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NDSP director Rakow dies at 55

Security head served ND for three decades

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Eighteen months and one day after doctors told Rex Rakow he had 12 to 18 months to live, the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) director died at his home in Granger, Ind. He was 55.

"That was the type of fighter he was," Rakow's wife Linda wrote in a note that Coordinator of Event Security Cappy Gagnon shared with The Observer.

Rakow, a Mishawaka native and

NDSP's leader for over 30 years, was diagnosed with cancer in September 2005.

"I think of Rex and I think of St. Francis who said something about preaching the Gospel and using words when necessary," said Associate Director of NDSP Phillip Johnson. "Rex lived his life as a Catholic, as a model for all of us. We're lucky to have had Rex cross our paths in life."

Johnson, who graduated from

Notre Dame in 1981, first met Rakow while a student at the University.

"I had parked my car in B2 late one night. I was a photographer so I had gone to the back of the car to grab the camera from the trunk," Johnson said. "Rex was on patrol and he asked me if I wanted a ride back to my dorm, and we developed a friendship that lasted many, many years."

Such friendships blossomed between Rakow and countless other people, many cultivated while he served as director of campus safety office at Albion College, as adjunct instructor of criminal justice at Indiana University in South Bend, as a member of the

Indiana Law Training Board and as a leader at NDSP for over three decades.

Johnson said he spent Wednesday reviewing e-mails from colleagues from "New England to California, Colorado to Washington" all speaking about the great respect they had for Rakow — a man Johnson said lived for his "faith, family and friends."

"He truly made not only Notre Dame, but our profession, a better place. I have so many messages that have crossed my desk today," Johnson said, noting one from a classmate of Johnson's who spoke about the accomplishments of

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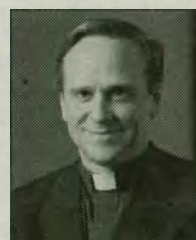
Rakow

Jenkins to honor CSC overseas

Trip to Puerto Rico celebrates anniversary

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Just two months after his trip to Uganda as part of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, University President Father John Jenkins celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns (PRCSC) today by making a special visit to Puerto Rico to commemorate the event.



Jenkins

"I think it means quite a bit to [the Center] to have Father Jenkins there to celebrate the anniversary," said Liz Mackenzie, director of Senior Transition Programs at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns. "The PRCSC is closely tied to Notre Dame. It is mostly Notre Dame grads who work there and a lot of work is done with the alumni club [in Puerto Rico]."

According to Frances Shavers, executive assistant to the President, Jenkins will arrive in Puerto Rico today and will meet with alumni and friends of the University. He

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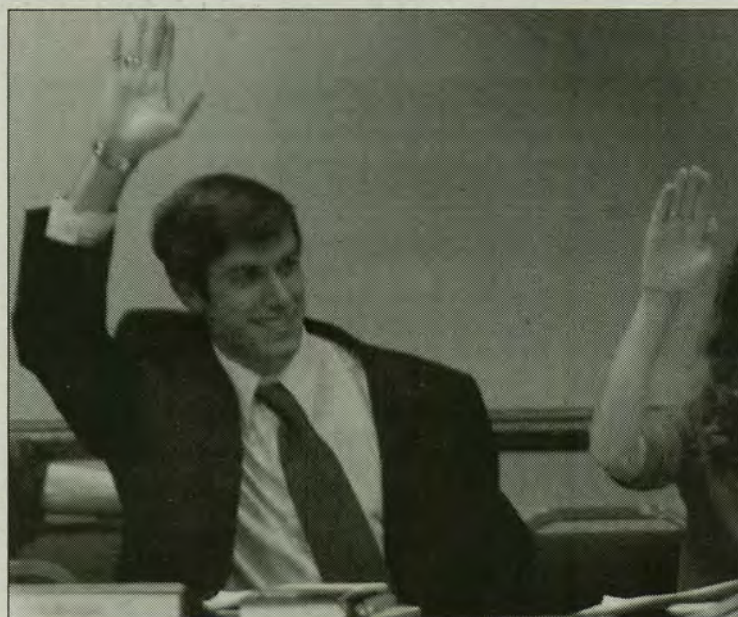
Clause approved; Dworjan dodges removal

Anti-discriminatory language supported

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Senate meeting Wednesday was a victory for the Social Concerns committee, which successfully passed a resolution requesting the University add sexual orientation to its anti-discriminatory clause.

The Social Concerns resolution, presented by chair Sheena Plamoottil and committee member Mary Popit, passed 25-1-1. The resolution addressed Notre Dame's cur-



Morrissey Hall Senator Greg Dworjan votes against his removal from Student Senate during Wednesday's meeting.

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Group vote fails to meet needed majority

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Morrissey Hall residents, who attended the removal hearing of impeached Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan, stood and applauded Wednesday when the Senate failed to reach the two-thirds majority required to remove Dworjan from office.

With several Manorites sitting on the edges of the room in their black and gold dorm shirts, senators spent over an hour questioning Dworjan

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Week warns, promotes alcohol moderation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Writer

With the slogan "BAC to the Beach: Here for the singe, not the binge," the organizers of Safe Spring Break/Alcohol Awareness Week 2007 warned students to exercise moderation in their vacation alcohol intake during an information fair in LaFortune Student Center Wednesday.

Student government, the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE), Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning And Responsible Socializing (PILLARS) and the Coca-Cola Company put together a series of activities and giveaways through-

out this week to educate students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse during the vacation.

"We always run Alcohol Awareness Week before spring break because people go to places where it's legal to drink before they're 21 years old," junior Meagan McGinley, a member of the PILLARS team, said. "Many students may consciously or unintentionally abuse that privilege, and it's important to educate them about the risks implied."

McGinley said students should be aware of the blood-alcohol content (BAC) their bodies can tolerate before their decision-mak-

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Election breaks gender barrier

Brown, Braun first all-female ticket in ND history

By AARON STIENER
News Writer

After weeks of campaigning, a tense and lengthy election process and an eventual triumph, only now are Notre Dame student body president-elect Liz Brown and vice president-elect Maris Braun beginning to grasp the reality of their win — one that breaks a 35-year barrier since women have been admitted to Notre Dame.

With their victory, Brown and Braun became the first all-female ticket to be elected in Notre Dame history.

While both state that they are proud to be a part of that history, breaking that barrier was never their



Newly elected student body vice president Maris Braun, left, and president Liz Brown are ND's first all-female leadership pair.

CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer

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INSIDE COLUMN

Stop by SMC graduation

I'd like to thank my fellow reporters, the lovely Amanda Michaels, Kelly Meehan and Kate Antonacci for informing me about what I'm writing about today.

When I read Kate's article on Feb. 16 about General Electric CEO Jeffery Immelt coming to Notre Dame to speak at graduation, I felt a little miffed.

"Surely," I thought, "the speech will be relevant to the theme of 'Go forth and do good,' that all graduation speeches are geared towards, but what about for students outside of Mendoza?"

Honestly, we're Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish. The preeminent Catholic university in the world. We have pull.

Then I read Amanda's column of Feb. 19, a list of 65 people who would be better graduation speakers than Immelt.

No offense, but I can add a few hundred names to her list.

One of them is Samuel Alito, the speaker SMC secured for their graduation ceremony.

I read Kelly's article of March 5, and I was shocked. I wasn't surprised that SMC could pull a graduation speaker of that caliber, a Justice of the Supreme Court, but that ND couldn't, or chose not to.

Let's delve a little deeper.

According to Fr. Jenkins, Immelt's "a business executive worth emulating." He's famous for his environmentally-friendly policies. GE is apparently the "Most Admired Company in the World" according to Fortune magazine.

That all sounds great, but last year's speaker was the President of Ireland. In that capacity, Mary McAleese had experiences that students from almost all disciplines can relate to, unlike Immelt.

Even if he is an exceptionally skilled business executive, he's that, a business executive.

The generic, motivational-esque speech I feel we can expect from him is a shadow of what Alito, someone who confronts national issues of ethics and morality and renders decisions that effect all Americans, will say.

Don't get me wrong. I love business-people and business students. O'Shag isn't that far from Mendoza.

But a large number of ND students are going on to careers in politics, academia or a professional discipline. Don't they deserve someone who can speak to their interests, concerns and dreams?

Granted, no speaker is perfect. An engineer might not get as much out of a given speaker as an Archie, as an English major, etc.

But shouldn't the first criteria for a speaker be someone who can appeal a) to the Spirit of Notre Dame and b) to most, if not all, of the graduating class?

So, I say, spend a few hours at the SMC graduation. You might just hear something that'll change your life.

I'd also like to encourage any of you who are interested to attend "Seeking the Heart's Desire," a conference in honor of Fr. John Dunne, CSC, a great man, teacher, and mentor. It's from March 30 to April 1 in McKenna Hall.

Finally, I'd like to give props to the finches on a statue outside the Riley Hall of Art and Design. Good job chirping despite the snow, wind and cold. Keep it up.






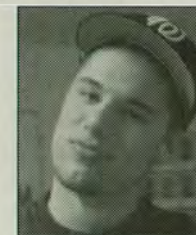
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DWORJAN ETHICS HEARING?

					
AJ Pollock freshman Keenan	Drew Whiting junior Fisher	Kasey Murray sophomore off campus	Tej Mudigonda freshman St. Edward's	Tony Piskurich sophomore St. Edward's	Ryan Smith freshman Knott
"It is truly a sad day for Our Lady of the Lake."	"I'm going to abstain from that one."	"Impeach him."	"I abstain."	"I think freedom of speech should predominate, and he should get to stay in office."	"It's an abomination."



Sophomore Erin Simon fabricates a chair for a class in 3-D Foundations Wednesday in the basement of the Riley Hall of Arts and Design.

OFFBEAT

Groom hits his bride with car

SALT LAKE CITY — It wasn't the most romantic of honeymoons. Police said a groom is in jail, accused of trying to run over his new wife after a weekend wedding in Las Vegas.

"We have a wedding certificate for [March] 4th. They were still honeymooning when he ran her over," said Lt. Paul Jaroscak, a spokesman for the Salt Lake County sheriff's office.

Police received an emergency call Monday from someone reporting a couple fighting in a car as they traveled on Highland Drive, about 10 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. Katie Martindale, 29, apparently got out of the car and started to walk away when James Olwine, 33, drove off the road and hit her with the car, pushing her into a snowbank, Jaroscak said.

Martindale was not seriously injured but might have a broken leg, Jaroscak said.

Unzipped fly leads officers to pot stash

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Attempts to do a movie stunt landed one man in the hospital with burned genitals and another facing criminal charges. The men were trying to do a stunt from one of the "Jackass" movies, in which a charac-

ter lights his genitals on fire.

Jared W. Anderson, 20, suffered serious burns to his hands and genitals, according to the criminal complaint. Randell D. Peterson, 43, who sprayed lighter fluid on Anderson and lit him on fire, was charged with felony battery and first-degree reckless endangerment Tuesday in Eau Claire County Court.

Witnesses told police that Anderson, who was drunk, volunteered to do the stunt Sunday after watching the movie, the complaint said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be a panel entitled "Gathering Ground: 10 Years of Cave Canem" today from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in McKenna 100-104. The panel will feature poets including Toi Derricotte and Cornelius Eady, co-founders of Cave Canem.

Thomas Glick, from Boston University's department of history, will give a lecture on "Darwinism and the Vatican, 1877-1902: Did the Church Have a Policy?" today at 4:15 p.m. in the Special Collections Reading Room of the Hesburgh Library.


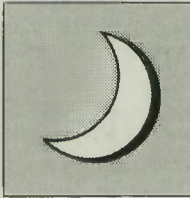




Dancer and fiddler Natalie MacMaster will perform in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7:30 tonight. Tickets are available at the box office.

The Angelus Film Series will begin at 7 tonight in Browning Cinema. Films to be shown include: *The Trojan Cow*, *Kilroy Was Here*, *The Queen of Cactus Cove* and *Silences*. The series is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

The film "Pan's Labyrinth" will be shown tonight at 10 in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The second round CCHA Hockey Playoffs will be held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse Friday at 7:35 p.m. Notre Dame will Alaska. Tickets are available from the athletic department ticket office.

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NDSP under Rakow that he saw firsthand as a NDSP employee in his undergraduate years.

Rakow was known for his "great sense of humor" and his quiet leadership style, Johnson said.

"He was a terrific professional who had that rare ability to make people like him so he could be effective in a job where you have to say no to a lot of people," Gagnon said. "He was such a good professional with such a good demeanor."

Gagnon and Rakow were friends before Rakow became Gagnon's boss, bonded by a similar sense of humor — a bond that lasted them through the years.

Gagnon said he and Rakow would talk throughout the week about two shows they always watched — "NYPD Blue" and "Monk."

"A fond memory is just sitting in his office and laughing," Gagnon

said.

Many fond memories of Rakow also have to do with his dedication to service, Johnson said.

"He was a true servant leader," Johnson said. "Rex really was a great teacher, a great mentor to many people."

After being diagnosed with cancer, Rakow was named co-chairman of Notre Dame's American Cancer Society Relay for Life, an event he had been active in prior to his illness.

"He was active in many philanthropic activities. Rex was a person who just thought that the way to make the community a better place was by being active," Johnson said. "Rex thought he was just doing what all of us should be doing in serving not only Notre Dame but our community and serving others."

Rakow worked until early January, when he took a leave of absence from his position.

"He basically worked every day until it was too debilitating for him to come in," Gagnon said.

Since 1979, when he first joined NDSP as an assistant director,

Rakow worked hard to improve the safety of the University he so deeply loved.

"When he came here, he was a young man in his profession and we were just a security department," Gagnon said. "Throughout his career here, he oversaw the department as it went from a security department to a police department."

Harold Burke-Sivers, director of public safety at Portland University and president of the Western Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, remembers Rakow from his time as a full time-officer and student at Notre Dame from 1985-89.

"My decision to pursue a career in public safety and dedicate my life to serving university students is a direct result of Rex's leadership and mentoring," Burke-Sivers said in an e-mail to Johnson shared with The Observer. "Rex was a truly consummate professional, a good friend and a loving husband and father. He made a difference in my life and in the lives of so many others."

Burke-Sivers said he was able to

visit Rakow at his home in mid-February, where he thanked him for his "guidance, encouragement and support over the last 22 years."

"We often don't have the opportunity to tell people how much they mean to us, so this was a real blessing," he wrote.

Last year, the Alumni Association also told Rakow how much he meant to the community by awarding him the 2007 James F. Armstrong Award for service by an employee to the University. He also received an award by the student government for his outstanding service to the campus community.

"He is not someone who liked or needed the limelight," Gagnon said. "He didn't need awards to make himself feel good. But I'm sure the recognition received helped him recognized how much he was appreciated."

In 2006, Rakow was also made an honorary member of the Notre Dame Monogram club — a fitting award for a man who intensely followed Notre Dame men's and women's basketball and had a passion for golf.

"I used to kid him [that] he owned 50 sets of golf clubs," Gagnon said.

An alumnus of Clay High School in South Bend, Rakow graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington and received graduate degrees from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and Notre Dame. He also completed the FBI National Academy's 13-week management training program in 1983.

Rakow is survived by wife Linda, children Derek and Stacy, their spouses, four grandchildren, a brother and sister, and his mother.

Visitation will be held at the Hahn Funeral Home in Mishawaka from noon to 8 p.m. Friday. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or The Cross in the Woods in Indian River, Mich.

Ken Fowler contributed to this report.

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rent anti-discriminatory clause, which states that the University "does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age," Popit said.

The Social Concerns committee wanted to recommend that the University's Academic Council add sexual orientation into the clause.

Popit said she has been working on this resolution most of the year and has researched other top tier and Catholic institutions — specifically schools run by the Congregation of the Holy Cross — to see whether their anti-discriminatory clauses include sexual orientation.

"It is very interesting to see how many of these schools do have it in their anti-discriminatory clauses, including two of the Congregation of the Holy Cross schools [Holy Cross College in Indiana and King's College in Pennsylvania],"

Popit said.

"This has set a precedent, and it's up to Notre Dame if they want to follow it or not."

Popit said this is at least the second time in Notre Dame history this issue has been brought to the University administration. The Student Senate and the Faculty Senate both passed similar resolutions in 1998, she said.

Plamoottil said although attempts in the past have failed, it is important that the Student Senate keep urging the administration to insert sexual orientation into the clause,

even if their actions are just "one more drop in the bucket."

"If we let this go under the table and pretend this doesn't exist ... then the administration will continually pretend that this isn't a problem," Plamoottil said.

Fisher Hall senator Drew Clary questioned the appropriateness of the resolutions' references to the Catholic catechism or the comparisons it draws to other colleges, but several other senators praised Popit and Plamoottil for their work on the resolution.

"This resolution is a great

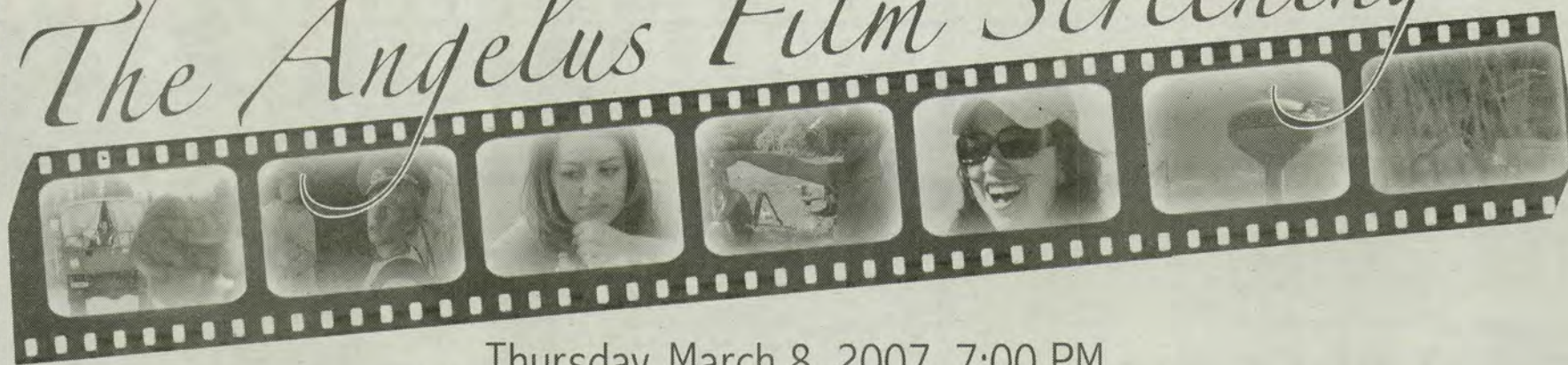
way for the Senate to stand up against discrimination without going outside any of the boundaries of the Catholic Church and make that statement to the administration," off campus senator Mark Healy said.

In other Senate news:

◆ Andrichik said Dillon Hall senator Matthew Lodwich will be referred to the Student Union Ethics Committee for his excessive absences.

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The Angelus Film Screening



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will also meet with a reporter from El Nuevo Dia — the largest newspaper on the island.

"The PRCSC has served as a wonderful reflection of and vehicle for the dedication and involvement of members of the Notre Dame family in San Juan and the surrounding communities," Shavers said. "Father Jenkins is grateful for the vision of the PRCSC's founders and the efforts of its many staff, volunteers and partners. This is a wonderful way to recognize their work and celebrate the Notre Dame spirit."

The Center will celebrate its two decades of dedication to Puerto Rican communities with a banquet at the Nautical Club in San Juan today, which will host current volunteers, 14 former volunteers and Notre Dame alumni. The Center's founders — Jose Enrique, Mary Jane Fernandez and Gilberto and Martita Marxuach — will also attend the event along with ND Club of Puerto Rico president Ricardo Alvarez.

According to Pat Guzman, who has worked at the PRCSC for two years since she graduated from Notre Dame in 2005, the communities of Puerto Rico will show their appreciation to the former and current volunteers by hosting a brunch Friday morning.

The anniversary celebrations mark the first time that Jenkins has visited Puerto Rico and the PRCSC since becoming president of the University.

"Many of these people began their work long before Father Jenkins traveled to these areas, and he encourages members of our campus community to continue partnering with communities worldwide," Shavers said. "Such experiences, he believes, are an opportunity to collaborate, learn and share."

Founded in 1988, the PRCSC seeks to respond to the needs of Puerto Rican communities that are plagued by socio-economic challenges. Through programs aimed at improving

education and addressing poverty, the non-profit organization facilitates volunteers — many of whom are Notre Dame graduates — to assist in efforts to improve the quality of life in Puerto Rican communities.

"They work with people who are in the community, such as the Salesian Sisters who run the Alepsi Center — one of the education centers there," Mackenzie said. "They also work with the homeless, and they are always in the community seeing what the community needs and responding to that."

Each year, the PRCSC takes four to six recent Notre Dame graduates to volunteer in various regions in Puerto Rico.

"It is somewhat competitive, but it's not as competitive as ACE or Teach for America," Mackenzie said. "It is one of the few international programs and is only for one year."

The PRCSC also has a commitment to the La Perla community located in Old San Juan. Through the Hogar Padre Vernard, volunteers like Guzman assist the homeless in the area by running a shower facility.

Guzman is also working with Asociación Pro Juventud where she helped establish a photojournalism club for high school students, who have recently created their own newspaper.

Although graduates accepted to the program are usually placed at one of these sites, Mackenzie said the PRCSC "can sometimes be creative and mold placement sites" according to volunteers' interests.

According to Mackenzie, applicants to the program do not necessarily need to know how to speak Spanish fluently because part of the experience is gaining a better proficiency in the language. However, the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame tries to select at least two applicants who are fluent in Spanish.

"It is a beautiful program ... and the Puerto Rican people are so welcoming," Guzman said. "I encourage any senior to come out and do the program."

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Vote

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about his motives for running a "Campaign to Abstain" in the recent student body presidential election and debated whether his actions warranted a removal from office.

Dworjan was impeached last Wednesday by a majority vote of the Senate, but last night's vote of 15-11 failed to remove him from office.

Dworjan posted flyers telling students to vote abstain in the days leading up to the Feb. 15 run-off election for student body president and vice president. Dworjan violated a provision in the Student Union Constitution against campaigning in the student government office, located on the second floor of LaFortune, because he used the copy machine to print his posters. He also violated the Constitution by posting flyers around campus without the required approval of both the Judicial Council and the Student Activities Office.

Dworjan took the podium for the second time in two weeks and attempted to persuade senators not to vote for his removal. He said his motive was to educate students that they had an option outside of the two tickets in the run-off. He asked the senators not to remove him from office for what he said was an exercise of his "highest ethic."

"Am I going to be removed because I participated in the democratic process and urged others to do the same?" Dworjan asked. "Is this Senate going to become the body that removes its own members for participating in this democratic process?"

Pangborn senator Sheena Plamoottil reminded Dworjan

in front of the Senate body that he gave her a different reason for his actions when she spoke with him informally before his impeachment.

"You approached me and told me that you did put up these posters ... and I asked you why you did it, and you said, 'Because I can,'" said Plamoottil, who was recently selected by newly-elected student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun as their Chief Executive Assistant. "I have to wonder what your true motives are and were and whether the publicity of this hearing is coming into your actions at all."

Dworjan wrote a Letter to the Editor that appeared in Wednesday's edition of The Observer and also created a Facebook group that encouraged people to support him at the meeting.

Dworjan clarified his statement to Plamoottil by saying that freedom of speech gave him the right to run the campaign.

Senate Community Relations chair Josh Pasquesi told senators to put Dworjan's "grandstanding" aside and question his true motives.

Dworjan said at last week's Senate meeting that he did not know the Constitution prohibited using the student government office to campaign or hanging posters without approval. Senators questioned whether Dworjan would repeat his actions now that he knew he violated election bylaws with what he did.

"I would have done it the exact same way," he said.

Several senators said they felt Dworjan's lack of remorse for his actions could be grounds for his removal, even if they agreed with his right to run a campaign to abstain. Keough Hall senator Brian Corrigan said although he

believed Dworjan's initial actions were wrong, he didn't think they warranted removal from office. But he said he was "bothered" by Dworjan's statement that he would do the same thing again.

"The thing that really bothers me is you don't see a problem with using student government resources to do any campaigning," Corrigan said.

Dworjan told the senators he used the copy machine in the student government office because he had exhausted his print quota.

Zahm Hall senator Luke Derheimer said Dworjan's attitude regarding his illegal actions showed "blatant disrespect" for the oath he took as Morrissey Hall senator.

"The fact that he would do it again tells me he hasn't learned anything from this, and he doesn't have the respect for the oath he took," Derheimer said.

Dworjan said he believed the rules he broke in the Constitution violated his right to free speech.

"I do believe in the rules ... but I don't believe in rules that go against your conscience," Dworjan said. He said his "highest ethic" was his conscience, not the law or what the Constitution said.

Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood said he agreed with Dworjan's ideas about the importance of free speech, but said "there are processes and guidelines that you have to follow to exercise that freedom of speech."

Off-campus senator Mark Healy asked the senators to vote with their constituencies in mind and consider whether removing Dworjan from office was important "in the grand scheme of things."

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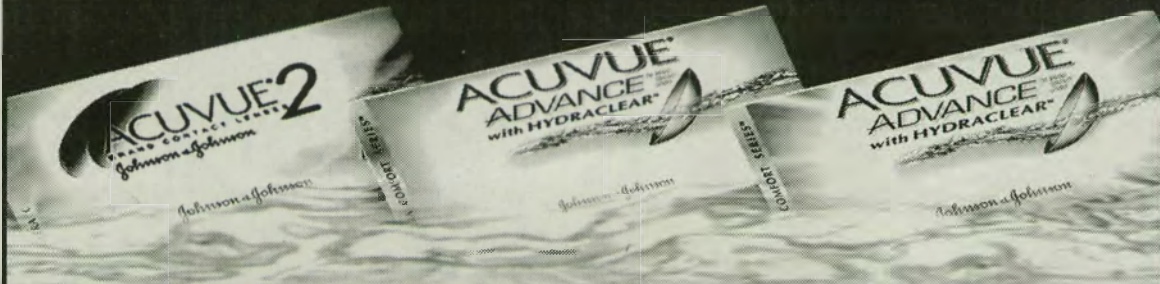
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indonesian plane crash kills 21

YOGYAKARTA — Survivors of the fiery crash-landing of a Boeing 737-400 Wednesday said the plane appeared to be going too fast and shook violently before it touched down, lurched off the runway and exploded in flames, killing at least 21 people.

About 115 dazed and bloodied survivors staggered from the Indonesian jetliner after it broke through a fence and came to rest in a rice paddy. Most escaped without major injuries, although several suffered burns and broken bones.

Those killed were trapped in the wreckage of the Garuda Airlines plane after it suddenly caught fire, sending billowing clouds of black smoke and flames high into the air. The plane had been carrying 140 passengers and crew, officials said. Two people were missing.

It was the third plane crash in as many months in Indonesia, and raised questions about the safety of the country's booming airline sector.

French law forbids online violence

PARIS — A new law in France makes it a crime for anyone who is not a professional journalist to film real-world violence and distribute the images on the Internet.

Critics call it a clumsy effort by authorities to battle "happy slapping," the youth fad of filming violent acts — which most often they have provoked — and spreading the images on the Web or between mobile phones.

The measure, tucked deep into a vast anti-crime law that took effect Wednesday, has alarmed media advocates who say it tramples on freedom of expression.

Ligue Odebi, an association that seeks to protect freedom of expression on the Internet, said the measure will also hinder citizens' abilities to expose police brutality.

NATIONAL NEWS

Borat called 'victim of suppression'

WASHINGTON — Borat, that crass chronicler of the American condition, has been singled out by the State Department as a victim of suppression in his own homeland.

The department's annual human rights report criticizes Kazakhstan for taking action against the satirical Web site of Sacha Baron Cohen, creator of the fictional Kazakh journalist in the film "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." Baron Cohen also starred in the movie.

Specifically, the government took control of the registration of .kz Internet domains in 2005 and revoked Baron Cohen's domain because it deemed his site offensive, the report said.

Man arrested for boy's kidnapping

BRADENTON — A Mexican national surrendered at the U.S. border Wednesday on allegations of abducting a 13-year-old from a Florida bus stop last month and leaving him tied up in the woods before the boy escaped, officials said.

Vicente Ignacio Beltran-Moreno, 22, agreed to voluntarily return from Mexico after several days of negotiations with the FBI, Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells said.

LOCAL NEWS

Factory raid catches illegal immigrants

MISHAWAKA — An immigration raid at a factory that makes fiberglass-reinforced plastic products led to the arrests of 36 workers suspected of being undocumented aliens.

More than 50 agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raided Janco Composites on Tuesday with a warrant that allowed them to interview workers and check their records.

ICE spokeswoman Gail Montenegro said 36 workers — 35 of them Mexican nationals, and one from El Salvador — were arrested. They were taken away in large bus to a Broadview, Ill., center where customs agents interviewed and fingerprinted them.

BRITAIN

Commons backs historic change

Legislators begin motion to remove non-elected members of House of Lords

Associated Press

LONDON — Legislators took an unprecedented step Wednesday toward ending an age-old tradition of allowing Britain's non-elected elite to hold political power, backing proposals for an entirely elected House of Lords.

House of Commons lawmakers voted 337-224 in favor of developing laws to elect all members of Parliament's upper chamber — potentially one of the most significant constitutional changes in British history.

The move, which requires new legislation, would bring the previously unelected upper house in line with similar institutions, such as the U.S. Senate.

Jack Straw, leader of the Commons, said the vote was a historic step forward and would meet with others to discuss how to proceed.

Lawmakers in both the Commons and Lords will hold future votes on the plan when the laws are proposed, which cannot happen before the next parliamentary session beginning in October.

Prime Minister Tony Blair voted in favor of a 50 percent split between elected and appointed Lords, but he did not take part in the other votes, his Downing Street office said.

Campaigners lobbying for an entirely elected second parliamentary chamber claim only Lesotho — a poor African kingdom — has a system similar to Britain's, allowing a mix of unelected and hereditary appointees to influence laws.

The process of appointing peers has been clouded by a police inquiry into allegations that Blair's government, and the opposition Conservative Party, appointed Lords in exchange for financial support.

Blair succeeded in ejecting 600 hereditary members in 1999 — with the remaining 92 due to be removed once reforms are agreed — but



Queen Elizabeth addresses the House of Lords in London in June 2001. The House of Commons voted Wednesday to develop laws to make all Lords elected officials.

he has been unable to muster broad support behind any new formula for selection. In 2003, lawmakers voted down five options for further change.

Measures voted on Wednesday could be presented to Parliament as a bill before the end of the year but must be debated in both the Commons and the Lords, and — following any amendments — put to a final Commons vote.

Some legislators fear an entirely elected Lords would present a rival to the supremacy of the House of Commons.

The House of Lords, which emerged around 700 years ago, does not make laws but has the power to amend legislation, subject to the consent of the House of Commons, or to delay the passage of legislation for a

limited period.

A bitter clash between peers and Prime Minister David Lloyd George over his 1911 budget — which the Lords had threatened to veto — led to a limiting of their powers and brought the first modern call for reform.

Of 65 nations with a two-chamber parliament, 46 elect most or all representatives, according to James Graham, who campaigned for members to be elected. Of the 19 that appoint most or all second chamber lawmakers — including Britain and Canada — only five are established democracies, he said.

Britain, unlike most other democracies, appoints peers for life terms, rather than fixed periods of office.

Straw, the House of Commons Leader, proposed

a 540-seat house — a reduction of around 200. Under his plans, all remaining 92 hereditary peers — members who inherit their right to be in the chamber — will be removed.

Some Church of England bishops — known as the Lords Spiritual — will remain, selected by an independent body reporting to Parliament.

For most of the chamber's history, all those with inherited titles — created by the monarch — could take a place in the Lords, provided they were male, over 21 and citizens of Britain, the Commonwealth or Ireland. Since 1958, women and so-called life peers — mainly drawn from the ranks of retired politicians or those nominated by political parties — have also been appointed.

Law aims to hinder online predators

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut lawmakers unveiled legislation Wednesday that would require MySpace.com and other social-networking sites to verify users' ages and obtain parental consent before minors can post profiles.

The bill comes a day after a man was sentenced to 14 years in prison for using MySpace.com to set up a sexual encounter with an 11-year-old Connecticut girl. It was one of the first federal sex cases involving the popular site.

Attorney General Richard

Blumenthal, who met with other attorneys general on Tuesday, said 10 to 20 other states are considering similar legislation.

"The technology is available. The solution is financially feasible, practically doable," he said. "If we can put a man on the moon, we can check ages of people on these Web sites."

Under the proposal, any networking site that fails to verify ages and obtain parental permission of users under 18 would face civil fines up to \$5,000 per violation. Sites would have to check information about parents to make sure it is legitimate. Parents would be contacted directly

when necessary.

Blumenthal said Connecticut has jurisdiction because the advertisements posted on the Web sites are seen in the state.

In a statement Wednesday, MySpace Chief Security Officer Hemanshu Nigam said the company is committed to protecting teens online but does not believe the proposed bill is the best way to do that.

"We have and will continue to focus considerable resources on developing effective ways to make our site safer. Attorney General Blumenthal's proposal, while well intentioned, is not the answer," he said.

Week

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ing skills are impaired and before their health is put on the line.

Organizers handed out free Safe Spring Break merchandise in the dining halls Monday to kick off Alcohol Awareness Week, followed by Tuesday's free T-shirt give-away at the Fieldhouse Mall.

Senior Patrick Knapp, chair of the Student Senate's Residence Life committee, said the T-shirt giveaway was an overwhelming success.

"We ran out of free Safe Spring Break T-shirts in a record 1.25 hours despite freezing temperatures on the Fieldhouse Mall," Knapp said. "Last year it took more than two hours."

BAC cards were also gone in approximately one hour during the BAC card giveaways at the dining halls Tuesday, said Christine Nowak, director of ODAE.

She said the cards gave students an estimate of the rates at which each gender's bodies absorb alcohol, depending on weight.

In Wednesday's efforts to promote responsible drinking during the break, PIL-

LARS and ODAE representatives at the information fair handed out more free merchandise and brochures informing students about the alcohol equivalencies of different beverages and the different effects they may have on a person's sobriety.

"Not all drinks are created equal," McGinley said. "If students don't know how much alcohol is poured into each drink they have, they're at a higher risk of compromising their decision-making skills and putting themselves in circumstances where they're not in full control of their actions."

An ODAE handout said 12 ounces of beer contained the same amount of alcohol as 1.25 ounces of liquor or 4.5 ounces of wine. Consequently, when students drink from a 16-ounce cup, the contents of the cup — and not the number of cups — should determine the amount of drinks the student gulps.

"Even experienced drinkers may not be aware that when they have only two Long Island ice teas, they're not really having just two drinks because each Long Island ice tea in reality contains as much alcohol as five beers," McGinley said.

Sophomore Michael Call, a

fellow PILLARS member, echoed McGinley's warnings and stressed the importance of educating students about responsible drinking.

"Alcohol Awareness Week is necessary at Notre Dame and every college campus because the things students learn in college are usually the things that stay with them throughout their adulthood," he said. "And you want people who can discern between the right amount of social drinks and excessive drunkenness."

The University Health Services and Notre Dame Security Police were also present at the information fair with supplementary health advice and free Safe Spring Break merchandise, respectively.

Alcohol Awareness Week will conclude on Friday with a Coca-Cola giveaway at the Fieldhouse Mall.

Nowak said Coca-Cola has co-sponsored Notre Dame's Alcohol Awareness Week in recent years as part of the corporation's commitment to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among teenagers and underage college students.

Knapp said Coca-cola participated by donating free Coke products.

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Women

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intention.

"When I was considering running and ... thinking about choosing Maris [as a running mate], it was in the back of my mind that it was going to be an even bigger challenge since we're both female, but that wasn't why I picked her," Brown said. "I didn't pick her to go up against that [barrier], and we didn't even bring it up in the campaign."

Braun agreed that "making history" was never an objective of theirs.

"Liz and I, from the start, acknowledged that we were the first all-female ticket running, but our gender never really crossed our minds," Braun said.

While it certainly wasn't their goal, Brown did concede that they are "certainly proud" and that "it's definitely a cool benefit."

And when they announced the appointment of current Pangborn senator Sheena Plamoottil to the position of Chief Executive Assistant (CEA), they added another female to the head of the student government hierarchy. Both Brown and Braun said again, however, it was "never an effort" to have an all-female leadership, nor to "continue to make history in that way," Brown said.

Still, gender was at first an issue in selecting their CEA.

"To be honest, the gender issue did come up in that conversation, not in direct relation to individuals, but initially, Maris and I were thinking, 'We have to find a guy, we have to find a gender balance because we're already pushing it with two women,'" Brown said. "But as we thought about it, we [thought], 'Why not just pick the best candidate?' And it ended up being female."

Braun said they felt the constituency wouldn't be concerned about another female in a top leadership position.

"We recognized that we were elected because Notre Dame considered us the best candidates, and we felt we needed to honor that and choose the best candidate, regardless of gender," Braun said. "I think we would have been doing an injustice if had picked the candidate purely based on the fact that we thought a guy would look the best."

While they admit that Plamoottil's selection and their election has broken boundaries, they don't consider themselves to be progressive. Braun said she even thinks people may consider her more traditional.

"I think Liz and I are both really ambitious and really go-getters, we're really dedicated, and are willing to take risks, but I don't think that we're really trendsetters," she said.

Regardless of how gender neutral they have tried to keep the election, all three women acknowledge that a new precedent has been set at a school traditionally led by men.

"I'm only starting to grasp the reality of the significance of the whole thing," Plamoottil said.

"Just last week, I was at the library, and one of my friends came up, and she was like, 'You know, in my theology class on gender, our professor has been talking about you guys, and how amazing it is that the student body has elected three women to the top tier of student government to represent them,' and it truly struck me that this is something that will go down in history," Plamoottil said.

And while they don't expect their gender to be an issue during their administration, Brown and Braun say they are prepared for criticism.

"We know we are going to catch heat, we're going to be criticized or we're going to do stuff that not everyone's going to like, but I think we fully accept that — it's part of the job, it comes with the territory," Braun said. "But I don't foresee issues resulting from an issue that we can't control, like our gender."

As of yet, Brown said they have had no negative feedback. The positive response, on the other hand, has been overwhelming, they said.

"I think we were both kind of surprised at the amount of positive feedback we got from alumni and University administration over the fact that we were the first all-female ticket," Braun said.

"It's really cool to get letters from alumni, from women who were in the first class of females here, saying 'I could never believe that the student body would elect two females,'" Brown added.

While they feel experience — both at home and in Notre Dame student government — has prepared them to assume such difficult roles, neither see themselves going much further in politics, according to Braun.

"The reason why we ran wasn't some desire to be involved in politics, but really because we wanted to give back to Notre Dame — we saw aspects that we thought could be improved upon, and we wanted to capitalize on those," Braun said.

Already, they hope to "give back to Notre Dame," through this year's election and the precedent it sets for future elections, she said.

"I think that [gender] doesn't have to be such a huge consideration as it has been in the past," Brown said. "In past elections I've been involved in — before I asked Maris to run with me — we always said, 'You have to have a male and a female, however you do it, you can't have two females,' and I was definitely of that thought as well. But I think now [this election] shows that that's not as big an issue as everyone thought."

Braun added that this election really says that it's not all about gender. Rather, it shows that "your ticket should be comprised of the people who you think are best to do the job."

And she feels that's precisely the reason they were elected.

"Yes, we broke a standard and broke some boundaries, but I hope that people still remember why we were elected," she said.

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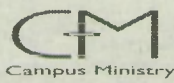
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Stocks			
Dow Jones	12,162.45	-15.14	
Up: 1,653	Same: 129	Down: 1,603	Composite Volume: 3,184,895,878

AMEX	2,074.42	-6.59
NASDAQ	2,374.64	-10.50
NYSE	8,999.20	-6.59
S&P 500	1,391.97	-3.44
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,737.49	-27.13
FTSE 100(London)	6,156.50	+18.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.40	-0.17	42.66
ISHARE RUS 2000 (IWM)	-0.13	-0.10	76.97
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.26	-0.28	19.12
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.10	-0.14	139.56

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.68	-0.031	4.497
13-WEEK BILL	-0.40	-0.020	4.955
30-YEAR BOND	-0.41	-0.019	4.636
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.78	-0.035	4.443

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+1.13	61.82
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+6.70	652.90
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.93	103.65

Exchange Rates	
YEN	116.2000
EURO	0.7591
POUND	0.5179
CANADIAN \$	1.1779

IN BRIEF

FBI finds mortgage fraud on the rise

WASHINGTON — The number of mortgage fraud cases investigated by the FBI almost doubled the past three years, reflecting a problem that is "pervasive and growing," the bureau said Wednesday in its annual report on financial crimes.

The bureau said its mortgage fraud cases increased from 436 in 2003 to 818 in 2006, and acknowledged that its case load likely represents a small piece of the problem.

The FBI said mortgage fraud is difficult to track for a variety of reasons. For starters, the industry is not required to report fraud. Moreover, the sale of mortgage loans on secondary markets can "conceal or distort the fraud," thereby reducing the number of cases reported.

"The true level of mortgage fraud is largely unknown," the agency's report said.

The bureau said fighting mortgage fraud is a priority due to the impact of mortgage lending and housing on the broader economy.

Stocks stabilize in a calmer market

NEW YORK — Stocks fell slightly but showed more signs of stability Wednesday as investors sifted through new economic data and found little reason to resume last week's heavy selling pace.

The stock indexes wavered in a narrow range, reacting little to comments from Chicago Fed President Michael Moskow that inflation remains stubborn and that interest rate increases might be needed to contain costs. The stock market was similarly unimpressed by data showing a weaker jobs picture and sluggishness in some areas of the country.

Investors in the past week have harbored concerns about a global economic slowdown and have been looking at data to try to determine whether the U.S. economy is still capable of pulling off a soft landing.

In late trading, stocks turned lower after drifting higher for most of the afternoon, unable to build on the rally of a day earlier. Tuesday's advance was strong — the Dow Jones industrials made up about 26 percent of the losses they suffered in the previous week — but it left investors wondering whether renewed volatility would subside long enough to allow Wall Street to build some consensus about where stocks were headed.

Gas prices skyrocket in California

High costs are expected to spread to the rest of country by this summer

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Gasoline prices have jumped above \$3 a gallon in some parts of California and Hawaii, and may hit that level other parts of the country when the busy summer driving season approaches.

"It kills me," said Gloria Nunez, 53, as she filled her Ford Explorer SUV at a San Jose gas station. Nunez, a clerk for a communications company, has started working a couple hours of overtime each week to help soften the blow.

"All of a sudden you kind of have to watch your pennies," she said.

Analysts say drivers should brace for more increases in the coming weeks. Crude oil, which makes up about half the price of gasoline, is trading above \$60 a barrel. Higher demand, refinery maintenance and fears about springtime shortages are also driving up prices, particularly on the West Coast.

"The West Coast will certainly be the wild, wild West this year," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for the Oil Price Information Service. Extensive maintenance work at West Coast refineries has curtailed supplies and exacerbated the typical "preseason rally" spurred by jitters about tight supplies.

"In the rest of the country it's just petro-noia. They're worried that they won't have enough gasoline," Kloza said. "But on the West Coast the concern might be warranted."

However, analysts said it's unlikely other parts of the country would see \$3 gasoline before summer without a major disruption in supply.

Average fuel prices are still below their historical highs — most of which were set in 2006 — but are inching higher weeks earlier than usual.

Wailuku, on the Hawaiian island of Maui,



A sign displays the high prices that will soon envelop drivers across the country. Crude oil is selling at over \$60 a barrel, driving up costs at the pump.

currently has the highest average price for a gallon of regular unleaded at about \$3.20.

On the mainland, the title goes to San Francisco, where a gallon averages \$3.10, a jump of about 34 cents from a month ago but still off the high of \$3.36 set in May 2006, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report for Wednesday.

The California cities of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Oakland are also all above \$3 a gallon. Most other areas of the state are just a few cents away from cracking that milestone, and motorists say they're cutting back to save money.

"I take the bus," said Hector Esqueda, an 18-year-old justice administration student from Los Angeles who has stopped driving his gas-guzzling, older-model Lincoln Continental to save money. "Other people are doing the same thing. The bus is packed."

Nationwide, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is up about 32 cents from a month ago, to \$2.50, according to the AAA report. That's more than 55 cents shy of the all-time high recorded in September 2005, after hurricanes Katrina and Rita damaged the Gulf of Mexico refinery infrastructure.

Part of the reason is rising demand. The U.S. Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that gasoline demand has averaged more than 9.1 million barrels per day over the past month, a 3.3 percent jump over the same period last year.

Oil prices jumped by more than \$1 per barrel on Wednesday, settling at \$61.82, after the agency also reported an unexpected drop in crude oil inventories as import levels reached their lowest point since 2005.

Across the country, drivers are grappling with how to manage the sudden spike.

Walgreen Co. sued for discrimination

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The federal government Wednesday sued Walgreen Co., alleging widespread racial bias against thousands of black workers throughout the nation's largest drugstore chain.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleged in a class-action lawsuit that Walgreen, based in Deerfield, Ill., makes decisions about employee assignment and promotion based on race.

Most of the complaints that led to the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Ill., came from employees and former employees in St. Louis, Kansas City, Detroit and Tampa, Fla. But EEOC

officials in St. Louis said they have found evidence of the same trend around the country.

Walgreen released a statement saying it is committed to "fairness, diversity and opportunity" and that it was "saddened and disappointed" by the EEOC action.

"Our commitment is to providing opportunity to all employees — not only because it is the right thing to do but because our business was built on this principle," the statement said.

Walgreen said it is the "nation's best represented retailer in urban areas," and that "managers of all backgrounds are promoted to senior levels from those locations."

The lawsuit alleges that Walgreen

assigns black managers, management trainees and pharmacists to low-performing stores and to stores in black communities, and denies them promotions, based on race.

"Black managers are assigned to stores in black neighborhoods more often than one would expect, and black employees are not being promoted to management and within management as often as similar white employees," said EEOC regional attorney Robert Johnson in St. Louis.

Walgreen is the nation's largest drugstore chain by sales. It has more than 5,638 stores in 48 states and Puerto Rico. It had sales of \$47.4 billion in the 2006 fiscal year.

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Spare underwear to spring break

In kindergarten, you brought your teacher a plastic baggie containing an extra pair of underwear, you know, just in case you had an "accident."

Back then, you could "read" "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak before you could actually read, because your mom had read it to you as so many times as a bedtime story that you memorized every word. You even knew exactly when to turn the pages.

You also knew exactly what to call your stuffed animals. Your incalculable creativity inspired you to name them in accordance with their animal nomenclature — "Bear," "Pup" and "Puppy" were amongst your special friends.

But even "Puppy" couldn't console you when you realized that Santa Claus did not, in fact, lug your K'nex set down the chimney and that Rudolph was not the one who nibbled on the carrots in the kitchen; your dad was.

A few years later, you voraciously read the Boxcar Children books, and afterwards, you no longer wanted your comfortable red brick house on Maple Street; after all, you'd rather have been best friends with Benny Alden in an abandoned train car any day.

In those days, you ate your ham and cheese sandwich out of your Power Rangers lunchbox while you sat at your school desk that you covered with a checkered red oil cloth. And your mom wore the lunch-mom badge every other Thursday. You blamed the public school religious education kids who used your classroom on Saturday mornings every time a Hello Kitty pencil went missing from the inside of your desk.

In D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education, of course) class, you learned to "just say no" to drugs. And in social studies class, you memorized the 50 states in alphabetical order, with the aid of one of those ever-annoying, couldn't-get-it-out-of-

your-head-if-you-beat-yourself-with-a-bat songs.

You also loved the song "MMMBop" when it first hit the airwaves, but once you discovered that the Hansons were in fact three boys, you pretended to detest it; after all, hating the song had become the cool thing to do. You could never admit that whenever "mm bop, ba duba dop / ba du bop, bad u dop" radiated from the radio on your way to school in your mom's minivan, you fancied singing right along with Isaac, Taylor and Zac.

One time after your mom dropped you off, you realized that you forgot to ask her to sign the permission slip for the class field trip to Washington, D.C. You then forced your trembling hand to forge her signature.

A few years later, your hand trembled again, this time as you spun one of your parents' old bottles of cabernet on your basement floor — your first game of Spin the Bottle. Your first kiss followed.

So did your first heartbreak. Your heart sank through that same basement floor not long after, when the object of your affection dropped the one line that has been known to turn perfectly sane people into potential bridge-jumpers — "I just want to be friends."

A couple years down the road, you became the envy of your friends when you acquired your ever-coveted driver's license; you carted around more kids than you had seatbelts. And you owed it all to the man who conducted your road test — thank goodness he didn't ask you to parallel park; then you never would've passed.

Two years later, you still couldn't parallel park, but you could buy cigarettes. You bought some at the local Shell gas station on your 18th birthday, even though you didn't smoke (clearly, D.A.R.E. taught you well). You oozed with coolness when the sign that said, "You can't purchase tobacco products unless you were born on or before (insert date)" read your birthday.

You bought your first issue of Playboy on that excursion too. You hid it under your mattress, but your mom found it anyway. Suffice to say, she was not pleased.

Not long after, you left your red brick house on Maple Street and moved in to a dingy dorm with non-modular furniture.

You began to live on your own much like the Boxcar children did before they were rescued by their rumored-to-be-evil, but actually-not-that-bad grandfather. And your parents couldn't confiscate your porn.

My point? You've come a long way since your kindergarten days of hanging your Starter jacket in a cubby hole and sitting Indian-style on the "magic carpet" during storytime.

Well, not exactly. Over Spring Break, you might find yourself on a beach in the Bahamas, and after you've had a little too much Sex on the Beach (the cocktail, of course), you might feel that warm sensation otherwise known as an "accident" dribbling down your leg. Whoops.

But regardless, you're older now. "Accidents" — although they have been known to afflict college-age folks — are no longer acceptable. And your Migration, Education and Assimilation: Three Forces that Built America professor surely didn't list a spare pair of underwear as a requirement in the syllabus.

But she does want you to finish the semester — i.e. make it back to South Bend alive.

While Cable news feasted on the story of Natalee Holloway when she disappeared in Aruba in 2005, those who knew her were devastated. After all, perhaps she had once been an uber-lovable Santa Claus-believing, Boxcar Children enthusiast too.

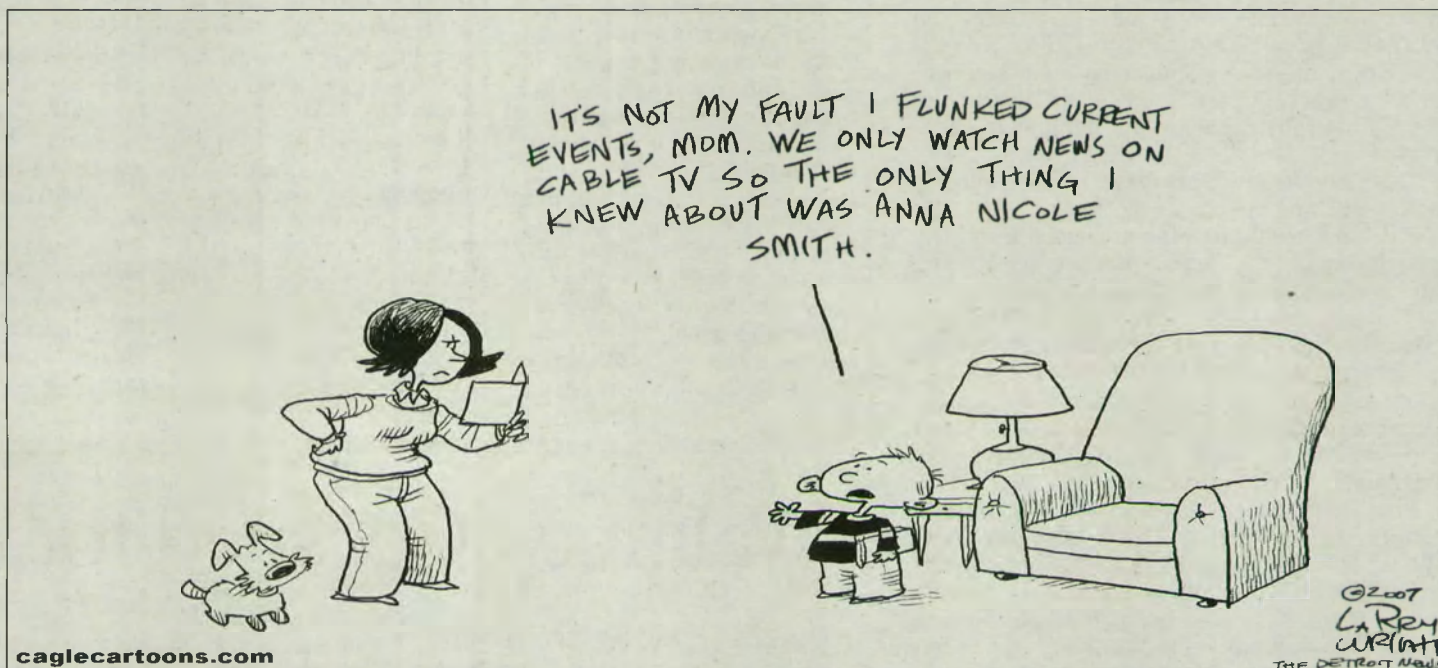
You work hard, calculating derivatives and filling up blue books. You undoubtedly deserve a break. But don't forget that you've lived through a lot. And that you have a lot left to live through — more books to read and more heartbreaks to endure. And maybe one of these days you'll even learn how to parallel park.

So be safe next week — in whatever cesspool of sin you happen to be swimming.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The French courage proceeds from vanity, the German from phlegm, the Turkish from fanaticism and opium, the Spanish from pride, the English from coolness, the Dutch from obstinacy, the Russian from insensibility, but the Italian from anger."

George Gordon Byron
poet

Be mindful of those in need, wherever they're from

During the Lenten season, the Church asks us to pay special attention to three areas of our lives, namely prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our Lenten resolutions traditionally include one practice from each of these three areas. By paying special attention to these dimensions of our spiritual life, we enable "the image of Jesus Christ to be brought to perfection within us" and prepare to celebrate with greater joy than ever Easter and the promises it holds out to faithful believers.

Richard V. Warner, CSC

FaithPoint

An issue which contains many dimensions for us and which appears frequently in the news has to do with our policies and practices with regard to immigration. The political forces in our country seem to be divided between attempting to develop a compromise which would be fair and just in our treatment of these people and provide a legal solution to the very large numbers of illegal immigrants and growing raids to capture and deport illegal immigrants while stepping up efforts to make our southern border more impenetrable.

I believe that when we think about almsgiving, our concern for the poor expresses itself not only in additional acts of service and sharing our financial resources with our brothers and sisters, but also

enables us to give people who are poor a special place in our lives during the Lenten season.

On Sunday, the New York Times published an article titled "Inmates Will Replace Migrants in Colorado Fields." The story expressed the growing concern that farmers in the southeastern portion of Colorado have with regard to how their crops will be harvested this year because of restrictions on immigration and policies which are new and tough. The farmers are concerned that migrant workers will avoid Colorado and leave their fields of sweet corn, peppers and melons unharvested. A solution through a pilot program of the Corrections Department of the State of Colorado will provide supervised low-risk prisoners to harvest these crops. In return, the farmers will pay the state a fixed fee and offer the prisoners 60 cents a day!

Among the many arguments that are made when the issue of how to deal with illegal immigrants is discussed is the concern that these men and women are taking jobs away from American citizens. While many of these low-risk prisoners surely fall into that category, this solution does not seem at all to address concerns with regard to living wages for field workers.

Our readings for the Lenten Monday Mass included the codification of the ways in which the Israelites treat-

ed other people including strangers among them and the scene on the last day when people will be separated according to the way they treated strangers, as well as those who are sick, in prison, naked, thirsty and hungry. The point of the Gospel story is that how we focus our attention on the concerns that together contain the essence of the Beatitudes is critically important for us because when we deal with these brothers and sisters of ours we are truly dealing with Jesus Christ himself.

While political options in dealing with the issues of illegal immigration will continue to divide our country more and more deeply until some significant and long-standing solution is reached, Lent may be the perfect time for us to remember these people in our prayers and to give serious thought as Christians as we each face the necessity of determining where we stand personally on such a critical issue, one which affects many people who are not only poor, but fellow Christian believers as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sacrifice is worth it

What is the difference between making a person into a slave and requiring someone to make a sacrifice for the good of another? That is, when does justice require us to make sacrifices? The question is difficult — and probably impossible — to answer to everyone's satisfaction, of course, but perhaps we can make some progress by considering cases where the harm suffered in the sacrifice greatly outweighs the benefit thereby achieved, or vice versa. The former cases, where trivial goods are achieved through great sacrifice, seem clearly to be in conflict with justice. Just as clearly, on the other hand, justice seems to require minor sacrifices for the sake of very dear goods. We can apply these observations to the question of universal health care.

First we have the sacrifice, in the form of a more-or-less progressive tax scheme. That is, universal health care requires someone to sacrifice some material wealth, of course, and the burden could be laid more heavily on the shoulders of the more wealthy by requiring them to pay relatively more. Next we have the good, the health and well-being of the poorest members of our society. Lest we think this is a trivial good, I would draw your attention to the fact that, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 15 percent of the population had no health insurance in 2002, and it's expected that the number has increased over the past four years. Universal coverage would not prevent all health problems, of course, but it would mean the difference between life and death from preventable and easily treatable diseases for many of the poorest members of our society.

Now, our observations lead us to these questions: Can we claim, seriously, that the material wealth of the richest members of our society is more important than the health and well-being — indeed, the very lives — of the poorest members? In taxing the wealthy for the sake of the poor, do we forcibly remove men and women from their comfortable and secure lives, strip them of all dignity as free human beings, put whips to their backs and force them to obey the capricious whims of cruel masters? Or is that a more accurate description of the life of poverty? Which is the more egregious violation of justice: requiring a wealthy lawyer to pay taxes or requiring a 10-year-old boy to die from an untreated infection because his mother can't afford for both him and his brother to go to the dentist this year?

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Eradicate pornography

In the Tuesday, March 6 edition of The Observer I read an article regarding pornography in male dorms ("Group discusses pornography in male dorms"). As the Gender Relations Commissioner for Carroll Hall, I felt that I should speak up on the issue. The article mentioned that students (males and females alike) feel uncomfortable around pornography; this is due to the action of their consciences and is a sign that pornography is not "good" from a moral standpoint. I am extremely embarrassed to say that images of scantily clad women abound in rooms in my hall and all around campus. Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith raised the question (and I paraphrase): "Is Sports Illustrated's Swimsuit edition pornography?" My answer is a clear and resounding "Yes!"

Pornographic images are those which cause males to lust over the female body. When this happens, women are not viewed as people but instead as objects, and the casual and everyday acceptance of pornography leads to the cultural acceptance of objectification of women. I am not saying that it is wrong to appreciate the female

form, as God made us complementary to one another, in body and mind. However, I (and the Catholic Church) feel that a male should appreciate a woman's mind along with her body to support a loving and fulfilling relationship. I hope that some time in the future pornographic (including non-nude but lust-inducing) images will be removed from the dorms to allow students to mature morally as well as academically over their time here, as well as decrease the lack of respect young males seem to have for women in this day and age.

In the meantime, I look forward to working with the Gender Relations Center and Father Jim Lewis, rector of Carroll Hall, to create programs addressing dorm pornography which will raise awareness of its detriment to moral and academic development and eradicate its presence in the dorm completely.

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FSD empowers students

Apathy toward global issues critically affects college campuses across the nation. Students attempt to expand their understanding of the world by studying abroad in other developed countries, but frequently end up spending social time amongst fellow Americans. This all-too-common experience fails to deliver an understanding of the factors that result in poverty for almost half of the world's population in ways that outreach programs such as the Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) can. Without students seeing the reality of the developing world, is there truly any wonder why they suffer from apathy?

Fortunately, an increasing number of universities are working to tackle global poverty by sending their students abroad to intern and volunteer with underserved communities. The recently-opened Blum Center for Developing Economies at the University of California at Berkeley is one example of a prominent school using faculty, students and immense resources to implement projects in developing countries. It joins a growing list of schools like Stanford, Northwestern, Princeton, Notre Dame and many others that are shifting their students away from traditional study abroad programs and toward active engagement in the developing world.

"Colleges are slowly responding to a growing number of students who want the

resume builders and skills needed to enter a very competitive job market. If one expects to work in a global profession like international development, he must have active experience abroad. Study abroad doesn't deliver enough experience," says Alex Michel, Outreach Director of FSD. FSD provides students with hands-on training and project implementation with almost 200 grassroots development organizations in Latin America, East Africa and India.

Participants in their programs often gain college credit for their internships, but most importantly, they gain experience and the relationships that allow for entry into a challenging career field. Their internship program involves students and professionals being trained and given the opportunity to collaboratively design and implement projects that are funded directly by FSD.

Fundamental to FSD's development philosophy is intense cultural immersion and ensuring that all funded projects respond to community needs and avoid imposing western ideals on developing communities. To find out more, please visit www.fsdinternational.org

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FIGHT FEATURE

Tommy Z hooks, blocks and jabs for charity

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The last strains of "Sweet Home Alabama" faded, giving way to a barely-audible bagpipe rendition of the Notre Dame Victory March. The standing-room-only crowd jumped to its feet, while those who had chairs climbed up to get a better look as Notre Dame's strong safety confidently paraded toward the ring.

Tom Zbikowski (or Tommy Z as he's known in boxing circles) climbed into the ring wearing Fighting Irish green trim on his shorts and extended an arm into the air, as Three 6 Mafia's "It's a Fight" blared from the speakers. It was a three-ring circus, and the man everyone had come to see was finally taking center stage in the Century Center's grand spectacle.

With the aid of his family, Tom Zbikowski held a charity boxing match to raise money for coach Charlie Weis' Hannah and Friends, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. There were numerous silent auction items available at the entrance of the Center, including large photographs of various Notre Dame football players (such as Zbikowski, Jeff Samardzija and Brady Quinn) as well as signed items, like footballs signed by Charlie Weis and a photograph signed by former Irish head coach Lou Holtz.

The audience chanted throughout the match, and both boxers put on a good show, with St. Germain gamely heading back into the ring after being bloodied early in the first round.

In many ways, the event resembled nothing less than a circus — a raucous and chaotic atmosphere in which there was always something happening. There were "round-card" girls (students from the Chicago-area Harper College) that appeared during each contest. In one of the more spirited moments, the "round card girls" also threw miniature boxing gloves into the crowd, which clearly excited the fans.

There were nearly a dozen fights preceding Zibby's, but it was obvious why everyone was there. Though the early bouts were entertaining — including a match that featured Eva Jones-Young, a South Bend native and the three-time female world champion, and a fight that ended in an unquestionable knockout — the audience's impatient buzz became more pronounced as the night wore on. By the time Zbikowski floated and jabbed through his three rounds, the entire event had drawn out to over three hours.

Thankfully though, Tommy Z didn't dispatch his opponent, Ryan St. Germain (from Elkhart, Ind.), with the same brevity that he did Robert Bell last summer. In fact, this fight lasted over ten times as long, though the crowd was obviously itching to see another vicious knockout. The audience chanted throughout the match, and both boxers put on a good show, with St. Germain gamely heading back into the ring after being bloodied early in the first round.

No. 9 clearly dictated the pace and flow of the fight, but seemed to ease up in the

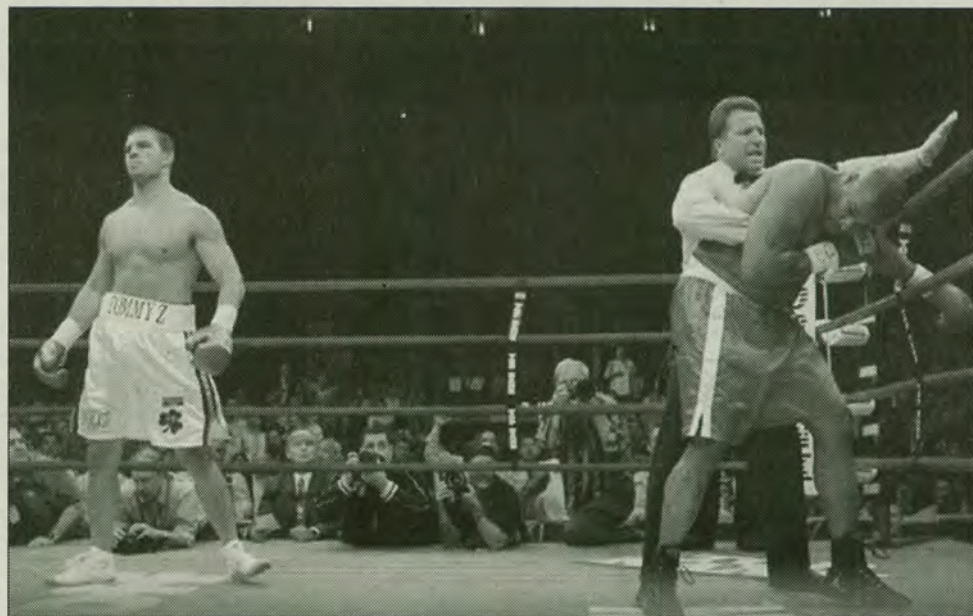


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Last June, Tom Zbikowski knocked out his opponent, Robert Bell, within 49 seconds in the first round of his professional debut at Madison Square Garden.

second round before coming out strong in the third. In fact, St. Germain was probably one of the only guys in the entire Center who wasn't rooting for a speedy knockout.

Among the familiar Irish faces excited to see Zibby fight were players like John Sullivan, Ryan Harris and Trevor Laws, as well as coaches Charlie Weis and new defensive coordinator Corwin Brown.

Zbikowski was initially scheduled to go against another fighter, Kevin Murphy from Chicago. Murphy had to drop out, and St. Germain was scheduled in at the last minute after Murphy's boxing license was suspended for testing positive for

steroids.

After the fight, Nagle continued the silent auction and Zbikowski signed autographs for waiting fans. It is estimated that, after expenses, the event raised around \$40,000.

It was an enjoyable evening for all in attendance and a great way to raise money for some worthy causes. And admittedly, it is a guilty pleasure for any opportunity to see Tommy Z in the ring.

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DVD REVIEW

'Samurai' re-issue enhances timeless masterpiece

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1954's "Seven Samurai" is widely regarded as Akira Kurosawa's finest effort, which in turn makes it one of the finest films of all time. A sprawling, 200-plus minute epic, "Seven Samurai" was groundbreaking for its breadth, depth and well-choreographed action sequences.

The film's plot is relatively simple — seven samurai band together to ward off thieves who are terrorizing a small village in Japan. Among the protectors are master samurai Kambei (Takashi Shimura), his protégé Katsushiro (Isao Kimura), the headstrong Kikuchiyo (Toshiro Mifune) and the master swordsman Kyuzo (Seiji Miyaguchi). A series of strikes and counter-strikes lead up to a climactic battle that tests the physical and mental will of each of the samurai.

"Seven Samurai" is a deep and powerful film, with many profound scenes, and its sure-footed narrative keeps the film from flagging, though it certainly requires cinematic patience. The gorgeous black-and-white cinematography (a trademark of Kurosawa) emphasizes the differences between the samurai, the bandits and the villagers. The appearance of guns highlights

the sweeping away of the old way, with Kambei standing as a symbol — the most honorable and pure character in the film, he represents one of the last vestiges of tradition and honor. The same theme would appear in films for years to come (especially in the Western), including Sam Peckinpah's "The Wild Bunch" and Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven."

Criterion, one of the benchmarks of DVD quality, already released "Seven Samurai" once before in 1998. It was one of the company's earliest DVDs, but Criterion has recently reissued the film in a deluxe three-disc special edition. Unlike the original release, which was a single disc, the special edition of "Seven Samurai" spreads the film itself over two discs, which was a great decision, since it optimizes picture and audio quality — the two elements that should really be the bottom line for any DVD release.

The film looks beautiful, having received an "all-new, high definition digital transfer." The image quality is much-improved over the original release, with deeper contrasts and many of the specks and image imperfections removed.

The audio comes in the original Japanese mono track, with re-done subtitles, though it's easy to suspect that some of the flavor of Kurosawa's script has been lost in translation. There are also two audio commentaries — one by film scholars David Desser, Joan Mellen, Stephen Prince, Tony Rayns, and Donald Richie — the other by Japanese-film expert Michael Jeck. Jeck's deep, insightful commentary, in particular, lives up to the scholar's reputation as one



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Kikuchiyo (Toshiro Mifune) defends a small Japanese village from marauding bandits in Akira Kurosawa's masterful 1954 film "Seven Samurai."

of Japanese cinema's foremost minds.

The bulk of the special features come in the form of three documentaries — a 50-minute "making of," a two-hour video conversation between Kurosawa and Nagisa Oshima called "My Life in Cinema" and "Seven Samurai: Origins and Influences," which puts the film in a historical context. The best of these is "My Life in Cinema" because it really allows the viewer to get an intimate, poignant glimpse into the heart and soul of Kurosawa.

Criterion's packaging is also quite nice, as the DVDs come housed in an attractive cardboard case that includes a booklet supported by several essays and pictures.

"Seven Samurai" is one of those films, like "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Schindler's List," that everyone should feel obligated to see at

least once. Its epic sweep and passionate sense of purpose make it Kurosawa's most ambitious film — no small feat from the director of "Ran" and "Rashômon." The filmmaker may have made several other films as accomplished as "Seven Samurai," but the 1954 masterpiece has that rare cinematic magic, in which everything about the film works — it is, of course, both timely and timeless.

While realistically it would seem that no release could do "Seven Samurai" justice, Criterion's re-release outdoes its already-high benchmarks, giving one of cinema's greatest gems the lavish treatment it so richly deserves.

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Seven Samurai

Three-disc Remastered Edition

Criterion Collection

SCENE & HEARD

Creative concoctions combat culinary conventions

While some may argue that E-Z-Mac and Ramen noodles are the staples in a college kid's diet, it's inevitable that when it comes to campus food, dining halls are at the top of the list of easy and affordable (heck, to us it feels free) options. Notre Dame is no different, with South and North Dining Hall providing a plethora of delicacies.

Well, for the first month of school, anyway.

After a good five or six weeks, it's almost impossible not to experience what I like to call "DH Overload" — that sinking feeling you have when, having just entered either South or North, you can only smell the far-too-familiar odor of cod nuggets and fajita pizza. You walk through each line in a state of malaise, and you're just plain tired of what they've got to offer your now-unsatisfied palate. To you, disheartened diner, life seems a little bit dimmer as you resign yourself to sticky rice and Vegetarian Vegetable soup.

However, there is another solution to DH Overload — pursuing the challenging (but oh-so-gratifying) art of the concoction.

"Say what?" you ask, confused and possibly a bit disturbed. But to those of us initiated in the concoction club, the dining hall is a wonderful world of ever-renewing possibilities. You may have

seen one of us strolling casually between the food lines before — we are such stuff as homemade pizzas, restaurant-looking wraps and never-before-seen pasta blends are made on. If you'd like to join, the Church of the Concoction is always accepting new converts, and you and your taste buds will definitely be the better for it. For those of you who may be newbies to this art of what is essentially cooking with pre-cooked food, let me enlighten you with a few of my favorites.

The fact that SDH supplies me with the means to feed my broccoli addiction daily is nothing short of a gift from the dining hall gods. While I too was first trapped in the rut of slapping a hunk of broccoli onto my plate each day, I soon began to expand those food horizons. Currently, my favorite use for broccoli is as a substitute for rice or pasta. Top your broccoli with your favorite sauces, Asian dishes and even the occasional taco salad. Adding extra color and vitamins to your diet never hurt anyone, and it also tastes pretty ridiculously excellent.

For future reference, though, I wouldn't recommend adding broccoli to a sandwich. Too wet, too messy and too difficult to eat without looking like a 4-year-old who can't handle holding a wrap together.

Salads are another opportunity to go, as Strong Bad would say, "crazy-go-nuts" with variety and concoction happiness. Sunflower seeds? Mandarin oranges? Tortellini stir-fry? Nothing is off limits if you pair it with the right greens and a complimentary dressing.



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Meals can become a bit repetitive by second semester, but with a little creativity it's still possible to have appetizing entree on even the most dull dining hall day.

No longer will you be trapped in the days of wilted-iceberg-and-overripe-tomato salads, my friends. Baby spinach leaves, feta cheese, peppers and balsamic vinaigrette create what is nothing short of a heavenly blend of loveliness.

Lastly, never underestimate the power of the panini presses and that Quiznos-style grilling thingy in aiding your new creations. Toasted wraps are always better than untoasted, and with the sandwich presses even you can achieve cross-hatching grill marks and pretend you're Bobby Flay on "Boy Meets Grill."

If you're feeling particularly ambitious, you can even use flatbread or pitas to create your own grilled pizzas.

So what's the bottom line, kids? Getting trapped in a state of DH overload can happen to anyone, but the ingredients are there to find your freedom. You just have to get cooking.

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CD REVIEW

'Wellies' play perfect Storm for St. Patty's Day

By SEAN SWEANY
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With St. Patrick's Day and the wearin' of the green just around the corner, Irish culture is in full bloom in expectation of the holiday. As would-be revelers prepare for parades, parties and green beer, the distinct sound of traditional Irish music can be heard not far behind. For those looking to add some last minute Irish music to their repertoire before the 17th, they need turn no further than "Bring Yer Wellies," the newest album from the acclaimed Irish band Gaelic Storm.

A California-based traditional Irish group, Gaelic Storm got its start touring Irish pubs near Santa Monica. In 1997, the band starred as the steerage band in the film "Titanic" and the popularity gained from their appearance vaulted them into the international spotlight as one of the world's top Irish bands.

Gaelic Storm's self-titled first album reaffirmed to listeners that the band could produce an Irish sound while incorporating ele-

ments of rock and other musical instruments not usually associated with Irish music. While not a Flogging Molly or Dropkick Murphys, Gaelic Storm spanned the gap between these groups and more traditional ones such as The Chieftains, creating a niche for itself and finding an appreciative audience.

One decade and five albums later, Gaelic Storm shows that it still has the same ingenuity and energy with its sixth album, "Bring Yer Wellies" ("wellies" is slang Wellingtons, rubber rain boots in Europe).

Nearly every song in "Bring Yer Wellies" has a fun, carefree tone that one might hear from a band in a real Irish pub. An intricate combination of fiddles, whistles, bagpipes, drums and an accordion allows Gaelic Storm to create full melodies catchy enough to make feet involuntarily tap along in time.

The album starts on an upbeat note with the fast-paced song "Scalliwag," where a "raggle taggle gypsy" narrator bids the listener to escape with him over the waters. After this, the album settles into a pattern of alternating between barroom ballads and quicker songs like the first one.

One of the notable barroom ballads is "Hello Monday," which laments the arrival of the work week after a weekend spent enjoying the previous week's paycheck. Most of these "pub songs" are funny and light-hearted in nature, lending an enjoyable air to the album.



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The band Gaelic Storm first gained great popularity after their appearance in the film "Titanic." Since then they have released several Irish-themed albums.

Interspersed throughout are several instrumental numbers that make strong use of the electronic bagpipes for which Gaelic Storm is famous. These include fast paced jigs and reels, each containing three parts that flow into each other to create songs worthy of being replayed again and again.

The best of the instrumentals is "The Salt Lick," which begins slowly and escalates to a rushing tempo dominated by the bagpipes. Here and elsewhere on the album, the bagpipes have a clear, undisturbed sound that is unlike the sometimes harsh tone real bagpipes create.

Each song on "Bring Yer Wellies" gives the impression of being a live recording while maintaining a clear and rich sound — a dif-

ficult feat to accomplish. What makes this even more impressive is that fact that the band recorded the 14-track set in only one month, a testament to their hard work and commitment to their music.

By the final song of the album, entitled "Kiss Me I'm Irish," listeners will feel compelled to take to the streets and proclaim this Irish saying to anyone who will listen. In "Bring Yer Wellies," Gaelic Storm delivers a festive collection of genuine Irish sounds, despite technically being an American band. The album is the perfect way for anyone ready for St. Patty's Day to get a head start on the merriment.

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Gaelic Storm

Bring Yer Wellies

Megaforce



Recommended tracks: 'Scalliwag,' 'Bare in the Basin,' 'Hello Monday' and 'The Salt Lick'



NBA

O'Neal drops 24, Heat scorch Bulls in Miami

Center adds nine boards, eight assists in Wednesday win

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points, nine rebounds and a season-high eight assists, Eddie Jones added 23 points, and the Miami Heat put together a huge second-half run to beat the Chicago Bulls 103-70 on Wednesday night.

The Heat, who never trailed, led by 19 points in the opening quarter and, after the Bulls got within three midway through the third, outscored Chicago 38-9 over a 15-minute stretch before Pat Riley emptied the bench.

Antoine Walker had 14 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, while Udonis Haslem added 12 points for the Heat — who've won 10 straight at home, moved within three games of Washington in the Southeast Division and got a measure of revenge for the 42-point beating Chicago inflicted in Miami on opening night, when the Heat raised their championship banner.

Ben Gordon, who was coming off a 48-point effort against Milwaukee, had 14 points on 6-for-18 shooting for Chicago. Chris Duhon added 12 and Kirk Hinrich had 11 for the Bulls, who had a three-game winning streak snapped and failed in their quest for their first four-game winning streak since mid-December.

Miami also improved to 5-2 since Dwyane Wade dislocated his left shoulder. Wade, the reigning NBA finals MVP, watched the game from the bench with his teammates for the first time since he was injured last month.

Jones, who scored 14 points in the fourth, established a season high in scoring for the second straight game, and also set season-bests in 3-pointers (six), assists (six) and field goals (eight).

Playing without Jason Kapono, the NBA's leading 3-point shooter who sprained his ankle Monday and will miss at least 10 days, the Heat hit 10 of 23 from behind the arc, and held Chicago to 35 percent shooting.

James Posey started in Kapono's place, and finished with seven points and six

rebounds.

The Heat started with seven unanswered points, their best game-opening run of the season, and led 28-9 after Jason Williams' layup with 2:02 left in the first quarter.

Raptors 94, Grizzlies 87

Chris Bosh had 19 points and nine rebounds, and the Toronto Raptors ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over the NBA-worst Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

Andrea Bargnani, the No. 1 pick in the draft, added 18 points for the Raptors, who led by as many as 25 points.

Toronto ended an eight-game skid to Memphis and moved 4 1/2 games ahead of idle New Jersey for first place in the Atlantic Division.

Bosh bounced back after grabbing just one rebound in a loss to Washington on Tuesday night.

The Raptors have not dropped four straight since Dec. 6-11. At that time, they were in fourth place in the Atlantic and 13th in the East, but they've gone 26-15 since.

Mike Miller scored 19 points for the Grizzlies, who have lost five straight overall and eight of their last nine road games, falling to 4-27 away from home.

Miller had six points as Memphis began the game on 10-0 run, but Toronto ended the first quarter leading 25-20 and never trailed again. Juan Dixon had eight of his 17 points in the period.

Dixon, who scored a season-high 24 points against Cleveland last Friday, started his second straight game in place of Anthony Parker (sprained right ankle). Toronto acquired Dixon from Portland just before last month's trade deadline.

Bargnani hasn't shown any signs of fatigue in his rookie season. He showed a nice touch from outside and inside. Bargnani had 12 points as Toronto led 49-38 at halftime.

Rockets 111, Celtics 80

Memphis scored the last 18 points of the game to make the game seem closer than it was.

Tracy McGrady had 25 points and nine assists, and the Houston Rockets beat Boston Wednesday night to snap the Celtics' four-game winning streak.

Six players scored in double figures for the Rockets, who



Heat center Shaquille O'Neal struggles for position during the second half of Miami's 103-70 victory over Chicago Wednesday night. O'Neal finished with 24 points in the contest.

ended a two-game skid and won for just the second time in six games. Shane Battier had 15 points, and Chuck Hayes tied a career high with 14 points and added 11 rebounds.

Yao Ming, playing for the second time since missing 32 games with a fracture in his right leg, had 11 points and five rebounds for Houston.

Al Jefferson, last week's Eastern Conference player of the week, led Boston with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Paul Pierce also scored 20 for the Celtics.

The Rockets led 30-22 after the first quarter, then started the second on an 11-2 run to blow it open early.

Luther Head, Rafer Alston and McGrady hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions, and Juwan Howard's layup capped the run and put the Rockets up 41-24 with 8:50 left in the sec-

ond.

76ers 92, Sonics 89

Andre Iguodala had his third triple-double and Joe Smith swished the winning jumper with 14.4 seconds left to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to the fifth straight win, over the Seattle SuperSonics on Wednesday night.

Iguodala finished with 25 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and Andre Miller had 17 points.

Once a leading candidate to earn the most pingpong balls in the draft lottery, the Sixers instead are talking about the playoffs. The postseason is still a long shot, for sure, but thinking about it beats another dreary end to the season — only don't tell that to Sixers fans who want their team to lose and get that No. 1 pick.

Samuel Dalembert grabbed a season-high 20 rebounds, 12 on the defensive end. Steven

Hunter had 13 points.

Ray Allen led Seattle with 29 points. The SuperSonics had their three-game winning streak snapped a night after an emotional 100-99 win at New York.

The Sonics have suddenly gotten used to these late-game heroics, only this time they were on the losing end. They even missed the final-minute free throw, too.

Allen was fouled by Kyle Korver on a driving layup that tied the score at 89-all with 36 seconds left. Allen, a 90 percent free-throw shooter who had made his first six, missed this one.

Then Smith, considered a throw-in player in the Allen Iverson trade with Denver, showed again that he's more valuable to the Sixers than as just an expiring contract. He made the 18-footer for the winning basket.

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NBA Standings

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Toronto	33-29	.532	-
New Jersey	28-33	.459	4.5
New York	28-34	.452	5
Philadelphia	23-38	.377	9.5
Boston	17-43	.283	15

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	37-22	.627	-
Cleveland	36-25	.590	2
Chicago	35-28	.556	4
Indiana	29-30	.492	8
Milwaukee	23-39	.371	15.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Washington	34-26	.567	-
Miami	31-29	.517	3
Orlando	29-33	.468	6
Atlanta	23-39	.371	12
Charlotte	22-39	.361	12.5

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Utah	41-19	.683	-
Denver	29-29	.500	11
Minnesota	27-33	.450	14
Portland	25-36	.410	16.5
Seattle	25-36	.410	16.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	46-14	.767	-
LA Lakers	33-29	.532	14
LA Clippers	29-31	.483	17
Sacramento	28-32	.467	18
Golden State	27-35	.435	20

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Dallas	51-9	.850	-
San Antonio	43-18	.705	8.5
Houston	37-24	.607	14.5
NO/Okla. City	28-33	.459	23.5
Memphis	15-47	.242	37

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	team	points	previous
1	Northwestern	298	1
2	Duke	283	3
3	Georgetown	242	4
4	North Carolina	241	5
5	NOTRE DAME	224	7
6	Princeton	214	14
6	Dartmouth	214	8
8	Maryland	210	6
9	Virginia	194	2
10	Johns Hopkins	159	12
11	Cornell	143	10
12	James Madison	122	13
13	Richmond	111	11
14	Penn State	101	19
15	Syracuse	87	18
16	Hofstra	74	17
17	Boston University	73	9
18	Stanford	51	16
19	Vaanderbilt	39	NR
20	Penn	27	20

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NCAA BASKETBALL

North Carolina State vs Duke
7 p.m., ESPN2

Baylor vs Missouri
9 p.m., ESPN2

NFL



Former Patriots tight end Daniel Graham is tackled by Dolphins linebacker Zack Thomas during New England's 21-0 loss to Miami last December. Graham signed with Denver Wednesday to a five-year, \$30 million contract.

Broncos sign Graham to five-year deal

Associated Press

Daniel Graham is the latest addition to the Denver Broncos, one of the most active teams so far this off-season.

The Broncos agreed Wednesday with the former New England tight end on a five-year, \$30 million deal that includes \$15 million in guaranteed money.

A team spokesman said he could not comment. The deal was disclosed by a person familiar with the deal who requested anonymity because it had not yet been signed.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Falcons were talking to 35-year-old wide receiver Joe

Horn, who was cut last week by their NFC South rivals in New Orleans.

ESPN.com quoted unnamed team sources as saying the Falcons reached agreement with the outspoken receiver, but the Falcons denied it.

It's not done yet," Falcons spokesman Reggie Roberts said Wednesday night. "We haven't signed a contract, so he's not an Atlanta Falcon. We haven't reached an agreement, so he's not an Atlanta Falcon."

Graham had been with New England since the Patriots drafted him with the 21st overall pick in 2002. He caught 120 passes for 1,393 yards and 17

touchdowns in his time with the Patriots, but is now primarily a blocker.

The 6-foot-3, 257-pound Graham grew up in Denver and attended the University of Colorado. His father, Tom Graham, played linebacker for the Broncos from 1972 to 1974.

He joins newly signed running back Travis Henry plus two players the Broncos obtained in trades: cornerback Dre' Bly and defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson.

In Davie, Fla., Joey Porter passed his physical and signed a five-year, \$32 million contract with the Miami Dolphins. Porter, a three-time Pro Bowler, spent his

first eight seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who released him last week in a salary-cap move. He ranks fourth in Steelers history with 60 sacks, including seven last year.

Porter joins a defense that ranked fourth in the NFL in yards allowed and included defensive player of the year Jason Taylor.

"It's great that we were able to acquire a player of Joey's caliber," Taylor said. "He has been an impact player in this league for many years, and when you add someone who has the ability to make plays like he does, it will help not just the defense, but the entire team."

IN BRIEF

Pistons Hunter suspended after positive drug test

NEW YORK — Detroit Pistons guard Lindsey Hunter was suspended 10 games without pay by the NBA on Wednesday after testing positive for phentermine, a banned substance primarily used for weight loss.

"I'm as shocked as anyone," Hunter said after arriving at the Palace on Wednesday. "It was a diet pill — we've all taken stuff and nothing ever happens."

Hunter said the pill was prescribed for his wife Ivy.

"We do that at our house — if I've got a head cold, I might grab one of her pills," he said. "It was just a bonehead mistake on my part."

Phentermine is listed as a steroid or performance-enhancing drug under the league's Anti-Drug program and brings an automatic 10-game penalty for a first positive test.

Hunter, who is 36 and in his 13th NBA season, averaged 4.6 points, 1.4 assists and 14 minutes in 39 games as a key reserve for the Eastern Conference-leading Pistons.

LSU women's basketball coach announces resignation

LSU women's basketball coach Pokey Chatman, who twice took the Lady Tigers to the Final Four after taking over as head coach in 2004, unexpectedly announced her resignation Wednesday.

"I have notified the university today that I will step down as head coach of the women's basketball program in order to allow me to pursue other career opportunities," Chatman said in a prepared statement that did not give details about those other opportunities.

The 35-year-old Chatman said she would stay with the team through the upcoming NCAA tournament and will be under contract until

April 30.

"To eliminate any further distraction from our preparation for and participation in the NCAA tournament, I will have no further comment and answer no questions on this subject," she added.

Ducks defenseman Pronger out with broken toe

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Anaheim Ducks All-Star defenseman Chris Pronger will be out about two weeks because of a broken bone in his toe.

He was injured during a post-game workout Sunday night, the team said Wednesday.

Pronger had an X-ray Tuesday night, which revealed the break. He was at the Ducks' arena Wednesday to receive treatment.

Pronger has endured various mishaps in his first season with the Ducks since being traded from Edmonton.

He broke his left foot when he

PGA TOUR

Woods announces plan to host PGA event

Golfer also says it's undetermined where event will take place

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods joined elite company Wednesday as one of only three players to host a PGA Tour event during their careers.

But this wasn't about taking his place with Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Woods was more interested in the dozen children seated to the side of a packed lounge in the National Press Club, where Woods and PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem announced plans for the AT&T National that marks the return of golf to the nation's capital.

Still to be determined is where the tournament will be played and the size of the field.

Woods made clear, however, that the tournament would pay tribute to the military over the Fourth of July, and pay for a new Tiger Woods Learning Center in the Washington area as he expands his foundation's goal to help children.

"The last year or so, we've been looking up and down the Eastern seaboard for a new learning center," Woods said. "And then this opportunity fell into our laps. It makes sense to build it here, we just haven't had time to find a site yet."

The first step is to build a tournament.

The AT&T National replaces the International outside Denver, which shut down last month when tournament founder Jack Vickers couldn't find a sponsor, which he blamed

in part on Woods not playing the event.

It will be played July 5-8, and Woods isn't sure if he will be able to play this year because his wife is expecting their first child. But while Palmer bought the Bay Hill Club and Nicklaus built his own course in his hometown outside Columbus, Ohio, Woods is establishing his tournament roots in Washington.

"That's our intent, to stay here and have this be our home event, hopefully for perpetuity," he said.

The Tiger Woods Foundation will run the tournament, with charitable money going to the foundation toward building a learning center. Woods' first learning center, which cost \$25 million, opened a year ago in Anaheim, Calif.

Woods becomes the youngest player to host a tournament. Bobby Jones was 32 when the Augusta National Invitation — which later became the Masters — was held in 1934. Nicklaus was 36 when the Memorial was played for the first time. Palmer was 44 when he took over at Bay Hill, and Byron Nelson had been long retired when he gave his name to a tournament in Dallas.

"Not too many people are fortunate to have an opportunity like this," Woods said. "What Bobby Jones did for golf and starting the Masters, that won't be touched. As far as what Jack has done at the Memorial, or Arnold at Bay Hill or Mr. Nelson in Dallas, those have been true legends of the game. They made a tremendous impact on our sport."

"I want to build something along that level," he said.



Tiger Woods smiles during a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Wednesday, where he gave details about hosting a PGA Tour event in July.

"Obviously, with my competitive nature, I want it to be better."

First the tour has to secure a golf course.

All signs point toward Congressional Country Club for 2007 and 2008. The club is to vote on the tour's request over the next few weeks, and Woods and Finchem openly lobbied members to approve it.

"Right now, the energy at Congressional is very, very positive and very supportive," Finchem said. "And we hope that carries over to the

response from the overall membership."

Finchem said the purse would be at least \$6 million, but he hasn't decided the size of the field.

He said it likely would be comparable to other invitationals — Memorial, Bay Hill, Colonial — which have fewer than 156-man fields typical of summer events.

Woods always dreamed of being host of a regular PGA Tour event — he just didn't expect it this soon.

He started the Target World Challenge, an unofficial event held in California in December, in 1999 and spoke to his father about finding a way to earning full tour status.

"The way the tour is structured, it didn't look like we would have an opportunity until 2010, '11 or '12," Woods said. "But we were lucky enough that this one came up."

It came at the expense of the International, played at Castle

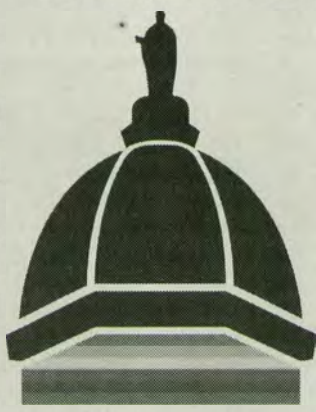
Pines outside Denver. Woods only played there twice, the last time in 1999, and didn't return because he didn't care for the golf course.

AT&T now is title sponsor of five tournaments. The company sponsors PGA Tour events at Pebble Beach and in Atlanta, along with two tournaments on the Champions Tour. Finchem said the deal in Washington would be for at least five years, with an option to sponsor the event through the end of the TV contract in 2012.

Why couldn't AT&T work in Denver?

"For whatever reason, we couldn't find any magic for sponsors as it relates to Denver," Finchem said. "We had been trying two years. The second this is, the International is run by the club and its member. This concept was one where it would be run by the foundation."

Woods already has put his mark on his new tournament.



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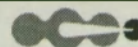
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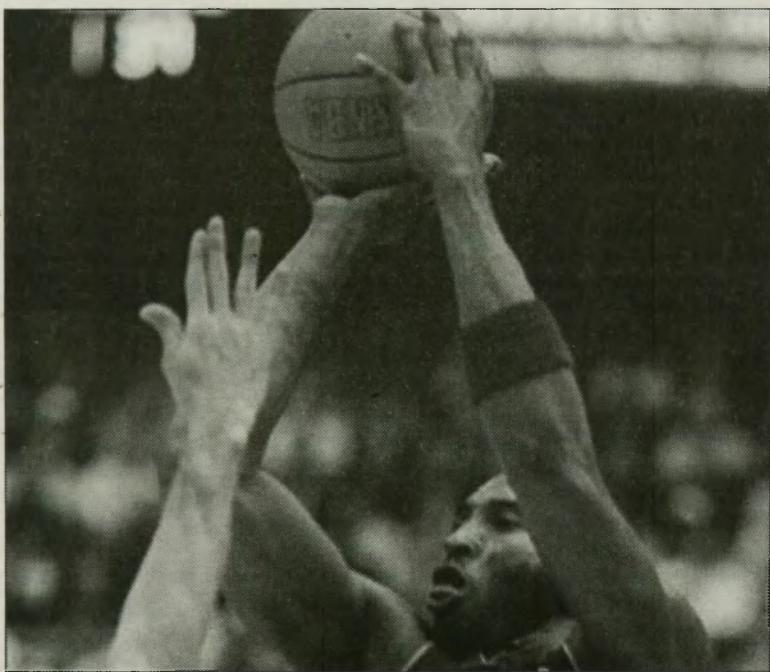
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NBA

Kobe suspended one game for hit



Lakers guard Kobe Bryant shoots during the second quarter of a 102-94 Los Angeles win Feb. 26 over Utah.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was suspended one game by the NBA on Wednesday for striking a player in the face, his second penalty for that action in a little more than a month.

And if he does it again, he could be looking at a more severe punishment.

"We considered suspending him for multiple games," NBA executive vice president Stu Jackson said on a conference call. "Certainly if this occurs again, most likely there would be multiple games."

The most recent incident came with 58 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of the Lakers' 117-107 double-overtime loss to Minnesota on Tuesday night, when Bryant struck Timberwolves guard Marko Jaric after taking a shot.

The play was similar to one that drew Bryant a suspension late in January, when he hit San Antonio's Manu Ginobili in the face after taking a shot. Jackson determined that play to have been an unnatural basketball action and suspended Bryant from a game at New York.

There was no foul called on the first play, but Bryant was called for a foul Tuesday.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson was restrained in disagreeing with the suspension, but couldn't help letting some sarcasm drip through.

"In this league, everybody's got a pretty face, and we're going to try to keep it that way," Jackson said before the Lakers' game at Milwaukee.

Jackson acknowledged that the two plays Bryant was suspended for are similar, but made it clear that he didn't agree with the punishment.

"If they're going to make a call, even if they're wrong, they'll still be consistent," Jackson said.

Bryant, second in the NBA with 29.2 points per game, missed Wednesday night's game and forfeited about \$161,000 in salary.

Jackson said Bryant was simply using his normal follow-through in an attempt to draw a foul.

"I think I'm going to have to

put about 50 clips of Kobe shooting his shot and his arms going out like that so the judge of this deed of Kobe's sees that he does this a lot," Jackson said.

"It's not an unnatural basketball motion."

And Jackson said Bryant is hardly the only player who uses his arms to create space for shots or draw fouls, pointing to the Lakers' Dec. 17 overtime loss to Washington in which Gilbert Arenas shot 27 free throws.

Bucks coach Terry Stotts said he sees Bryant and other star players use their hands aggressively all the time.

"As far as extreme flailing into a face, I don't see that very often," Stotts said.

"But I think star players throughout the years have found ways to get off them, too."

Stu Jackson acknowledged being surprised by having this incident come up from Bryant again, but did not want to comment on Bryant's intent.

MAN AMONG DEMONS



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Irish guard Colin Falls goes to the basket during Notre Dame's 67-66 loss to DePaul at Allstate Arena in Chicago Feb. 8. Falls scored a team-high 20 points in the contest.

Deus Caritas Est

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Syracuse beats UConn, advances to play ND

Villanova, West Virginia also defeat Big East foes in first round at Madison Square Garden in New York City

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Unlike last season, Syracuse didn't need any last-second magic to knock Connecticut out of the Big East tournament.

Demetris Nichols scored 28 points, hitting seven 3-pointers, and Eric Devendorf added 19 points to help fifth-seeded Syracuse beat the Huskies 78-65 on Wednesday in the opening round at Madison Square Garden.

"We didn't need a miracle at the end of it this time," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We played well for the last 15 minutes."

Boeheim's team made history in the 2006 tournament when the Orange won it all as the ninth seed behind a remarkable week for senior guard Gerry McNamara. He hit 3-pointers at

the end of regulation and overtime to help the Orange upset top-seeded Connecticut on the way to the title.

It was the first time a team took the title by winning four games, and it was Syracuse's fifth Big East championship. The Orange have won eight straight tournament games — one short of Connecticut's record of nine set from 1998-2000.

On Wednesday, the Orange (22-9) used a 25-8 run to start the second half and turn a two-point deficit into a 61-46 lead with 11:14 left. Nichols scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers during the spurt.

"The second half we got better shots, tightened up on defense and did a better job on the boards," Boeheim said.

Despite finishing in fifth-place in the conference, Devendorf

felt the Orange needed a victory in the tournament to secure an NCAA bid.

"We just had to get this win," he said. "This kind of gets a lot off our shoulders as far as the NCAA tournament goes, but we still have a lot to do here."

While Syracuse appears headed to the NCAA tournament, Connecticut will miss it for the first time since 2001.

Connecticut (17-14) entered the Big East tournament as the No. 12 seed — its lowest ever. The inexperienced Huskies were the No. 11 seed in 1997 and were trying to salvage a tough season that started with a Top 25 ranking.

The frustration of a difficult season was evident. Huskies coach Jim Calhoun received a technical foul after arguing a traveling violation midway through the second half. Visibly

annoyed, Calhoun kicked the Big East sign in front of the scorer's table.

"When bad things happen to you by incompetent people, and they do happen to you at times, and as that built we became a little more frustrated," Calhoun said.

The Huskies could get no closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Boeheim and Calhoun, two Hall of Fame coaches, have a combined for 1,497 wins.

"When you think about the history and tradition of the league and see Syracuse and Connecticut and the league's two Hall of Fame coaches going at it on the first day, it's pretty staggering," said Notre Dame coach Mike Brey, who will face Syracuse in the quarterfinal on Thursday.

Jerome Dyson scored 21 points to lead Connecticut. A.J. Price added 11 for the Huskies.

"In the second half we just couldn't get it going," Dyson said. "We missed shots we needed to make."

Villanova 75, DePaul 67

Scottie Reynolds hit free throw after free throw down the stretch, showing the poise of a postseason-tested veteran.

The freshman guard stepped up as Villanova's big playmaker, scoring 29 points and making eight free throws in the last 4 minutes to lead the ninth-seeded Wildcats to a victory over No. 8 seed DePaul in the opening round of the Big East tournament Wednesday.

"I was just trying to be aggressive," Reynolds said. "A switch kind of turned on in me where I wanted to be more aggressive on the ball. It ended up where I was going to the line, and, you know, it worked out."

Curtis Sumpter added 25 points and the Wildcats (22-9) won their fourth straight, advancing to play top-seeded Georgetown (23-6) in the second round Thursday. The Hoyas, who received a first-round bye, and the Wildcats split their two regular-season meetings.

"We've just had two great games," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "This is going to be a battle, man. That's what it's all about when you get here."

Sammy Mejia scored 20 points, and Wilson Chandler and Draelon Burns each had 18 for DePaul (18-13), which was playing in its first Big East tournament after joining the conference last season.

"You've got to make open shots, and we didn't make them," DePaul coach Jerry Wainwright said. "It's not a magic game. They were more efficient than we were. They took advantage."

Reynolds was outstanding with senior guard Mike Nardi sidelined for most of the game with a left ankle injury. Nardi was injured in the first half of the Wildcats' victory over Syracuse on Saturday, and only played 5 minutes in this one.

But Reynolds made sure Nardi wasn't completely missed. He shot 6-of-19 from the field, including 4-of-11 from 3-point range, and was 13-of-16 from the foul line to tie a Villanova record for points in the Big East tournament. Kerry Kittles also

scored 29 against Providence on March 11, 1995.

"Scottie knows what he's doing and he can run the show," Wright said.

Villanova led 28-26 at half-time, but came out shooting to start the second half. The Wildcats took a 39-28 lead on an 11-2 run that included two 3-pointers by Sumpter and another by Reggie Redding.

The Blue Demons kept chipping away, getting within three points three times, but just couldn't make any big stops on the Wildcats.

"Somehow we have to figure out a way to come up aggressive and match the other team's intensity because I think that was the difference in the game," Mejia said. "We made a lot of runs when they were up double digits or when they were up and we got close."

After Mejia got DePaul within five at 57-52 with a layup with 4:48 left, Reynolds made two free throws and then missed a 3 before Chandler hit one of his own to cut the Blue Demons' deficit to 59-55 with 2:57 left. Redding's jumper made it 61-55, but Mejia hit two free throws with 2:07 remaining to make it a four-point game.

It was a foul shooting clinic from there, with Villanova going 14-of-18 from the line, including Reynolds' 6-of-8, as the Wildcats sealed the victory. It was a good thing Villanova was so good from the foul line — 33-of-38 compared to DePaul's 16-of-19 — because it shot just 17-of-47 (36.2 percent) from the field.

"If it does get into a free-throw shooting contest, usually we're pretty good," Wright said. "That gave me confidence. We talked about finishing games. If we can get into a position where we've got the lead, we're usually pretty good because our guys shoot well."

West Virginia 92, Providence 79

If West Virginia keeps hitting shots from all over the Madison Square Garden court, it might have a long stay in the Big East tournament.

West Virginia made a Big East tournament record 17 3-pointers and the seventh-seeded Mountaineers beat Providence in the opening round Wednesday night.

"When we shoot like that we're a tough out," coach John Beilein said. "We've had moments where we're extremely efficient. We really did a great job tonight."

The win kept alive West Virginia's chances of an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament should it not win the conference title.

"I think the best idea for everyone in the country is just to keep winning," Beilein said. "I know the NCAA selection committee does a terrific job, but we just need to keep winning and not worry about any of that."

Frank Young and Alex Ruoff each scored 21 points for the Mountaineers, who moved into the quarterfinals against second-seeded Louisville on Thursday night.

"Twenty hours and we're back playing again," Beilein said.

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injured forward Rob Kurz, the Irish (23-6, 11-5) still had five players finish in double figures and shot 48 percent from the field.

Syracuse forward Demetris Nichols led all scorers with 29 points while forward Terrence Roberts added 20 in the teams' first meeting.

"The last time we beat Syracuse ... I'm not saying that they're the same team, but the psychological advantage is on our side being that we are 1-0 against them this season," Irish guard Russell Carter said.

Syracuse applied backcourt defensive pressure late in its first game against the Irish and cut a 28-point Notre Dame lead to 10 with 2:42 remaining, but the Irish held off the Orange in the final minutes. Brey is not concerned about the press this time around. Instead, Syracuse's zone remains the focus.

"I would not be worried about their press, but they didn't play us any zone up there," Brey said. "[Orange coach Jim Boeheim] did not start zone against us."

Since its loss to Notre Dame,

Syracuse has won seven of its last nine contests, including a 72-58 upset of No. 9 Georgetown Feb. 26.

"They're probably going to try and get a little revenge. We went in there and established the rhythm and tempo we wanted at their place," Irish forward Zach Hillesland said. "They're another team that's playing really well now."

"They will sit in [the zone] and make us play against that for 40 minutes."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

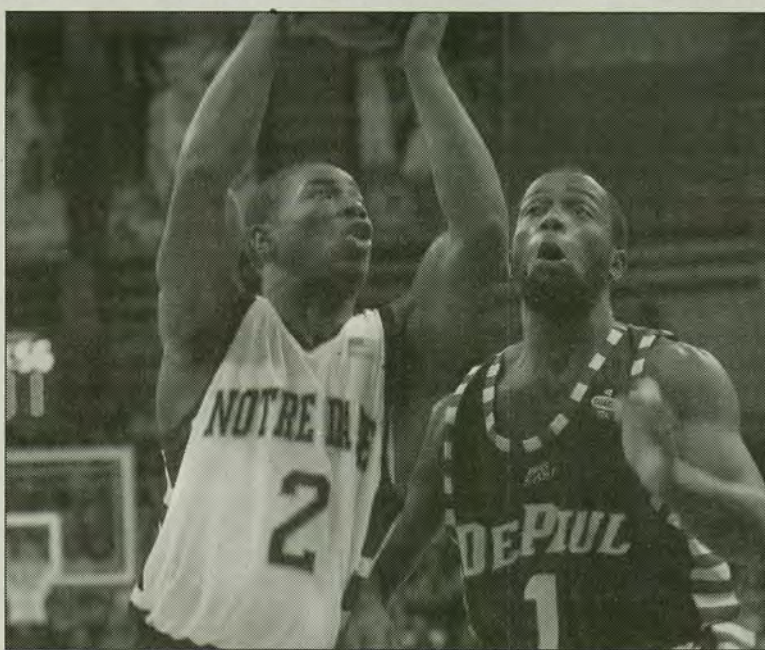
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Zach Hillesland
Irish forward

Hillesland could be the key to cracking Syracuse's zone defense because of the success he has had this season against the zone. In Notre Dame's 81-78 win against Providence Feb. 15, Hillesland lingered near the foul line and disrupted Providence's 2-3 zone defense, collecting 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting. The extra attention Providence gave Hillesland opened up opportunities inside for Kurz, who finished that game with 15 points.

Syracuse gained entry into the quarterfinals of the conference tournament with a 78-65 victory over Connecticut Wednesday. The No. 16/20 Irish earned a bye in the first round after finishing fourth in the regular season standings. The winner will face either Georgetown or Villanova in the semifinals Friday.

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Irish guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 78-54 win Feb. 20 over DePaul at the Joyce Center.

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loss of starting point guard Kyle McAlarney to suspension, the Irish went 23-6 overall and 11-5 in the Big East during the regular season. Almost every statistical category improved tremendously. Russell Carter became one the conference's premier scorers. Tory Jackson and Luke Harangody made the Big East All-rookie team. Colin Falls assumed leadership of the team and guided the locker room through thick and thin.

All in all, it was Mike Brey's season of redemption. He silenced the critics, fixed his earlier mistakes and put a surefire NCAA Tournament team on the floor.

But Brey and his team can't be finished yet. They still have some demons to exorcise, beginning today in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament in Madison Square Garden against Syracuse.

Brey (and the Notre Dame program for that matter) has seen nothing but frustration in the Garden in the past. The coach is just 2-6 in the Big East tournament, while the Irish overall have gone just 3-11 since joining the conference before the 1995 season.

The Orange (22-9, 10-6) come into tomorrow's game red hot and with a chip on their shoulder. Since losing to the Irish 103-91 Jan. 30, Syracuse has won seven of nine, blistering past Connecticut Tuesday, 78-65 in the first round.

So with all that working against them, why should Notre Dame

expect to win today?

Because this team refused to stop believing in itself. Not when it was picked the finish 11th in the Big East. Not when it lost to Butler Nov. 13, 71-69 on a missed last second shot by Carter that was eerily reminiscent of 2005-06's close losses. Not even when McAlarney was suspended for a semester and Jackson was thrown into the fire as the starting point guard.

Mike Brey needs this win and maybe a couple more for good measure while his team is in New York. Even his three NCAA Tournament teams faltered in the Big East tournament. He's fixed many of the problems with his previous teams this year (inside play, defense, winning games), but all that redemption won't matter if the Irish bomb out of yet another conference tourney.

Fortunately for Brey, this is the team to do it. This is the team that can win a game or two — or maybe even three — in the Garden, see their NCAA Tournament seed rise the week before Selection Sunday (instead of fall) and get rid of the one blemish their coach's critics can still point to on his record.

They don't need to win the tournament or even make it to the championship. They just have to come out poised and make a good showing to tell the selection committee and the nation that this is a new era in Notre Dame basketball and the days of meekly bowing out of the conference tournament are over.

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NFL

Lewis signs one-year deal with Cleveland

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Browns finally tackled Jamal Lewis.

Unable to reach a deal to remain in Baltimore, the free agent running back signed a one-year deal on Wednesday with Cleveland, the team he blistered for an NFL single-game record 295 yards in 2003.

Lewis was released last week in a salary-cap move by the Ravens, who elected not to pay their career rushing leader a \$5 million roster bonus. He'll now join the Browns, Baltimore's AFC North rival, who were last in the league in rushing in 2006.

"We are pleased to add Jamal Lewis to our team," Browns general manager Phil Savage said in a statement. "He is a proven NFL back who brings a toughness and demeanor to the game that his teammates and our fans will appreciate."

Lewis, 27, visited the Browns on Wednesday and decided to sign with the team before leaving town or talking

to another team.

Financial terms were not immediately available.

Lewis' agent, Mitch Frankel, did not return several messages seeking comment.

With the Ravens reportedly interested in acquiring Buffalo running back Willis McGahee, Lewis decided to look elsewhere and found a fit with the Browns — one of the teams he has torched while rushing for 7,801 yards and 45 TDs in seven seasons.

Lewis spent the afternoon at the Browns' facilities in suburban Berea, meeting with Savage and coach Romeo Crennel. Savage was with the Ravens in 2000 when the club drafted Lewis in the first round out of Tennessee.

Lewis, the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year in 2003, is an upgrade at running back for the Browns, who now have to figure out what to do with feature back Reuben Droughns. They owe Droughns a \$1.75 million roster bonus later this month, but may choose to cut him instead.

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er.

"You have to play every game as a must win from here on out," Irish junior goalkeeper Joey Kemp said.

The Irish need to get back on track from their first two games. A major factor in their two victories was Notre Dame's advantage over their opponents in shots on goal. In the loss to Cornell, though, the Irish were outshot by 14 attempts. The defense needs to limit their opposition's attempts — Kemp is good enough to make a sufficient number of saves for the Irish to win if the team shot totals stay close.

Notre Dame also needs to have good midfield play to help its offense. In the Penn State victory, junior midfield-

er Michael Podgajny netted four goals and had two assists for a season-high six points.

The upperclassmen are a very important part of leading this team as preseason All-American senior attacker Brian Hubschmann stands atop the team with seven goals. However, a good barometer of success is how well the underclassmen are doing. Freshman attacker Will Yeatman needs to continue his scoring success. Along with Podgajny, he leads the team with nine points. Sophomore attacker Ryan Hoff also has helped out with four goals and two assists of his own.

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freshman. Calli Davidson also earned honorable mention honors last year.

Seniors Miesle and Laura Helene hope to return to the MIAA championship this year after winning the title in 2004 during Sullivan's senior season as a player.

"Two of them have won the conference tournament before so they know what it takes to get there," Sullivan said. "They want to go out with some kind of record."

After their demanding Fort Myers schedule, the Belles will hit the beach before returning to school and starting their home season March 25 against Rose-Hulman.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midtown madness

Irish hope to duplicate winning ways against Syracuse in Big East

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The last time Notre Dame played Syracuse, the Irish utilized an up-tempo transition offense to set their season high point total in a 103-91 win over the Orange Jan. 30 in the Carrier Dome.

But Notre Dame coach Mike Brey expects the teams' second meeting to be different. The Irish face the Orange at 2 p.m. today in an ESPN televised quarterfinal of the Big East tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"I would think if we play Syracuse they will play zone for 40 minutes," Brey said. "They will sit in it and make us play against that for 40 minutes. I was surprised that we didn't see it at all [last time]."

The Orange (22-9, 10-6 Big East) broke away from their traditional 2-3 zone in the teams' first matchup and played man-to-man defense — but to little use. Playing without

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Irish guard Russell Carter drives to the basket against Marquette in Notre Dame's 85-73 victory Feb. 24 at the Joyce Center. Carter is the Big East's fourth leading scorer with 16.9 points per game.

CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

New York offers Brey chance to cap surprise season, improve seed

NEW YORK — The last three seasons had been rough for Notre Dame men's basketball. And no one had taken more heat than coach Mike Brey.

After two years of being on the wrong side of the bubble and last year's disastrous 1-8 start in the Big East, expectations were very low for the 2006-07 Irish.

There were numerous questions. Where would the Irish inside game come from? Would the young point guards be able to run the team? Would Notre Dame be able to do anything offensively aside from shooting threes? Would Brey keep his job if his team missed out on another NCAA Tournament bid?

Six months later, those questions are a distant memory. Despite the



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MEN'S LACROSSE — ANALYSIS

Loss should re-focus team

Talented Irish squad must prepare for hard schedule ahead of them

Irish fans should not worry after last weekend's loss to Cornell (3-0). The Big Red are ranked No. 3 in the nation and may be the hottest team in the country. Through their first three victories, the Red have outscored their opponents 48-18. During that span, Cornell goaltender Matt McMonagle has been stellar, saving more than 60 percent of shots on goal.

Pat O'Brien
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame (2-1) beat Loyola (Md.) in their first contest of the year in a 9-7 battle. Loyola is currently ranked No. 16. Then the Irish conquered pre-season No. 16 Penn State in Happy Valley.

After the 13-8 loss at Cornell, Notre Dame travels to No. 15 North Carolina, who has had a hot 3-1 start this season. The Irish also visit Drexel, a team with a landmark 11-10 victory over then-No. 1 Virginia, the defending national champion. The road trip ends with a weekend visit to Ivy League team Dartmouth.

Notre Dame needs to get



Irish midfielder Grant Krebs challenges Loyola (Md.) midfielder Taylor Ebsary in Notre Dame's 9-7 win Feb. 17 at Loftus Center.

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past this five game road trip in its brutal early schedule. After these games, five of Notre Dame's remaining eight matches are here in South Bend, and only one is against a team that is currently ranked in the top 20. That

squad is league rival, No. 18 Denver, who the Irish play at Moose Krause Field. This does not mean that Notre Dame should take any game lightly, but the schedule does

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles head south for 10 games in Florida

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Coming off last year's 28-13 mark, Saint Mary's travels to Florida next week with high expectations as they begin their season with a 10-game stretch in the Sunshine State.

Led by second-year coach Erin Sullivan, the Belles head to Ft. Myers, Fla., where they will play 10 games from March 11-17. Sullivan led the team to unprecedented heights last season, reaching the conference tournament for the first time and earning a school-record 28 wins.

The Belles hope to rekindle their winning ways in Florida, where they face off against Montclair State, Mount Ida, Curry, Nichols, New England, Ohio Wesleyan, Illinois College (2-1), Blackburn (2-2), North Park and Transylvania (3-1).

Only three of the week's opponents have games under their belts this season. Sullivan said her lineups will be fluid throughout the week to see what works

for the Belles, whose practice time has been limited due to recent weather.

"We want to find the team on the field that will be most competitive," Sullivan said. "It's tough because we haven't been outside ... but the adjustment's not that difficult."

After spring break, the Belles will try to improve upon their 2006 conference record (11-5) and qualify for the conference and regional tournaments.

In addition to the team's larger ambitions, each team member has set individual goals.

"We're a different team," Sullivan said. "Our goal isn't to necessarily be better than we were last year, but we do want to achieve some personal goals to have a better season."

The experienced team of nine upperclassmen will add three freshmen to the team and one sophomore, volleyball standout Cathy Kurczak, who did not play last season.

Three returning Belles — Kristen Amram, Sarah Miesle and Ashley Fusaro — earned first or second-team MIAA accolades in 2006. Pitcher Amram became the Belles' first MIAA MVP, after she went 6-1 with a 0.97 ERA in league play as a

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Sullivan