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## Crawford appointed science dean

Current Brown dean of engineering brings impressive resume, enthusiasm to University

By KARA COYLE  
News Writer

Greg Crawford, current dean of engineering at Brown University, will replace Joseph Marino as the dean of the College of Science. Crawford will begin his role as dean and physics professor this summer. "Dr. Greg Crawford is an extraordinary scien-



Greg Crawford

tist, an award-winning teacher, a prolific researcher, and a gifted administrator," University Provost Thomas Burish said. "In addition to being internationally recognized for his innovative research on liquid-crystal displays, he has leveraged his knowledge of basic science to develop several medical devices that impact the detection of infectious diseases, treatment of rare diseases and the interaction of medications with muscular tissue."

Burish said Crawford's enthusiasm, as well as his attraction to the University's Catholic mission, makes him a good fit

for the Notre Dame community.

"Greg brings exceptional energy and an entrepreneurial vision to the College of Science," he said. "Greg is particularly attracted to the Catholic mission and academic ambition of Notre Dame."

Before assuming the deans position at Brown in 2006, Crawford was a researcher for the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, as well as for the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Crawford also co-founded two biotech companies and holds of 15 U.S. patents.

According to Burish, under Crawford's leader-

ship, the College of Science will see an increase in its connections with the other colleges on campus, as well as with the South Bend community.

"Greg loves to build bridges with other academic units, so he is already thinking about establishing mutually beneficial collaborations with the Colleges of Engineering, Arts and Letters, and Business as well as Innovation Park and the Indiana University School of Medicine South Bend," said Burish.

Burish said Crawford will quickly become assimilated in the Notre Dame commu-

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## Student learns new medicines

Serazin compiles guide to traditional remedies

By KATE McCLELLAND  
News Writer

Inspired by an International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP) two summers ago, senior Nathan Serazin returned to Ecuador this past summer to conduct research and compile a handbook detailing the similarities between traditional remedies and modern medicines.

"It grew out of my own interest in medical anthropology and biochemistry, but what really inspired me was the first hand experience that I received from talking to people in the community," Serazin said.

During his time in the ISSLP, Serazin had worked at a village's local hospital where patients often requested traditional remedies as a part of their care.

Unfortunately, the doctors' limited knowledge resulted in them only prescribing more typical modern solutions for the patient's health concerns.

Serazin's goal for the following summer was to compile a handbook for doctors that would describe the plants used in traditional remedies and how those same plants are used in modern medicines.

His return trip to Ecuador was funded by a grant from

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## Experts discuss eating disorders at ND

By KATIE PERALTA  
News Writer

As part of the weeklong "Live as You Are" Health and Body Image Conference, two Notre Dame specialists discussed eating disorders and body image on campus in the University Counseling Center's portion of the symposium Thursday in McKenna Hall.

Valerie Staples, a counselor and coordinator for Eating Disorder Services at the University Counseling Center (UCC), and Mindy Wallpy, a doctoral intern at the UCC, addressed campus body image issues as well as services that the UCC provides to help students.

"What situations here have contributed to your view of food, weight and body image?"

asked Staples, who has worked at the UCC for about seven years.

The audience, organized into small groups, brainstormed a number of body image issues, from over exercising at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center to jokes about the characteristically "unattractive" Notre Dame women to the perfectionism environment on campus — all of which shed light on the body image issues, both in general and specific to Notre Dame.

Such situations, Staples said, are oftentimes hard to pinpoint, since activities such as eating healthily and exercising seem commonplace on such an intellectual university campus.

"I think in general, people just want to be healthy," fresh-

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Valerie Staples, left, and Mindy Wallpy, right, discuss body image issues on campus at conference Thursday.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

## Professors examine class, race divide

By LINDAY SENA  
News Writer

The Department of Africana Studies discussed the socio-economic divide in the black community in the fifth annual Erskine A. Peters Fellowship Symposium Thursday evening in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

University of Connecticut professor Shyla Nunally framed the discussion by providing statistics regarding the current population, educational and economical status of blacks. According to 2006 census estimates, blacks make up 13.4 percent of the population, con-



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

University of Connecticut professor Shyla Nunally introduces the symposium with statistics about current black population.

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## SMC students recount trials of immigrants

By MANDI STIRONE  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Hispanic-American society, La Fuerza, examined the plight of illegal immigrants through recounting personal testimonies in its first Immigrant Monologues Thursday as part of its Week of Action.

La Fuerza co-president junior Chrissy Romo and senior Jeanne Choquehuanca each read from a book of immigrant stories entitled "Stranger in Ones Land" and Romo recounted her grandparents' trials when coming to

America

The passage read by Romo, which translated is means "Here No One Speaks Spanish," told of the Mexican-American's problems pertaining to the language barrier they face.

She read about how Spanish is considered a "dirty language," and one student was told, "if you want to be an American you have to speak English."

Choquehuanca presented the story of the Mexican immigrant, Chavez.

"Mexico and its poverty loom over him like an ominous cloud," she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

# B-Mac for President

The Indiana primaries are fast upon us and, as you know, the country is facing very seriously grave problems. This is why America needs you to vote B. Mac for president.

My rivals have suggested that I am not fit to be president. I will admit that I am not a typical candidate, what with my morality, humility and stunning good looks.

Indeed, as class president in the fifth grade, I have accumulated more executive experience than my three rivals combined. But enough about my experience and on to the gravely serious problems we face.

Like Senator Obama, I will agree unconditionally to meet with the leaders of states like Iran and Syria. Furthermore, I pledge that I will end every sentence with them with "or else."

Like Senator McCain, I have a bold national security strategy that will fully integrate each branch of our armed services. What would the role of a fully integrated Air Force look like, you asked? Please see my attached map of Iran for more details.

Like Senator Clinton, I vow to offer mandated universal health-care to every American. And my healthcare plan is this: Get a job. If any Americans are delinquent in meeting their mandate, I promise to understand that this is not because they are unwilling or unable to work but because of the tender mercies of a cold, heartless NAFTA treaty that I might theoretically have once supported. Accordingly, I will offer these oppressed Americans an involuntary position on American Gladiators.

As Americans, we believe in freedom. As Americans, we believe in the fundamental dignity of human beings (Except terrorists, obviously).

As Americans, we believe that my opponents are a disheveled bunch of KKK crack addicts that are wholly unqualified to run anything more complicated than a food processor.

My opponents are pawns of special interests. Big Oil, Big Labor, Big Media and Big Toilet Paper (not to be confused with Big Media) are so incestuously close to my opponents that even describing their relationship is illegal in twenty states.

I will stand up to these somehow legal groups and defend every American's right to toilet paper that makes Notre Dame's huddle in the corner and cry.



In conclusion, vote for me (or else!) If you require any other information, please see my campaign website at [www.superheronation.com](http://www.superheronation.com)

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.  
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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST PLACE TO GET FOOD ON CAMPUS AND WHY?

					
Chris Boehnen	Anne Flinchbaugh	Karen Hollingsworth	Christopher Middendorff	Vanessa Generelli	Carolyn Plou
grad student off-campus	freshman Farley	grad student off-campus	grad student off-campus	senior off-campus	senior off-campus
"Legends — I like the pub atmosphere I guess."	"South Dining Hall, because North took away Golden Grahams!"	"My office, because food from home is cheapest."	"Cafe de Grasta, because of their Chicken Caesar Wraps."	"Cafe Commons, because my boss Noel is the best."	"Abandoned tailgates during football season, because they're free and delicious."



Arabic Studies students perform a traditional dance to "Ya Hajal Sannine" as a part of Arabic Culture night Thursday evening in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza School of Business.

OFFBEAT

**Student sues school after being awakened in class**  
DANBURY, Conn. — Danbury officials have been notified they are being sued by a student who was awakened in class by a teacher who made a loud noise. Documents filed with the Town Clerk, a prelude to a lawsuit, claim that a sleeping student suffered hearing damage when his teacher woke him up by slamming her hand down on the boy's desk in December.  
Attorney Alan Barry says 15-year-old Vinicios Robacher suffered pain and "very severe injuries to his left eardrum" when teacher Melissa Nadeau abruptly slammed the palm of her hand on his desk on Dec. 4.  
A city official says the matter has been referred to Danbury's insurance carrier.

**Mouse grounds plane for five hours**  
DES MOINES, Iowa — A mouse intent on flying to Atlanta prompted officials to ground a plane for more than five hours Thursday in Des Moines. A flight attendant spotted the mouse before passengers boarded the 5:50 a.m. Atlantic Southeast Airlines flight. About 30 passengers were kept waiting at the gate until the plane finally left about 11:30 a.m.  
"The safety of our passengers is our number one priority," said Kristen Loughman, an ASA spokeswoman. "Our maintenance team was called. They inspected the aircraft, which is why it was delayed."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "The Kite Runner," which tells the story of two friends living in war-torn Afghanistan, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on tonight at 7 p.m.

George J. Borjas will deliver his lecture entitled "Immigration and African-American Employment Opportunities: The Response of Wages, Employment, and Incarceration to Labor Supply Shocks" tonight at 4:15 in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

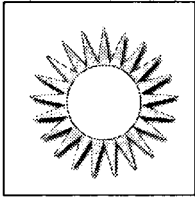
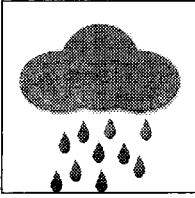
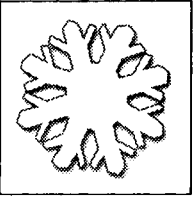
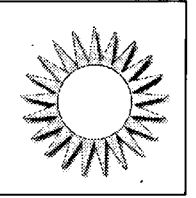
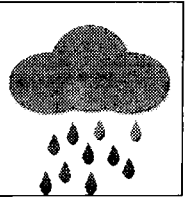

The Project Pink Fashion Show, a fundraiser for breast cancer and survivors, will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Flipside will host an Easter egg hunt Saturday from 10 p.m. to midnight on Bond Quad. Participants will receive flashlights and will search for colored plastic Easter eggs containing candy.

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will play Syracuse at 1 p.m. Sunday on Moose Krause Field.

Circle K will host an Ice Cream Social Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

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)

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
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# SMC holds 8th annual Midnight Madness

*Undergrads compete for prizes, celebrate accomplishments through sporting events*

By KATLYN SMITH  
News Writer

Saint Mary's will celebrate its eighth-annual Midnight Madness tonight, where students compete for prizes and celebrate school spirit in the Angela Athletic Facility.

The event brings together all four classes with an evening of friendly athletic competition. Students vie for prizes through tug-of-war, sports relays, foul shots and other contests.

Renowned hypnotist Tom DeLuca, who performs for colleges and corporations across the nation, will also be performing before the athletic contests.

Saint Mary's Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik emphasized the event's significance in bringing the College community together.

"Midnight Madness is the only real opportunity for the classes to come together and compete," Kachmarik said.

According to Kachmarik, nearly 1,000 students attend Midnight Madness each year, making it one of the most popular events on campus.

This year's theme, "Madness through the Years," designates a decade for each class to represent through clothing and music. The senior class will portray the 50s, juniors the 20s, sophomores the 70s, and freshman the 80s.

Midnight Madness committee chair senior Noreen Sherred said the evening is a celebration of student achievements.

"It is an event designed to award women for all their hard work and community efforts this year," Sherred said.

Freshman class president Emma Hoffman said the event provides an opportunity for the entire student body to come together.

"I am looking forward to building school spirit," she said.

According to Kachmarik, a number of Saint Mary's academic departments have been involved in the event's planning.

In addition, the Saint Mary's Bookstore has donated prizes including iPods, gift cards, DVDs and athletic gear.

Kachmarik said she hopes the event becomes permanently integrated into Saint Mary's culture.

"I am excited about a tradition long after I am gone," she said. "I hope when you think of Saint Mary's, you think of Midnight Madness."

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# Park energy project funded

*Undergrads will research energy use, pollution in the Dunes parks*

Special to The Observer

The University-National Park Energy Partnership Program (UNPEPP) has funded a joint project between the Notre Dame Energy Center and the National Park Service at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to provide energy related consulting services to the park during this coming summer.

During the course of the project, three undergraduate students from the University will work with park officials, conducting onsite research that will result in specific recommendations for capital improvement at the Indiana Dunes facilities.

According to Joan F. Brennecke, Keating-Crawford Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and director of the Notre Dame Energy Center, the students' work will focus on energy conservation and savings.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to put their training into practice in a real-world setting that encompasses project management skills, teamwork and leadership opportunities," she said. "It also promotes discussion on a realistic and responsible use of resources."

Participants in the 10-week project are Tom Furlong, a junior studying aerospace and mechanical engineering; Brian Klein, a senior political science major; and Jackie Mirandola Mullen, a sophomore pursuing degrees in German and history.

Among the projects the students are scheduled to complete during the summer program are energy audits of one-third of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore buildings, designs for a geothermal heat pump system for the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, designs for a grass roof system for Building 110 at the park headquarters, and the creation of educational materials for park guests that describe the proposed improvements and energy savings.

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As part of the project, students will be required to track and quantify the cost savings — and projected payback in terms of resources, such as energy use reduction and lower greenhouse gas emissions — relating to their recommendations.

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UNPEPP is a nationwide program that links universities with national parks to address energy issues within the parks. Through these partnerships, parks gain assistance with energy related issues, while students obtain problem-solving experience in the energy field. Since its inception in 1997, UNPEPP has funded numerous partnerships between universities and national parks. Funding typically ranges from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per project and is used to support students, and faculty and equipment purchases.

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man Erin Rider said.

Pointing to University encouragement of healthy eating, Rider said, "I especially like the Nutrition at ND posters."

Staples said that other food situations are more obvious on campus, such as eating concerns addressed by previously interviewed anonymous students, mentioning that some avoid eating dessert at the dining halls and avoid tailgates and dorms events that are bound to provide food.

"These kinds of events make students already concerned with body image even more nervous about food," Staples said.

Wallpy discussed body image, which, she said, is not how a person really looks but rather how he or she perceives his or her own body. According to Wallpy, eating disorders distort this image as she described the three most common disorders — anorexia, bulimia nervosa and binge eating.

Wallaby emphasized the importance of focusing on positive body image when influences such as the media perpetuate negative body image stereotypes.

"When you're getting ready, instead of saying, 'Does this make me look fat?' try 'How great do I look in this?'"

The two presenters pointed to statistics that verify the sweeping eating disorder epidemic among college students.

"When I started working at the UCC [in 2001] I saw a few students with minor concerns about eating," Staples said. "Over the years we have been seeing more and more students come in with such concerns."

Staples said that the percentage of students coming to the UCC with eating concerns, however, has remained more or less constant — around 12 percent for the past two years. The percentage of students who come into the UCC for interpersonal concerns is about double this number, at around 23 percent.

Staples pointed to a number of reasons for students beginning college to come into the open about their eating concerns.

"It is difficult for students to adapt to new challenges at college," Staples said.

She mentioned a number of new challenges that also exacerbate food issues for students, such as balancing social life and academics as well as learning to live with new eating habits and the large variety of food choices available at dining halls.

"The hard thing for students

on campus is that there is not a big frame of reference," Staples said, referring to the Notre Dame campus "bubble."

"Pretty much everyone is around the same age and doing the same thing. People tend to look fairly similar," she said.

Wallpy and Staples also discussed the number of services that the UCC provides students — beginning with an initial intake with a UCC counselor, then followed by individual or group therapy, nutritional consultation and later possibly psychiatric services.

"We have some great resources, it's just up to the students to seek help," said Staples, emphasizing the importance of talking to a friend who might be suffering from an eating disorder.

Staples said that students who come in after being approached by a friend about their eating concerns always are grateful.

"Even if speaking up about it [an eating concern] is awkward, it is always worth talking," Staples said.

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## Serazin

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the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and Dr. Vania Smith-Oka of the Kellogg Institute aided him from developing a proposal all the way until the end of his project.

The relationships that Serazin built in the village of Pedro Vicente Maldonado during that first summer became invaluable upon his return.

"My research consisted mostly of interviews, so the people that I met during my first summer were incredible resources," he said. "They would take me to the local healers and introduce me as a friend, which made the healers much more willing to speak to me about their remedies."

Although his research is not connected with any particular class at Notre Dame, Serazin said his interest for medicine was kindled during his service trip.

"It grew out of my ISSLP

— I wanted to take an academic view of the service opportunity that I had been given," he said. "I wanted to make it a part of my everyday life back here at Notre Dame."

Serazin recently presented his findings at the Human Development Symposium Feb. 23, and plans to make a presentation as a part of the Anthropology Department's research expo in April.

His primary focus right now is on finishing the handbook, but he said that would like to continue working in the field of international medicine after the project is complete.

"I would like to continue to give back to the community in some form, whether through working in public health or international medicine," he said. "I would like to continue studying how cultural issues can be considered when developing public health policy."

Serazin's summer research uncovered some important connections

between culture and science. Ultimately he said he wants to help change the Western and American perception that traditional medicine has no value in an increasingly modern world.

"My research was an opportunity to understand what traditional medicine really entails, and how it goes beyond the 'placebo' effect that Americans often attribute to it and is very effective in many cases," he said. "We have to learn to discount our own biases, or else we might be overlooking a source of effective treatment."

Serazin himself knows through personal experience how effective traditional medicines can be.

"It worked on me," he said. "I had a pretty persistent cough throughout the summer, and one of the healers finally asked me if I would like to try one of his rituals to get rid of it. And I did feel much better afterwards."

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## Attention Seniors!

### Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iranian hardliners predict sweep

QOM — Ali Farahani smiles as he talks about Iran's parliament elections Friday. The young cleric in this spiritual center of the Islamic revolution says the vote will sweep the country closer to hard-liners' ideal of the Islamic state.

In Tehran, computer technician Hadi Rezaei, a backer of democratic reforms, sees little hope — and no reason to vote.

Conservatives, particularly allies of hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, are expected to maintain the domination of parliament they have had since 2004. If they do so by a strong margin, it would demonstrate the Islamic leadership's ability to ward off a comeback by reformists.

Ahead of the vote, the Guardian Council — an unelected body of clerics and jurists — disqualified around 1,700 candidates, mostly reformists. Those barred from running were judged insufficiently loyal to Islam or the revolution.

### U.K. prepares to increase "sin taxes"

LONDON — Many Britons were resigning themselves to more puritanical lifestyles Thursday as they faced the prospect of "sin taxes" that will increase the cost of alcohol, cigarettes, gas-guzzling cars and, potentially, plastic bags.

"Don't Drink or Drive" trumpeted the Sun newspaper after Treasury chief Alistair Darling unveiled the measures on Wednesday in the government's annual spending plan.

The Labour Party government is hoping that hiking taxes on booze will help curb Britain's binge-drinking culture.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### House approves \$683 billion tax hike

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday rejected the idea of renewing many of President Bush's tax cuts as all three major presidential candidates interrupted their campaigns to cast their votes. The House approved a budget blueprint that would raise taxes by \$683 billion over the next five years.

The Senate did embrace Bush reductions aimed at low-income workers, married couples and people with children.

The House budget plan would provide generous increases to domestic federal programs but still is designed to bring the government's budget back into the black by letting all of Bush's tax cuts expire at the end of 2010. That plan passed the House on a 212-207 vote with Republicans unanimously opposing it.

The Senate voted 99-1 to extend the cuts for some workers as well as couples and parents. Senators voted 52-47 to reject a move to extend tax cuts for middle- and higher-income taxpayers, investors and people inheriting businesses and big estates.

### Disgraced governor faces legal battle

NEW YORK — As Gov. Eliot Spitzer prepares to leave office, the disgraced politician faces a tangled battle with prosecutors that will send lawyers into murky legal territory.

A law enforcement official said Spitzer's high-powered defense team was believed to be negotiating a plea deal with prosecutors over his connection to a high-end prostitution ring, but attorneys were not commenting Thursday about the discussions.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Industry, activists fight over smog

INDIANAPOLIS — The federal government's new smog standards could push future industrial development in Indiana away from its urban areas and into rural counties — or even out of the state altogether, an industry official said Thursday.

Environmental activists, however, said the stricter ozone standard announced Wednesday doesn't go nearly far enough to protect the public from dense, eye-stinging summertime smog that makes it hard for the elderly, children and others to breathe.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new rules lower its 8-hour standard for ground-level ozone — smog's primary ingredient — from 84 parts per billion to 75 parts per billion.

## KENYA

# Troops seal violent western region

*Thirteen civilians die in fighting aiming to "correct historical injustices" by redistributing land*

Associated Press

NAMANGOFULO, Kenya — The military sealed off a region of western Kenya where land disputes have flared into violence, and witnesses said helicopter gunships were strafing the area Thursday to try to drive gunmen from forests and caves.

"Always in this country, people are fighting over land," said Lucy Okello, head nurse at Kitale District Hospital, where four girls were being treated for severe burns after their village was attacked, allegedly by the Sabaot Land Defense Force, a militia fighting for the redistribution of land.

The oldest girl, 15-year-old Joanne Temuko, wailed and held her head in her hands as nurses applied balm to her scorched back.

Thirteen other civilians were hacked, shot or burned to death in the attack last week. There was no claim of responsibility. A militia member said at the time that his group was simply trying to "correct historical injustices."

The military operation at Mount Elgon comes despite a power-sharing agreement designed to end a wave of violence that erupted after a disputed election last December. The violence awakened decades-old tensions over land and inequality.

Police manning checkpoints Thursday along dusty roads lined with banana trees and onion farms leading to Mount Elgon ordered journalists and aid workers to turn back.

There was no word on casualties in the military operation, which began Monday around Mount Elgon, an extinct volcano near the border with Uganda, where spectacular caves, waterfalls and hot springs draw hikers and other adventure tourists.



A Kenyan girl suffering from burn wounds, seeks medical attention at the Kitale District Hospital near the Ugandan border Thursday.

"This is a serious government operation," said an officer at a checkpoint in Namangofulo, the last village before the foothills of Mount Elgon, about 300 miles northwest of Nairobi. "You only go through if you have a uniform."

In Nairobi, government spokesman Alfred Mutua said journalists were being kept out of the area for their own safety.

Gunmen "have been killing people indiscriminately. We don't want them to start killing journalists and for (journalists) to be caught in the line of fire. So it is basically keeping away journalists for their own security," he said.

The Dec. 27 vote tapped into a well of resentment

that resurfaces regularly at election time in Kenya, but this year's bloodshed has been the most brutal and sustained by far.

The election, which international and local observers say was rigged, unleashed weeks of bloodshed that has killed more than 1,000 people and exposed simmering resentments over land and President Mwai Kibaki's Kikuyu ethnic group, long dominant in politics and the economy.

Mutua said the aim of the military operation at Mount Elgon was to flush out and arrest suspects in killings and other crimes. He said some suspects had tried to flee across the border into Uganda.

Abdul Mwasera, the provincial commissioner in the region, said 187 people had been arrested.

"The operation will continue until these criminals surrender or are wiped out to allow peace to prevail," Mwasera said.

Several villagers outside the area sealed off by the military said they have seen helicopter gunships firing for several days now, most recently before dawn Thursday.

"I was seeing fire," said Jeff Ngeti, 18. "Men were running."

Jacqueline Kamello, 27, who was working on an onion farm, said there were at least three helicopters flying in the area Thursday morning.

# Florida primary revote unlikely

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Democrats on Thursday proposed a vote-by-mail presidential primary to solve the high-stakes delegate dispute while acknowledging the plan's chances are slim.

Democrats in Florida and Michigan have been struggling to come up with an alternative to ensure their delegates are seated at the national convention this summer after the party punished them for holding early primaries. The pressure to resolve the issue has increased amid the protracted fight for every delegate between Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.

Karen Thurman, chairwoman of the

Florida Democratic Party, offered a mail-in/in person proposal for voting and urged state leaders, the national party and the presidential candidates to sign on. Under the plan, all of Florida's 4.1 million Democrats would be mailed a ballot. They could send it back, or cast a ballot in one of 50 regional voting centers that would be set up. The election would end June 3, a week before a Democratic National Committee deadline to name delegates.

The estimated cost is \$10 million to \$12 million.

Asked if the plan will be implemented, Thurman said, "I have a feeling that this is probably closer to not, than yes."

Members of Florida's congressional

delegation reiterated their opposition to the plan, saying, "We do not believe that this is a realistic option at this time and remain opposed to a mail-in ballot election or any new primary election in Florida of any kind."

Thurman will review comments from Democratic leaders and make a decision by Monday on whether to proceed with the re-vote. But she acknowledged that Obama has had concerns and the Democratic National Committee won't support a proposal unless both candidates also back it. She said there's a serious question over whether the state could legally verify the signatures of a privately run election.

"If this becomes something that we

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nity.

"Greg's first goal is to familiarize himself with the faculty, departments and centers in the College of Science," he said. "He visited campus earlier this week to introduce himself to the science faculty and staff. In a future visit, he will meet with students and learn more details about the exciting academic and research programs underway in the College."

Burish said that hiring Crawford is just another step forward in recent years for the College of Science.

"With the recent opening of Jordan Hall of Science, terrific faculty and strong growth in our externally funded research, this is an exciting time for the College of Science at Notre Dame," he said.

Marino, who was the dean of the College of Science for the past 6 years, will be remaining with the University as a chemistry professor.

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## La Fuerza

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After she finished reading, Choquehuanca spoke about how important education is to the immigrants.

"They really struggle to make ends meet," she said. "They really value their kids' education."

Romo then spoke again, this time telling the stories of her two grandfathers, both of whom were illegal immigrants.

"I am the granddaughter of four illegal immigrants," she said.

Her father's father was deported in his first attempt to make it to America.

"My paternal grandfather [Seferino Romo] swam across the Rio Grande," she said.

After spending three nights in jail he was sent back to Mexico without his possessions, Romo said. When he finally did make it into the country he had a hard time

*"I am the granddaughter of four illegal immigrants...My paternal grandfather swam across the Rio Grande."*

**Chrissy Romo**  
La Fuerza co-president

finding a job and eventually became a farm hand.

What was most important to him was getting his sons educated and he worked as hard as he could to ensure that, she said.

"My grandfather worked until his death," she said. "I know everything he went through was for me and my family. I know he's here. I feel him but I sometimes wish I knew him."

Her maternal grandfather was also an illegal immigrant who rode 15 miles every day on a bike in order to get to work, she said. Her mother and uncle both had to begin working at 16-years-old and that was only after they managed to learn how to speak English.

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"It makes me grateful for what I have," she said. "They don't want us [her siblings and cousins] to have to suffer like they did."

Romo came up with the idea for the Immigrant Monologues after Coalition of Immokalee Workers came to campus in the fall of last year and again in the spring of last year, she said.

The SMC Monologues also influenced her decision to organize the event, she said.

Despite a smaller turnout than expected and three professors who were supposed to be read backing out at the last minute, Romo and Choquehuanca are confident that it will continue to be a part of the Week of Action.

"I'm hoping to continue it for a very long time," she said. "It's definitely something that I hope continues

*"I'm hoping to continue [The monologues] for a very long time. It's definitely something that I hope continue after I graduate."*

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Today the members of La Fuerza and other sympathetic students are wearing white tee shirts with red handprints on them and spending the day either in silence, fasting or both, she said. The silence or fasting is taking place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Romo said.

The white tee shirt is symbolic of the "wifebeater" shirts that migrant workers wear and the red handprint symbolizes the "tool of the worker" and the "blood of the worker," she said.

The fasting or silence and the wearing of the tee shirts or any white shirt are part of a "protest in general" in support of immigrants, Romo said.

There will also be a candlelight vigil on Saturday at 7 p.m. on Library Green.

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stituting the third largest racial group in America behind whites and Latinos.

Education was a pressing topic amongst the panel and audience. Only 80.7 percent of blacks over the age of 25 have received their high-school diplomas, compared to 86.1 percent of whites. In 2003, the high school drop-out rate was 4.8 percent for blacks compared to 3.2 percent for whites.

While Nunally acknowledged significant progress has been made, she said that "there are still disparities" among the races.

Notre Dame professor

Darren Davis said the "class divide does not translate into political and social differences," and there are not such "huge class divisions."

Instead, Davis argued about a pressing generational divide, with respect to political and social attitudes. The generational divide, however, is not unique to blacks, but "an American society problem."

"Every successive generation has to contend with issues of greater value displacement," he said. "Each successive generation tends to be less patient... tends to be more concerned about immediate gratification. [They have] a certain level of impatience, of materialism, which is very different from the values of the older

generations."

Davis also said that as blacks grow wealthier, they tend to experience greater discrimination, causing them to identify more with their race.

"As African-Americans achieve a certain amount of success, they identify more with their race... the theory behind that is that as African-Americans succeed, it is there that they experience racism and discrimination," he said. "When they get out of the 'ghetto,' and start moving

into corporate America... into predominantly white institutions... they are more likely to encounter aspects of white racism."

Yale professor Shana Redmond, on the other hand, said "identity development is contextually specific," and experiences such as Hurricane Katrina lead people to identify more with their race.

"If you're talking about African-Americans leaving

the Superdome after Katrina, what would their racial identification have been?" Redmond said.

Nunally concluded by reminding the audience that the Black community will continue to confront various challenges and that there is a constant question of "advancing black America."

The symposium was titled "Redefining (Black) America: Socio-Economic Variance in the Black Community."

The discussion panel also included Professors Denise Challenger of York University, Marlene Daut of Notre Dame and Gladys Mitchell of the University of Chicago.

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## IN BRIEF

### Chinese gadgets may contain viruses

From iPods to navigation systems, some of today's hottest gadgets are landing on store shelves with some unwanted extras from the factory — pre-installed viruses that steal passwords, open doors for hackers and make computers spew spam.

Computer users have been warned for years about virus threats from downloading Internet porn and opening suspicious e-mail attachments. Now they run the risk of picking up a digital infection just by plugging a new gizmo into their PCs.

Recent cases reviewed by The Associated Press include some of the most widely used tech devices: Apple iPods, digital picture frames sold by Target and Best Buy stores and TomTom navigation gear.

In most cases, Chinese factories — where many companies have turned to keep prices low — are the source.

### Bush backs tighter mortgage rules

WASHINGTON — Economic policymakers on Thursday recommended stricter regulation of mortgage lenders as part of a broad effort to prevent a repeat of a credit crisis threatening to drive the country into recession.

With problems in the credit and housing markets worsening, the Bush administration now seems to favor a larger role for government — an approach for which Republicans generally have had little appetite.

Recommendations from a presidential advisory group on financial markets cover mortgage lenders and other institutions, as well as investors, credit ratings agencies and regulators.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who leads that group, said the effort is not about "finding excuses and scapegoats." The suggested actions, he said, are intended to avoid another meltdown in the credit and housing markets.

"The objective here is to get the balance right. Regulation needs to catch up with innovation and help restore investor confidence but not go so far as to create new problems, make our markets less efficient or cut off credit to those who need it," Paulson said.

# U.S. dollar losing global clout

Vendors worldwide favor euro amidst bleak economic forecast for greenback

Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Antique store owners in lower Manhattan, ticket vendors at India's Taj Mahal and Brazilian business executives heading to China all have one thing in common these days: They don't want U.S. dollars.

Hit by a free fall with no end in sight, the once mighty U.S. dollar is no longer just crashing on currency markets and making life more expensive for American tourists and business people abroad; its clout is evaporating worldwide as foreign businesses and individuals turn to other currencies.

Experts say the bleak U.S. economic forecast means it will take years for the greenback to recover its value and prestige.

Negative dollar sentiment is growing in nations where the dollar was historically accepted as equal or better than local currency — and dollar aversion is even extending to some quarters in the United States.

At the Taj Mahal, dollars were always legal tender, alongside rupees, for entry into the palace. But because of the falling value of the dollar, the government implemented a rupees-only policy a month ago. Indian merchants catering to tourists have also turned bearish on the dollar.

"Gone are the days when we used to run after dollars, holding onto them for rainy days," said Vijay Narain, a tour operator in the city of Agra where the Taj Mahal is located. "Now we prefer the euro. It gives us more riches."

In Bolivia, billboards feature George Washington's image on a \$1 bill alongside a bright pink 500 euro



William Leroy, an antique store owner in New York City, waits for customers on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Leroy prefers payments in euros because he takes annual trips to Paris, he said.

note, encouraging savers to turn to the euro to tuck away money earned abroad or sent home in remittances.

"If the dollar's going down ... save it in Euros!!!" say the signs popping up around La Paz for Bolivia's Banco Bisa.

And in neighboring Brazil, the Confidence Cambio money-changing service was the first to start offering yuan so travelers to China no longer have to change the money into dollars first. The service is already a hit because Brazil

does big business with China, and lots of Brazilians are heading to the Olympics this summer.

"Now we tell people not to take dollars when they go abroad, it's better to change it directly to the local currency," said Fabio Agostinho, one of the firm's managing partners. "If people leave here with dollars and go abroad, they lose when they exchange them. It's the same thing whether they're heading to China, Europe or even Argentina."

In Manhattan's Bowery district, Billy LeRoy, the

owner of Billy's Antiques & Props, prefers payment in euros so he can stockpile the currency for his annual antique buying trip to Paris.

"Whip out dollars at the French flea market now, and they'll shoo you away," he said at his store near apartment buildings where Europeans are snapping up units because they've become dirt cheap. "Before it was like the second coming of Christ, but now they don't want it or if they do take dollars, they're going to take their pound of flesh."

## IRAQ

# Body of kidnapped archbishop found

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The body of a Chaldean Catholic archbishop was found in a shallow grave in northern Iraq on Thursday, two weeks after he was kidnapped by gunmen in one of the most dramatic attacks against the country's small Christian community.

The sad discovery of Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho's body came on a day that saw more violence elsewhere in Iraq. A parked car bomb exploded in a commercial district of central Baghdad, killing 18 people and wounding dozens more, police said. Gunmen also killed five members of an anti-al-Qaida group near Tikrit, and a correspondent for a newspaper in Baghdad.

Pope Benedict XVI, President Bush and Iraq's prime minister all deplored the archbishop's death, with the pontiff

calling it an "inhuman act of violence that offends the dignity of the human being and harms the peaceful coexistence of the dear Iraqi people."

Since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, Iraqi Christians have been targeted by Islamic extremists who label them "crusaders" loyal to U.S. troops. Militants have attacked churches, priests and businesses owned by Christians. Many Christians have fled the country, a trend mirrored in many dwindling pockets of Christianity across the Islamic world.

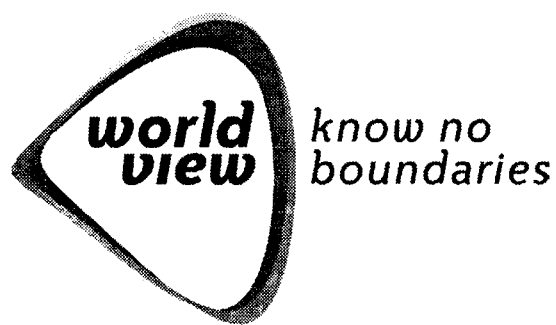
Rahho, 65, was seized on Feb. 29, just minutes after he delivered a mass in Mosul, a city considered by the U.S. military the last urban stronghold of al-Qaida in Iraq. Three of Rahho's companions were killed.

After two weeks of searching and praying, officials at the archbishop's

church received a phone call Wednesday from the captors. The caller told the officials that Rahho had died and where to find his body. Monsignor Shlemon Warduni, the auxiliary bishop of Baghdad, told The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear if Rahho was killed or if he died of an illness. Shortly after his abduction, church officials had said they were especially worried because the archbishop had health problems, which they did not identify.

A Mosul morgue official, speaking on condition of anonymity for security concerns, said Rahho's body had no bullet holes. The official said police found the body in an early stage of decomposition under a thin layer of dirt just north of the city, suggesting that Rahho had been dead for a few days.



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# Katrina victims still awaiting checks

Homeowners unhappy about lack of government compensation

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Two and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, tens of thousands of miserable homeowners are still waiting for their government rebuilding checks, and many complain they can't even get their calls returned. But the company that holds the big contract to distribute the aid is doing quite well for itself.

ICF International of Fairfax, Va., has posted strong profits, gone public, landed additional multimillion-dollar government contracts, and, it was learned this week, secured a potentially big raise recently from the state of Louisiana.

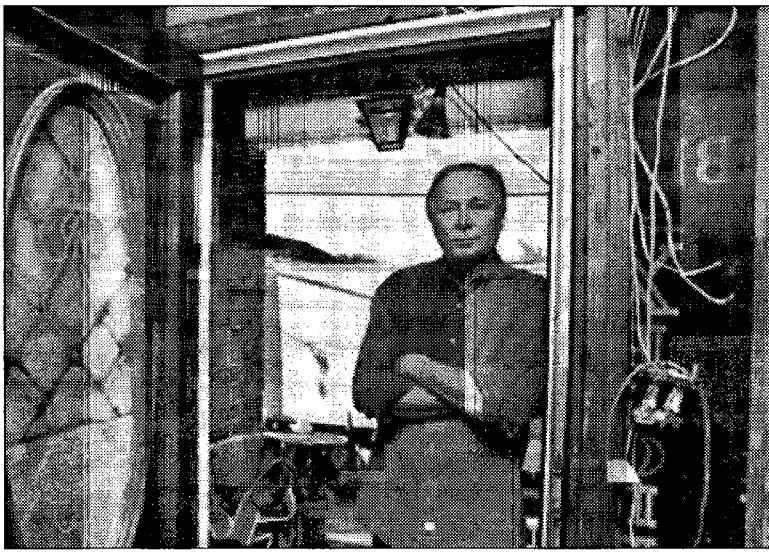
In the waning days of Gov. Kathleen Blanco's administration, state officials increased the management contract ceiling from \$756 million to \$912 million — this, after the Legislature wanted to fire ICF over its handling of the homeowner recovery program, called Road Home.

"I'm flabbergasted that this company could be so inefficient and could mess up so consistently and for so long," said Bill Yurt, 57, who has been living in a FEMA trailer for 2 years.

He said ICF hasn't sent an appraiser to determine the grant amount that will resurrect his gutted house in Gentilly. And his calls to an ICF caseworker have gone unreturned for a month.

Road Home was created in June 2006 as a state-run, federally funded plan to compensate homeowners for the breach of New Orleans' government-run levees. Homeowners can apply for grants to repair their homes, or obtain buyouts if they don't want to fix things up.

Yet, 56,000 applicants — nearly 40 percent of the qualified



Bill Yurt poses in front of his door damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Over 10,000 homeowners look to government for money to rebuild.

total — had yet to receive a cent as of last month. Plagued by cost overruns and delays, Road Home is expected to cost the taxpayers \$10 billion in federal money and has become another glaring symbol of frustration and red tape in post-Katrina New Orleans.

"Supposedly they had the expertise, but what we've learned ever since is it's been on-the-job training," said Frank Silvestri, co-chairman of the Citizens Road Home Action Team, or CHAT, a community group that was formed in anger over ICF.

ICF spokeswoman Gentry Brann blamed the state's ever-changing rules and political meddling by officials and community groups for many of Road Home's difficulties.

She complained that Road Home has come to be regarded as an entitlement program, and said the company must carefully evaluate 157,000 applications to

guard against fraud.

"The state essentially redefined the goal of the program from rebuilding to relief in mid-stream," Brann said.

She said the \$912 million that the company could earn is to cover the costs of the program and was approved by public officials.

"It's very important to note this is not a 'pay increase.' It's not actually even 'pay' to ICF. Rather it is an increase in the contract ceiling to cover the additional unit price costs incurred by our subcontractors," Brann said.

The state got tough with ICF last year, threatening to terminate its contract, and but ultimately set benchmarks to force it to "close," or decide, cases more quickly.

However, ICF now stands accused of inflating its closing figures by deliberately using red tape, confusion and delays to get applicants to settle for low grant amounts.

# Convicting N.Y. Governor unlikely

Legal experts believe that charges against Spitzer will be minimal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As Gov. Eliot Spitzer prepares to leave office, the disgraced politician faces a tangled battle with prosecutors that will send lawyers into murky legal territory.

A law enforcement official said Spitzer's high-powered defense team was believed to be negotiating a plea deal with prosecutors over his connection to a high-end prostitution ring, but attorneys were not commenting Thursday about the discussions.

The legal battle occurred as Lt. Gov. David Paterson prepared to take over the state following Spitzer's spectacular fall from power. Paterson said he spoke to Spitzer on Thursday and "told him how sorry I was this happened."

"I promised the governor yesterday that I would commit myself to the people of this great state, that we would have stability and continue in these challenges that lie ahead," Paterson said. "Now we have to get New York back on track."

Paterson takes over on Monday, and will become New York's first black governor and the nation's first legally blind chief executive.

Spitzer, a married father of

three teenage girls, faces a much more dubious future after he was accused of spending tens of thousands of dollars on prostitutes — including a tryst with a 22-year-old call girl in Washington the night before Valentine's Day. Officials said Spitzer initially drew the attention of authorities with suspicious money transfers that will be a key part of any possible criminal case.

Among the possible charges that could be brought against Spitzer: soliciting and paying for sex; violating the Mann Act, the 1910 federal law that makes it a crime to induce someone to cross state lines for immoral purposes; and illegally arranging cash transactions to conceal their purpose.

But legal experts said bringing charges and getting a conviction would be unusual, considering federal authorities rarely charge the customers in illegal sex or drug cases. A likely outcome could be what is called a "deferred prosecution agreement," which could leave Spitzer on probation with charges dropped if he did not get into any more trouble.

Gerald Lefcourt, past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, said crim-

inal charges against Spitzer would be "stretching federal statutes to a place they've never been."

Edward J.M. Little, who worked in the public corruption unit of the Manhattan federal prosecutor's office for eight years in the 1980s, said it would be "piling on" to bring charges now.

"I think it would be outrageous if they went after him any further on this," he said. "Solicitation cases are typically pled down to minor charges and just because he was governor doesn't mean he should be treated any more harshly unless they impacted his duties as governor."

He added: "Even though I personally think it's reprehensible, it doesn't mean it's criminal. He's resigned which is probably the ultimate penalty in this case so we should let it be."

The most likely charge Spitzer could face is structuring — breaking sums of money down into smaller amounts to hide the true purpose of the funds — but it is rarely brought as a standalone charge.

Lawyers said they are usually brought in money-laundering cases or as part of some larger criminal activity such as drug dealing.

## PAKISTAN

# Civilians killed in U.S.-led attacks

Associated Press

TANGRAI — U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan fired across the border into Pakistan in a strike targeting Taliban militants, and the Pakistani army said Thursday that civilians were killed.

The attack illustrates Washington's concern the Taliban and al-Qaida are using Pakistan's lawless frontier as a base for attacks in Afghanistan.

But anger at civilian deaths could lead to a review by the incoming Pakistani government of the country's counterterrorism strategy and its U.S.-backed policy of using military force to root out militants.

A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan said troops used "precision-guided munitions" to strike a compound about a mile inside Pakistan on Wednesday.

Maj. Chris Belcher said the troops were responding to an "imminent threat" and that the coalition informed Pakistani authorities after the strike.

"We received reliable intelligence indicating senior Haqqani network members were in the compound at the time of the strike," Belcher said Thursday in Kabul.

Siraj Haqqani is a prominent Afghan militant. On Wednesday, a coalition statement accused him of organizing a suicide attack that killed two NATO soldiers at an Afghan government office on March 3. It said Haqqani "has become the most dangerous Taliban leader in Afghanistan."

In Tangrai, a village of about 40 houses surrounded by fields and mountains, residents led an Associated Press reporter to the rubble of the house hit in the attack. Only one of its four walls was standing amid a tangle of mud bricks, bedding and cooking pots.

"We are innocent, we have nothing to do with such things," said Noor Khan, a greengrocer who said the house was his family home.

He said six of his relatives — four women and two boys — died in the attack.

"We are poor people just trying to earn a living," he said.

The Pakistani army said four civilians — two women and two children — died. There was no way to resolve the discrepancy between the numbers.

It was not clear whether the coalition forces fired from the ground or the air or what weapons were used. Belcher said he could not detail the threat and had no information on casualties.

Pakistan's army, which has received billions of dollars from Washington to fight al-Qaida and the Taliban, initially said the incident was an accident.

Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas,

an army spokesman, said five artillery shells fired by coalition forces strayed into Pakistan's North Waziristan region. One shell hit a home in the village, killing two women and two children, he said.

Asked later about the coalition statement that the compound had been hit deliberately, Abbas said the government summoned a coalition representative to explain.

"We have called for an explanation of whatever statement they have given," Abbas said. Firing across the border "is a violation and second, civilians were killed," he said.

Asked whether militants were present, Abbas said: "We have asked them to explain how the civilian casualties occurred."

Pakistan has deployed approximately 90,000 troops to hunt down militants in its border regions. President Pervez Musharraf has sought to convince Pakistanis that they are fighting to protect their own country, not just for America's sake.

But with violence escalating in Afghanistan and Pakistan, many here hope the anti-Musharraf parties who triumphed in parliamentary elections last month will scale back military activities and seek dialogue with militant groups, whose influence has been growing.

Ahsan Iqbal, a spokesman for the party of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, said the new parliament would review its counterterrorism strategy.

"Pakistan's integrity and territorial sovereignty should be respected," Iqbal told the AP. "Killing of innocent people is highly deplorable and there should not be any repeat."

There have been several incidents in the past of coalition fire landing in Pakistani territory.

Some may be due to the poor demarcation of the long, rugged border. In June last year, a rocket fired during a battle between U.S.-led NATO forces and insurgents in Afghanistan struck a home in North Waziristan, killing 10 civilians.

But there have also been several cases where unmanned U.S. drones have fired missiles at suspected militant hideouts in Pakistan's border regions, including a strike in January that killed a senior al-Qaida commander.

U.S. military officials and soldiers have said on several occasions that they already have authority to pursue or fire on militants a short distance inside Pakistan.

Pakistani officials usually deny such incidents or voice complaints with no obvious consequences, leading many to believe that cross-border strikes are carried out with Islamabad's tacit blessing.

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## NDSP inconsistent with 'Breytopia'

When NDSP ordered the students camping outside the Joyce Center before Notre Dame's game against Syracuse on Feb. 22, they cited the "safety and security" of the students as the reason for asking students to leave.

Even though this is a legitimate concern of any university, there was apparently no concern for the safety of these students until this one game. Students participating in what has become dubbed "Breytopia" had already camped out prior to several games in this and previous seasons without incident.

Moreover, this abrupt change in policy has yet to be addressed directly by any University official. In fact, NDSP director Phil Johnson and associate vice president for Residence Life Bill Kirk both said they did not know why the students were not asked to move earlier in the season.

Students who have camped out prior to the Syracuse game also said that NDSP stopped by Breytopia and did not shut them down then.

NDSP changed the enforcement of its policies for this one game, and doing so it was unfair to the students.

But the rule itself is flawed. Outdoor gatherings are allowed for other events, including sleeping in cardboard boxes for Habitat for Humanity. Kirk said that students can apply for permission to camp out, but that Breytopia will not likely be granted approval in the future.

It is one thing to say that since the fans didn't apply for and get a permit, they must be removed. It is another to let

them camp out on multiple occasions only to shut them down later.

The safety and security issues have been proven wrong on other large campuses, notably Duke and Penn State. The most well-known example is "Krzyzewskiville" for Duke University men's basketball. There have been no major incidents reported, and Krzyzewskiville is much larger than Breytopia.

The reason is simple: Duke understands that students want to support their athletic teams and works with the students to make this enthusiasm possible. It is regulated by Duke and the student government there, not harassed by campus cops.

Notre Dame should look to this as an example.

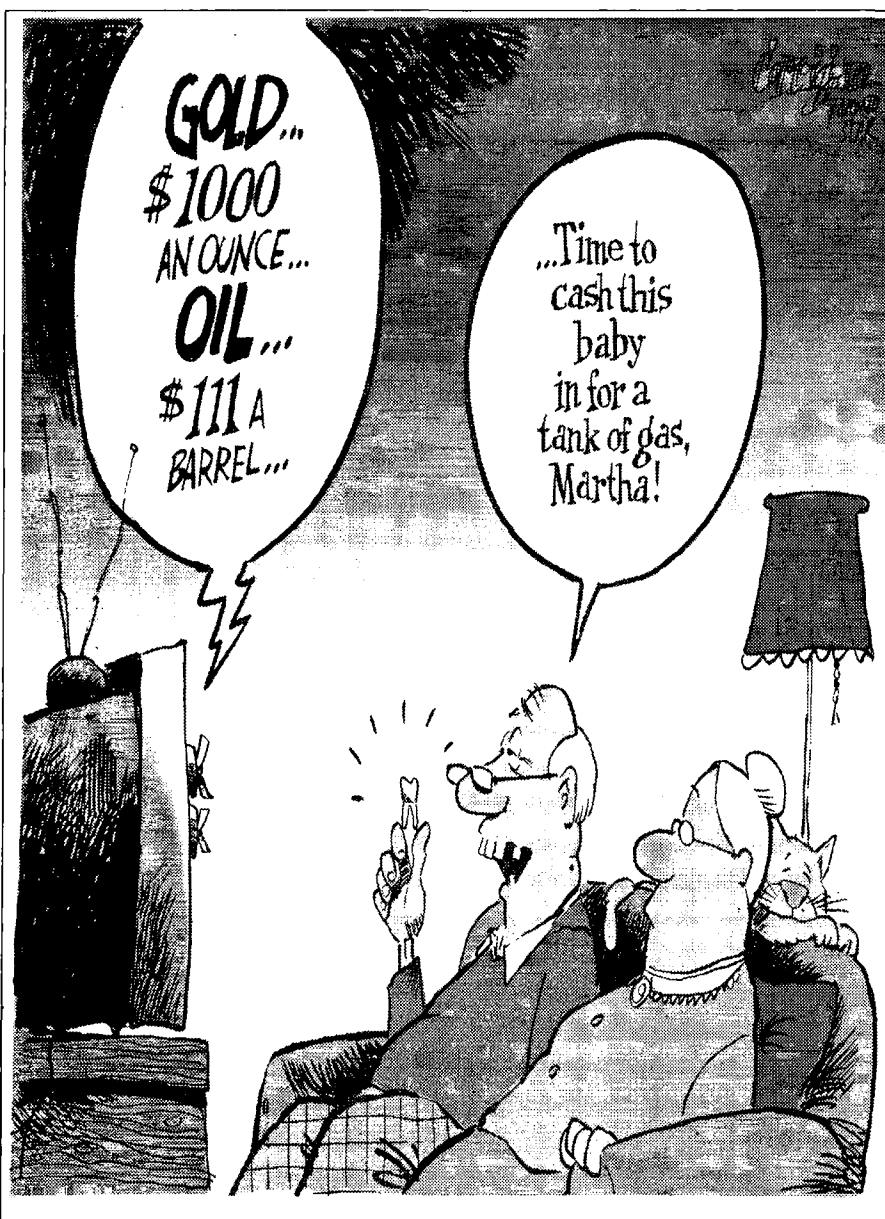
This is not an issue to take a hard stance on; this is an issue that can be reconciled with a little work by both sides.

Give Duke a call. See how they handle the thousands of fans that camp outside Cameron Indoor Stadium. If Duke can keep the many Blue Devil fans safe, Notre Dame can work with the students and NDSP to protect a few dozen Breytopians.

Since University officials do not know why the sudden enforcement began, they should find out. When they do, they should work with students to get them back by the Joyce Center, supporting the team, in a University-supported way. No reason to abridge fan support during such a successful year to suddenly enforce a rule.

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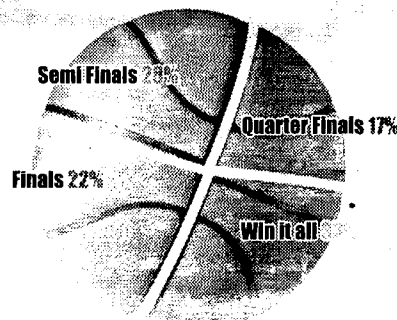
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### Observer Poll

How far will the Notre Dame Men's basketball team go in the Big East tournament?

	Votes	Percentage
Quarter Finals	62	17%
Semi Finals	100	28%
Finals	79	22%
Win it all	121	33%



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What we obtain too cheap, we  
esteem too lightly."

Thomas Paine  
U.S. patriot

## Reflecting on the Easter season

For Christians, the upcoming week culminates a period of preparation with a celebration of what defines the soul of Christianity — eight days of remembrance reenacting the jubilation of Palm Sunday, the intimacy of the last supper, the devastation of Good Friday capped by the calm and rebirth of Easter Sunday. It is the most certain time of the liturgical year, the rock upon which Catholics base their faith. Yet, despite such a sturdy foundation, faith only derives one person at a time.



Gary Caruso

Capitol  
Comments

While attending the Latin mass before I entered elementary school, I noticed the smallest details of my surroundings. I knew phrases like “dominus vobiscum,” but had no idea what that meant. Rather, I noticed how long my father prayed while kneeling alone before mass. I wondered why nobody prayed as long as him, sometimes until the priest entered in procession. It took years before I realized that he had lost both of his parents while

still in his twenties and that he probably had much to say. Moreover, I could not begin to imagine the prayers he must have said in relation to his World War II service.

Vatican II welcomed Catholics to a new faith by allowing us to speak in our native tongues at mass, thus understanding it. Prior to Pope John XXIII directing the Church into more friendly waters, our parents taught us the basic prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary. I learned a special prayer after I noticed that my father tipped his hat when we drove past a Catholic church. After asking him what he was doing, my dad taught me to pay reverence to God in front of the church by bowing my head and saying, “Jesus my Lord and my God.”

I vividly recall that nuns seldom taught me prayers. They seemed to be more focused on the process by preparing us for the sacraments. I can still hear Sister Roberta who would severely punish anyone who dare call her Sister “Bobby.” She drilled into us confessional content while pounding her knuckles on the desk. In unison to the beat of her thumping we loudly repeated together, “I kept impure thoughts in my mind. I did impure things.” After learning how to swear like a sailor at Notre Dame, today I still am

confused about what impure means.

In 2000, when my father passed away, I again thought of his long prayer sessions prior to mass. One Easter week I decided to pray for his past intentions even though I did not know their content. Surely God would remember those prayers, but would they be heard? Did my father recite a set of traditional prayers or simply speak to his parents? Did my grandparents greet him during his quiet passing after surgery? Eventually I realized that for a religion so grounded in a series of fixed events during Easter week, answers also come one person at a time.

My personal answers evolved through creating my own prayers...sort of like when my dad taught me that special prayer to say when passing by the church. My prayers center around the consecration of bread and wine during mass. As the priest holds the host, I say, “Jesus, my Lord, my God, forgive me of my sins.” When the priest then hoists the chalice of wine, I utter, “Lord, come live in my heart and keep a place for me in your sacred heart.” Those small, quiet gestures focus on my need to fill a void of ersatz faith where the church has failed me.

For all of the surety of Christianity, no one fully prepares us for life’s uncertain-

ties. Notre Dame students were not prepared to face the deaths of two fellow students last month. None of us fully recovers from the passing of our loved ones whether they be close family relatives or even dear pets. We begin the remainder of our lives with an ache in our hearts and a yearning for one more moment together. Nobody learns how to cope prior to a loss, so our personal faiths evolve as time passes.

I sustain myself with the thought that we are only here for as long as we need to be. I learned that by losing my parents. Yet, I did not lose them as early in life as my father lost his, nor have I ever faced the horrors of death that he did in World War II. My only hope can be that he greets me on my deathbed and shares his pre-mass litany. At that time I expect to begin again because of my singular faith.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reconsider financial aid

In December, Harvard announced that students from families earning less than \$60,000 would no longer be required to pay for any educational expenses. Other members of the educational elite including Yale, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania and Stanford have all followed suit with similar financial aid policies. With some of the most prestigious universities already on board why is Notre Dame waiting on the sidelines?

The procrastination is not due to a lack of funds. As of June 30, Notre Dame had an endowment of approximately \$6.5 billion and had earned an annual return on its endowment of \$1.4 billion. Not bad, but isn't Notre Dame supposed to be a not-for-profit educational institution?

With an endowment fund in the billions and educational costs prohibitive for middle and low income families, the University has yet to recognize that educational expenses have far outpaced family incomes. Notre Dame continues to require its students to fund their education with student loans while the educational elite have opened their coffers to fully aid needy families. The schools following Harvard's lead have proven that their students are their first priority.

Notre Dame is currently engaged in a fundraising effort called the Spirit of Notre Dame. One purpose of the fundraiser is to increase the funds available for financial aid. A university with a \$6.5 billion endowment has to engage in a fundraising campaign to increase the funds available for financial aid? More generous financial aid packages should be built into the budget and should not be dependent on additional fundraising campaigns.

Due solely to their economic background, students are unfairly asked to make educational decisions based on cost. Rather than growing an already bloated endowment, I propose that Notre Dame use those funds to adopt a comprehensive financial aid policy on par with the example set by Harvard. The size and growth of the University's endowment seems to be more of a priority than economic diversity and the needs of its students. Someone should remind the University's administration that endowment size really doesn't matter; what matters is how you use it.

Brian DeVirgilio  
alumnus  
Class of 2002  
March 12

## Obama's message more than words

Throughout this year's presidential primary, Barack Obama has traveled around the country, consistently filling stadiums and auditoriums with people who want to hear his message. Yet Obama's message has drawn attacks from the other candidates, who characterize his “words” as more sound byte than substance. Though, I confess at the outset, I am a supporter of Barack Obama because I believe he possesses the intelligence, judgment and tact to lead our country, this letter is honestly not a call for reader's votes. It is a call to our generation — be you a McCain, Clinton or Nader supporter — to vote for who you wish, but to not tear down Obama's message of hope in the process.

Obama's message of hope doesn't merely call us to “Rock the Vote.” No, that's already been done. Obama is calling us to do more. Indeed, casting our votes and canvassing for our candidates are the grassroots of his message of hope for our democracy, but such activities can only happen once every two or four years. His message to us is that democracy doesn't take a break in between elections, so why should we. We must find ways to participate in our country, be it by volunteering, working for the government or, yes, maybe even running the government.

I recently received a phone call from a close college friend who informed me that he had decided to run for a State House of Representatives seat in Missouri, and it dawned on me just then, that is how big

Obama's message of hope can inspire us to think. I know there are great stories out there of people in our generation pursuing their public service ambitions, but my fear is that there are far too many in dorm rooms at universities, or in cubicles (offices if we're lucky) at first-jobs, that have already dismissed the possibility of a future public service career — not because of a lack of desire to serve the country, but because of a lack of inspiration from the current state of our politics.

It takes a special kind of person to run for public office of any sort, no doubt, but honestly, I hope it doesn't require us to be that special. I hope a solid education, hard worth ethic, love of this country and the desire to serve others is enough to allow a person to make a run at it. Obama's “words” inspire us to think that is enough. More than mere sound bytes and feel-good rhetoric, Obama's words and his candidacy are a call to us to engage in our democracy today, and not put it off for a future generation. We must each find our own way of participating in our democracy, be it running for the White House, or writing one's first ever letter. Maybe my city council or mayoral campaign isn't that far off.

Jared Wells  
law student  
off campus  
March 11

## ‘Skirt day’ can wait

During my four years at Notre Dame, I have always wanted to write a letter for the Viewpoint section of The Observer. I've considered weighing in on whether or not to change the Fight Song (which, for the record, I'm against). I've also thought about joining in the oh-so-heated debate regarding the Vagina Monologues. But, until today, no issue has truly motivated me to offer my opinion. Finally, however, I've seen something on this campus that has inspired me to write: the premature appearance of shorts and skirts on my female counterparts at this fine University.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy “Skirt Day” (the somehow-official day that all females decide to don their cutest skirts and bare their legs in celebration of spring) as much as the next guy or girl. Shaved legs, sandals, pedicures, freedom from the tyranny of pants and even long-johns — I'm all for it. I love it. However, I'm disturbed by

a recent trend by my fellow students to try to actualize this day too soon.

Yes, a sunny day and a high of 45 is enough to tempt any self-respecting female (or male — there's no discrimination here) into a pair of shorts. But my friends, last time I checked, goose-pimpled legs due to cold temperatures is not attractive.

Let's fully respect “Skirt Day” and give it our all. Therefore, I encourage all women (and again, men too) to wait a week or so more for the perfect spring day and then, and only then, to display our legs in all their post-spring-break glory.

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## PROJECT RUNWAY

By KELLY O'SULLIVAN  
Scene Writer

The fourth season of Bravo's hit show, Project Runway, did more than crown a winner with its conclusion last week. The finale, with 5.2 million total viewers, set a viewership record for the channel in the 18 to 49 year-old demographic, with an average of 3.75 million viewers, up 9 percent from last season's finale. This number put Bravo ahead of two of the three broadcast networks (ABC and CBS) at the 10 p.m. time slot that night.

Many celebrities attended the finale, which showed three finalists' collections in a runway show in Bryant Park during New York Fashion Week. Supermodel and host of the show, Heidi Klum, designer Michael Kors and Elle fashion director Nina Garcia sat front row to observe and critique the new creations, and Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham joined them as a guest judge for the final episode.

Beckham has begun her own fashion line, DVB, and is rumored to have her own fashion-themed reality show coming to Fox.

Also present under the tent were the families of the top designers, the contestants that had been eliminated by Klum this season, and contestants and winners from previous seasons. Industry insiders and celebrities alike filled the remainder of the 2,000 seats along either side of the tent's long runway.

The caliber of the contestants relative to established designers who presented at fashion week was also something that stood out. Garcia was especially impressed with the amateur collections. "This is the last day of New York Fashion Week, and I've seen a lot of it, and it could fit right in there," she said.

The first designs to hit the runway were those of Jillian Lewis, a 26-year-old former designer and illustrator for American design icon Ralph Lauren. Lewis' designs were inspired by Master of the Argonauts, a 15th-century Florentine work of art. She discovered this painting during the last challenge of the season, in which designers took a field trip to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Lewis was praised by the judges for the knitwear she sent down the runway, which stood out amid the subtle fall colors and bold coat silhouettes in the rest of her collection.

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Next down the runway were the Joan of Arc-inspired pieces created by Rami Kashou, a 31-year-old born in Jerusalem. Kashou beat out Chris March's human hair decorated collection in a design-off to make it to the final show in Bryant Park. His final collection was punctuated with bold colors against black pieces and intricate details in his folding, pleating, weaving and draping.

The last two looks that Kashou showed were elegant gowns, one in a cream colored tiered vintage lace and the other in a textured and layered black. However, the judges objected to many of Kashou's design decisions. Kors said that the colors were not chic enough for the clothes and referred to them as "Brady Bunch colors." He did however, praise the designer's showcasing every category of attire. Garcia's thought Kashou had the strongest point of view of all the designers, and his main strength lay in eveningwear.

Finally, the youngest finalist had his turn to show off his work. Christian Siriano, 21, moved to London right after high school to study and work with famous British designers Alexander McQueen and Vivienne Westwood.

Siriano's mostly black collection contrasted hard and soft looks, with full, feathered coats and voluminous neckpieces paired with skinny pants. Kors praised the collection, saying that it was "cohesive, powerful-looking" and had "chic drama." Even Beckham was pleased, "You really made me smile, and I'm not easy to make smile."

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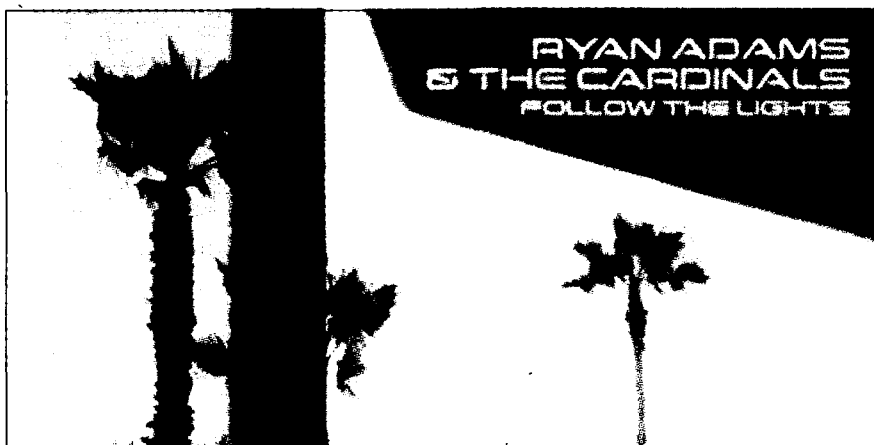
how well his show was delivered as a whole. Klum congratulated the top designer by calling him "über-fierce."

As the winner of Project Runway, Siriano will receive a fashion spread in Elle magazine, an all-new 2008 Saturn Astra, the opportunity to sell his line on fashion retailing Web site bluefly.com, and a year of representation from Designers Management Agency and \$100,000 to start his own line.

Siriano had previously been named the season's Fan Favorite, as voted on by viewers, with 43 percent of the vote. He told The Washington Post that the first thing he was going to do with the \$10,000 prize was to purchase a bed to sleep on. "That's no joke, because I really need it. I still don't have one."

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## 'FOLLOW THE LIGHTS' Channels Pain into Melody



MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By James Costa  
Scene Writer

The ever-prolific Ryan Adams' most recent offering, "Follow the Lights," is a remarkably tight and well-crafted EP of new songs, covering fresh interpretations of older songs from the singer's extensive catalog. Brimming with an emotionally mature sense of expression, the EP offers a mellow perspective on recent events in Adams' life and his current mindset, which seems to be more subdued and reflective than

ever before.

The opening track, "Follow the Lights," is rumored to have been written in only twenty minutes while Ryan sat on the set of the ABC drama series "October Road."

The show asked Adams' band, the Cardinals, to write a song to fit the mood of the show. The track that emerged from the jam session was an upbeat tune, which is remarkable considering the morose and depressing nature inherent in the spirit of most Adams' tunes.

Written as a letter to a lost lover or dear friend, the Cardinals sing, "Follow the lights that line the streets connecting telephones / Follow the lights from house to house and they will lead you home." Adams then amps up the romantic attachment of home, singing "Our love is strong enough to guide the way and we'll walk through / Hands inside of hearts / Hearts inside of hands / Like eyes closed."

The next few tracks are a collection of covers

and re-dos of older Adams tracks. Most notable among these is the cover of Alice In Chain's "Down in a Hole" and a new interpretation of "If I Am A Stranger" off Adams' 2005 album "Cold Roses."

The Alice in Chains cover is particularly chilling, as Adams seems to channel the corrosive and destructive pain of the now deceased Layne Staley, the original lead singer of Alice in Chains. Getting his voice to the point of a near-howl, Adams sings, "Down in a hole and I don't know if I can be saved / See my heart I decorate it like a grave." Adams made the EP in the midst of detoxing off speedballs (a mixture of heroin and cocaine) and alcohol. It's powerful, beautiful and painful to listen to, because Adams appears to feel the pain of the words and he uses the music as a means of expelling that pain.

"If I Am A Stranger" is a very different version of the song off "Cold Roses." Its tempo slows down considerably and Adams sings much of the song in a near-whisper. The song reaches its most heartbreaking moments as Adams murmurs, "To tell the truth it's hard enough without a lover / Who you want to hide



Photo courtesy of delawareonline.com

Ryan Adams' latest EP, though only seven tracks, is a sign of good things to come.

your darkness from so you don't let them down." For anyone who has ever failed at love, this is necessary listen as Adams hits the feelings of muted romance right on the head.

There isn't a dull moment on the EP and the songs run together perfectly. It is a brief, illuminating look into the direction of Ryan Adams and the Cardinals as they move toward their projected 2008 releases.

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### Follow the Lights

Ryan Adams & the Cardinals

Label: Lost Highway

Recommended Tracks: "Follow the Lights," "Down in a Hole" and "If I Am A Stranger"



MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

I know that upon seeing the headline of one my reviews of an obscure band (even though I was money on my prediction that Vampire Weekend would be huge), many of you just shake your heads, mutter "Who?" and move on to the comics. At least, that's what I used to do.

Mychal Stanley

Well, I want people to understand where I'm coming from; my musical background, if you will. So, I came up with the idea of introducing you to some bands and artists that I feel you, as a fan of music, should possibly explore.

I admit everything I say is going to be entirely my opinion, but these are bands and artists I recommend to my friends when they ask me for some new music. Consider yourselves my new friends.

The first band I want to talk about is also one of my all-time favorites. In fact, I consider them to be the greatest band still working. I went to a show they put on over Winter Break, and it only cemented my opinion.

Yo La Tengo, despite their name, is not a mariachi band. In fact, they're a modest indie rock trio out of Hoboken, N.J. Throughout their career they've been experimenting and perfecting guitar-driven

noise rock and melodic pop. While these two genres sound disparate, Yo La Tengo brings them together in way that is entirely unique. They've made songs that could fit into folk, rock, pop, country, jazz or punk genres, and they've done it all to perfection.

They've been leaders in the independent music scene since 1984, and have released over 15 albums since then. I know that sounds daunting to someone who wants to try some Yo La Tengo and has no idea where to start, but I'm here to help.

Without a doubt, you should start with their 1993 album "Painful." It was the first album husband-wife team Ira Kaplan and Georgia Hubley produced entirely with their now-permanent bassist, James McNew. Not only is it the best Yo La Tengo album, it's also one of the best albums of the 90s. This album should be in everyone's record collection.

"Painful" beautifully encompasses everything that Yo La Tengo does well. There are slow, melodic, dreamy songs. There are a few great feedback-driven rock tracks. (Coincidentally, there are two versions of the song "Big Day Coming" on the

album that fit into both these two categories.) Finally, there are some beautiful guitar pop songs ("Nowhere Near", "The Whole of the Law"), which are absolutely breathtaking.

If, after hearing "Painful," you find yourself in love with Yo La Tengo, you may want to move on to their 1997 album "I Can Hear the Heart Beating as One." This album expands the scope of the band's

focus while maintaining their unique sound. Songs on this album range from a great cover of the Beach Boys song "Little Honda" to extended guitar freak-outs from Ira ("Spec Bebob").

Finally, I suggest their latest release, 2006's "I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass," which expands their scope even more to include chamber-pop ("Black Flowers"), 50s rock ("Watch Out For Me Ronnie"), and piano rock ("The Weakest Part").

If you've tried these three albums and are still thirsty for more, they have more albums that are a little more focused than the ones I suggested, and therefore a little more niche. 2003's "Summer Sun" focuses more on the pop aspect of their sound, while 2000's "And Then Nothing Turned

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Photo courtesy of sfbg.com

Yo La Tengo has been jamming out in almost every musical genre since 1984.

Itself Inside Out" focuses more on their melodic, dreamy drone. Their older albums like 1990's collection of covers "Fakebook" and 1992's "May I Sing With Me" have hidden treasures all their own.

Do yourself a favor and check out one of the best kept secrets of the American independent music scene. You will be glad you did.

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## PGA

# Couples takes lead in 1st round at Bay Hill

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Fred Couples made four birdies in his opening six holes, shot 5-under 65, and golf finally felt fun. Tiger Woods couldn't hit the green with a wedge, struggled to shoot even par, and he finally looked human.

The Arnold Palmer Invitational delivered a few surprises Thursday, none bigger than the 48-year-old Couples booming tee shots, taking only 23 putts and finishing atop the leaderboard with J.J. Henry.

"This doesn't make me the guy to beat," Couples said. "If I can play like that, it makes it a lot easier. When you birdie four out of the first six holes, there's not much that can bother you."

In three previous trips to Bay Hill, Henry had never done better than 71. He played under warm sunshine without a bogey, making four birdie putts outside 15 feet.

"I feel like I've been close," he said. "And today, finally, everything clicked."

They were a stroke ahead of defending champion Vijay Singh, Lee Westwood, Tom Lehman and Lucas Glover, who got a pep talk from friends to quit being so hard on himself. Despite consecutive bogeys, Glover kept his cool and ended a streak of eight consecutive rounds without breaking 70.

For Couples, it was his best score at Bay Hill since a 63 in 1992, the year he won this tournament and was No. 1 in the world.

Woods is the world's No. 1 player now, having won every tournament he has played since September. It sure didn't look that way after a birdie on the opening hole. He missed one green with a pitching wedge, another green with a sand wedge, and settled for a 70 that left him five shots behind, but not in awful shape.

## ND SOFTBALL

# Bargar leads ND into S.C.

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

Coming off a 3-2 weekend in Long Beach, Calif., which led to junior pitcher Brittany Bargar being named Big East Pitcher of the Week, the Irish (10-8) head to Charleston, S.C., to take part in the Charleston Southern University Lowcountry Softball Invitational.

Bargar made five appearances for the Irish last week, pitching 25.1 innings and recording a miniscule ERA of 0.55. In that same period, Bargar struck out 21 compared to only three walks, and allowed only two earned runs.

On the season, Bargar has an 8-5 record and a 1.00 ERA, second among Big East pitchers. Of the 23 runs scored against her on the season, only 11 of them have been earned.

Despite the stellar pitching, the Irish could not register wins against No. 6 UCLA and

Long Beach State due to a lack of run support. The offense did show signs of life in a victory over Cal State Northridge last weekend, where freshman Sadie Pitzenberger's two-run double was all the support that Bargar needed.

The Irish will face Towson (11-7) and Charleston Southern (10-17) on Friday before taking on Campbell (17-8) and a to-be-determined opponent on Saturday.

Towson is coming off of a split with Georgetown in a doubleheader on Wednesday. Towson's victory in the first game gave them a four-game winning streak that was built mainly on the strength of senior Nina Navarro's bat. The Towson offense stalled in the nightcap as the Tigers suffered a 2-0 defeat at the hands of the Hoyas.

Following the early morning game with Towson, the Irish will take on a Charleston Southern team that had a tough series last weekend in the Bulldog

Classic in Starkville, Miss. That tournament capped a brutal stretch that included 18 games in only 11 days.

The Buccaneers were able to pull out two victories over Austin Peay, one of which went eight innings, but they also were soundly defeated four times, twice against Mississippi State and twice against Louisiana Tech.

Saturday's match against Campbell could prove to be a tough test for the Irish, as the Camels emerge from a solid performance in the Stanford University Classic in which they posted victories over Texas Tech, College of Charleston and North Dakota State. Their only losses came in two games against No. 7 Stanford, the first of which was a 2-1 loss.

The Irish begin action at 8:30 Friday morning at Buccaneer Field on the Charleston Southern Campus.

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## MEN'S TRACK

# Irish send 7 to nationals

*Benninger looks to wrap up ND career with win in 3K race*

By EUGENIA ALFONZO  
Sports Writer

A long indoor track season concludes this weekend when the Irish face the nation's best at the NCAA Championship in Fayetteville, Ark.

Notre Dame will send a total of seven participants, a number that thrilled head coach Joe Piane.

"This is the biggest group of athletes we've had in years," Piane said in a [und.com](http://und.com) interview. "And frankly, everyone that's going not only has the chance to score but could earn All-American honors."

Senior Kurt Benninger hopes to cap off another stellar indoor season with the 3,000-meter run. Running in

his fifth trip to the NCAA Championships, Benninger has consistently performed well at this meet, earning five All-American honors in both track and cross country.

Junior Patrick Smyth will also be running the race as the No. 10 seed. Smyth has also had experience with NCAA Championship meet, running the 5,000-meter race last year and earning his first All-American honors.

"I did qualify for the 5K as well, but I decided to just concentrate on the 3K," Smyth said. "I'm running with Kurt, and we both really like our chances in the 3K, there's no one in the lead."

Seniors Austin Wechter, Adam Currie, junior Daniel Clark and sophomore Blake Choplin will also make the trip down to Fayetteville and

are the No. 11 seed in the Distance Medley Relay (DMR). With Notre Dame's reputation for having consistent DMR performances at the NCAA finals, it will be necessary for the Irish to keep last week's intensity despite the absence of Benninger.

Senior Jake Watson earned the No. 12 seed qualification for the mile run after running an NCAA provisional 4:00.39 time at the Alex Wilson Invitational March 7 and 8. For this meet, he will look to surpass the 4-minute mile for the first time this season.

Watson will run the mile at 6:15 p.m. and the DMR will race at 9:15 p.m. Benninger and Smyth will compete tomorrow at 7:35 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S TRACK

# Hasan to compete in pentathlon at NCAAs

By ALEX BARKER  
Sports Writer

Eight Irish athletes have qualified to represent Notre Dame at the NCAA Championship meet in Fayetteville, Ark. this weekend. Only one Irish competitor, however, will come from the women's team.

Alyssa Hasan will represent the Irish in the pentathlon after her March 7 and 8 performance at the Alex Wilson Invitational that qualified her for the national championship meet. Hasan scored 4,015 points, breaking her old school record.

Assistant coach Scott Windsor was confident Hasan would put together another strong performance this week.

"She definitely has the potential to put together a really good score this week," Windsor told [und.com](http://und.com). "Alyssa has turned herself into a

good athlete for this team and has come a long way both physically and mentally as of late. Now it's just a matter of her being able to stay settled to get through a complete day of multi-events."

"If she goes out there and performs the way she is capable of doing, it's hard to think that she won't finish among the top of her field."

Hasan is entering the event as the No. 13 seed. She needs to finish in the top eight to earn her first All-American honors.

Hasan was not the only athlete to meet the provisional mark set by the NCAA as a potential qualifier for the championship meet.

Teammate Anna Weber met the provisional mark in the weight throw, but did not set a high enough mark to qualify for the meet.

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# AROUND THE NATION

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## NBA Standings

### Eastern Conference

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	51-12	.810	10-0	-
Detroit	46-18	.719	7-3	5.5
Orlando	42-24	.636	8-2	10.5
Cleveland	37-28	.569	6-4	15
Toronto	34-30	.531	4-6	17.5
Washington	31-32	.492	6-4	20
Philadelphia	31-34	.477	7-3	21
New Jersey	27-38	.415	3-7	25
Chicago	26-38	.406	4-6	25.5
Atlanta	26-38	.406	3-7	25.5
Indiana	25-39	.391	4-6	26.5
Charlotte	24-40	.375	5-5	27.5
Milwaukee	23-42	.354	3-7	29
New York	19-46	.292	2-8	33
Miami	11-52	.175	2-8	40

### Western Conference

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Lakers	45-19	.703	8-2	-
Houston	44-20	.688	10-0	1
San Antonio	44-20	.688	7-3	1
Utah	43-23	.652	7-3	3
New Orleans	43-20	.683	6-4	1.5
Phoenix	42-22	.656	5-5	3
Dallas	42-23	.646	6-4	3.5
Golden State	40-23	.635	8-2	4.5
Denver	38-26	.594	5-5	7
Portland	34-31	.523	5-5	11.5
Sacramento	28-35	.444	3-7	16.5
LA Clippers	21-42	.333	2-8	23.5
Seattle	16-49	.246	1-9	29.5
Memphis	15-49	.234	1-9	30
Minnesota	14-49	.222	3-7	30.5

## NCAA Men's Baseball Standings

rank	team	overall
1	Arizona	10-1
2	Arizona State	12-0
3	North Carolina	10-2
4	Missouri	9-2
5	Ole Miss	10-3
6	Vanderbilt	8-3
7	Miami (FL)	9-1
8	South Carolina	8-2
9	Long Beach State	9-2
10	Baylor	10-1
11	UCLA	7-4
12	California	9-1
13	UC Irvine	10-1
14	Florida State	12-0
15	Rice	8-5
16	Virginia	11-2
17	Kentucky	11-0
18	Stanford	8-4
19	Texas	9-4
20	Cal State Fullerton	8-4
21	San Diego	7-7
22	Oregon State	5-5
23	Oklahoma State	9-3
24	Wichita State	7-3
25	Michigan	5-5

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Connecticut's Jerome Dyson, left, and teammate Hasheem Thabeet, right, react during the second half of their 78-72 loss to West Virginia in a second round game in the Big East championship Thursday in New York.

## Fifth-Seeded Mountaineers Stun UConn

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One year has made a remarkable difference for Joe Alexander and West Virginia.

Last March, Alexander didn't score a point as the Mountaineers beat Clemson in the NIT championship game.

On Thursday, the 6-foot-8 junior forward scored a career-high 34 points on the same Madison Square Garden court as West Virginia beat No. 15 Connecticut, 78-72, in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The fifth-seeded Mountaineers (25-7) will play top-seeded and ninth-

ranked Georgetown in the semifinals Friday night. It will be West Virginia's second appearance in the tournament's final four as it lost in the 2005 championship game.

Alexander is averaging 29.8 points over his last five games, a streak that started with a then-career high 32 points in a 79-71 loss to Connecticut on March 1. He had 22 points in the Mountaineers' opening-round win over Providence.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun found it hard to believe Alexander torched his team for the second time in less than two weeks.

"Alexander is a terrific

player. Our kids feel after he gets it they were going to stop him," Calhoun said. "When he got around 27 or 28 I thought it would be a good idea if they realized that, by the way, he had 32 the first time, before the realized he was a good basketball player."

A.J. Price had 22 points for the Huskies (24-8), who have lost their last four games in the Big East tournament, a streak that started with a loss in the semifinals in 2005.

Alexander was 12-for-22 from the field and 10-for-12 from the free throw line as West Virginia led throughout the second half. The Mountaineers' biggest

lead was 13 points, the last time at 61-48 with 9:18 left, and they held off a run that had the Huskies as close as 70-65 on a driving layup by Price with 2:02 to play.

Butler had 17 points and nine rebounds to lead West Virginia's impressive showing on the boards. The Mountaineers finished with a 42-26 advantage, including 14-5 on the offensive end.

"Some games are very complex and you mull over them, why you won and why lost, it's difficult," said Calhoun, whose team had won 13 of its last 16 games. "This one is very easy. They came out and kicked our butt."

## IN BRIEF

### LeBron, Gisele to appear together on Vogue cover

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is striking a pose.

The Cleveland Cavaliers' superstar will appear on the April cover of Vogue, joining actors Richard Gere and George Clooney as the only men to do so in the influential fashion magazine's 116-year history.

Wearing a tank top, shorts and sneakers from his own Nike clothing line, James appears on the cover dribbling a basketball and screaming as if in game mode while throwing one arm around supermodel Gisele Bundchen with Tom Brady nowhere to be found.

The James-Bundchen duo is one of several athlete-model pairings featured in the issue. Others include swimmer Michael Phelps with Caroline Trentini, snowboarder Shaun White with Daria Werbowy, and speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno with Doutzen Kroes.

### Miller, Vonn on track for U.S. World Cup sweep

BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller clinched his second overall World Cup title, then promptly retreated behind the tinted windows of his personal bus.

Lindsey Vonn was all smiles after moving so close to securing the women's crown that her only competitor still in the running conceded defeat.

Miller and Vonn are on the verge of the first American sweep of the overall titles since Phil Mahre and Tamara McKinney did it 25 years ago.

Miller was livid after Wednesday's downhill was canceled due to warm weather, handing the downhill title to Cuche with a five-point lead over Miller.

Vonn finished second Thursday in the season's final Super-G behind Fabienne Suter of Switzerland, her best result in the discipline all season. She holds a 197-point lead over Maria Riesch of Germany with two races remaining and 200 points at stake.

### Billy Crystal strikes out as Yankees leadoff hitter

TAMPA, Fla. — Billy Crystal whacked himself in the helmet with his backswing, found his shoelaces and socks sabotaged and watched his team lose.

Oh, and the New York Yankees rookie struck out in his one and only at-bat as a big leaguer.

A day before his 60th birthday, the comedian, actor and Oscar host enjoyed every moment of the day he'd hoped for his entire life.

Technically, Crystal still is under contract to the Yankees. He signed a standard minor league deal Wednesday that commissioner Bud Selig approved; as long as the Yankees officially release him before opening day, they don't owe him any money.

Crystal got this opportunity after a chance meeting with Jeter in Costa Rica over the holidays. Crystal said he wasn't too happy about turning 60, and the Yankees captain wondered what would make him happy.

## around the dial

### BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS

West Virginia vs. Georgetown  
7 p.m., ESPN

Pittsburgh vs. Marquette  
9 p.m., ESPN

### BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Ohio State at Michigan State  
2:30 p.m., ESPN

## MEN'S GOLF

## Irish head south for elite tourney

By PETE REISENAUER  
Sports Writer

The Irish will face their toughest competition of the regular season this weekend, facing off against several top teams at the Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational in Statesboro, Ga.

Regarded as one of college golf's premier intercollegiate tournaments, the 54-hole event will run March 14-16, at the par-72, 6,962-yard Forest Heights Country Club.

The tournament features some of the best programs in the country with eight of Golfweek's top 30 teams competing. Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said that he was not necessarily impressed by any team in particular, but more in the field as a whole.

"I do not think that any one team has separated themselves from the rest. I think there are a lot of pretty good teams meaning you could have a great tournament and still finish middle of the pack," Kubinski said.

This will be the first time that Notre Dame has competed in the E-

Z-Go Invitational. The team had their first look at the course during a practice round on Thursday, and Kubinski was pleased with what he saw.

"I was impressed with four out of the five of our players in the practice round. The fifth one feels more comfortable now, though; as we worked on some stuff with him afterwards. I think this weekend we could have four or five of our guys in play, whereas in the first couple tournaments we have only had one or two."

Kubinski said the Irish, who finished 12th in the USC Collegiate Invitational on March 3 and 4, know that they have to improve aspects of their games.

"This is our third tournament and we needed to see how we played coming off the winter break when we obviously couldn't practice because of the snow," Kubinski said. "We need to drive the ball better, and this course sets up very well for us to do that. We also need to work on our putting game, which despite the undulating hills also sets up nicely for us this week-

end. "We stubbed our toe a bit on the first two, as a good number of our team has played in the Southeast before," Kubinski said.

While Kubinski recognized the importance of his team as a whole performing better, he also highlighted some individuals. Josh Sandman, coming off a top three finish in California over the break, will look to continue his success.

Kubinski said a few other players need to play at their highest level this weekend for his team to do well.

"Josh goes without saying, but we are expecting Doug [Fortner] to step up this weekend as well. He was our stroke leader before the break and he has not done as well in the last couple of tournaments. We also expect that Tyler Hock will perform better because he is closer to home," Kubinski said.

The tournament consists of three rounds, beginning today and ending with the final round Sunday.

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## MLB

## Ramirez discusses philosophy of life

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Manny Ramirez, philosopher:

"You've got to be a boat knowing where you're going," saith the sage of the Green Monster. "We've got money. We're famous. But you've got to know what you want."

Manny Ramirez, new-age devotee:

"My uncle, he likes to meditate. He does a lot of yoga classes," quoth the Boston slugger searching for inner truth. "Last year, I started doing it with him."

Manny Ramirez, believer that anything is possible if you want it enough, even a second straight World Series championship for the Red Sox:

"If we want to repeat, we're going to go and do it. Everything is possible in life. Hey, whatever you want to be in life, you could

be."

Manny seemed like a new man Thursday, sitting at his locker with a peaceful look and a soft voice in a 10-minute interview with The Associated Press, then taking the inspirational book, "The Secret," from his shelf and using a pink highlighter to mark passages.

"Hey, you're the architect of your life," he said. "Let me tell you something. We've got so much bad stuff inside, it's up to us to make the best of it."

Ramirez's reputation is well-known — one of baseball's best hitters with a quirky personality who marches to his own beat and has his own unique hairstyle. But the left fielder changed his off-season activities before the 15th season of a career that he said Thursday will end in a Boston uniform with no retirement date in mind.

## SMC TENNIS

## Belles open dual match play with Wildcats

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will head to Marion, Ind., Saturday to take on Indiana Wesleyan in their first dual match of the season.

The Belles (4-3) look to continue the momentum they started over break, but face a tough challenge in the Wildcats (1-1), who have played only two matches this spring but went 13-0 in their fall season.

"Indiana Wesleyan is very good team," said Belles coach Chuck Rubino. "They have a very strong program, and won their conference title [Mid-Central Conference] in the fall."

For the Belles, the new season

brings many changes and new faces. Saint Mary's features a new head coach, Chuck Rubino, as well as eight freshmen on the roster to join just two returning sophomores, Camille Gebert and Lisa Rubino.

Four of the eight freshmen are starting, having already proven able to handle college level competition over break. Freshman Jillian Hurley had a standout week for the Belles, going 6-1 in singles and 3-4 in doubles with Gebert. Hurley was also named Saint Mary's co-athlete of the week, sharing the honor with softball player Calli Davison.

The Belles came back from break pleased with their team's performance and achieved the two main goals Rubino had set

forth: have a winning record and show improvement throughout the week.

"After getting some match play in over spring break, I think we are all very ready to play our first dual match of the season," said sophomore Camille Gebert. "We are lucky to be playing a competitive team like Indiana Wesleyan because it will provide us with good preparation heading into MIAA competition."

Heading into Saturday's match, Rubino has set new goals for his team, and feels there are areas where improvements can be made.

"The goal is obviously to try to beat them," Rubino said. "We just want to compete in every

flight. It's a good preparation going into the Albion match, and a good test for us. Saturday we want to continue the improvement we showed over break and build on it. Indiana Wesleyan is a strong team, we played strong teams over break, and want to try to build and improve from match to match."

Rubino will start the same six girls in singles play and keep the same doubles pairs that competed early in the break week. "We need to do a better job with our doubles," Rubino said. We are working on getting two up to the net and building chemistry. It's tough with freshmen on the team and new pairs."

Rubino said the Belles are excited to face the tough compe-

tion.

"We are looking forward to playing," Rubino said. "It will be a good challenge for us."

Gebert seconded her coach's excitement heading into this match.

"I have confidence that we will pull through as a team," Gebert said. "The wins will come, along with the losses, but it's important, with such a young team, to make sure we win for each other. We have a lot of depth, and a lot of heart. We are eager to start competing."

The Belles will begin the match against the Wildcats on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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## MEN'S DIVING

# Top six move on to OSU

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

After claiming the Big East title in New York Feb 20-23, the Irish will send their top six divers to Ohio State's McCorkle Diving Pavilion this weekend to compete in the NCAA Zone C Meet.

Zones A, B and D will be competing over the same time period, while Zone E competition began yesterday and will continue through tomorrow. Top performers at each regional zone meet advance to the NCAA Championships in two weeks.

The Irish representatives are a mix of rookies and upperclassmen. The squad is comprised of seniors Steven Crowe and Sam Stoner, junior Michael Bulfin, and freshmen Nathan Geary, Eric Lex and Wesley Villafior.

As seniors, Crowe and Stoner will be attempting to extend their careers

through one more meet.

"This will be the final meet for Steve Crowe and myself unless we make it to nationals," Stoner said. "So we are looking to go out with a bang."

The six will travel to Columbus, Ohio, to compete against approximately 90 divers in a 24-school competition. The divers in each of the five zone meets will compete for the chance at participating in the NCAA Championships that will take place in Federal Way, Wash. March 27-29.

During the Big East Championships, the Irish divers claimed five of the top eight spots in the 1-meter board. Bulfin took second place, while Lex took third. Stoner finished second in the 3-meter board, and Bulfin took third place.

Stoner and the rest of the divers are exhibiting a significant amount of confidence heading into the weekend.

"The top eighteen finishers in prelims advance to the finals, and everyone is

capable and hoping to accomplish this," Stoner said. "We have worked hard all year for this. Everyone is confident about their dives. We are just going to go out there, relax and go big."

The Irish have proved successful in previous years at the NCAA Zone C meet. In 2007, Stoner claimed the seventh spot on the 1-meter board. Bulfin came in one spot behind him, and also took fifth place in the 3-meter board. As a freshman in 2006, Bulfin advanced to the NCAA Championship and claimed a remarkable top-20 finish in the 3-meter. Bulfin's 2008 regular season was full of highlights that showcased his talent and potential. On January 18th, he set a Notre Dame record on the 3-meter dive. That record lasted less than 24 hours, however, as Bulfin turned around and broke his own record the next day.

The Irish men will commence diving today at 1 p.m. with the 3-meter board. The 1-meter board competition will take place Saturday at 1 p.m., with the platform diving competition will be held Sunday at 11.

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*"We are just going to go out there, relax and go big"*

**Sam Stoner**  
Irish senior diver

## MLB

# Man set to auction off Bonds' record HR ball

Associated Press

DENVER — After snaring the baseball Barry Bonds hit for career homer No. 762, Jameson Sutton stored it in the safest place he could think of — deep inside his closet.

"I didn't tell anyone," he said.

The 24-year-old from Boulder quickly moved the baseball into a safety deposit box after the season was finished, realizing its potential worth. And with Bonds still looking for a place to play this season, Sutton decided to come forward with the ball.

Sutton has hired SCP Auctions to run an online auction that starts March 31 and could fetch as much as \$1 million.

"I thought it would be cool to give it to my grandkids, but it's too important of a ball for me to have it in my house laying around," Sutton said Thursday.

Sutton grabbed Bonds' final homer of last season on Sept. 5 at Coors Field when he extended his arm over the fence. He thought he had it cleanly and then was crunched by two other fans.

"I did what was a weird splits, and saw the ball rolling in front of me," he said.

Sutton already had a batting-practice baseball in his hand

that he was given by a member of the Rockies' maintenance crew before the game. He let go of that one and snatched the home run ball.

Robert Harmon, who was taking pictures at the time and was close to Sutton, saw a ball rolling and quickly scooped it up. Turns out, he grabbed the batting practice ball.

"When I went back to my seat, I got a phone call from a friend who thought I had the ball," Harmon said. "This kid came up and said, 'My friend got the baseball.' I was like, 'No, I've got it.' I looked at it and was like, 'Oh (expletive). I've seen enough baseballs to know what a game ball is and what a practice ball is. He's got the ball. I've got a nice souvenir."

Harmon isn't bitter about losing the pricey baseball to Sutton. Being a partial season ticket holder, Harmon has gotten to know Sutton's mom and dad, David and Debbie, who've been ticket holders since the team's inception.

Harmon knows how much the ball can help the family. David Sutton is back in the hospital as he battles cancer.

"For them, it's a fairy tale come true," Harmon said.

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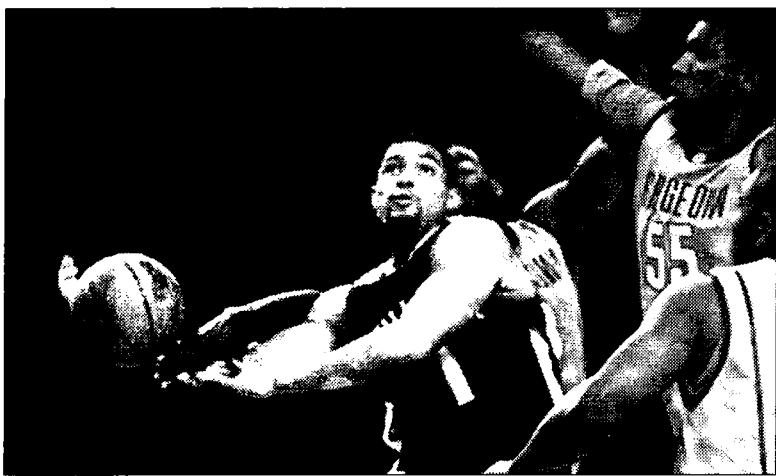


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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Hoyas drain record 17 3s to beat 'Nova



Villanova's Scottie Reynolds goes up for a layup against Georgetown center Roy Hibbert. The Wildcats would go on to lose 82-63.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Austin Freeman missed Georgetown's first shot, a 3-pointer the Hoyas rebounded and kicked out to DaJuan Summers for another 3 try that hit nothing but net.

That was only the start.

Jessie Sapp scored a career-high 23 points and No. 9 Georgetown tied a Big East tournament record with 17 3-pointers, fending off a second-half comeback to beat Villanova 82-63 on Thursday in the second round.

Jonathan Wallace hit five 3s and had 19 of his 20 points in the first half for the defending champion Hoyas (26-4), who improved to 13-0 when they have the top seed in the conference tournament. Sapp finished with six 3s, and Summers had three.

"We didn't feel bad at half-time," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "I think they made 10 3s at halftime and we said, 'All right, they can't keep making all of these.'"

But the Hoyas nearly did, finishing 17-of-28 from beyond the arc to set a school record for 3s in a game. They advanced to play

No. 5 seed West Virginia in the semifinals on Friday.

"We told our guys to be ready to shoot," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "You're going to be open, put the ball in the basket. Make shots."

Villanova trailed by as many as 15 points late in the first half, but went on a 26-9 run after Georgetown forward Patrick Ewing Jr. picked up a technical for throwing the ball in the air after a foul under his own basket.

Dante Cunningham gave the eighth-seeded Wildcats (20-12) their first lead with two free throws that made it 45-43 with 13:41 left, and Antonio Pena's putback moments later gave the heavy underdogs a four-point lead.

Sapp came alive a few minutes later, converting a three-point play to put Georgetown ahead 51-50 with 12:04 to go. He followed with a 3-pointer to begin building the lead and the Hoyas pulled away.

"Villanova's too good for us not to expect a comeback," Thompson said. "Finally we got going. Jessie made some big plays."

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Xavier downs Dayton to advance to A-10 semis

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Stanley Burrell and No. 10 Xavier plan to make a statement in the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament.

Burrell and company are miffed that no one on the top-seeded Musketeers was selected to the conference's first-team team earlier this week.

After the coaches' choices were announced Monday, Burrell called the league pathetic.

The senior guard didn't back down on Thursday after Xavier got 16 points from Josh Duncan and limited Dayton to five baskets in the final 12 minutes of a 74-65 victory in the conference quarterfinals at Boardwalk Hall.

"I just wanted to stand up for them and be a leader, not call the league out," Burrell said. "I'm frustrated that guys that are

champions and (they) are not getting any awards. It was tough. We'll move forward and be happy with the victory."

If there were any regrets, Burrell was sorry that he singled out Bryant Dunston of Fordham and Darnell Harris of Saint Joseph's for getting second-team selections ahead of some of his teammates.

"I wouldn't take any of it back except (calling the other players out)," Burrell said. "I really meant what I said and I stand behind what I said."

C.J. Anderson added 15 points for Xavier, Drew Lavender had 12 and Derrick Brown 11 as the top-seeded Musketeers (27-5) beat Dayton (21-10) for the third time this season.

Lavender and Duncan were named to the conference's second team.

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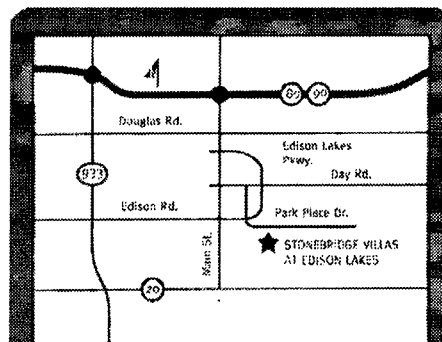
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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Irish earn win over Illini

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

Beginning a two-game home stand with a match against Illinois Thursday, No. 23 Notre Dame used clutch performances from its doubles teams to build an early lead and cruise to victory.

Today, the Irish face Western Michigan in an attempt to claim their 10th win of the season and sweep the pair of home matches before embarking on a two-match road trip. The first serve is set for 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Against the Illini, Notre Dame stuck to what has worked so far this season — dominating of the doubles point. Although Illinois didn't go quietly, the Irish eventually took all three of the doubles matches, securing the point.

The No. 3 tandem of sophomores Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley improved to 10-1 on the year with their 8-5 victory to begin the match. And after freshman Kristen Rafael and sophomore Kali Krisik captured the second match to secure the point, the No. 1 duo in the nation was on display.

Senior Brook Buck and junior Kelcy Tefft won their second match as the nationally top-ranked pair with their 8-6 win over the Illini. Notre Dame took the 1-0 lead heading into sin-

gles play, but never looked back, allowing Illinois to only pick up one single point along the way.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback was impressed with his squad's play against Illinois, specifically their singles play.

"It was good to start the home stand off with a win," Louderback said. "We came out a little slow in doubles, but stepped it up and won all three matches. But our singles play impressed me the most. We came out strong after our doubles and took five out of a possible six."

Junior Katie Potts quickly disposed of her opponent, winning 6-4, 6-0, improving her mark to 14-8 overall on the season.

Notre Dame came out firing on all cylinders in the rest of the singles matches winning all six first sets.

After the Potts victory, Ciobanu, Krisk, Tefft and Buck all won their matches to secure the Irish victory.

With the win, Notre Dame improved to 5-1 at home this season, and Louderback can sense the excitement in his players over the home success.

"They love playing here," he said. "Last season it seemed like we barely had any home games so these little home stands are nice. After the Broncos we go away for a couple of games but then we're back for a big portion of the rest of March so

we're looking forward to competing at home."

Although the Irish are coming off of an emotional and challenging match against Illinois, Louderback doesn't feel as though fatigue will be a factor against Western Michigan.

"I don't think it will be a factor at all," he said. "We've been playing tough matches all year, and we prepared for stretches like this in the fall so our players will be ready."

Looking ahead to the Broncos, the one player that sticks out is junior Kerstin Pahl, who is coming off of a solid week, in which she won Mid-American Conference Player of the Week. She joined senior Noriko Saruta as the second Western Michigan player to win the award all season.

"They always play really good doubles," Louderback said of the Broncos. "I'm expecting a match a lot like Illinois, in which they came out strong so we have to be ready for them. They're really well coached so you know they're going to be prepared for us."

"They actually beat Illinois 4-3 earlier in the year so it's going to be interesting to watch them come in here and play us. We're just going to have to be ready for them when they come out firing."

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Belles' home opener postponed due to field



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Junior Calli Davison pitches in last season's matchup against Albion. Davison will start the first game Saturday for the Belles.

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

The Belles scheduled double-header against Manchester at home Thursday was postponed due to poor field conditions.

This was the second time the game has been postponed. It was originally to be played on March 11, but was moved to Thursday. So far, no make-up date has been set.

The Belles (8-2) will now begin their home season with a double-header against Rockford on Saturday.

Junior Calli Davison will start the first game Saturday for the Belles. Davison (5-2) has given up three earned runs in five starts this season — all wins.

"[Calli's] confidence shows on the mound," head coach Erin Sullivan said. "Our team has stepped up their defense behind her."

Senior McKenna Corrigan (3-0) will start the second game of the double-header.

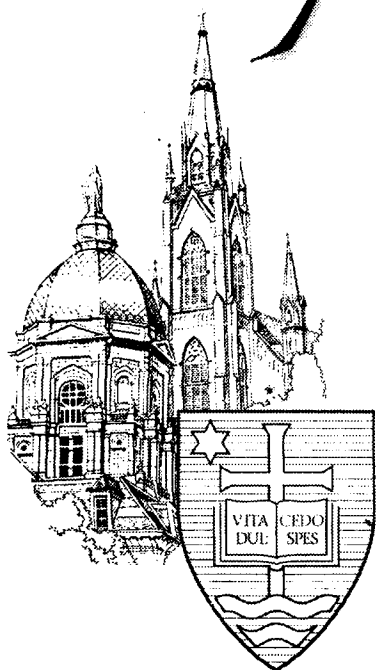
Sophomores Ashley Peterson and Maureen Healy, junior Ashley Fusaro, Davison and Corrigan will lead the offense, which has overpowered nearly every team the Belles played in Florida during spring break.

Rockford also played at Ft. Myers, Fla., over spring break. However, Saint Mary's and Rockford did not meet.

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# CCHA

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necessarily changing what we do too much, but just tweaking it a little bit so we can be a little bit more effective."

The Irish offense has struggled to find consistent scorers in the second half of the season, failing to put home more than three goals in a game since 6-1 and 4-1 victories at Bowling Green on Jan. 25-26.

That fact, along with the Bulldogs' propensity to keep several skaters deep in its own defensive zone, look to contribute to what might be a low-scoring weekend — a style that just might serve the Irish well, coach Jeff Jackson said.

"It'll be a difficult series, and I'd be surprised if there's big scorers, but anything's possible," said Jackson, who holds an incredible 28-4 career record in CCHA tournament games. "They're one of the better defensive teams, and their goalie's one of the top goalies — but you know what, so is ours."

A change, at least from the way he played the last time these two teams met, is just what Irish goalie Jordan Pearce is looking for. The junior holds a conference-best 1.80 goals-against average in CCHA games, but he'll need to avenge Feb. 8's rare poor performance in which he gave up a season-worst five goals.

"There were a couple times [in that game when] Ferris snuck into some spots that guys fell asleep in, and they were able to generate some good shots," Pearce said. "They love just throwing the puck at the net from any angle in any situation to crash the net and get rebounds."

Notre Dame hasn't played in nearly two weeks, knocking off CCHA bottom-feeder Western Michigan 3-1 in its last action on March 1, so the Irish will look to shake the cobwebs quickly and get off to a fast start against the Bulldogs, who swept those same Broncos in two games last weekend.

"It's not if you get off to a slow start, battle back; you've got to come out right away flying because basically we either put it together this weekend or we're done," Van Guilder said. "... It's about setting the tone on the ice; we've been preaching all along in the locker room, especially in the second half [of the season], but what guys really see is when guys do what we've been talking about."

Jackson agreed that scoring first will be a major objective. But that, he said, is no different from any other game.

"Regardless of if you get the first goal, you get the lead, or whatever, you're going to have to play three good periods of hockey," Jackson said. "Either team is capable of coming from

behind, but it's good to get that lead, though. It always is."

More crucial to the Irish attack will be the way it plays throughout the game, not just in the first few minutes.

"We have to be efficient on special teams, we have to make sure that we're solid off of face-offs, and we have to make sure that we can get more pucks through to the net," Jackson said. "Those are probably the biggest issues, and some of those things you can work on, but you've got to understand that that's how Ferris plays."

Though the immediate focus is solely on the Bulldogs, Notre Dame knows it must play itself back into NCAA Tournament consideration after its 6-8-4 performance since Christmas. Over the same stretch the Irish have fallen from No. 6 to No. 12 in the polls, leaving its place in the 16-team NCAA field very much in doubt.

In fact, USCHO.com's March 11 edition of "Bracketology" left Notre Dame out of the Tournament — though the Irish are "on the cusp," analyst Jason Moy wrote in the article.

That could change with a successful trip to Detroit, but Notre Dame must first take care of the Bulldogs as the seniors bid farewell to the Joyce Center — but hopefully not Irish hockey altogether.

"It's going to be tough [leaving] just because of the progress we've made in this building, from where we came to what it is now," Van Guilder said. "We have a lot of pride in what we've helped build here, and it's going to be tough skating off for the last time. But as long as we're doing it with a win, I think I'll be just fine."

## Notes

◆ Sophomore defenseman Kyle Lawson was the lone Irish player to receive all-CCHA recognition as he earned an Honorable Mention earlier this week. Lawson has three goals and 16 assists this season and is considered one of the conference's top defenders.

◆ Van Guilder is now Notre Dame's all-time "Iron Man", as he has now played in a school-record 154 consecutive games. He has played in every game of his Irish hockey career and is closing in on Dan Carlson's (1997-2001) all-time record of 158 games played.

◆ The CCHA tournament's other quarterfinal series feature No. 1 Michigan and Nebraska-Omaha, No. 4 Miami (Ohio) and Bowling Green, and No. 6 Michigan State and Northern Michigan. The four quarterfinal winners will travel to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit next weekend. Both the semifinals (Friday) and finals (Saturday) are single-game match-ups.

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## Big East

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Maurice Acker provided the dagger that killed Notre Dame's hope of reaching the semifinals, nailing two straight 3-pointers to give his team a 76-66 lead.

"It is frustrating," said Irish guard Kyle McAlarney, who led the team with 20 points. "At that point, it kinda looks like they're throwing in everything.... Hats off to them; they're a great team."

The Irish built a 44-36 lead early in the second half but Marquette came back with a vengeance as guard Jerel McNeal scored 10 points during a 14-6 Golden Eagles run.

The day after he dropped 21 points in a win over Seton Hall, McNeal poured in a career-high 28 points Thursday.

"McNeal was fabulous," Brey said. "And he's been fabulous these two nights in New York."

After McNeal's hot streak erased the Irish lead, Marquette manufactured a sizable edge of its own, pulling ahead 66-57 with 7:42 remaining in the contest.

With the Golden Eagles leading 59-57, Marquette guard

Dominic James hit a pullup jumper. After the Irish came up empty on their next possession, James drilled a 3-pointer to give the Golden Eagles a 64-57 lead.

Acker then hit a long jumper from the wing to give Marquette the nine-point edge.

"They got on a roll hitting some jump shots in the second half," Brey said. "When they make jump shots like that — a bunch in a row — it kinda broke our back a little bit."

Brey said the difference in the game was Notre Dame's inability to stop the Marquette attack.

"I thought offensively we played well enough to win the game but we never got them under control at the defensive end of the floor," Brey said.

Notre Dame took control early in the game as four Irish players got on the scoreboard in the first five minutes for a 12-6 lead.

Marquette responded with a 9-2 run to take a 15-14 edge, culminating in a Dwight Burke transition layup.

Notre Dame regained the lead on a pull-up jumper by junior forward Zach Hillesland with 11:21 left in the first half. The Irish were able to put more distance between themselves and Marquette even

though forward Luke Harangody was forced to sit for the remainder of the half after picking up his second foul with 10:35 left.

Luke Zeller hit a 3-pointer from the wing to give the Irish a 23-22 lead with 8:11 to play in the period. McAlarney then converted on a runner in the lane and senior forward Rob Kurz knocked down a baseline jumper to give Notre Dame a 27-22 lead.

Marquette cut the Irish lead to 31-30 but ND had a 7-2 spurt to end the half with a 38-32 lead. After Marquette guard Wesley Matthews converted a breakaway dunk, Rob Kurz nailed a 3-pointer with three seconds left in the half to give the Irish a six-point cushion.

Harangody finished with 13 points and five minutes in just 25 minutes of playing time.

Brey said the pain from the loss is eased by the fact that the Irish will likely receive an NCAA Tournament bid this Sunday.

"I told [the players] we're excited we get to play next week," Brey said. "...There are some things that we can work on before we go into the NCAA Tournament."

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## Blue Hens

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for the Irish. Sophomore Gina Scioscia picked up five assists, tallying five points for the second straight game and setting a school-record for most assists in a home game.

Byers, who has scored at least three goals in each game this season, now leads the nation in both goals (33) and points (38) — and she's not done yet, Coyne said.

"She's worked really hard on stick skills, placement, shot selection, release point, variety — every single aspect that makes her the finisher she is," Coyne said of Byers, a preseason All-American. "It hasn't been by accident because she's put a lot of time and energy into it, and she's still getting better. What you've seen from her is phenomenal and she's having a great season, but there's still areas of her game she can work on, and she's not satisfied."

Most encouraging about Notre Dame's last two victories, though, has been the emergence of new contributors, such as Ferguson, Scioscia and junior Jane Stoeckert, who had four goals and an assist in an 18-8 Irish win over California on March 8.

"In order for us to win, we need multiple people to step up. McKinney and Byers are great players, but we can't just win on the back of one person," Coyne said. "We're getting really balanced scoring, and it's really difficult to stop a team that has multiple weapons. That's what's exciting about the Cal game and today: we're having other people find their place and get more comfortable in their role."

The Irish fired a season-high 42 shots and dominated the turnover battle by a 13-4 margin, continuing the tempo-control style of play that has been instrumental in winning their last two games.

"The response we showed [heading into the California game with consecutive losses] carried over until today," Coyne said. "We came out doing what I said to them in the pre-game: [showing] unparalleled intensity and that attitude of going out, making plays and putting ourselves in a position to win."

Notre Dame opens Big East play against No. 6 Syracuse on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Center. Syracuse won last year's meeting, outscoring the Irish 4-0 in the final 18 minutes for a 16-13 victory.

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## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

# Divers aim to qualify for NCAA Championships

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

The Irish will attempt to earn a spot in the NCAA Diving Championship this weekend as they participate in the NCAA Zone C Diving meet. The Irish will send three divers to the meet, including senior Tara Hyer, sophomore Natalie Stitt, and freshman Heidi Grossman.

The girls will be going against an impressive field of 90 divers from 24 schools across the Midwest at Ohio State's McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion in Columbus, Ohio. The Zone C meet is one of five across the country where divers will be able to compete to earn a spot at the 2008 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships held on March 20 to 22, again at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion.

"I believe our women will have a good chance of making the NCAA Championships," head diving coach Caiming Xie said. "They are good divers and should do well."

The diving team is coming off

its twelfth consecutive Women's Swimming and Diving Big East title in New York Feb. 20-23.

Stitt took first place in the 3-meter event and third in the 1-meter event at the Big East Championship. This will be Stitt's second consecutive trip to the NCAA Zone C meet, as she took 17th off the 1-meter board in last year's meet.

"Natalie [Stitt] is strong," Xie said. "She should have won the 1-meter and the 3-meter at the Big East. She probably has the best chance of qualifying for the NCAA Championships."

Hyer claimed third place in the 3-meter event and fifth in the 1-meter event in the Big East Championship.

Grossman finished fifth off the 3-meter board and eighth off the 1-meter board in the Big East Championship.

The rest of the team that qualified for the NCAA Championships will be back in action on March 20th when the final weekend of the season begins.

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish ready for Big Green

No. 7 squad looks to avenge last year's loss against Dartmouth

By ELLYN MICHALAK  
Sports Writer

Coming off a narrow first loss to No. 4 North Carolina last Saturday, the No. 7 Irish will head to Atlanta, Ga. to face Dartmouth.

With a 4-1 start on the season, Notre Dame will face the Big Green for the seventh time in the team's history. The Irish currently hold a 4-2 edge in the series.

Despite Notre Dame's two-game series lead, each meeting has been closely contested. In fact, four of the seven games have been decided by one goal. Last season, the Big Green edged out the Irish 7-6.

The Irish have had early success this season, marking just the third time in program history with a 4-0 start. Their March 8 loss to the Tar Heels did not

come easily, causing the Irish to drop in the ranks from the No. 5 to the No. 7 team.

"We were disappointed because there were things we could have done to change the outcome of the game," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We didn't get those things done and North Carolina's goalie had an outstanding day."

The Irish are lead by a number of upperclassmen. Junior attack

Ryan Hoff is first on the team with thirteen goals and 14 total points, while junior attack Duncan Swezey has already tallied a career high of 10 goals this season. Senior attack Alex Wharton holds the team lead in assists (8) in addition to his five goals. The Irish currently average 10.2 goals per game, and the team holds its opponents to an average of 6.63 goals per game.

The tough defense is largely attributed to goalie Joey Kemp. The 5-foot-11 senior, who is a two-time all American honoree, has made 56 saves on the season, and has guarded the goal for 289.33 of 300 possible minutes of play. He was also recently named to the 51-man watch list for the Tewaaraton award, which is presented annually to the nation's top player.

The Big Green are coming off a 7-4 victory against Vermont. With a 2-1 record, Dartmouth is lead by sophomore attack Ari Sussan, who has eight goals and two assists on the season.

"[Dartmouth] is probably the most deliberate and disciplined team we'll play this season," Corrigan said. "They're very structured in the way they play offense and that's not the way we play because we don't see it on a daily basis."

The game will kick off at 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Lovett School in Atlanta.

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## Texas

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paw, senior Shawn Joy, who has a 1-1 record and a 3.31 ERA on the year.

Looking to lead the Notre Dame offense in the tournament is junior Evan

Sharpley. In his last five games, Sharpley has batted .500 with two homers and five RBI, including a walk-off home run to give the Irish a win over Maine.

Sophomore Eric Maust will make his first start of the season Sunday, taking the mound for the Irish against Texas Pan-American in the tournament finale. Maust has a 2.89 ERA from the bullpen this season, and will attempt to shore up Notre Dame's struggling starting pitching.

Shortstop Brett Lilley is also entering the weekend with hitting momentum for the Irish. The senior, who has started 187 con-

secutive games, enters the weekend with a five-game hitting streak. Lilley, who led Notre Dame in batting average last season, has a hit in 10 of 11 games this year.

The Irish enter the weekend after a 4-4 performance in eight games over spring break. Notre Dame won over Mount St.

Mary's, St. Bonaventure and Maine in the Papa John's Challenge, and defeated South Alabama in the Whataburger Classic.

In the final game of the Whataburger Classic, the Irish

matched up against No. 1 Arizona, and fell 16-0. After the defeat, Schrage said the team learned a lesson in how to perform under pressure.

"This showed us that when we relax and play our style, that we're a pretty good team," said Schrage. "But we went out there and played nervous."

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**Dave Schrage**  
Irish coach

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## Acker

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always outweighed what he lacks in size," Crean said.

Acker's outside shooting, along with that of his teammates, added a new dimension to the Marquette offense. The Golden Eagles shoot 35.4 percent from the arc, behind the arc, but Thursday they hit 50 percent of their long range shots after half-time to pull away.

Irish coach Mike Brey knew Marquette wasn't a great shooting team coming in. That's why he had his team in a 2-3

zone down the stretch. If the Golden Eagles couldn't get in the lane, he thought, they couldn't score.

It was a sound defensive strategy, but it failed miserably.

It might not have mattered, however. Notre Dame withstood a 48 percent 3-point shooting night from Marquette Feb. 9 and still won 86-83. But on Thursday, while Marquette found something extra from Acker and its other shooters, something was missing for the Irish — and it wasn't just Luke Harangody's hair.

The reigning Big East Player of the Year, fresh off a haircut, looked like Samson after he lost his hair, scoring four of his 13 points on fast break dunks, pulling down just five rebounds and getting pushed around by Marquette center Ousmane Barro. Harangody was also literally missing from the game for the last ten minutes of the first half after picking up two early fouls.

But there was something else missing from Notre Dame Thursday. The Irish just didn't have the bounce in their step that they've at had times this season. They didn't have their confidence. It was like they lost their mojo.

It was evident early, when Zach Hillesland drove the baseline, went up for a dunk and caught the front rim. It was evident late, when Luke

Zeller passed up an open look during Notre Dame's last-ditch come back attempt.

With Harangody not at his best, no one else stepped up. Players didn't take open shots, apparently lacking the confidence that they would go in. All too often, the Irish spent possessions passing the ball around the perimeter, with no

cutting or driving to the basket.

That's not Notre Dame basketball. This team is at its best when it moves without the ball, finds cutters and takes open shots with reckless abandon — and most of

them go down. Just not Thursday.

Maybe it was because the game wasn't at the Joyce Center, where Notre Dame has played so well this season. Maybe Hillesland's dunk came up short because the Madison Square Garden crowd wasn't about to explode.

But the NCAA tournament won't be played at home. This team needs to find a way to play as well away from home as they do in South Bend.

Notre Dame has a lot of potential for the NCAAs. As a four or five seed, their first round opponent won't be nearly as athletic as Marquette. Coming in with a chip on their shoulder, the Irish should win.

The problem comes in the second round. Matched up against a team of similar strength, the Irish will have to find the something that was missing Thursday — possibly even the something extra that Marquette had.

The season isn't over, obviously. But if Notre Dame wants it to last more than one week, they need to be the team they are at the Joyce Center, not the team at Madison Square Garden last night.

*"The size of his [Maurice Acker's] heart has always outweighed what he lacks in size"*

**Tom Crean**  
Golden Eagles coach

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Down and out in New York City

*Eagles big win one of three tourney upsets*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK — After two of the three earlier Big East tournament quarterfinals games had resulted in upsets Thursday, the Irish could not stave off lower-seeded Marquette as the Golden Eagles won 89-79 at Madison Square Garden.

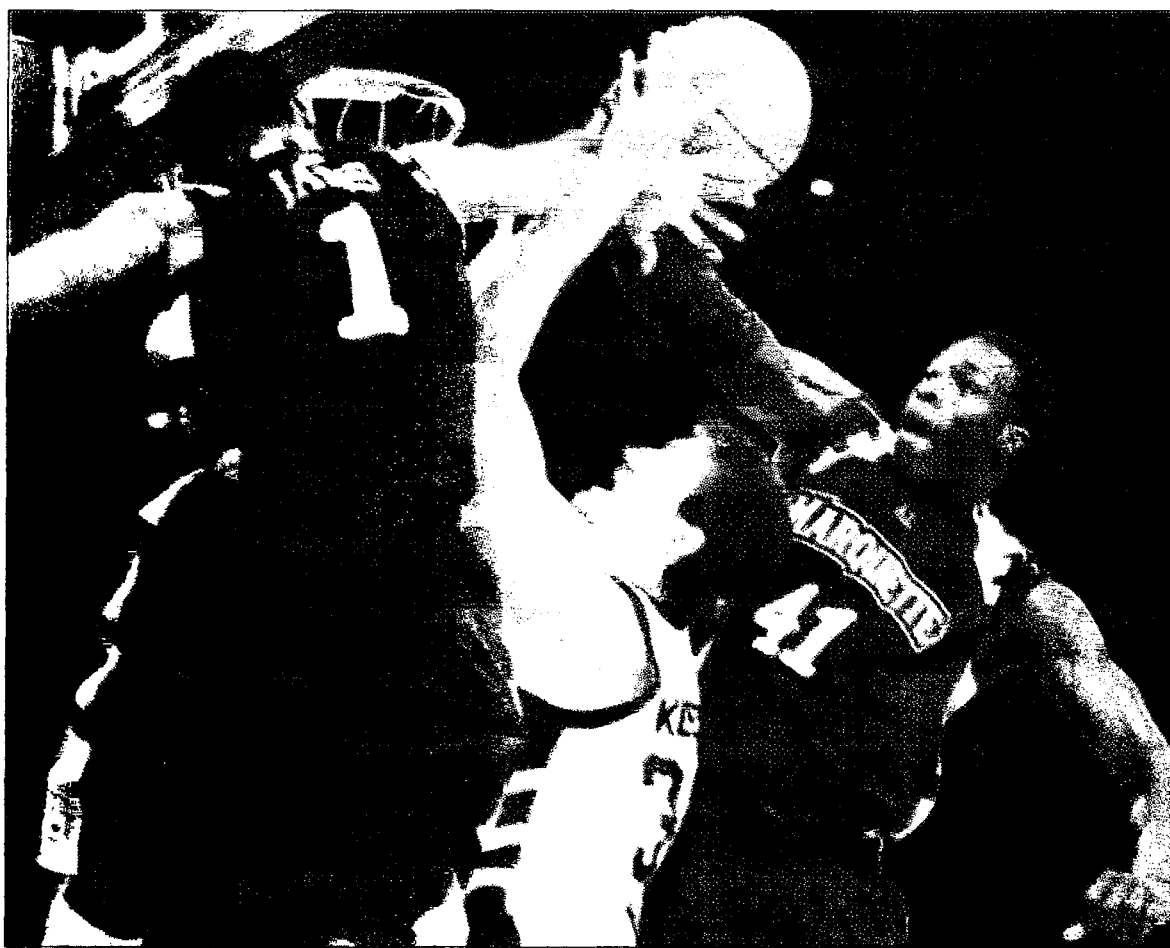
Marquette joined West Virginia and Pittsburgh in knocking off teams that had received first-round byes.

"You gotta give them a lotta credit," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Marquette. "This is a team that certainly was picked, I think, to finish in the top ten preseason. They're very talented."

When Marquette began to pull away midway through the second half, Notre Dame clawed back to make it 70-66 with 4:40 remaining. But that was as close as the Irish would get.

Golden Eagles reserve guard

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Irish senior Rob Kurz is fouled by Marquette guard Dominic James, left, and is blocked by Golden Eagle Ousmane Barro, right, in Notre Dame's 89-79 loss in the Big East quarterfinals on Thursday.

*ND confidence goes missing in Big East*

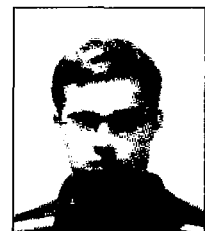
NEW YORK — Who on earth is Maurice Acker?

The 5-foot-8 Marquette guard, who averages just 13.3 minutes and 4.7 points per game, buried No. 14 Notre Dame with eight straight points — including two 3s — late in Thursday's Big East quarterfinals. Acker's run put the No. 24 Golden Eagles up 76-66 with 3:32 left, sealing Marquette's 89-79 win.

After the game, Marquette coach Tom Crean said his diminutive reserve reached down inside himself to find something extra in crunch time.

"The size of his heart has

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Chris Khorey

Senior Sports  
Writer

## HOCKEY

# Irish face Ferris State with season on the line

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish open CCHA quarterfinal play tonight fighting not only for a chance to defend their conference title in Detroit next weekend, but also for their

NCAA tournament lives.

No. 12 Notre Dame (22-12-4, 15-9-4 CCHA) hosts Ferris State (17-14-5, 12-12-4 CCHA) in a three-game series that features the teams that finished the regular season at fourth and fifth, respectively, in the conference standings. Tonight's game

begins at 7:35, and Saturday's game two and Sunday's game three, if necessary, are both set to start at 7:05 p.m.

The seeding and the records, however, may be misleading; the Bulldogs own a 2-1-1 record against the Irish this season and handed the home

team a disappointing loss and tie when the two last met, February 8-9 at the Joyce Center.

"It's not just that we've had problems with them, but a lot of teams have problems with them because they're a good team," senior captain Mark Van

Guilder said. "We're trying some things offensively to spread them out a little bit and get some room because they like to pack it in as everybody knows. We've worked on a lot of things within our system, not

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## BASEBALL

# Squad travels to Texas in search of consistency

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

After dropping two of three games last weekend in Corpus Christi, Notre Dame returns to the Lone Star state this weekend in search of better results in San Antonio at the Irish Baseball Classic.

The Irish (5-6), will begin the tournament today at 1 p.m. at Wolff Stadium against Buffalo (4-9). Notre Dame, playing the Bulls for the first time in team history, will start junior David Phelps in the opener.

Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said he is looking for more stability both at bat and on the mound over the weekend.

"The frustration comes when we can't play consistent baseball and see results on consecutive

days," Schrage said.

Phelps has struggled to find consistency on the mound this season. The righty had a rough start in the season-opening loss to Liberty, but recovered with seven shutout innings in his next start against Mount St. Mary's on March 1. Phelps, who posted a 1.88 ERA last season, is 1-2 with a 5.09 ERA after four starts.

Despite a slow start, Buffalo enters the game with some momentum after sweeping a doubleheader Wednesday in San Antonio. The Bulls doubled their win total for the season with wins over Southern Illinois and Trinity.

The Irish will face off next against Southern Illinois on Saturday, starting senior left-hander Wade Korpi. The Salukis (5-6) will start also start a south-

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Laxers dominate Delaware

*Team never trails in easy victory; Byers and Ferguson each score 3*

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

After a grueling week in California, the Irish looked impressive in their return home, never trailing during a 16-8 victory over Delaware yesterday.

No. 12 Notre Dame (5-2) scored the game's first six goals and held the visiting Blue Hens scoreless through the first 17 minutes. After the Irish opened up a 6-0 lead at the midway point of the first half, Delaware never got closer than four goals.

"We did dominate pretty much from the opening possession," coach Tracy Coyne said. "That's exactly what we wanted to do in terms of moving forward after what we learned about ourselves in California."

Senior captain Caitlin



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Irish junior Alicia Billings races down the field Feb. 15 in Notre Dame's 22-10 win over Canisius.

McKinney scored four goals, extending her point-scoring streak to a school-best 46 games, while senior Heather

Ferguson and junior Jillian Byers each netted three goals

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## Ring leaders

Senior captains teach the sweet science  
for a worthwhile cause.

# 'Sully' brings pain in the ring and during practice

By ANDY ZICCARELLI  
Sports Writer

All Bengal Bouts fighters are used to the everyday routine of endless calisthenics. Each day brings hundreds more push-ups, sit-ups and arm circles for the boxers to endure. Fighters slowly begin to adapt and the workouts became less and less tedious.

When Lawrence Sullivan was in charge of calisthenics, however, each fighter knew that he was going to go home sore, no matter what.

"Sully was one of the toughest captains when it came to practice, no doubt," said freshman Michael Wu, who started boxing this year. "He always had some new and crazy ab exercise for us to do, or something like that."

Sullivan, who captured the 145-pound title last year, is notorious for his tough workouts and occasional oddball exercises. Some, like one-legged squats, seemed like only he could perform successfully. Sullivan is a dedicated worker and a fighter, and he

has fun taking on his friends in the ring, one of Bengal Bouts' most rewarding aspects, he said.

But as much as Sullivan enjoys those moments of in-ring victory, his experiences watching his peers succeed are just as fulfilling.

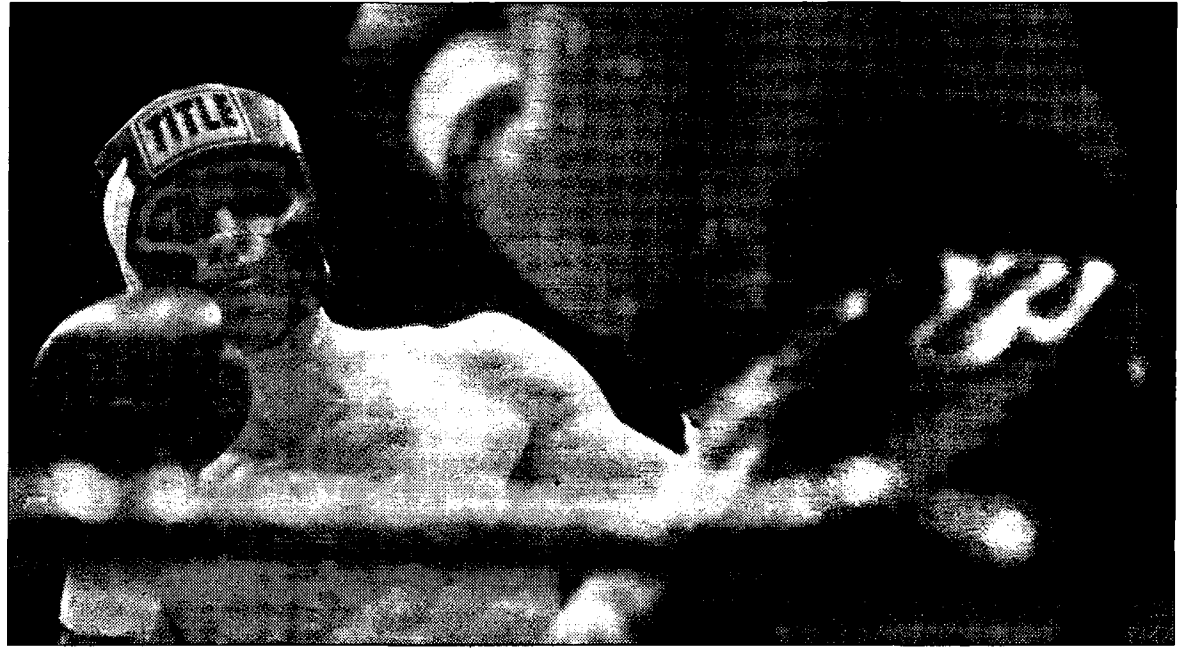
"Seeing them win, it is so cool," Sullivan said of his boxing friends. He mentioned how great it felt to see one of his buddies finally break through and win his match.

Because of his work ethic and boxing talent, Sullivan was a natural fit to become one of the senior captains. Though a captain's responsibilities at times detract from his individual training, Sullivan embraced his duties in running practices and serving as a mentor for some of the younger boxers.

"Just getting more involved in the program, everything about it [is enjoyable]," he said. "From sending out letters asking for funds to coaching kids, it's a great program and the deeper you get into it, the better it gets."

*"Don't blink — there's going to be fireworks."*

**Lawrence Sullivan**  
senior captain



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Senior captain Lawrence Sullivan, left, plans his next move at senior Paul Mower during Tuesday's semifinal bout in the 149-pound weight class. Sullivan fights junior Kris Perez tonight.

Sullivan saw his last Bengal Bouts fight on Friday as a good time to look back on not only his boxing experience, but also the Notre Dame experience as a whole.

"Just the caliber of good people [is what I'll miss the most]," Sullivan said. "You just walk around and you run into people that you go to class with, people that you box with, people you have extracurricular activities with and they are just good, solid, intelligent people."

Sullivan is a senior from Granger, Ind., who will graduate this spring with a degree in Arabic and Political Science. He is a part of the Marine Corps ROTC, meaning he will enter the Marines for at least four years after graduation. His immediate plans include training in Quantico, Va.

Sullivan can put the future on hold for now, however, as he prepares for his fight against former 140-pound champion Kris Perez — a fight that was made possible by a little advance planning.

"We tried to set it up, to get to the same weight," Sullivan explained. "We are both really

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## Future teacher, law student O'Brien guides novice boxers

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

Imagine putting countless hours of arduous training in the gym, push-up after push-up, going for gut-wrenching and exhausting runs and working on a punching bag to improve strength and technique — all for the benefit of people in Bangladesh.

For the participating boxers in the 78th annual Bengal Bouts tournament, this is exactly the situation they find themselves in.

Senior captain Pat O'Brien wouldn't have it any other way.

"The whole training process and the actual Bouts are extremely rewarding," O'Brien said. "Knowing that your hard work benefits people you will never meet, but nevertheless in desper-

ate need, helps you to gut through those fifty extra push-ups or the last minute of a round. In essence, win or lose, most boxers feel great about what they have accomplished on behalf of those in Bangladesh."

The Fisher Hall resident hails from East Lansing, Mich., and is a double major in political science and Spanish. And for all the prospective women in the audience, he admits to being single and "more of a listener than a talker."

Those who know O'Brien aren't surprised when they see him walking around campus donning a flannel shirt and work boots. He admits a love for the attire, and at the same time reflects on his past and the path that shaped his work ethic and passion in life.

O'Brien recalls the numerous

times when his father, Patrick, would bring him along and work on projects at the family's rental property. It is here where the senior captain learned the ins and outs of plumbing, dry wall, framing and, most importantly, the value of hard work.

Doesn't exactly sound like fun for a teenager. But for O'Brien, it was just a reminder of the sacrifices he would have to make in order to reach his goals, including the objective of graduating from Notre Dame. In O'Brien's view, it is because of these values his parents instilled in him that he has accomplished all that he has in his four years as a student.

O'Brien became interested in Spanish and volunteerism upon his arrival at Notre Dame. This past summer, he worked in Tijuana, Mexico, at La casa del migrante, where he aided in the creation of a stable living environment for deported migrant workers.

Although O'Brien devoted a great deal of his time to the Mexican community, he never lost sight of his boxing aspirations and boxed every day this summer at a Mexican gym.

O'Brien attributes his introduction to boxing to his freshman year resident assistant in Fisher Hall.

"My freshman year R.A., Colin Kerrigan, a two-time champ, told me that it was a great experience and that I should give it a try," he said. "It also helped that he was a lot larger than me and therefore very intimidating. I took his advice and the rest is history."

Ever since then, O'Brien has been putting in long hours working towards his goals in the gym.

Although he admits that his technique may not be the best, O'Brien sees himself as an aggressive fighter, stressing his power punches above all. "Honestly, I am more of a brawler and in-your-face boxer," he said. "I wish I could have better technique, but I

am more of a power puncher."

Building on the nature of his boxing style, he cites one of his main strengths as the ability to take a series of punishing blows and retain his energy and stamina.

"I can get punched in the face a lot and keep going," O'Brien said with a laugh. "I have strong power and a decent jab. Finally, I try to always win the third round. If I am losing or winning the bout, the third round is always my round."

O'Brien's tenure as a senior captain has helped him develop as a fighter, taking an approach geared towards leading by example.

"As a captain, I am responsible for teaching technique, proper stance, the proper form of a jab, et cetera," O'Brien said. "It is thus important to lead by example. If a novice sees a captain drop his hands or have a poor stance, it can send the wrong message. Thus, in practice I forced myself to be perfect when it came to demonstrating the jab or the parry, et cetera."

Above all, O'Brien cherishes the friendships he has developed along the way within the Bengal Bouts program, and he plans on keeping these memories with him for years to come.

"What I will remember most about Bengal Bouts is the camaraderie and the friendships I have made," he said. "I will remember the purity of the Bengal Bouts program. Honestly, I cannot think of a more worthwhile endeavor I have undertaken."

Along with the acquaintances he has made throughout his years boxing, O'Brien cites the other captains as some of his main motivators in the ring, making this group of seniors something special in O'Brien's eyes.

"We have been boxing together for four years and we all want to see each other do well," he said. "Therefore, when I make a mistake during a sparring session or

drop my hands, the first person to yell at me is Jesse Brawer. If I am gutting through my last set of gut busters, Hunter Land is encouraging me. Lawrence Sullivan is always teaching me new counters and new technique. Finally, Pat Ryan is the guy who constantly offers positive encouragement and really lifts up everyone around him. I am very lucky to have such wonderful motivators around me."

Since his experience in the Bengal Bouts program has been invaluable, O'Brien knows that he can take away many lessons with him in his future career plans, as a teacher with the Alliance for Catholic Education and then as a lawyer.

"I think Bengal Bouts will have a unique impact on my future plans," O'Brien said. "For example, if a high school student is out of line, I plan on using my skills of intimidation to put him in his place. I further plan on using push-ups or sit-ups as forms of corporal punishment in the classroom."

"However, in all seriousness, Bengal Bouts has taught me the value of resiliency. Gutting through the difficult will yield results. I hope that the persistence and determination I honed in the Bengal Bouts program will serve my future students well as well as those I later serve."

Picture this scene from the near future:

It's the first day of high school for many students and rumor has it that Mr. O'Brien, the new history teacher, used to be a boxer. Hoards of nervous and anxious students fill into his classroom and await his appearance. All of a sudden, a stocky man walks through the door with a no nonsense look in his eyes wearing, you guessed it, a flannel shirt and work boots.

Class is in session.

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DUSTY MENELLA/The Observer

Senior captain Pat O'Brien, known for his fondness of flannel shirts, prepares for Tuesday night's semifinal fight.



# The boxing businessman

*President Land graduates early, leads Bengal Bouts through period of change*

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

With split-decision losses in the only two boxing matches of his life, Hunter Land, then a sophomore, didn't think his resume to become a junior captain was impressive — but his number was called anyway.

A year later, after falling in the semifinals (again by split-decision), becoming the president of the boxing club wasn't even something Land was considering — but still, he was the man for the job. And he couldn't be happier to fill the role.

"I was shocked at both decisions, to be honest," Land said. "Whatever it is they saw in me, I'm glad they did. I was just eager to prove myself, and that was a big question in my head — whether I could get 300 guys to listen to me knowing that I hadn't really been successful in the ring."

Though it wasn't clear to Land why he was appointed to lead the program after his performance in last year's Bengal Bouts, others, like senior captain Lawrence Sullivan, don't have much trouble pinpointing Land's out-of-ring abilities.

"The amount of time he spends, whether it be on improving his own boxing or the way the program is run, is just overwhelming," Sullivan said. "To be able to juggle all of that with academics is just a testament to his skills as a manager."

Land said his main role as president is to "serve as an open passage-way of information" between a program that relies on a large group of people — from the boxers themselves, to a support staff composed of student managers, alumni volunteers and RecSports employees.

"When they tell you about the position, [the outgoing senior captains] say it's your turn to run the show," Land said. "But really, I don't run the show at all. We have so many managers that work behind the scenes and do everything so that when fight night comes, we don't have to worry about anything. It's almost a clockwork machine."

## A change for the better

As smoothly as the program runs, Land's term included a new wrinkle. For the first time, both the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds were held in two rings, not one — a decision and transition in which Land played a crucial part.

The brainstorming process began at the end of last year "because the strength of the program has been growing tremendously in numbers," Land said.

With those growing numbers, though, comes a struggle to accommodate not just the fighters, but those who care for them.

"It was a thing where doc-

tors are here for five, six, even seven hours a night when we're doing just one single ring — then after they do check-ups here, they'd go back to the office and have boxers come in if they have concussions," Land said. "It was really to kind of help out everybody in the boxing program who has helped us out so much, being able to do them a favor."

The boxing program needed a favor of its own, though, to get the plan off the ground. A pair of Bengal Bout alums, Terry Johnson and Tom Suddes, answered the call by donating an additional boxing ring.

"They are the big forces behind the program organization-wise," Land said. "They were the brains of the operation as far as getting a different-sounding bell [for the second ring]. It was just a lot of people's ideas and suggestions, and it worked smoother than I ever could have imagined."

Though Land is always quick to divert praise for the program's success, others believe it's no coincidence that it has flourished under his watchful eye.

"[Running two rings] goes to his ability to work with people and really be on top of things, to care for the details to make sure things get locked down," Sullivan said. "He's just an awesome kid ... really easy to work with."

While Land has been able to avoid "any big bumps" in his year-long stint as president, he is constantly receiving feedback, combining what he hears with what he feels is best for the program.

"There's always problems and there's always complaints, especially when you've got 200 guys boxing, so you have to take those and listen to them as constructive criticism, change what you can and what you think you should, and then move on," Land said. "It's hard to pinpoint one [complaint], but probably running, or push-ups, or arm circles — those are complaints we got on conditioning. But then at the end of fights, [fighters] are ... thanking us for it, so it's a little cycle like that."

## An educational experience

As president, much of the responsibility of teaching novice boxers the ropes falls on Land. It's not all about jabs, hooks and haymakers, though.

"[The training] goes incredibly beyond boxing," he said. "Besides teamwork and discipline, it's such a competitive environment, such a unique environment, to be a part of a team in an individual sport. Being a friend in that competitive environment, being a leader in that competitive environment, and being a coach when you're coaching people who are eventually going to beat you in the tournament — it's challenging."



DUSTY MENELLA/The Observer

As the boxing club's president, Hunter Land has been instrumental in coordinating the large number of fighters and support staff members that allow the Bengal Bouts to run smoothly.

Land's point is made clear by the end of his run in this year's tournament. Land was defeated in the quarterfinals by Scott Whalen — a freshman whose first boxing experience came this fall under Land's guidance.

"I'd say he was an integral part in my development as a boxer, from learning the fundamentals to improving on my technique," Whalen said. "He has been a really good role model throughout all of training, and without his help, I wouldn't have made it as far in the tournament or enjoy boxing as I much as I have."

Land hasn't just been a teacher; he's a student of the program as well.

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**Hunter Land**  
boxing club president

job is just to give them something to shoot for.

"Bengal Bouts has taught me that the real world is a competitive environment itself, so I'll get used to that and hopefully carry on what I've learned here as far as building relationships to maintain them and grow them in the real world."

Though the relationships he has forged through the program, especially with his fellow senior captains, have been priceless, the attitude Bengal Bouts helped to instill in Land as an individual is now a defining trait of his character.

"The No. 1 thing boxing has taught me is about challenging myself," Land said. "There's a lot of things that we do in Bengal Bouts that if you say it or write it on paper, you think, 'Oh, absolutely not, there's no way I'm going to be able to do that'. It's all about challenging yourself, setting that goal, and just going for it. 'Bengal Bouts has taught me to challenge myself, whether it's academically, in the boxing room, in the weight room, or on the road running. Anywhere it is, set that challenge, try to beat it, then set

another one higher."

Land has already applied that concept during his time as a Notre Dame student. He graduated in December and is currently enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business's Master of Science in Accountancy program, from which he expects to receive his degree next December.

To graduate early (in three and a half years), Land took 18 credit hours this past fall to go along with the 19.5 credit hours he took in both the fall and spring semesters of his junior year — all while running one of the biggest, most widely recognized clubs on campus.

But rather than view his two major commitments — his pursuit of a graduate degree and his responsibilities as boxing club president — as conflicting, he sees them as having a somewhat complementary role.

"I've always wanted to be an entrepreneur and start my own company along down the road after getting some savings together," Land said. "And this has been a great experience in being in charge and has proven to me that it's possible, you can definitely do it. It's given me the relationship skills and the people skills to know that I can."

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# Fight of the night: 149 pounds

*Lawrence Sullivan vs. Kris Perez*



Two reigning champions will meet in tonight's fourth fight — a main event, both fighters said, that has been talked about long before the tournament's pairings were even announced.

"I know me and Kris are both extremely competitive, and we've been eyeing each other for awhile, hoping this fight would work out," Sullivan said. "Now that it has, all that effort we've put in with this in mind is really

going to come to fruition."

Neither fighter has encountered too much resistance on their respective paths to this point. Sullivan, a senior captain who captured the 145-pound crown last year, rolled past Marty Sandberg and Brian Koepsel in the first two rounds before handing senior Paul Mower the first knockout of his career.

For the second straight year, Perez has moved up a weight class after winning a title (130 as a freshman, 140 last year) as he searches for a competitor with the ability to end his perfect three-year run on unanimous decisions. The junior has beaten Marco Rosales, Bert Fitzgerald and Matt Poslusny to earn the right to face Sullivan — whose skills he evaluated rather simply.

"He's bigger and stronger, I'm slicker and quicker," Perez said. "Styles make fights and it's going to be a good one."

Though the fighters have been mulling over this match-up for months — or perhaps because of that fact — they haven't done much battle during practice.

"We've only sparred once this year, and it got cut short," Sullivan said. "We both kind of knew we were going to fight each other, so we didn't try to fight or settle it ahead of time."

But once that opening bell finally rings tonight, rest assured — things will get settled.

"We're excited," Sullivan said. "We think it's going to be a great title match-up. We're both trying to challenge ourselves, and I think that's going to happen."

## STAFF PICKS

Matt Gamber: SULLIVAN

The streak ends here for Perez, whose early energy will serve as a wake-up call to Sullivan, who fights with as much tenacity as anyone in the tournament. Sullivan will go out with a bang, winning his last fight by separating himself in his final round in the ring, eventually proving too much for the smaller Perez. Don't be surprised if Perez has the lead after a round, though.

Sam Werner: PEREZ

Perez will definitely be the underdog against Sullivan, a reigning champion, but in the semifinals, "Azteca" looked strong against a bigger oppo-



nent, which he will see again in Sullivan. Perez will use his quickness to outlast Sullivan in what should be one of the most entertaining finals bouts.

Andy Zicarelli: SULLIVAN

This should be the best contest of the night. Sullivan has the size advantage on Perez and a year of experience, look for him to come out with extra motivation in his final fight.

## 130 pounds

*Chris Izaguirre vs. Matthew Conti*



### STAFF PICKS

Matt Gamber: IZAGUIRRE

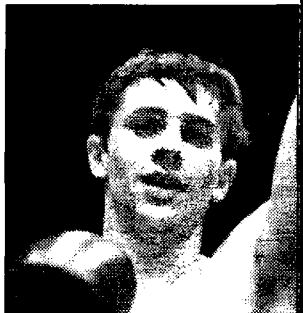
The senior has spent a full year working to avenge his split-decision title loss, and avenge it he will. His quickness won't allow the taller Conti to control the tempo, which he needs to do to have any chance at beating Izaguirre.

Sam Werner: IZAGUIRRE

Izaguirre will use last year's title bout loss as motivation to finish the job this year. Conti, a freshman, has shown promise, but the senior is too much for him to handle.

Andy Zicarelli: IZAGUIRRE

Conti has looked very impressive so far, but the experience factor will be too much. Izaguirre is seasoned and will win a close fight.

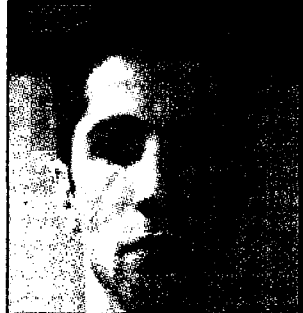


Conti has been one of the surprises of this year's Bengal Bouts in his run to the finals. With surprising power for his size, Conti has been able to quickly put his opponents on the defensive and rarely lets up. He dropped freshman Andrew Mok to the mat twice in their semifinal bout on his way to a unanimous decision. He also defeated Sean McNichols and Joseph Camarda.

Izaguirre is a returning veteran with championship experience from last year. After earning the top seed in the 130-pound class, he has been able to use his quickness and his experience to his advantage, dispatching both Matt Dobleman and Patrick O'Brien. Izaguirre showed his toughness in his semifinal bout, fighting through a bloody nose and countless jabs on his way to the victory.

## 138 pounds

*Bobby Powers vs. Chris Hartstein*



### STAFF PICKS

Matt Gamber: POWERS

So what if he's a freshman? All that means is he's never lost. Hartstein's tough and quick, but Powers will have the reach advantage once again — and he knows how to use it. As long as Powers avoids Hartstein's early flurry, he'll handle him.

Sam Werner: POWERS

Powers was impressive in defeating No. 1 seed Chris Cugliari in the semifinals. Hartstein, on the other hand, was unimpressive in his victory over John Biddle.

Andy Zicarelli: POWERS

Powers should have the height advantage and looked very impressive in his last fight against Chris Cugliari. Look for him to wear down Hartstein.



Hartstein has been able to overcome a height disadvantage by going low and slipping inside his taller opponents' punches. When the opportunity has come, Hartstein has been able to capitalize on his opponents' weaknesses, particularly from in close. The sophomore out of Indianapolis defeated John Biddle in the semifinals, and was victorious over Brian Heath and Christopher

Powers has survived with consecutive split decision victories, but make no mistake, he belongs in the finals. The freshman defeated 2007 finalist Chris Cugliari in the semifinals by jumping out to an early lead and being aggressive right from the start, then holding off the veteran's late comeback. Look for that to continue on Friday. He has also beaten Michael Johnston and James Woods.

## 146 pounds

*Tim Thayer vs. Mark Costanzo*



### STAFF PICKS

Matt Gamber: COSTANZO

Costanzo's patience is just the right recipe to counteract the quickness of "Slayer" Thayer, who hasn't been challenged yet.

Sam Werner: THAYER

Thayer dominated veteran Phil Hicks right off the bat, ending the fight in the first round. It took Costanzo two rounds to get to Mark Weber; that may be too long against Thayer.

Andy Zicarelli: THAYER

After easily knocking out Phillip Hicks in the semifinals, Thayer will be out for more blood. Costanzo, who needed a late rally to defeat Mark Weber, will last 3 rounds, but won't have enough to defeat Thayer.



Costanzo has done a good job utilizing his stamina and doing most of his damage in the later rounds. A smart fighter, look for him to take his time in the ring and stick to his game plan. His semifinal victory over Mark Weber displayed his ability to avoid the big punches and land some of his own. He also was victorious over Shawn McNeilly and Andrew Balhoff.

Thayer may have had the most impressive semifinal victory of any fighter. His first round knockout victory over senior Phil Hicks was a dominating performance, as he landed punch after punch with no answer. Eventually the referee called the fight, but not before Thayer established himself as a force. He earlier defeated Matt Ireton and Ryan McCargar.

## 155 pounds

*Alex Gonzalez vs. Mark Bennett*



### STAFF PICKS

Matt Gamber: BENNETT

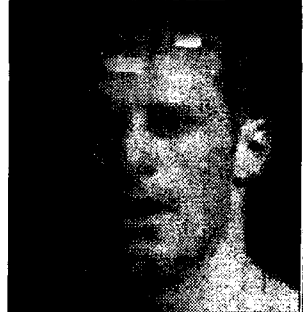
You say well-rested; I say still shaking off the cobwebs. Gonzalez was impressive in his first fight, but he hasn't faced (and overcome) a challenge like the one Bennett did in his victory over senior captain Pat O'Brien.

Sam Werner: GONZALEZ

Bennett defeated senior captain Pat O'Brien in a grueling semifinal match-up, but will be hard-pressed to beat a very well-rested Gonzalez.

Andy Zicarelli: GONZALEZ

Gonzalez is fresher, having only been in one fight thus far. Look for him to withstand the aggressive Bennett's major blows and land enough of his own for the win.



Bennett did a good job of putting senior captain Pat O'Brien on the defensive early in the semifinals with a flurry of punches. Bennett's jab has been the key to victory so far, and if he is to take down Gonzalez, look for him to go to it early and often. Movement and avoiding big punches have also been crucial to Bennett's success in his wins over Bryan Marek and Hamilton Marx.

## 157 pounds

*Jim Devereaux vs. Jordan Bucci*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: DEVEREAUX**  
The lefties have held the advantage all tourney; this one takes advantage.

**Sam Werner: DEVEREAUX**

Bucci's never faced a lefty before. The fight will be close, but Devereaux will outlast him.

**Andy Zicarelli: BUCCI**  
Devereaux is a lefty, which will give him an early edge, but look for the relentless Bucci to regroup and win in a very close decision.



Bucci does a good job of using his strength and his smarts. He has experience, has been in close fights before and will not be fazed by tough competition in the championship.

Devereaux has needed resilience to get to this point. He responded to a standing 8-count in the second round with a flurry of punches that stunned Jesse Brawer and sealed the win.

## 161 pounds

*Dan Rodgers vs. Matt Hopke*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: HOPKE**

A lefty with reach who knows how to use the jab — now that's nasty.

**Sam Werner: RODGERS**

Hopke started slow last round, and the top seed will take advantage, winning comfortably.

**Andy Zicarelli: HOPKE**

Rodgers is a solid fighter with very good technique. He does all the little things right and has a non-stop motor, which is why he keeps winning and is fighting for the championship.



A tall, lanky lefty. Hopke has been able to keep his opponents at bay with an effective jab, limiting the number of shots he has taken. He has shown he can mix in his power hand as well.

Hopke is tall and left-handed, two huge advantages for a boxer. Look for him to use his jab to hold off the aggressive Rodgers.

## 166 pounds

*Joseph Meares vs. Charlie Gough*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: GOUGH**  
Gough, now a law student, will reclaim the title he won in 2006. He's simply too experienced not to.

**Sam Werner: MEARES**

Despite his size disadvantage, Meares was able to take down a much taller opponent in the semis, and he'll do the same here.

**Andy Zicarelli: GOUGH**

Both fighters fight in close, but I like Gough's use of hooks and upper-cuts.



Gough kept Bryan Grissinger guessing by using both hands equally well in the semis. His combination of strength and quickness also proved too much for Rob Gallie and Joe Bramanti.

Meares connected on enough of his big right hooks to overcome his small stature and beat Scott Whalen in the semis. He topped Brian Price and Nazur Ahmed earlier in the tournament.

## 170 pounds

*Ben O'Brien vs. Bernardo Garcia*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: O'BRIEN**

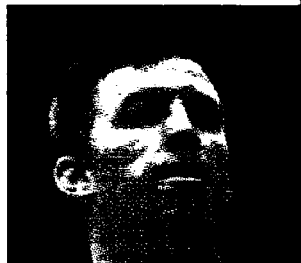
Garcia took advantage of his opponent's fatigue last time, but O'Brien's fresh and won't wear down.

**Sam Werner: O'BRIEN**

The extra rest will help O'Brien. Garcia has surprised, but the freshman's run will come up just short.

**Andy Zicarelli: O'BRIEN**

O'Brien won by walk-over in the semis, but he has shown his experience throughout the tournament with a fairly conservative style in wins over Andy Renz and Mike Doran.



Garcia narrowly beat Matt Gimlett in his last fight, but he emerged victorious on the strength of a dominating third-round performance — similar to his wins over Matt Paletta and Eric Jones.

Garcia is coming off a close fight, and may not have enough left in the tank to pull out the win in

## 176 pounds

*Mike Lee vs. Andres Villalba*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: LEE**  
Two junior captains, but Lee's the best fighter in the field, regardless of weight.

**Sam Werner: LEE**

Lee has cruised through his bracket so far. Expect Villalba to come out fast, but Lee will use his patience and experience to win with ease.

**Andy Zicarelli: LEE**

He uses strength, size and quickness to overpower, and focuses on fundamentals, making him scary.



Villalba's greatest asset is his quickness, which he used to beat Dominic Golab in the semis. Endurance proved to be a strength for the junior captain in early wins over Barry Clark and Mike DeLach.

The defending champ has looked like one in all three of his victories, showcasing his tenacity by consistently attacking the body of his opponents with a strong array of right and left hooks.

## 189 pounds

*Leo Rubinkowski vs. Alex Lough*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: RUBINKOWSKI**

If he fights the way he did for two rounds Tuesday, he literally won't be touched.

**Sam Werner: LOUGH**

Lough had an easier semi bout and showed the ability to beat a tall opponent.

**Andy Zicarelli: RUBINKOWSKI**

The lanky junior captain outlasted John Tehoula in the semis, but barely. He'll need to fight the way he did in the first two rounds in that bout, keeping his shorter opponent away from his body.



Lough destroyed Thomas Haan, his semi-final opponent, ending the fight in the first minute with a dizzying combination that forced the officials to halt the bout almost immediately.

Coming off of a close call, he'll use his size effectively to fend Lough off with his jab, missing those powerful punches that make Lough so dangerous.

## 206 pounds

*Andrew Lorenz vs. Pat Burns*



### STAFF PICKS

**Matt Gamber: BURNS**  
They're both strong, but Burns is just too agile. That will be the difference.

**Sam Werner: BURNS**

Lorenz seemed to tire late, while Burns stayed strong through a very long and physical semi match.

**Andy Zicarelli: BURNS**

I like Burns' quickness and handspeed for someone his size. He'll take an early lead, but fending off Lorenz will not be easy.

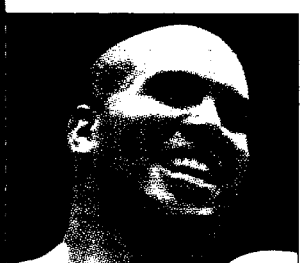


Burns' agility nettled him a split decision win over Tony Klausing in the semis, and his quickness is impressive for a fighter of this weight division. He's a physical fighter who will go to the body.

Lorenz shocked much of the audience by beating senior captain Pat Ryan in his last fight by split decision. He's done most of his damage all tournament in the second half of each round.

## Heavyweight

*Will Bourroughs vs. Kevin Crepeau*



### STAFF PICKS

**Gamber: BURROUGHS**

Two career fights, two knockouts. Make it three fights and a title.

**Werner: BOURROUGHS**

Speiss still might be on the canvas after Burroughs leveled a huge knockout haymaker against him in the semis.

**Zicarelli: BURROUGHS**

Bourroughs, a law student, didn't look like a novice boxer while delivering the only knockout of the semifinals against Geoff Speiss. He may be the strongest fighter left, but he's quick, too.



Crepeau beat Pat McInerney by split decision thanks to agility and finesse unbecoming of a big man. He's not quite as powerful as Bourroughs, but there's plenty of pop in all his punches.

While I don't expect a third knockout for Bourroughs, his power will be too much for Crepeau.



# Older brother inspires Ryan's love for boxing

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

It's all about work ethic with senior captain Pat Ryan, who finds almost nothing more rewarding than the time he's put into Bengal Bouts over the past four years building relationships, imparting his knowledge on others and helping those in need.

"I have so much fun doing this," Ryan said. "I love going to work every day, working hard, and there is nothing I would rather be doing."

Especially important to Ryan are the relationships he has formed with those who have accompanied him along the way.

"An amazing thing is just the team camaraderie aspect of it all," Ryan said. "You get used to being around these guys everyday, and you form some pretty strong friendships."

Ever humble, Ryan never thought that he would be able to rise up through the ranks and become a Bengal Bouts captain. Fate seemed to be on Ryan's side, however, as his older brother, Peter Ryan, was a four-time champion.

"Watching my brother do all the stuff he did for Bengal Bouts helped inspire me a little bit," Ryan said. "I got to see the whole thing, and I thought it was really cool."

Also working in Ryan's favor was his extensive background in sports. Ryan was a three-

sport high school athlete, playing basketball, football and tennis.

"My athletic nature really inclined me towards Bengal Bouts from the start," Ryan said. "I was used to being around athletic people, and I liked the friendships that I formed there."

Nonetheless, when the call came from last year's captains that they wanted him to help lead the program, Ryan was in shock.

"I never really considered being a captain, so I was surprised when they selected me," he said. "But if I had to give one reason why they selected me, I would have to say that it is my work ethic."

It is a strong work ethic that has been with Ryan since the very beginning.

"Going in, I had no idea what to expect," Ryan said. "But when I got there on day one, I said to myself, 'I can do this'."

Since that day freshman year, Ryan has never skipped out on a practice.

Ryan said the presence of his teammates inspires him day in and day out.

"The great thing about Bengal Bouts is that it is such a selfless activity," Ryan said. "These kids come here because they are willing to work hard every day and develop a skill and form friendships. Plus, they get to really help the needy in Bangladesh."

This year's captains have meshed well together, Ryan



Senior captain Pat Ryan, right, tries to get junior Andrew Lorenz away from him during Tuesday night's semifinal in the 206-pound weight class.

said.

"I'm really proud of what we have been able to do this year as a group of captains," he said. "This is really a great group of guys."

Transitioning from being just another one of the guys in the Bouts into being a captain and having the responsibility of teaching others wasn't easy for Ryan.

"You just really need to break it down for them, and then drill it into them," Ryan said.

Seeing those he has taught put their talents to good use in the ring is inspiring for Ryan.

"It is weird seeing two guys in the ring and wanting them both to win because you have seen how hard both of them have worked," Ryan said. "Whoever wins, we just really love to see them do it."

Another important aspect for Ryan is the difference he believes the Bouts are making for the impoverished of Bangladesh in conjunction with the Holy Cross missions.

"What we do here will help them so much," Ryan said. "With the money we can raise, we can provide food and an education for so many. I believe

we are really making a difference, and hopefully with the program growing, we will be able to make an even greater difference in the future."

Beyond Bangladesh, the Bouts makes a difference in the lives of all those who participate in it. It's that mission that Ryan wants others to remember.

"I don't want to be the focus," Ryan said. "What I really want people to know is that we are trying to make a difference in people's lives."

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## Bouts 'the most influential' part of Brawer's ND career

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

In an era when Mike Tyson got more headlines than any active fighter, most kids gravitated towards sports like football or baseball — but not Jesse Brawer.

"I can remember sitting on the floor watching 'HBO Boxing After Dark' with [my dad]," Brawer said. "So that's the sport I grew up with. I grew up wanting to be a boxer."

But with the nearest boxing gym 45 minutes away from his home in Westwood, N.J., it wasn't easy for Brawer to get involved in the sport on which he was raised.

Upon arriving at Notre

Dame, Brawer — who had no idea of the University's boxing club — discovered Bengal Bouts and knew it was a match for him.

"As soon as I found out about it, I jumped at the shot," Brawer said.

Despite his natural affinity for the sport, Brawer was in for a rude awakening in his first fight freshman year. Just 40 seconds into the first round, Brawer's nose was broken by a jab to the face. Brawer went on to lose the fight, but he learned a valuable lesson about boxing in the process.

"The most important thing I learned about boxing is experience," Brawer said. "You can take someone that barely has an ounce of athleticism,

and you give them a couple of years of experience, and they will be able to handle themselves in a boxing ring better than an incredible natural athlete."

After that first fight, Brawer resolved to come back stronger the next year.

"The biggest learning curve is between your first and second year," he said. "[My freshman year opponent] had one more year experience than I did and he made it look easy."

Experience turned out to be a key for Brawer, as he advanced to the semifinals his sophomore and junior years, losing both fights by a split decision. This year, Brawer was also ousted in the semis, losing by a unanimous deci-

sion. He referred to this streak as "a semifinals curse."

Over the years, though, Brawer has been able to hone his boxing abilities and discover what works best for him as a fighter. Because he is shorter than most of his opponents, Brawer said the "straight-forward, go-for-points style" doesn't work for him. Instead, he focuses on his defensive and counter-punching abilities.

"Everybody can punch. It's easy to punch," Brawer said. "It's not quite as easy to defend yourself."

Brawer said that all the way up until this year, his goal was the same.

"To get my defense to a level where I was confident in it to counterpunch effectively," he said.

This year, Brawer was named one of the senior captains. His duties included running practices and teaching the new fighters, many of whom had never boxed before, the fundamentals of the sport.

"It's important at the beginning of the year for each of us as captains, specifically the seniors, to establish ourselves as people who are not only knowledgeable in the sport, but who are absolutely willing at all times to share every bit of info that we've learned in the past four years with the rest of the guys in the program," Brawer said.

Brawer noted, though, that even though the captains are teaching younger fighters the basics, the senior fighters learn a thing or two them-

selves.

"It's easy for us to teach basic technique to them," Brawer said. "And unknown to them, it's just as easy for us to pick up on little things."

In addition to teaching fighters how to box, the captains must also get involved in the fundraising of the club, which last year sent over \$60,000 to Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

"It's great to see that all the fighters in the program understand that there's a dual responsibility that goes along with being part of the team," Brawer said.

Brawer stressed the importance of the money this year, after a cyclone ravaged the country and left over 10,000 dead.

"Especially here in the United States, it's hard to comprehend a natural disaster would cause something like 10,000 deaths," Brawer said.

Combine the boxing and the charity work, and you get the club Brawer called "without a doubt, the most influential, important experience these four years."

Brawer said he often had to forego his social life to work out and improve his skills in the ring. Don't feel too bad for his sacrifice, though. It's the sport he loves.

"People watch the sport and think that it's barbaric, it's primal and it's all a big testosterone contest," Brawer said. "It's really not. It's called 'the sweet science' for a reason."

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Senior captain Jesse Brawer, left, throws a left hook at junior Jim Devereaux during Tuesday's semifinal bout in the 157-pound weight division.

# Drastic weight-cutting rare among fighters

By **BILL BRINK**  
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In sports where matches are decided based on weight, horror stories abound. Athletes use starvation, running in place in the shower wrapped in plastic bags, obsessive workout techniques and dehydration to secure every competitive edge possible.

With Bengal Bouts athletes, however, this doesn't seem to be the case.

While boxers lay off the pasta and take an extra lap around the JACC before weigh-ins, drastic cutting of weight is not common practice among boxers.

Freshman Pat O'Brien, who fought in the 130-pound weight class, said he ate lighter foods, such as vegetables and egg-white omelets, and ran more to prepare for weigh-ins. He said he only had to drop around five pounds to get in the weight class he wanted and that the drop didn't affect his fights.

"When I was cutting, I wasn't hungry. I was just physically exhausted," O'Brien said. "But it was only for a few days. It didn't affect me at all in the actual ring."

Sophomore Bobby Hicks, who fought in the 189-pound weight class, didn't eat for a day and a half and increased his cardiovascular workouts the week before weigh-ins.

Senior Ben O'Brien took a similar approach.

"As soon as we got back from break, I tried to eat healthier food," Ben O'Brien said.

The idea behind cutting weight, according to senior captain Pat O'Brien, is to gain a height advantage. Shorter fighters, he said, will try to cut weight to fight other boxers similar in height. But O'Brien said that cutting weight is harmful and discouraged by the captains and coaches.

"We tell the novices, 'If you're trying to cut weight now [early in the season], it's not a bright idea,'" he said. "If you don't eat and drink, you won't be able to complete the first two or three weeks."

He also said eating helps increase metabolism and will help boxers lose weight the natural way.

Hunter Land, the president of the boxing club, said the club does not condone cutting weight and that cutting weight may not give boxers the advantage they hope for.

"Weight brackets are not determined until after weigh-ins, so it doesn't make sense for boxers to shoot for that magic number because there is no magic number," Land said.

Junior Kris Perez said cutting weight does not provide an extra leg up.

"I don't see any advantages in cutting weight," he said. "The real advantages come from good conditioning and perfecting boxing technique and form. The hard work in the gym is what pays off."

Ben O'Brien said most of the boxers will work out before weighing in.

"You can probably lose six pounds of water weight during a tough practice," he said.



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Juniors Kris Perez, left, and Matthew Poslusny get tangled up during a semifinal match in the 149-pound weight class Tuesday. Perez won the fight to advance to tonight's title bout.

Despite the preponderance of moderation in regards to cutting weight, some people took more drastic measures. Senior Pat O'Brien said a fighter during his freshman year ate such small amounts at meals that he caused problems with his digestive tract.

Sophomore Kevin Martin followed a similar pattern to other fighters, swearing off soda and desserts, but he also added harsher dietary restrictions. He ate no carbohydrates for four days prior to weigh-ins, he said, and lost 15 pounds of water. On the day of the weigh-in, he ate nothing.

"If you stop eating carbs, your body naturally gets rid of water,"

Martin said. "It was awful, though — the most awful diet I've ever been on."

Confidence in one's ability, senior Pat O'Brien said, will help people keep from cutting weight. Insecurity, on the other hand, can cause a boxer to cut.

"If the kids feel like they're not here to kill each other, they're here to learn how to box, they'll be less likely to cut weight," he said. "But if they're scared, they'll be more likely to cut weight."

Some boxers, on the contrary, want to gain weight. Perez, who won the 140-pound weight class last year, is fighting in the 149-pound weight class this year.

"Basically, I just felt like moving up in weight class would be a good challenge and, because I'm a competitive guy, I wanted to see if I could still compete," Perez said.

Even when gaining weight, health must still be observed, he said.

"I didn't go to Burger King every day and order a bacon cheeseburger," Perez said. "I did a high protein and high carb diet which consisted of pasta, chicken, egg whites and peanut butter. I ate lots of vegetables and fruits as well."

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