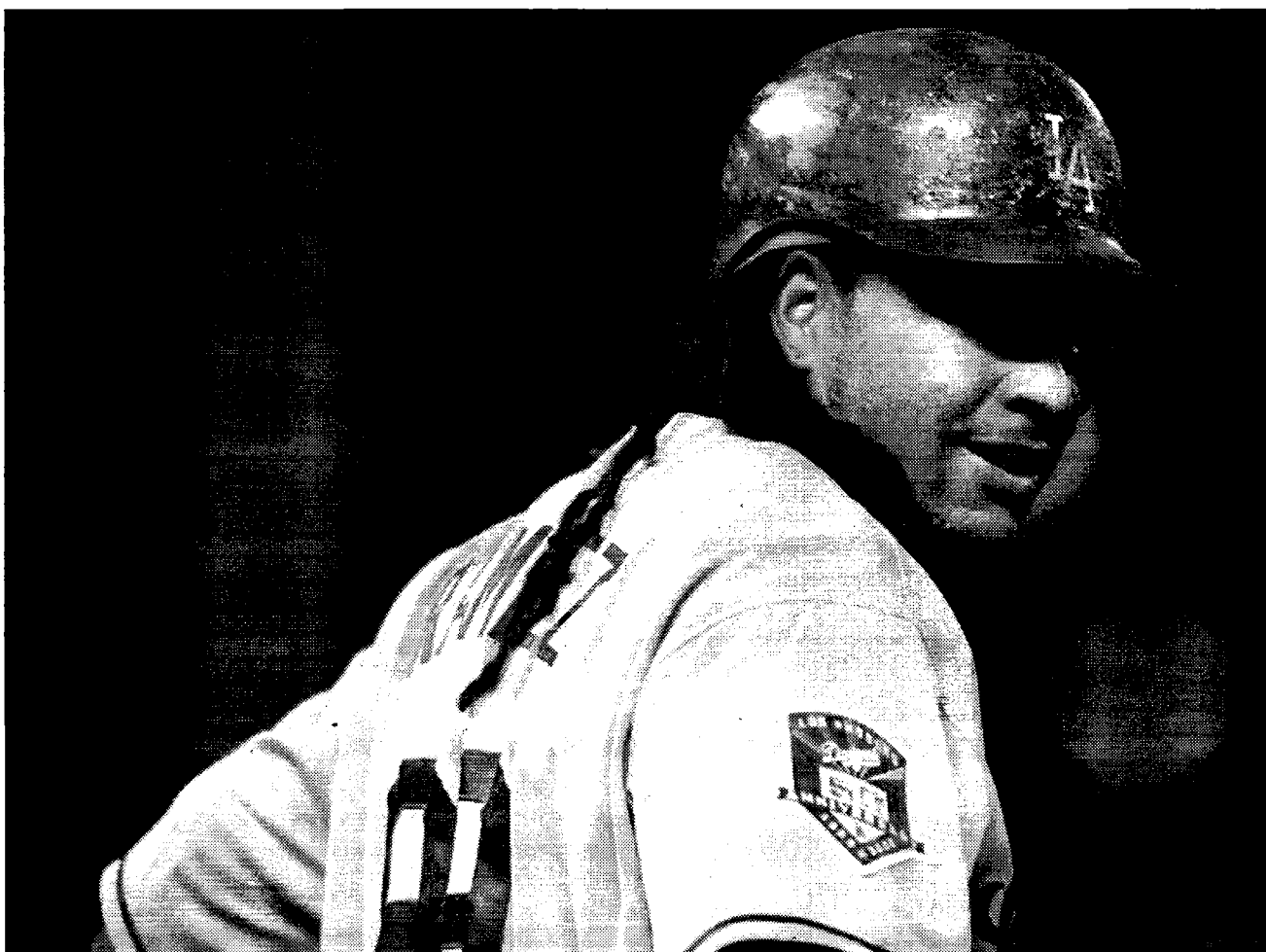
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1	Stanford	297
2	Georgia	293
3	Texas	275
4	Arizona	274
5	Florida	261
6	Auburn	250
7	Tennessee	233
8	Texas A&M	226
9	California	219
10	Southern California	216
11	Minnesota	205
12	Virginia	190
13	Indiana	181
14	Wisconsin	167
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## MLB



Manny Ramirez resigned with Los Angeles on Wednesday. Ramirez and the Dodgers had been involved in negotiations for over four months before the slugger finally agreed to a \$45 million deal.

## L.A. signs Ramirez for two seasons

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The winter of discontent in Mannywood is over.

Manny Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers officially agreed Wednesday on a \$45 million, two-year contract that keeps him with the NL West champions. The slugger can void the second season of the deal and again become a free agent.

The stalemate was broken during a 6 a.m. meeting that brought the sides face-to-face at owner Frank McCourt's Malibu home. The gathering came after weeks of protracted negotiations that led to starts, stops, offers and subsequent rejections.

At times, McCourt's frustration with Ramirez's agent Scott Boras surfaced, with the owner describing the agent as "challenging to work with."

All that was forgotten on a rainy late-winter morning when Ramirez surfaced in the Malibu mist to rejoin the team and city that embraced him after he left Boston at the July 31 trade deadline.

"We got a great meeting," Ramirez told KCAL-TV as he emerged from a mandatory physical in suburban Inglewood. "I'm happy to be here. We got some unfinished business, and that's why I'm here."

The Dodgers confirmed the deal shortly after Ramirez passed the physi-

cal. He is set to meet with the media Thursday morning in Phoenix.

Ramirez gets \$10 million this year, and \$15 million in deferred money with no interest, payable in \$5 million installments each Jan. 15 from 2010 through 2012. If it winds up as a two-year deal, he gets \$10 million each season, with three payments of \$8,333,333 each Jan. 15 from 2011-13.

Ramirez has until November to decide whether to void the second season.

Los Angeles' original offer was for \$45 million in guaranteed money, including a \$4 million buyout of a 2011 option, and gave the Dodgers the ability to main-

tain control of Ramirez through 2012. It also did not include the no-trade provision.

Ramirez will make a \$1 million commitment to the Dodgers Dream Foundation as part of the deal.

"We are thrilled that Manny wants to be a Dodger and that he has made such a tremendous commitment to the Los Angeles community," McCourt said in a statement. "We witnessed something very special last year in the way that our fans connected with him and the manner in which the team came together. Now, we focus our complete and undivided attention on our primary goal, winning a world championship."

## IN BRIEF

### Alex Rodriguez gets hip checked by doctor

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez has a new problem.

Hours after Rodriguez played Tuesday for the Dominican Republic in a tuneup for the World Baseball Classic, the New York Yankees announced he would get his ailing hip checked by a specialist.

An exam Saturday revealed a cyst in Rodriguez's right hip. The 33-year-old slugger is scheduled to visit Dr. Marc Philippon on Wednesday in Vail, Colo.

"Alex has proven his durability throughout his career, and we will take every precaution and step necessary to ensure his health as we near the start of the 2009 regular season and beyond," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said in a statement.

Rodriguez's status for the WBC was uncertain. The Dominicans' first game is Saturday against the Netherlands in Puerto Rico.

### NFL's Cooper and Smith still missing

TAMPA, Fla. — Family and friends refused to give up the search for two NFL players and a third man missing four days in the Gulf of Mexico, enlisting private boats and planes to comb the waters off the Florida coast.

The Coast Guard called off the official search Tuesday for Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, free-agent NFL defensive lineman Corey Smith, who played for the Detroit Lions last season, and former South Florida player William Bleakley. The friends have been missing since their boat overturned Saturday in rough seas.

Authorities were done, but about a dozen charter boats motored out Wednesday, some with friends of the families aboard, to try to locate some signs of the men, according to dock workers at John's Pass near St. Petersburg. Three private planes also flew over the endless stretch of water, according to Cooper's father.

### Penguins' Shero signs forward Bill Guerin

PITTSBURGH — This is becoming a recurring theme: The Pittsburgh Penguins, badly in need of a linemate for Sidney Crosby, add one of the best forwards available at the trading deadline.

General manager Ray Shero made a second significant deadline move in two seasons, picking up forward Bill Guerin from the New York Islanders on Wednesday for a conditional draft pick. Guerin, 38, once was one of the NHL's top power forwards and was the Islanders' second-leading scorer with 16 goals and 20 assists in 61 games.

"I think it's worth a chance with a Billy Guerin, that playing with good players he will be able to score goals. I'm hoping he can re-energize his career here in Pittsburgh," Shero said. "I think it's a good move for both of us."



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## NBA

# Cavs' win earns them playoff spot

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 23 points, Delonte West had 13 and a career-high eight steals and the Cleveland Cavaliers became the first team to clinch a spot in the NBA playoffs by beating the Milwaukee Bucks 91-73 on Wednesday night in a potential first-round series preview.

At 48-12, the Cavaliers wrapped up their fourth straight postseason berth with more than one month left in the regular season. But Cleveland has been doing everything at an accelerated rate. The Cavs moved 36 games over .500 for the first time and improved their league-best record at home to 27-1.

Mo Williams scored 15 against his former team and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 14 for Cleveland, which lowered its magic for winning the Central Division to six.

Richard Jefferson scored 29 for the Bucks, currently clinging to the No. 8 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Cleveland swept the four-game season series between the teams, who could meet again in April with more money at stake.

Milwaukee was still within striking distance late in the third quarter, but Wally Szczerbiak hit a 3-pointer and James followed with one of his own as the Cavs, who seemed disinterested for much of the night, took a 14-point lead into the fourth.

The Bucks fought back and closed within 10 when

James, who scored 55 in the last meeting between the clubs, dropped a step-back 3-pointer over Luc Mbah a Moute in the deep corner near Milwaukee's bench to make it 81-68 with 6:45 left. James paused to admire his make before heading down the floor.

Cleveland was back home following a grueling, four-games-in-five-nights road trip during which the Cavs went 3-1 against Houston, San Antonio, Atlanta and Miami — all likely playoff teams. Cleveland had to rally to win the last two games, and overcame lengthy travel delays en route to South Florida.

The Cavs didn't have to work nearly as hard against the Bucks.

As he was being stretched out by a trainer on the locker room floor before tipoff, James, Williams and teammate Tarence Kinsey watched the video of James' 55-point performance against the Bucks on Feb. 20. James seemed to recall every dribble, pass and shot and was most impressed by his 24-point, third-quarter explosion.

"That's the best quarter I've ever seen," he said.

There would be no encore for James, who attempted just 11 shots and sat out the final four minutes.

Ahead by just three points in the second quarter, the Cavaliers went on a 9-0 run capped by a 3-pointer from James and opened a 48-39 halftime lead.

Jefferson kept the Bucks close all by himself as he scored 17 points in the opening half.



Pittsburgh guard LeVance Fields goes over Marquette forward Lazar Hayward on his way to a layup in the first half of the Panthers' victory Wednesday night.

## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Pittsburgh outlasts Eagles' strong second half run

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Not many teams are capable of hitting No. 3 Pittsburgh with a 21-5 run like No. 13 Marquette did to start the second half, the kind of can-you-answer-this surge that shifts momentum and leads to upsets.

There probably aren't many teams in the country that can respond the way the Panthers did, with a 10-minute stretch so overwhelming that it left opposing coach Buzz Williams shaking his head in admiration.

DeJuan Blair scored 23 points and was dominating inside during the Panthers' decisive 21-2 run after they fell behind by nine points early in the second half, and rallied for a 90-75 victory Wednesday night.

Pitt set up a Big East showdown against No. 1 Connecticut on Saturday that eventually might decide one — or two — of the four top seeds in the NCAA tournament.

The Golden Eagles (23-7, 12-5) startled Pitt by surging to a 57-48 lead with 15:56 remaining. However, the Panthers (27-3, 14-3) weren't flustered by the kind of turnaround they may see again in postseason play, quickly answering with a 9-0 run finished off by Blair's dunk to tie it at 57.

"We realized that even when they made that run and went ahead, that we were executing and doing things right," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. "We took good shots and didn't make them and, eventually, those good shots became makes and we were able to pull away."

Marquette couldn't find an answer to Pitt's inside-out game, with point guard LeVance Fields pulling up for jumpers or making outlet passes to Blair and Sam Young for quick baskets before the Panthers made Marquette work for points at the other end.

"I thought we were right where we needed to be," Williams said. "For that 10-minute stretch, we could not make a basket and everything they made, it seemed, was in the paint. They're the best team I've ever coached against in the middle of the paint. That's how they're built, that's how they're coached."

Fields had 17 points and 10 assists, Young scored 18 points, Jermaine Dixon had 13 points and Gilbert Brown added 11 as Pitt won its 20th in a row at home and moved to 18-0 at the Petersen Events Center this season.

Jerel McNeal scored 23 points and Lazar Hayward had 22, but Marquette lost its third straight to a team ranked in the top six, all since senior point guard Dominic James broke a bone in his foot. Wesley Matthews added 16 points but Maurice Acker, filling in for James, was held to six in 29 minutes.

"Out mind-set is fine. We might not have beaten UConn with 'Nic, we might not have beaten Louisville with 'Nic, we might not have beaten Pitt with 'Nic," said Williams, refusing to blame the losses on the injury.

McNeal was 8-of-24 from the field after going 3-of-19 while scoring 10 points in the 62-58 loss to No. 6 Louisville on Sunday.

Tyrell Biggs put Pitt ahead to stay by scoring inside with 11:04 remaining, making it 63-61, and Fields converted a three-point play ahead of another close-range basket by Blair to make it 69-63. After that, Brown hit a 3 and added two long jumpers. Fields hit a fallaway and Blair made two free throws as a sellout crowd began chanting, "We Want UConn, We Want UConn!"

"You heard the crowd, they want UConn. We want them, too," Blair said.

The Panthers will get the Huskies again, the second time they have had a chance to knock off UConn while top-ranked this season.

Pitt ascended to the No. 1 ranking after beating Connecticut 76-68 behind Blair's 22 points and 23 rebounds on Feb. 16 — the first win in school history over a No. 1 team — but fell out of the top spot this week after losing at Providence eight days later.

The Panthers led by as many as 10 points in the first half against Marquette and were up 43-36 at halftime before Marquette's big run.

"Basketball is a game of runs, and we knew we had it in us to come back," Brown said. "You've just got to know as a team, defensively and offensively, when it comes down to it, we're going to be back in the game and have a chance to win it."

The surge briefly quieted a loud, sign-waving sellout crowd that was revved up by the surprise pregame announcement that Pitt assistant coach Brandin Knight's No. 20 jersey would become one of only four retired by the school.



Cavaller J.J. Hickson dunks over Milwaukee's Francisco Elson during Cleveland's victory Wednesday to clinch a playoff spot.

## NBA

# Carmelo vows to adhere to coach's policies

*After blatantly ignoring Nuggets head coach George Karl, Anthony was suspended one game this week*

Associated Press

DENVER — Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony says he wishes George Karl would have kept his insubordination a secret but promises next time his coach tries to sub for him, he'll sprint right to the bench like a kid lunging for an empty seat at musical chairs.

"I'm going to run. I'm going to run to the bench. I'm going to run hard to the bench," Anthony pledged Wednesday after practicing with the team for the first time since his one-game suspension for refusing to come out of Denver's game at Indiana on Sunday night.

Anthony, who had been mired in a shooting funk, had just hit a couple of shots late in the third quarter against the Pacers and said he felt his hot hand merited his staying in the game, so he refused to be subbed for Linas Kleiza.

Karl was incredulous.

"There was not much anger there. It was more of a shock when it happened," Karl said Wednesday. "We sat down and decided that was kind of the mantra of our season, to be more focused, more disciplined, more professional."

"And that crossed the line."

So, after conferring with the team's brain trust, Karl suspended Anthony for the Nuggets' game Tuesday night at Detroit.

Anthony watched the Pistons' 100-95 win from the team hotel and rejoined his teammates afterward for the flight home, then met with Karl before Wednesday's workout.

"It was just me wanting to be in there, wanting to play, wanting to finish that run that we just had," Anthony explained in his first public comments about the incident. "... If I was wrong, I was wrong. I don't think I can be wrong for wanting to win a basketball game and trying to help my team win."

Karl said there was a thin line between passionate play and insubordination and his star player crossed it by crossing the coach.

"I didn't want to come out," Anthony said. "If you look at it that deeply, then yeah, I maybe was wrong. I should have come out of the game, but if you're a basketball player, you know how you feel when you get something going finally and you're about to sit, your competitiveness all comes out."

What Karl wanted was for Anthony to come out.

"I think it was a combination of different feelings, he wasn't playing very well and he finally made some shots and his reaction was overboard," Karl said.

"And I get to play policeman."

Anthony said he should have gotten off with a warning.

"Well, I mean, when somebody comes to sub you out, I guess you're supposed to go out. Like I said, it was one of those things where I felt like I wanted to stay in the game and make a run and try to win that game," Anthony said.

"In my eyes I thought the situation was minute," he added. "Nobody knew what happened. ... Some of my teammates didn't even know what happened. The only people who knew was me, George and the person that was

coming to sub me in."

That's not the point, Karl said.

To understand Karl's reaction, it helps to remember that he found himself in a somewhat similar situation in Milwaukee several years ago when he was coaching the Bucks and Tim Thomas refused to return to the court in the final minute of a blowout at Denver.

Karl wanted to suspend Thomas, but team owner Herb Kohl wouldn't go along with it, reasoning that nobody had seen him refusing Karl's instructions, so it was best to keep a lid on it. Karl lost that argument and his relationship with both Thomas and Kohl cooled after that.

This time, the Nuggets backed Karl 100 percent, and Karl made his point loud and

clear.

"As an organization, we talked about it and we had to ... come down in a strong way," Karl said.

"I'm not a big believer in suspensions. I don't necessarily like them. I think they're probably more uncomfortable to me than anybody," Karl said. "But I think there's certain situations where they are necessary."

Interestingly, Anthony never apologized for his actions, either in his chat with the media or his 20-minute meeting with Karl.

"I think there was just a moving on kind of conversation," Karl said. "I don't know if the word 'apology' was there, but I think we all feel that we're in a good place. We're excited about the challenge and it's best right now to forget about it and move

on."

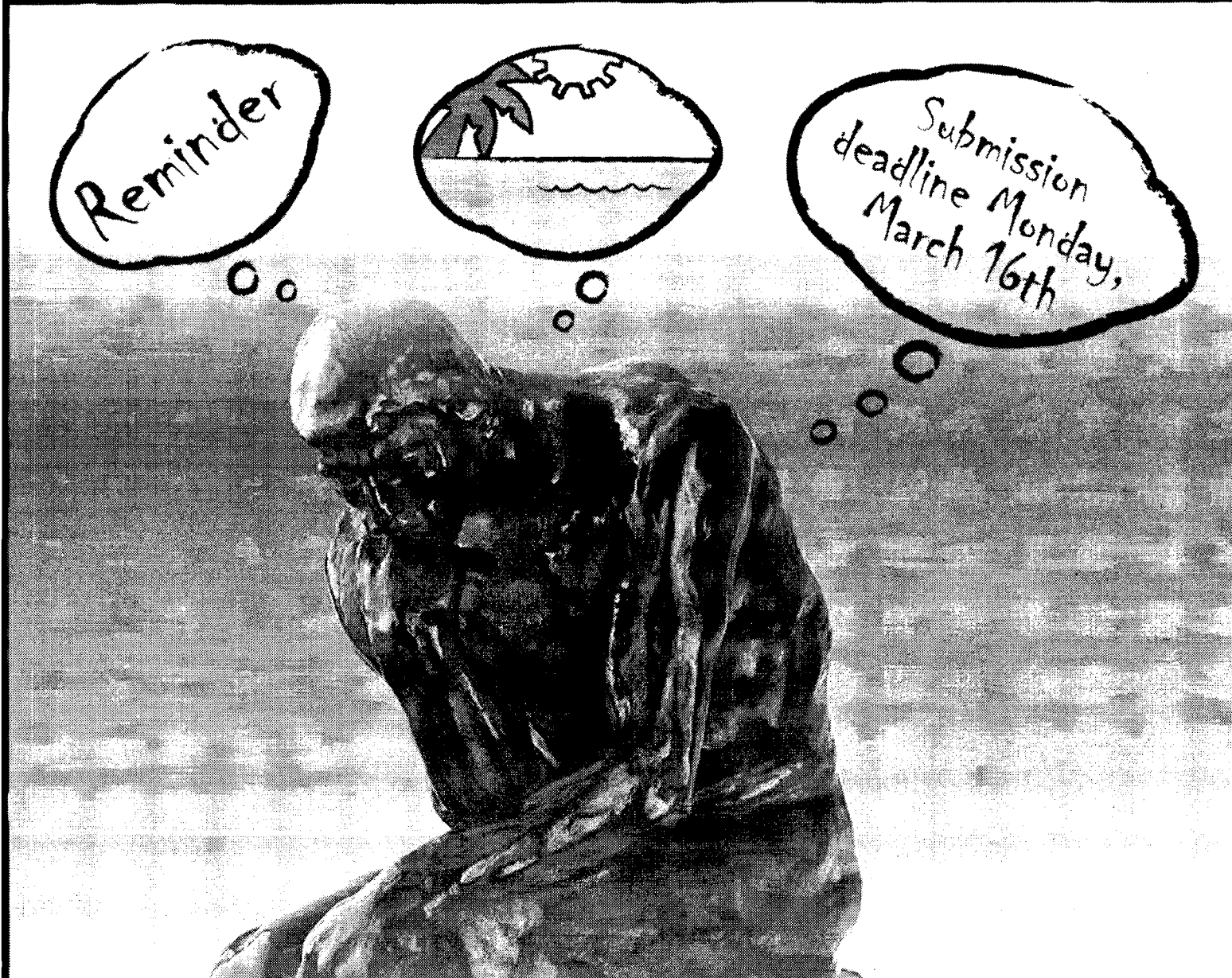
Anthony, who will return to action Thursday night against Portland, and Karl both said there was no rift between them.

"I never had any words with George. We never had an argument. It was just, you know, he took a stance on what happened and the result was a suspension," Anthony said.

And he said he understands Karl's position.

"He's got to do his job. He's got to coach. We've got to play. I mean, at all times during the 82-game season, everybody's not going to always agree, and that was just one of them times I didn't agree," Anthony said. "I didn't want to come out of the game."

Anthony said it won't happen again, and Karl said he believes him.



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## NCAA BASKETBALL

## UNC holds onto victory over Virginia Tech

Coble leads Northwestern to upset at Purdue; MSU head coach Izzo vows to shave his head after IU victory

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tyler Hansbrough had 22 points and 15 rebounds and No. 2 North Carolina stayed on track to win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title with an 86-78 victory over fading Virginia Tech on Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels (26-3, 12-3), who lead Duke by one game heading into their regular season finale on Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C., led almost throughout and took command with a 10-0 run that started with 5:03 to play — after the Hokies closed within one.

Virginia Tech (17-12, 7-8) lost for the fifth time in six games, and once again saw their hopes of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament dashed.

The Hokies have lost seven of their last 10 games and they finish the regular season at Florida State on Sunday.

A.D. Vassallo led Virginia Tech with 25 points, while Malcolm Delaney had 19 and Jeff Allen added 18 points and 12 rebounds.

The Hokies got within 63-62 on Vassallo's floater in the lane with 5:16 left, but Hansbrough hit two free throws and an 8-foot jumper.

Lawson made two free throws and a layup and Danny Green finished the

10-0 burst with two free throws to make it 73-62.

Ty Lawson added 22 points for the Tar Heels and Wayne Ellington had 15.

Trailing 42-36 at half-time, the Hokies gradually closed the gap, finally pulling even for the first time since the opening minutes on Vassallo's runner that made it 50-all.

But Green answered with his first field goal, a 3-pointer from the left corner.

When Vassallo hit consecutive 3s later in the half, the latter tying it at 56 with 9:24 left, Green followed two free throws by Hansbrough and a Hokies' turnover with another 3-pointer, this one from the left wing, to give the Tar Heels a 61-56 lead with 8:35 left.

The Hokies got it back within one, but the Tar Heels then pulled away for good.

The Tar Heels opened the game with a 17-8 run and led throughout the first half. Tech closed to 39-36 on Allen's dunk 43 seconds before halftime, but Hansbrough hit a 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left in the half for the 42-36 lead.

Hokies seniors Vassallo and Cheick Diakite were honored before the game, their last appearances at Cassell Coliseum unless the Hokies wind up with a home game in the NIT.

## Northwestern 64, Purdue 61

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kevin Coble scored 16 points and Northwestern defeated No. 19 Purdue 64-61 on Wednesday night to end the Boilermakers' seven-game home winning streak.

Michael Thompson and Craig Moore both scored 12 points for the Wildcats (17-11, 8-9 Big Ten), who ruined Senior Night for Purdue.

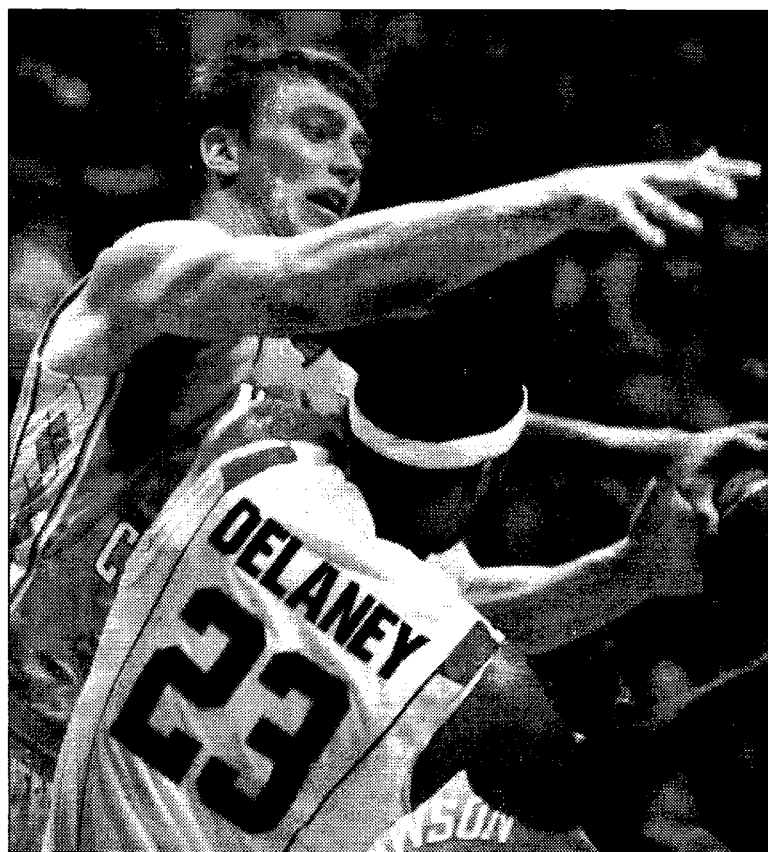
It was Northwestern's third victory over a ranked team this season. The Wildcats beat Minnesota on Jan. 18, then won at Michigan State on Jan. 21.

Keaton Grant and E'Twaun Moore both scored 14 points and JaJuan Johnson added 11 for the Boilermakers (22-8, 11-6). Purdue had won five of its past six games, and had won five straight in the series with Northwestern.

Purdue overcame a 14-point deficit to beat Northwestern 63-61 in Evanston, Ill. on Jan. 15.

The Boilermakers were eliminated in the Big Ten race on Tuesday, when Michigan State beat Indiana.

Northwestern led 20-17 in the first half before Purdue went on a 12-5 run, including two 3-pointers by Grant. The Boilermakers led 35-28 at halftime. Northwestern shot 50 percent in the first half, but Purdue countered by making four 4-pointers and outscoring the Wildcats



Tyler Hansbrough reaches for the ball as Virginia Tech guard Malcolm Delaney tries to protect it.

9-0 from the free-throw line.

Purdue struggled offensively early in the second half, allowing Northwestern to rally. Coble tied the game at 47 on a fast-break layup, then Northwestern took its first lead of the half on a layup by Jeff Ryan.

Sterling Williams followed with a layup to give the Wildcats a 51-47 lead. Williams missed the free throw on the three-point play, but the ball went out of bounds off a Purdue player, and Williams hit a jumper on the possession to make it 53-47.

After Purdue failed to score, Northwestern's Thompson drained a 3-pointer to give Northwestern a nine-point lead with 5:34 to play.

Grant made a 3-pointer to cut Northwestern's lead to 56-52 with just over 2 minutes remaining.

Purdue cut the deficit to two points and had several chances to get closer, but missed three free throws in the final 1:04.

Northwestern led 64-61 in the closing seconds, and the Boilermakers put Thompson at the line with 6.7 seconds to play and he made both.

## Izzo keeps promise

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Tom Izzo is ready to pay the price for winning the Big Ten title.

With his hair.

After the No. 8 Spartans held off Indiana 64-59 on Tuesday, clinching their first outright conference crown in a decade, Izzo said he would fulfill the promise he made to students last fall by shaving his head — after the NCAA tournament.

"I lie to my other people, but I don't lie to my students, which will be embarrassing," the Spartans coach said. "I'm not going to embarrass my team in the

NCAA tournament. I'm going to wait till it's all over and embarrass my wife then."

His players, of course, are ready to pull out the razor now.

But Izzo thinks the Spartans (24-5, 14-3) have plenty of work ahead to get ready for next week's Big Ten tournament and the NCAAs the week after that.

He was disappointed with his team's inability to put away a short-handed Hoosiers team that has now lost eight straight and played most of the game without leading scorer Devan Dumes, who appeared to injure his right knee less than four minutes in and did not return.

Kalin Lucas scored 15 points and Raymar Morgan had 14 points and seven rebounds, including a thunderous dunk off a rebound with 27.5 seconds to preserve the victory. The two also combined to make three free throws in the final 16 seconds to seal it.

"We struggled, we just didn't have the energy tonight and maybe I should understand that, but I don't," Izzo said. "They had a lot to do with it. They just played hard and they hurt us."

Indiana (6-23, 1-16) was led by Verdell Jones with 15 points.

Nick Williams and Malik Story each had 11, and the three combined to lead the Hoosiers back from a 13-point deficit with 9:10 to go. Indiana was within 59-57 with 3:31 left but failed to convert on four opportunities to tie the score or take the lead.

Instead, they finished their home season with the fewest wins (5) since 1969-70 and tied the school record for worst home winning percentage (.333), set by the 1943-44 team that went 3-6.

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Athletes tune up before nationals

By NATHANIEL LEE  
Sports Writer

Coming off of its unprecedented 13th consecutive Big East championship, Notre Dame traveled to West Lafayette, Ind. for the Purdue Boiler-Make-It Invationals, a final qualifier and tune-up before the NCAA Zone Diving and Swimming Championships.

"We went out there to try and improve times in order to possibly make the NCAA Championships," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "The 200 relay team accomplished that."

Early in the Boiler-Make-It Invationals, Irish juniors Megan Farrell and Ashlee Edgell made an impact, finishing first and second, respectively, in the 200-meter individual medley. But their times of 2:01.10 and 2:04.11 were short of the NCAA B-cut.

In the 100-meter backstroke, Irish junior Maggie Behrens swam to a second-place time of 55.41, but also came just short of a qualifying time.

In the 100-meter butterfly time trial, sophomore Kellyn Kuhlke found her stroke, touching the wall at 53.96 seconds to earn an NCAA B-cut. Sophomore Katie Casey also managed a B-cut time in the 200-meter butterfly prelims with a time of 1:59.35.

The school record in the

200-meter medley relay also fell this season at the hands of Kuhlke, freshman Colleen Fotsch and sophomores Samantha Maxwell and Amywren Miller. Their first-place time of 1:39.29 was good enough to land the final Irish NCAA B-Cut.

"For the NCAA Championships, an A-Cut is an automatic berth, and then the rankings [of times] determine which B-Cut qualifiers will make it," Barnes said. Right now we have between two and four athletes that are hoping to get that opportunity."

Next on the schedule for the Irish is the NCAA Zone Diving Championships, where divers Natalie Stitt, a junior, and Heidi Grossman, a sophomore, will look to make a splash. The qualifying divers will travel to Minneapolis, Minn., March 13 to compete.

"Right now the athletes who might continue are training hard to just get faster," Barnes said. "We just focus on getting better in order to swim fastest at nationals and being able to make an impact there."

The Irish swimmers will have to wait an extra week, before leaving for College Station, Texas, to compete for individual and national recognition in the three-day NCAA Championships from March 19-21.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Divers prepare for Zone C competition

By MIKE GOTIMER  
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Notre Dame's divers will look to continue their strong season at the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships in Minneapolis on March 13.

The Irish will boast a good deal of experience in the meet, as four of their five participants competed in the event last year.

Senior captain Michael Bulfin leads the way for the Irish and will be competing in the Zone Championships for the fourth consecutive year. Bulfin is coming off a strong performance at last month's Big East championships in which the All-American finished second in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

Last season, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native finished in sixth place in the 1-meter at the Zone Championships and later moved on to become the first diver in Notre Dame history to score points at the NCAA championships.

Sophomores Eric Lex, Wesley Villaflor and

Nathan Geary will each return to the event for the second consecutive season. Each diver performed well in Notre Dame's first-place finish at the Big East championships.

Lex was consistent at the event, finishing fifth in the 1-meter event and third in the 3-meter event. Villaflor finished fourth in the 1-meter and seventh in the 3-meter while Geary finished ninth in the 1-meter and fifth in the 3-meter. Each diver is looking to advance to the finals for the first time in his career.

Irish junior Caleb Dunnichay will make his first trip to the event. The Elwood, Ind., native was the most consistent Irish diver at the Big East championships besides Bulfin. Dunnichay finished third in the 1-meter and fourth in the 3-meter.

Competition at the NCAA Zone C Championships begins at 1 p.m. at the University Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

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## NBA

# Wade's Heat beat Phoenix

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal knocked Dwyane Wade to the ground, then stood over him for a few seconds, seeming almost unsure of what to do.

Didn't matter. Wade was great once again — and his teammates picked him up when he needed the lift.

Wade scored 35 points and tied his career high with 16 assists, Michael Beasley and Daequan Cook both had career highs on the way to a combined 55 points off Miami's bench. The Heat spoiled O'Neal's first trip back to South Florida since last year's trade with a 135-129 win over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night.

"It wasn't about the story line of Shaq coming back for us," Wade said. "We really needed this win."

Beasley scored 28 points — the most by a Heat player besides Wade this season — and nine rebounds. Cook added 27 points and Miami led for all but a portion of the opening minutes on the way to the second-highest point total in franchise history.

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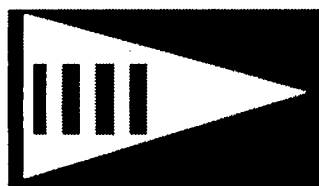
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## ND TRACK AND FIELD

## Irish look ahead to end of indoor season

By CHRIS MICHALSKI  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will finish up the indoor season with two meets over break. This weekend, the Irish will compete in the Alex Wilson Invitational, held at Notre Dame's Mayo Field. Although the Big East Championships have already been completed, the Invitational still has major ramifications for some athletes.

"The Alex Wilson meet provides Notre Dame athletes a last chance to qualify for nationals. It is an essential meet for those looking to secure a provisional or automatic mark that will advance them to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships," junior pole vaulter Matt Schipper said.

Those who succeed in qualifying for nationals will take a trip down to Texas in two weeks. So far, senior pole vaulter Mary Saxer is the only Irish athlete to officially punch her ticket to the meet. Schipper, with his performance in the Big East Championships, also qualified, but will have to wait until the Invitational to know whether or not he will be taken.

"The rankings change so frequently each week that it's difficult to tell exactly who will be

making the trip down to Texas as of this moment ... A lot can change this coming weekend," Saxer said.

A few Irish athletes on the bubble for nationals include his younger brother, pole vaulter Kevin Schipper, and senior distance runner Patrick Smyth.

As for the rest of the team that is not in position to qualify, the next few weeks mark a transition period from indoor to outdoor track.

*"A lot can change this coming weekend."*

**Mary Saxer**  
Irish senior pole vaulter

"This time is kind of a strange time because for much of the team their indoor season is finished, but there are also a handful still competing for indoor," Saxer said. "Those whose indoor seasons are finished are running and lifting hard here for a few weeks, getting ready for outdoor which kicks off around the beginning of April."

The athletes competing in the Alex Wilson Invitational and the NCAA Championships will continue their in-season routines. The Invitational will begin at 5 p.m. Friday and continue through Saturday. The national championships will take place at Texas A&M University the next weekend.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Laxers set to hit the road

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The No. 11 Irish (3-1) start out on the road this break as they take on No. 13 Dartmouth (2-1) in Hanover, N.H., this Saturday — Notre Dame's second away game of the season. The Irish went 2-1 in their recent three-game homestand, losing to No. 1 Northwestern and defeating Ohio State and No. 16 Stanford.

The Irish won 17-8 over Stanford last Saturday, with five goals from senior captain Jillian Byers, four goals and an assist from junior attack Gina Sciosia and three goals from sophomore midfielder/attack Shaylyn Blaney. Senior goalkeeper Erin Goodman made 13 saves.

Byers' five points gave her a career total of 238 points,

breaking the previous Notre Dame record that was set by former teammate Christi Foote. Coming into the 2009 season, Byers had 225 points, third in the Irish record books.

"You always hear people talk about Crysti and the incredible player that she is, so to be recognized with the best of the best is an incredible feeling," Byers said.

Notre Dame hopes to keep up its winning streak over the break as they will play three games, two of them away and against ranked teams. After facing Dartmouth, the Irish will travel to Disney World to take on No. 19 James Madison Wednesday. They finish up the week back home with a match against Hofstra next Saturday.

Notre Dame has won its only road game, defeating Duquesne 22-7 in the season opener. The only loss this sea-

son was against No. 1 Northwestern, who beat the Irish 21-5 in Notre Dame's home opener. The Irish came back that same weekend against Ohio State, winning 14-11.

The Irish have had an overall strong showing on the field this season, both offensively and defensively. Sciosia leads the team in points with 15 — 10 goals and five assists. She's followed by Byers (13), Blaney (11) and sophomore midfielder Kailene Abt (10). In the net, Goodman has made 33 saves in over 200 minutes of playing time this year.

Notre Dame, who will try to keep its winning streak going, will face Dartmouth this Saturday at 12 p.m. to start off spring break play.

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## FENCING

## Team faces reigning NCAA champs

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The NCAA Midwest regional will be the make-or-break event for the Notre Dame fencing teams this weekend as they head into the final qualifying event before the NCAA championships.

The only thing standing

between the Irish and a full qualifying squad is reigning national champion Ohio State, who will be hosting the regional in Columbus, Ohio.

"The problem is the difference between us and them is so low that one day victory will be for them and another it will be for us," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It was this way the whole year; our victories were minimal and their victories were minimal."

Bednarski believes the outcome will once again be very close this weekend, but he said the team that exhibits the best form and the best technique on the strip will finish the regional on top.

Both the Irish male and female squads will send full teams to the event after qualifying the maximum number of fighters. According to NCAA regulations, the Irish can send twelve men and twelve women as a result of the fencers' highly successful individual and team seasons.

But the Buckeyes will also likely be sending full squads in both the men's and women's individual competitions. The best twenty-four fighters from both universities will advance to repre-

sent the Midwest region in the championships in Pennsylvania.

"We will have to qualify the full team to the final if we want to be in the top four in the future," Bednarski said. "That is the main goal."

The Irish have a golden opportunity to exact revenge on their regional rival following last weekend's second-place finish at the hands of the Buckeyes. More importantly, the fencers need a convincing win in Columbus to ensure the highest possible chance of success in the finals in late March.

As they have done all season, the fencing teams will look to their cast of talented yet inexperienced underclassmen to carry them to the finals.

"Our kids are doing very well in their relation to stress and tension during the matches, when one touch decides history," Bednarski said. "I believe we can get our rivals one day and win a big event, but they have to grow. They have to learn and get more experience in how to behave in the stressful moments in our sport."

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## Break

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allure of Florida sunlight.

"We played them outside at their place last year," senior Kelcy Tefft said. "And they have the core of their team back."

After the match against the Hawkeyes, the Fighting Irish will play South Florida Wednesday.

"South Florida is always tough for us," Tefft said. "We go down to their place and it's usually pretty hot and humid, when we haven't played outside at all."

In facing two more top-ten teams within a week, after just defeating two top-25 teams last weekend, Notre Dame will not receive much of a break, despite the nice weather. Duke is playing especially well, having won at No. 1 Northwestern this past Saturday.

"Duke is always great," Tefft said. "And they are very, very good this year."

Leading the Irish into this

match will be Tefft, ranked No. 31 for singles play and ranked second in doubles, along with freshman Kristy Frilling.

While four matches in eight days over a break may seem excessive, the Irish are accustomed to such tests.

"We just like to get outside and play some matches. Every year we know we are going to have to play over break," Tefft said.

But while the trip south could carry heavy implications for the team's season, the break will not be all competition.

"It is really good for us to get in three outdoor matches over break, as long as we get to see the sun and it is warmer than twenty degrees," Tefft said.

Notre Dame begins spring break Friday, but for the tennis team the break will only be from academics. The team begins its tough stretch Friday when it hosts Iowa at 3 p.m.

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## Texas

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year. A lot of that is experience and getting comfortable in your environment," Pollock said. Tate adapted well to the indoor practices because he can still manage to crank up his skills during games.

"I know Golden will be in here and strike out a bunch of times, then go out and get four hits," Pollock said. "He's just a gamer."

Pollock has hit .333 and is 4-of-4 in stolen base attempts. He said slow starts in previous seasons motivated him to play well early this season. To help him achieve that, Pollock said he's taken more batting practice to work on getting game-ready rather than working on fundamentals with a batting tee.

Pollock also said his team

has speed, and will begin to utilize it soon.

"We've done a pretty good job, I think we're going to start turning that on the next couple of series," he said.

The team knows what they have to do to win, Pollock said.

"It's not so much the high average, it's going out there and being willing to be the guy to drive in the run," he said.

Schrage said the team is closing in on a lineup after playing most of the team in the first two series to get everyone some live at-bats. He also said the pitching staff has battled injuries, which makes the search for a closer difficult, but he's happy about the depth of the staff.

"That's fun as a coach, we can manage the game," Schrage said. "We have lefty-righty matchups we can use."

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## UNLV

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ment, where the Irish will have three full days of playing, facing Texas Tech twice, UNLV, UC-Santa Barbara and UCLA.

"We need to have a competitive edge. It's more fun to play against them because they are much better competition," Fleury said. "It's much more of a challenge."

The team will then travel to Fullerton, Calif., to compete in the Judi-Garman Classic, where the Irish will play Penn State, Oklahoma, Pacific, Arizona and Arizona State to conclude their spring break tournaments. Much of the season's major competition will be seen at this tournament, as Arizona, Oklahoma, Arizona State and UCLA all finished in the top 20 last season.

"Arizona State will be our biggest challenge. They've won the national championships the most over the years," Fleury said. "But I'm

*"Our pitching and the fact that we improved so much from the first weekend to the second weekend makes us ready."*

**Katie Fleury**  
Sophomore shortstop

sure they'll all be just as tough."

With the last few days on campus before these back-to-back tournaments, the team has been focusing on getting in as much practice as possible.

"We've been hitting a lot, taking a lot of ground balls, hitting off live pitching, and

having the coaches pitch to us, so we can see as many pitches as we can," Fleury said.

Last time the teams played, the Irish beat Sacramento State 11-0 at Stanford's Nike Invitational in

Palo Alto, Calif. Fleury said that tournament boosted Notre Dame's confidence.

"Our pitching and the fact that we improved so much from the first weekend to the second weekend makes us ready," Fleury said.

This spring break trip marks the last consecutive tournament away from South Bend, as the team will begin to host teams the week after spring break.

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## Seniors

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for the Irish when they take the Joyce Center court against St. John's. Friday's game will serve as Senior Night, and the team's four graduating seniors — Kyle McAlarney, Ryan Ayers, Zach Hillesland and Luke Zeller — will all be honored before the game.

For a group that has grown particularly close over their four years in South Bend, Friday's game will be an emotional experience.

"I got sick to my stomach. I actually almost threw up the other day thinking about it, literally," McAlarney said. "It's crazy. This place really means a lot to me. This program really means a lot to me. It's pretty much been my whole life in the time that I was here. Emotions are going to be flying high on Friday."

"It's going to be all team-mate-based," Hillesland said in reference to how he'll remember his four years at Notre Dame. "Certainly I have some on-court memories here and

there, but if anyone asks me about my time at Notre Dame, what my favorite thing was, it's always going to be the teammates that I've had and the friendships that I've developed."

Hillesland added: "I don't usually view myself as very sentimental. But I can say that now, but who knows what's going to happen when they call my name and I walk out with my mom and sister and I'm kind of treating it like any other game. I think I'll have my emotions in check, but you never really know until you get out there."

Despite Notre Dame's struggles this season, this year's group of seniors has a lot to be proud of about its time in South Bend. In 2007, they were part of the first Irish team to make the NCAA Tournament since 2003. One year later, all four played major roles in helping Notre Dame back to the NCAA Tournament and challenging for the Big East regular season title in the process.

They were also major parts of the Irish teams (2006-2009) that put together the nation's longest home winning streak of 45 that ended earlier this sea-

son against Connecticut.

"It's probably the total package of guys that have been a part of a lot of winning overall ... but how they've handled their business academically and how they represented their business and the University, I'm really proud of," Brey said. "Four really, as they say, class acts, who've had great runs for us. Been through a lot of highs and a lot of lows."

For the seniors, ending their home careers on a high is not a given. Despite the fact that St. John's currently sits tied for 12th place in the conference standings — two spots behind Notre Dame — the Red Storm defeated the Irish 71-66 when the two teams met in New York on Jan. 3.

In that game, Notre Dame was unable to stop St. John's guard D.J. Kennedy, who racked up 20 points on 6-of-10 shooting to go along with 10 rebounds. The Irish offense was plagued by poor shooting in that contest as the team made only 4-of-17 three-point field goals.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish look to capitalize on victory

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Notre Dame finished a stretch of six games in two weeks with a 5-2 win over Michigan Wednesday. Strong singles play was the key to the victory, with the Irish taking first through fifth singles.

The Wolverines swept the three doubles matches, giving them an early 1-0 lead. Irish sophomore Tyler David played his first singles match since Feb. 21 against Ohio State, but fell in a second set tie-breaker to Michigan's Drew Daniel. The rest of the Irish players won their matches, including No. 21 Brett Helgeson, who came from behind to defeat Jason Jung 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Irish sophomore Stephen Havens defeated Michigan's

Andrew Mazlin, who coach Bobby Bayliss described as having "one of the biggest serves in college tennis."

With the win, Notre Dame rose above .500 with a record of 8-7. The Irish will now gear up for a four-day spring break trip to California starting today.

"The biggest thing we try to get in California is outdoor play. The college tennis world by this time is pretty much an outdoor one, but South Bend does not always accommodate that schedule," Bayliss said.

The Irish will have to adjust to wind conditions and alter their footwork, as the ball tends to change directions more outside. The Irish will be attending Pacific Coast Doubles, a prestigious event featuring big-name schools like UCLA, USC, California,

Stanford and Pepperdine.

"Our guys are pretty excited about [the Pacific Coast Doubles], so motivation will not be a problem," Bayliss said.

As the season progresses toward playoffs, Bayliss said his team must improve its doubles play and get more production from the lower portion of the lineup. The team is inexperienced, and maturity may be a factor come playoff time.

"Our young guys are quite capable, but predictably have difficulty playing as well in matches as they do in practice," Bayliss said.

The Irish return home March 28 and 29 against South Florida and Illinois.

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## Heels

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the third quarter and a late Irish rally came up short. Corrigan said North Carolina goalie Grant Zimmerman, who made 18 saves, was the key player in that game.

"I thought that was the difference in the game last year," Corrigan said. "This year we have to make sure that we take good shots, keep the pressure on him, and see if we can't get some more by him."

That shouldn't be a problem for the Irish offense if they can replicate their performance from last weekend, a 19-goal outburst against Dartmouth. Notre Dame has spread the points around, as 14 different players have scored this season. Senior Duncan Swezey was the man against the Big Green with five goals, but juniors Neal Hicks and Grant Krebs have also registered hat tricks for the Irish this year.

"That, to me, is a sign of not just the quality of our depth but

also the way that we're playing," Corrigan said. "We're playing very unselfishly, we're playing in a manner that's allowing a lot of people to contribute, and I think that makes you harder to defend because there's not just one guy they can look at."

The Tar Heels, though, are similar to the Irish in many respects. Twenty-three different players have notched at least a point for them this season, with 19 different goal-scorers. Senior attack Bart Wagner leads the way with 16 goals and 7 assists, but sophomore attack Billy Bitter and redshirt junior attack Gavin Petracca have also notched 22 and 21 points, respectively.

"They're very balanced offensively," Corrigan said. "Their scoring is pretty well-distributed among their attacking midfield. Their attackmen have got a lot of points, but they don't generate most of their offense, a lot of that comes from the midfield."

Zimmerman will be back in net for the Tar Heels, posting a 6.40 GAA so far on the season. For the Irish, the man between the pipes will be senior Scott

Rodgers, who has made 39 saves in just three games this season, good for an 8.08 GAA. Corrigan said, though, that it would be up to the rest of the squad to make sure Rodgers is able to do his job.

"They're playing very well offensively," he said. "And I think it's going to take a good team defensive effort to stop them."

■ A stingy defensive showing combined with the explosive offense of last weekend could result in a good weekend for the Irish.

"I think we have to play well across the board," Corrigan said. "We can't falter in some area of the game because with a team as talented as they are at every position, you just can't have an area of the game where you perform poorly or they'll be there to take advantage of it."

The opening faceoff is set for 1 p.m. Sunday at Loftus and the game will be aired on tape delay on CBS College Sports network at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

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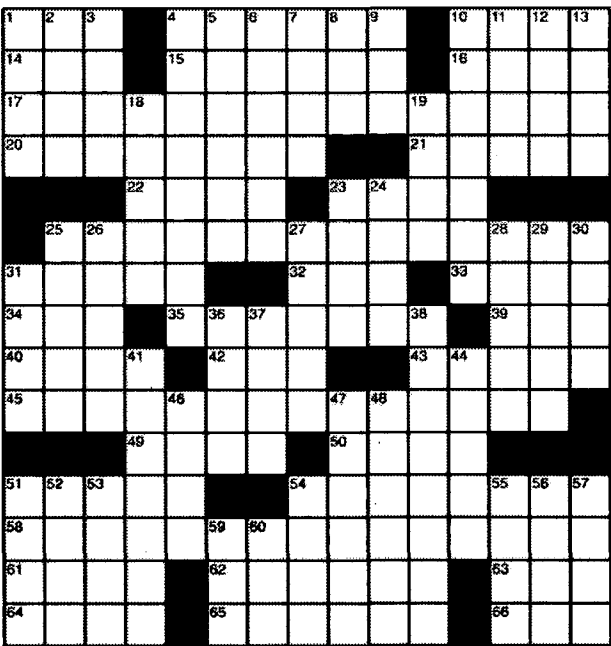
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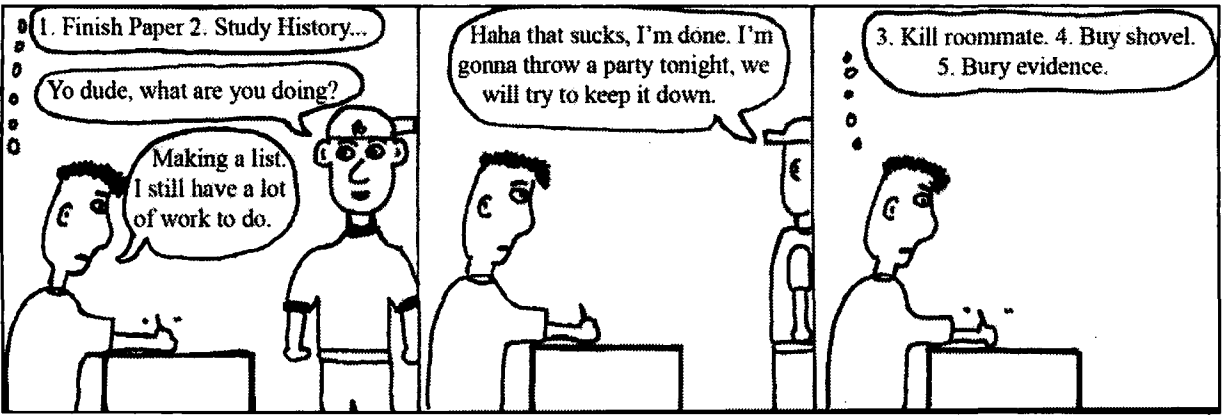
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**Happy Birthday:** Take care of emotional matters this year. Your creative spin to an old idea will interest someone you have not talked to in a long time. Reconnect by making the first move. The results will positively affect how far ahead you get this year. Your numbers are 10, 12, 16, 21, 26, 34, 49

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Judge your next move based on your own position and what you want to see unfold. Talks will help but only with those who are already on board. It's OK to sit back and observe. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** A past problem at work will surface again if you didn't take care of it the first time around. Rely on your allies in order to win a better position. It's all about standing up for your rights. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Someone will pull a fast move that could derail your plans. Uncertainty regarding some of your social and family relationships must be put aside and not be allowed to influence what needs to be done immediately. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You've got more going for you than you realize. Take a stab at something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will enable you to find a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Love is skyrocketing and solid ground can be found on which to build your life. Past connections that were never allowed to develop will now help to fulfill your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You've got a lot at stake and if you don't resolve past issues first, you may lose out on something good. A little fancy talking and a few crucial maneuvers and you should be in the ballpark for an opportunity that develops. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your best offers will come from the past and, with your ability to develop and creatively and intelligently put things together, you will find yourself placed in a key position. Social activities and networking will be to your advantage. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Get out and about where you can breath easy and discover what it is you really want to see happen. Get away from your normal routine and negative people. It will help you gain a clear picture of what you must do. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Someone will try to outmaneuver you by making last-minute alterations, or decisions. Don't fall into an unstable trap. Follow your heart and stay within your means financially, mentally and emotionally. Positive changes should be made at work and at home. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Everything will be dependent on how you feel and what you do. Don't let an emotional relationship cause you to second-guess your next move. An interesting change in what you do to earn a living will allow you to go in a direction that has always interested you. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll be looking through rose-colored glasses and must give yourself a reality check. Put things in perspective. You may be surprised to find out who's been watching and waiting for you to notice him or her. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Be forgiving, open and respectful of others. Consider your own faults and fix anything you have left unfinished. Change will bring about stability and a better future. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are sensitive, caring and compassionate. You have great faith in who you are and what you can do. You are a humanitarian and a good friend.

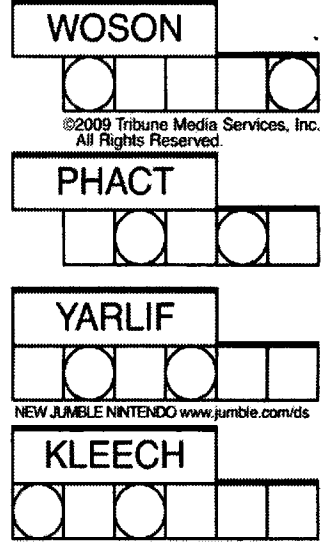
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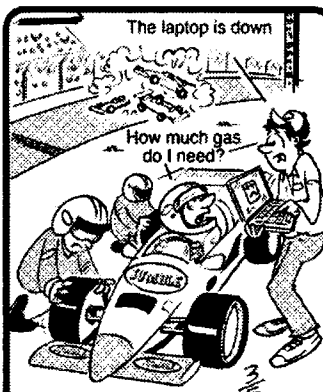


Ans: THEY

Yesterday's Jumbles: STOIC HUMID OCCULT NICETY  
Answer: What the crafts class said when they learned to make a belt — IT'S A "CINCH"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurel



COMPUTERS AND RACE CARS HAVE THIS IN COMMON.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“(C)(I)(N)(C)(H)”

(Answers tomorrow)

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Going out in style?

*Hoopsters hope to win Senior Night contest against SJU*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

After Monday's demoralizing loss to Villanova, many have accepted that Notre Dame's hopes of making the NCAA Tournament are slim, but the Irish players haven't. At the very least, that's the team's party line as it prepares for the final game of the regular season Friday against St. John's.

"I don't think we're accepting anything," senior Ryan Ayers said about the team's postseason possibilities. "Anything could happen from here, so why would we give up now. We're going to come out with a lot of pride and play with a lot of heart on Friday."

Besides the fact that their postseason lives will be on life support, emotions will be high



JESS LEE/The Observer

Irish senior guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles during Notre Dame's loss to Marquette on Jan. 26. McAlarney and his classmates will be honored at Friday's Senior Night at the Joyce Center.

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Squad set for return to action

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sports Writer

With spring break approaching, Notre Dame anticipates a long week of play in the southwestern portion of the country, playing a group of teams with different abilities.

The Irish traveled to North Carolina State for the Wolfpack Invitational last weekend, only to later find out all games were cancelled due to excessive rain.

"Not being able to play was really boring because we were just sitting in the hotel room," sophomore shortstop Katie Fleury said. "You can't do any form of activity at all."

The first stop for the team next week will be the University of Nevada-Las Vegas's invitational tourna-

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## BASEBALL

# Notre Dame heads south to take on No. 7 Rice and others

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Editor

The Irish will get a tough test this weekend when they face No. 7 Rice, one of three teams Notre Dame will play in Houston, Texas, but Irish coach Dave Schrage said he's not concerned about who his team faces.

"Right now, we're concerned more about how we're playing than who we're playing," he said. "We only really get three days of practice and then we're on the road again traveling."

Notre Dame (3-3) will play Oral Roberts Friday, Rice Saturday and Washington State Sunday. Because of warmer weather, the Irish have prac-

ticed outside more this season than in the past, but sporadic indoor practices prevent the team from practicing fly balls. When indoor on the football field at the Loftus Sports Center, the team practices fundamentals and footwork.

"We can take a lot of ground balls, and I think that's shown in our infield defense," Schrage said.

Despite the fact that the team hasn't spent much time outside, some players have started the season hot at the plate. Sophomore infielders Mick Doyle and Greg Sherry lead the team in hitting with averages of .438 through the first six games.

"[Doyle] didn't play much last year as a freshman but he's off to a great start," Schrage said.

Junior A.J. Pollock and sophomore Golden Tate have also had success at the plate. Tate is batting .385 with a .429 on-base percentage from the lead-off spot.

"I think Golden has matured as a player," Schrage said. "Very similar to football, where he had a little better second

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish set for tough stretch

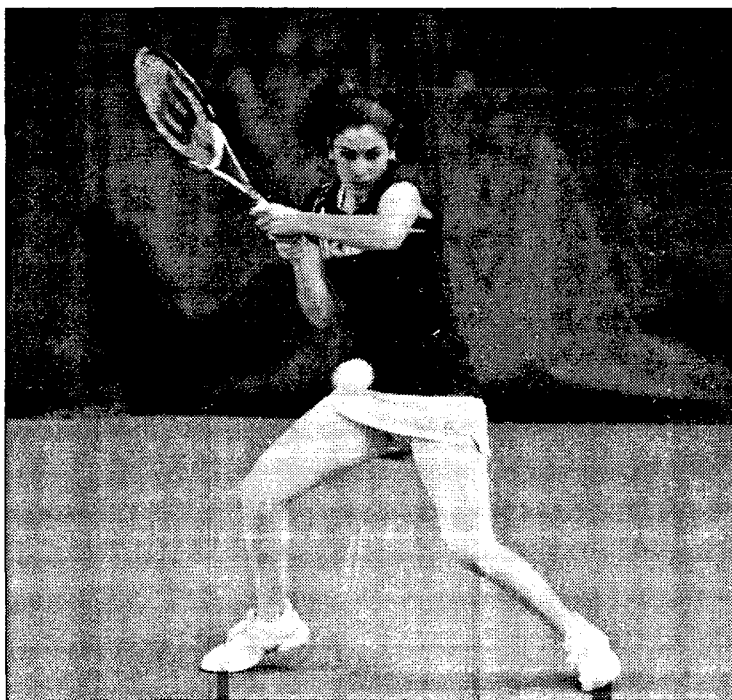
*Squad will face No. 4 Duke in Orlando, Fla.*

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
Sports Writer

Before Notre Dame heads south to Florida and Georgia for spring break, the No. 3 Irish will host Iowa (6-5) Friday at 3 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Starting with this match, the Irish (11-1) will have four matches in eight days during spring break. The team will also face South Florida (1-5) in Tampa, No. 4 Duke (9-1) in Orlando, and finally, No. 8 Georgia Tech (5-4) in Atlanta.

But first and foremost, the team must face Iowa, a match not to be over-looked amidst the high rankings and the



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish freshman Shannon Mathews follows through during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina Friday.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# ND prepares to host No. 3 UNC at Loftus

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish will face their toughest test of the young season this weekend when they welcome third-ranked North Carolina to the Loftus Sports Center Sunday.

Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said that, while he recognizes the Tar Heels (6-0) are a very talented team, he didn't want to get caught up in the rankings.

"I don't think anyone's oblivious to the fact that they're No. 3 in the country," he said "But I don't think it's something we'll spend much time talking about."

Irish senior captain Peter Christman said that, at this level, all the teams are virtually equal, and rankings don't matter much.

"Lacrosse has become such a competitive sport, especially in the top 10. There's really not one team that has separated itself this year," he said. "When you get a matchup with someone such as North Carolina, the rankings sort of go out the window and you're just trying to find your advantages on both sides of the field."

Corrigan said North Carolina's biggest strength is its depth at every position.

"They really don't have a hole in their lineup right now," he said. "They've got experienced guys playing at every spot in their lineup."

The Tar Heels beat the Irish 8-6 last year, thanks to five goals from then-junior Ben Hunt. North Carolina built a 5-0 lead by

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