Prosecutor offers 2 options to Boat Club

By TERESA FRAlish
Administrative News Editor

As a result of a late January raid that led to 231 citations, The Boat Club must either lose its liquor license or sell the bar to new owners, said Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission prosecutor Fred Bauer.

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It could be worse

For anyone who doesn’t know me, I’m quick to vocalize my dislike for South Bend weather. As a native Floridian, I feel I’ve earned that right. It’s a right I make use of pretty often.

Freshman year, for example, I complained my way through a blizzard. Last year also provided me with opportunities to voice my dislike of the region’s weather with an ice storm and frequent days with wind chills in the zero and below range.

I am, however, one to give credit when it’s due. If, like me, you’ve been following the weather reports recently, you’ll see that Indiana isn’t such a bad place to be right now.

Sure we’ve gotten our share of lake-effect snow, painful winds and sunless days but this doesn’t even compare with what the East Coast is going through right now.

It’s scary but South Bend’s gray, snowless skies are looking pretty good for the time being.

Take New York City, for example. The city received over 20 inches of snow in the past few days from a blizzard. Washington D.C. temporarily closed its Baltimore-Washington National airports after it got a record 28.2 inches of snow. Likewise, snow from the blizzard pummelled Philadelphia, forcing the city to cancel school.

And here’s one more thing to be glad you’re not a Boston College Eagle: the city is buried under several feet of snow. Boston may have more cultural and nightlife opportunities than South Bend, but at least we don’t have to put on cross-country skis for the trek to class.

Worse still, meteorologists anticipate that the East Coast will receive rain in the next few days, which, coupled with the excessive snowfall, could cause flooding.

Even warm, sunny Florida has been hurtting recently. Several weeks ago a cold front moved in that set record lows in Orlando and produced snow flurries in the Daytona Beach area.

When you look at the rest of the country, Southern states are receiving light snowfall and February temperatures seem downright temperate.

Expect temperatures in the upper 30s and lower 40s this week and maybe even a little sunshine. Enjoy it while you can. Who knows where you’ll be for spring break.

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CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday’s article “Historian’s lecture addresses Holocaust,” the speaker’s name was misspelled. The correct spelling is Professor Robert Marans. The Observer regrets this error.

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The Observer  WHAT’S UP
Kennedy discusses American success after World War II

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

The United States was successful in winning World War II because of specific policy decisions regarding military tactics and economic decisions made by U.S. leaders, said Donald Kennedy, a Stanford University history professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

"The deliberate decision to attack with air strikes set the United States' war-fighting pattern for the duration of the war and allowed America to spare lives but bring munitions to the front to inflict damage," said Kennedy.

"Air power, if properly developed... could overfly the traditional battlefield to hit the industrial heart of the enemy," said Kennedy.

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The second decision Kennedy discussed involved Donald Nelson, a civilian U.S. government official who oversaw the American economy as it shifted to wartime production.

Nelson believed that "the pace of mobilization the country was trying to reach...was not feasible," said Kennedy.

Kennedy concluded by saying that these deliberate decisions by the United States allowed a "contest of attrition in which America had the advantage. The technology needed" to win the war.

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Vandalism occurs in SUB office

By TERESA FRALISH
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The front rooms of the Student Union Board office were vandalized Wednesday afternoon, said Andrew Lam, student chief controller for SUB.

According to Lam, several desks, couchs and a stereo at the office were covered with red punch. In addition, flowers and cookies were ground into the office carpet.

The office is located on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

Lam said the punch, cookies and flowers were left over from Sophomore Literary Festival activities held last week. "Someone trashed our office," said Lam. "Punch was spilled all over some couches. As far as we know nothing was stolen."

Lam said the desks will still be usable but all of the papers on the desks, which belong to SUB programmers, were ruined by the punch. Lam also said that the stereo and couches would still be usable.

The mess created in the office was quickly cleaned up by Notre Dame janitors, said Lam. "Everybody is really grateful," Lam said.

The mess was discovered in the afternoon by janitors, who then notified the SUB adviser, Brian Coughlin. Coughlin notified Lam and others officers on the SUB.

Lam said that the SUB has not yet notified Notre Dame Security Police about the vandalism. He said the group would wait until Friday to contact NDSP and hoped that someone would come forward with information about who might have been involved with the vandalism.

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associate vice president for news and information. Michigan and its supporters are arguing that the 1978 Bakke decision, which declared quota systems unconstitutional in university admissions, set a legisla
tive precedent.

Since it did not strike down the consideration of race in admissions but recognized the benefit of diversity in student bodies, the University says its poli
cies are still constitutional and necessary.

Carnegie Mellon University initiated the amicus, or "friend of the court," brief. According to this brief, the institutions in support of Michigan, "do not suggest every college or university must con
template race in the same way, or even at all, when selecting stu
dents for admission. They do suggest, however, that selective private colleges and universities cannot achieve meaningful diversity on their campuses without continuing to have that academic tool at their disposal." Carol Kaesebier, Notre Dame vice president and general counsel, who was involved with another University of Chicago position in the brief, said it was important for the University to support Michigan's policies because institutions need diverse student bodies. In read
ing several drafts of the brief since January, she said Notre Dame evaluated specific criteia.

"One, it's important to have a diverse community, and two, as a private university it's very dif
cult to accomplish that without any consideration at all of race and; three, race should be one of many factors that universities consider because we're looking at each candidate as an individu
al and what that candidate can bring to our community," Kasebeier said.

The current undergraduate admissions policy for Michigan ranks students on a 125-point scale and stipulates that appli
cants may receive up to 20 points for "superior ability in an underrepresented minority group, socioeconomic disadvan
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tion." In Michigan's law school, while there is no 20-point sys
tem, race is still considered as a factor in admissions.

Michigan is being challenged in two separate cases that both attack its admissions policies. One case, Grutter v. Bollinger, involves its law school admis
sions policy and the other case, Gratz v. Bollinger, challenges the policy of Michigan's largest undergraduate school, the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. The cases were both filed in 1997 by Jennifer Gratz and Patrick Hamacher in the Gratz case and Barbara Grulee in the Grutter case. All three cases involved Michigan applicants who were not accepted into the University and are arguing that the Michigan policy discrimi
nates against them. They are being represented by the Center for Individual Rights.

According to the Michigan news offices, more than 60 briefs will be filed, representing over 300 organizations. Tuesday was the deadline for briefs.

At a press conference Storn said there is only speculation as to how the Michigan cases will affect other cases.

"No one knows what the extent of such a ruling might be and ideally we would like to help the University of Michigan win those two cases," he said.

Pointing out the recent announcement by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions that it has received a record number of applicants, Storn said this help Notre Dame's own efforts to achieve a more diverse student body.

While Notre Dame is an affir
mative action institution, assis
tant provost of admissions Dan Saracino said that its policy is not a quota system. However, with a student body that is 84 percent white and 16 percent minority, the University admis
sions officials and other admini
strators say that using race as a factor in admissions would help to increase racial and ethnic diversity.

"We at Notre Dame are not satisfied at this point that we've achieved the level of diversity that we'd like to achieve and we continue to work toward approving our numbers," Storn said.

The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments April 1. At pre
sent, lower courts have ruled in favor of Michigan.

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A Look Inside

In light of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, it is important that we all acknowledge the sad reality that we are a society plagued with eating disorders and poor body image. We are a culture that worships thinness at any cost. The media is filled with images of thin models who look happy, successful, smart, and sexy. However, this is far from reality. The diet industry spends over 37 billion dollars yearly and the cosmetic industry spends over 20 billion dollars yearly to convert women and men that they need to be different from their natural state. The relentless bombardment from the media and advertising is highly detrimental to our health and well-being. Statistics show that 80% of fourth grade girls have already dieted. An estimated 10 percent of college students suffer from a clinical or sub-clinical (borderline) eating disorder, of which over half suffer from bulimia nervosa. In a survey published in Psychology Today, 41% of respondents said that they would give up five years of their life in order to be thin.

On the flip side to our obsession with thinness is our disregard of fat. The media stereotypes overweight people as lazy, stupid, and lacking willpower. Despite our attempts to combat these fallacies, activists in the women's movement and size-acceptance field, along with eating disorders therapists and educators, have made little progress towards changing our culture's highly unrealistic and unhealthy standards of beauty and narrow gender roles. However, each of us as individuals can choose to rise above the cultural obsession and repression that promotes thinness and well being of all the students and faculty. We challenge you to take a deep honest look at yourself. Are you promoting a healthy accepting environment or are your thoughts, comments, and behaviors contributing to the destruction of our society? Here are some things you might consider...

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**OR**

- Do I surround myself with people who are positive and respectful of their bodies?
- Do I discourage self-criticism and competitiveness?
- Do I openly admire the appearance of someone who is overweight?
- Do I encourage or admire self-acceptance and self-appreciation?
- Do I feel satisfied with my body, shape, and size?
- Do I challenge myths about diet and weight?
- Do I refuse to be body-shamed?
- Do I encourage or support fitness that is not diet-related?
- Do I realize that the media stereotypes people according to weight?
- Do I refuse to be body-shamed?
Moroccan receives 15 years for involvement in 9/11

Associated Press

HAMBURG

A Moroccan received the maximum 15-year sentence Wednesday for helping al-Qaeda hijackers who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks — the first conviction anywhere of a suspect in the terror plot against the United States.

Mohamed El Motassadeq, 28, showed no emotion but occasionally shook his head or checked his watch as he listened to the verdict. Finding him guilty of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder, the court convicted El Motassadeq of helping to train and assist two hijackers — the so-called Hamburg cell — before they boarded the United Airlines Flight 175.

El Motassadeq helped pay tuition and rent for members of the Hamburg-based al-Qaeda cell — allowing them to live as students as they plotted the attacks, prosecutors said.

Judge Alberts Meinitz said el Motassadeq lied when he testified he was unaware of the plot despite being close friends with suicide hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Stanslawski.

The defendant was a "cog that kept the machinery going," Meinitz said. He belonged to this group since its inception. He knew and approved the key elements of the planned attacks.

Sept. 11 victims' relatives who participated in the trial as co-plaintiffs — some offering emotional testimony that Meinitz said prompted him to impose the maximum sentence — praised the verdict.

Joan Molinaro of New York City said she was "thrilled."

"It's the first small victory we've had since 9/11," said Molinaro, whose firefighter son Carl was killed at the World Trade Center. "I kind of feel like, 'OK, Carl, we got one,'" she said.

"I think my son is smiling," she said.

Another New Yorker, Kathy Ashton — whose son Tommy was killed at the World Trade Center — called the 15-year sentence "a drop in the bucket, especially for a young man, but at least it's something.

Interior Minister Otto Schily hailed the verdict as a "success in the fight" against terror. "It is a warning to all those who think they can joy with the idea of aligning themselves with terrorist networks."

While suspects in the plot detained in the United States face possible death sentences if convicted, el Motassadeq got a three-year sentence that the court extended to 15 years with 15 months off for time served.

Even defendants in Germany sentenced to life in prison generally serve at most 15 years. El Motassadeq, a slight, beardless man who admitted receiving al-Qaeda training in Afghanistan, denied the charges during his 3 1/2-month trial. The defense, which had argued the evidence was circumstan-
tial, said it would appeal.

In addition to 3,066 counts of accessory to murder, el Motassadeq was convicted of five counts of being an accessory to attempted murder and an accessory to bodily injury — charges introduced to give wounded survivors of the attacks, including a Navy officer at the Pentagon, could join the trial as co-plaintiffs.

Plane crash kills 302 elite Revolutionary Guard soldiers

Associated Press

TEHRAN

A military plane carrying 302 people, all members of the elite Revolutionary Guards, crashed in the mountains of southeastern Iran on Wednesday and all on board were killed, state-run media reported.

The plane was on route from Zahedan, on the Pakistan border, to Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran, state-run Tehran television reported.

It crashed in a mountainous area about 20 miles from its destination.

The Russian-made Antonov aircar operated by Turkey's military lost contact with the control tower at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to the report.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said rescuers had reached the crash site and that all 302 people on board had been killed.

It said the plane's passengers and crew were all members of the Revolutionary Guards. Earlier reports said 270 were aboard, but the latest media updates didn't explain the increase.

State television and radio did not offer reasons for the crash and did not address the possibility of terrorism.

There was heavy snowfall in many parts of Iran on Wednesday, including in Zahedan, which hadn't seen snow in three years.

Tehran television quoted an anonymous official as saying the forces had visited the impoverished Sistan-Baluchestan province, of which Zahedan is the capital, for an "important mission." The Revolutionary Guards are seen as the defenders of Iran's Islamic regime.

The government issued a statement offering condolences to the families of the victims, television and radio reports said.

Iranians were preparing for an Islamic holiday on Thursday, the feast of Velayat, when Shiites believe Islam's prophet Mohammad appointed his son-in-law, Ali, as his successor.

Wednesday's crash was the latest in a string of air disasters in Iran mostly involving Russian-built aircraft.

A Ukrainian An-140 aircraft flew into a mountainside Dec. 23, 2002, while preparing to land at an airport near the central city of Isfahan, killing all the estimated 46 scientific aboard.

In February 2002, a Russian-made Tupolev Tu-154 airliner, carrying 119 people, smashed into snow-covered mountains not far from its destination of Khorramabad, 230 miles southwest of Tehran.

World News Briefs

Gaza City battle kills 11 Palestinians: Israeli tanks and soldiers battled Palestinian milita-tants in the streets of Gaza City before dawn Wednesday in violence that left 11 Palestinians dead, including a suicide bomber who tried to blow up a tank. Palestinians said the Israeli forces fired, saying they were targeting Palestinian metal workshops that manufacture mortars and rockets.

Turkey, U.S. fail to agree on deployment: Turkey and the United States failed again Wednesday to agree on the size of an economic aid package that would open the way for Turkey's parliament to approve the deployment of tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers. Turkey has demanded a vote on the troops, saying a multibillion-dollar aid package must first be approved that would compensa-
sate Ankara for any losses during a war with Iraq.

National News Briefs

Gephardt announces presidential run: Rep. Dick Gephardt, a 26-year veteran of Congress who failed to return Democrats to power in the House, announced his candidacy for president Wednesday with a broad attack on Bush administration policies he said "left us isolated in the world, and stranded here at home." Entering a crowded Democratic field, the Missouri lawmaker promised to repeal the tax cuts and use the savings to deliver health insurance to "everyone who works in America."

Chicago Club owner may face charges: The owner of a nightclub where 21 people died in a stampede down a stairway could face fines and more than a year in jail for criminal contempt of court, officials say. "This was a disaster that absolutely should never have happened," said Mayor Richard Daley.

Police return to woman's home: Investigators will return to the home of missing pregnant woman Laci Peterson on Wednesday, a day after removing dozens of bags and boxes of potential evidence from the house. Police Detective Doug Ridenour downplayed the significance of Tuesday's search, saying it was routine and did not unearth a big break in the case. The follow-up searches came after his team said they made unspecified new findings in the case.

Feds announce plans for arming pilots: Commercial pilots who want to carry guns in the cockpit would have to undergo psychological and background checks before being selected for a five-day training pro-
gram under a plan announced by the Transportation Security Administration. The first group of 48 pilots could begin training in a month, the agency said.
The Notre Dame women's boxing coach instructs a player in a boxing move in preparation for the Bengal Bouts. 

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boxing club, which is one of the largest women's boxing programs in the country. Skiba said they were selected by club captains based primarily upon skill, presence under pressure, seniority and dedication to the club.

Each match will last for two minutes, 45 seconds — a total of 3 1/2 minutes of sparring. There will be no scoring, thus no winner or loser will be declared at the end of each fight. "I think [the women's fights] will be a lot less brutal than the men's and more stylistically sound," said Skiba. "We're concentrating on demonstrating our ability, not beating an opponent."

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**Students consider civic responsibility**

By LINDA SKALSKI

The fact that only 28 percent of 18-to-24 year olds voted in the 2000 elections spurred Bridget Purdue, Maura Kelly and Jesse Flores to organize three student dinner discussions on the link between direct service and civic engagement for young people.

About 20 students participated in the dialogues held Feb. 13, Tuesday and Wednesday and brainstormed ways to encourage youth involved in service to become more politically active.

The purpose of these dialogues was to bring students together and initiate conversation that is not typically had over dinner, said Kelly.

"The goal is not to come to an end, but to circulate ideas to effect change," she said. "What we hope is that one or two of the people there will later have a conversation with someone else or that they will think about things in a new way."

While the students had extensive experience in service activities, their civic involvement was minimal. Several students questioned what the term "civic engagement" meant.

"It's funny because civic engagement is one of the most important ways to do real Christian service, but I really can't think of anything that I have done," said senior Andrew Delery.

Students at the Tuesday dinner cited apathy and a lack of self-confidence as major reasons for low student participation in civic activities.

"Young people feel naive and that their opinions will change," said Davin Costa. "So we are afraid to take a stance."

The prevalence of this thinking among Notre Dame students caused participants to doubt that a young, single mother from the working class might feel about political participation. "She probably feels unworthy of making a choice," said Kelly.

At the Tuesday dinner, the students discussed possible solutions for increasing civic engagement. The participants suggested empowering young people with knowledge of basic government activities, such as how a bill becomes a law and where to find the voting record of politicians.

"The information is there and available to us," said Teresa Illeson. "If we don't take advantage of it we are selling ourselves short."

The overall consensus at the discussions was that the role of government in enacting social change is as essential as service activities.

"Many students say that they do service because they feel that it is their responsibility as people of faith to serve others. I would like to suggest that we have just as much of a responsibility as people of faith to choose informed citizens who participate actively in our political processes," said Kelly.
### Market Recap

**Market Watch February 19**

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### In Brief

**Wachovia, Prudential form unit:** Experts were impressed but Wall Street didn't celebrate right away when Wachovia Corp. and Prudential Financial Inc. agreed Wednesday to combine their retail brokerage units, forming the nation's third-largest brokerage firm.

The new firm will have $537 billion in assets. Executives with Wachovia, the nation's fourth-largest bank, and Prudential, told analysts it would be based in Richmond, Va., and be called Wachovia Securities.

Under the agreement, Charlotte-based Wachovia will own 62 percent of the new firm and Prudential, based in Newark, N.J., will own 38 percent. The 1,750 jobs will be eliminated and 131 offices will be closed by 2005, moves that will save $220 million, the companies said.

**Judge: IPO lawsuits can proceed:** Thousands who say investment banks cheated them of billions of dollars by plotting to make their customers who wanted a piece of initial public offerings to pay undisclosed compensation to insiders. The plaintiffs and defendants each will pay undisclosed compensation to insiders.

We had a snow budget of $15 million," said Jack Littler, New Jersey's acting transportation commissioner. "And we had spent $30 million before this storm even started." Baltimore-Washington National Airport got 28.2 inches, its highest on record, according to the National Weather Service. And it was the fourth-highest on record for New York City — 19.8 inches in Central Park.

The snowstorm could have been worse, state officials said, coming as it did on a long holiday weekend when many businesses were closed.

This has been one of those storms when things could go either way, and it's gone the right way every time for us," said Peter Judge, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "It was sort of Murphy's Law in reverse." Twelve weather-related deaths were reported in Pennsylvania, with two in Illinois, seven in West Virginia, six in Missouri, two in Virginia, eight in Maryland, four in New York, four in Iowa and one each in Nebraska, Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The Maryland victims included four children killed by carbon monoxide while sitting in snowbound vehicles.

Chances are more flooding as the snow melts and heavy rain is likely later in the week.

### Oil Price is Highest Since Gulf War

**NEW YORK**

The price of oil is nearing levels not seen since 1990 as the U.S. prepares for a potential war in Iraq at a time when crude supplies are extremely tight.

The March crude contract rose 7 cents Wednesday to finish the day at $37.16 per barrel, a new 29-month peak.

Oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange are just a nickel shy of closing at their highest level since Oct. 16, 1990.

"You have to understand that we went into the beginning of this year with very low stocks," said Lawrence Goldstein, president of the New York-based Petroleum Industry Research Foundation. Since then, oil prices have jumped 19 percent — a trend Goldstein and other oil analysts attribute to the increased likelihood of military action in Iraq.

Retail fuel prices have also soared. The average pump price of regular unleaded gasoline is now $1.66 per gallon, 54 cents higher than a year ago, according to Energy Department statistics. A gallon of diesel averages $1.76, or 55 cents higher than last year, according to the agency.

Oil traders have pushed prices higher out of supply concerns and fear that a war in Iraq could spur violence throughout the Middle East, leading to attacks against oil export facilities in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait. The short-term loss of Iraqi oil is less of a concern to U.S. markets, traders said.

Key U.S. imports of Venezuelan crude oil have disappeared, much to the dismay of U.S. refiners, who have run out of alternatives. Oil from Venezuela is cheaper than Saudi crude and can be blended more easily. The U.S. refineries have sent a letter complaining that the loss of Venezuelan oil is not fair and that the U.S. is not getting its fair share of the global market.

"It's really putting a strain on our industry," said a Texas refiner. "We're starting to feel the pain."
Heartland

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the Heartland management must take if the boycott is to be ended: that Heartland's representatives make a public apology to Rosario in The Observer and the South Bend Tribune; in the box office in question to cultural diversity training and make a donation to La Casa de Amistad or El Buen Vecino, local Hispanic service organizations.

Members of the group hope the petition will successfully mobilize support from the Notre Dame community while the issue is still at the forefront of people's minds. Student organizers would like to secure at least 500 signatures on the petition before Rosario meets with Heartland management, which is expected to happen in the next week.

Heartland management is an American country music television series that aired on ABC from May 31, 1997, to May 12, 2002. The series was set in the fictional town of Heartland, Indiana, and followed the lives of a small family-owned radio station.

Country singer

Paycheck dies at 64

Associated Press

Country singer Johnny Paycheck, the hard - drinking ball - - raiser best known for his 1977 working man's anthem "Take This Job and Shove It," has died at 64.

Paycheck had been bedridden in a nursing home with emphysema and asthma. He died Tuesday, Grand Ole Opry spokeswoman Jessie Schmidt said.

Specializing in early, plain-spoken songs, Paycheck recorded 70 albums and had more than two dozen hit singles. His biggest hit was "Take This Job and Shove It," which inspired a movie by that name, and a title album that sold 2 million copies.

His other hits included "Don't Take Her," She's All I Got," (which was revised 25 years later by Tracy Byrd), "The Only Hell Mama Ever Raised," "Old Violin" and "You Can Have Her." Paycheck's always been about life. And situations. Situation comedies, situation life," he said in 1997.

Several country artists said Wednesday that Paycheck will be missed.

"I think he spoke to the blue collar American public," Terri Clark said. "He was a lifeline for real people who worked real jobs and who had to deal with life's hardships.

"I hope his passing allows his memory, his music and his message to remain." He also said that Paycheck had "a real propensity for making people laugh."
Saddam choses dignity over war

Associated Press

RAGHIDAD
Saddam Hussein said Wednesday that Iraq doesn't want war with the United States, but peace cannot be kept at the expense of "our independence, our dignity and freedom.

Speaking to a visiting delegation of Russian lawmakers, including Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, the Iraqi president said that if the United States carries out its threat to attack, Iraq will "triumph over it, God willing."

"Iraq doesn't want war," Saddam said. But he added that peace "at any cost" was unacceptable. "We will not relinquish our independence, our dignity and our right to live and act freely."

Saddam Hussein
Iraqi president

A new draft resolution which, by the way, has been around for 12 years - it says something about its utility as we head into the future," he said.

Huge anti-war demonstrations around the world as well as opposition by many U.S. allies have delayed U.S. and British plans to introduce a new Security Council resolution finding Iraq in violation of U.N. orders.

On Wednesday, however, Britain's U.N. ambassador said his government will probably introduce a new draft resolution within days that will contain a deadline for Baghdad to show it is actively cooperating with weapons inspections. Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock told The Associated Press that he expects some improvement in cooperation on the part of Saddam's government. "But Blix also said inspectors found that Iraq's Al Samoud 2 missile exceeded the permit range of 94 miles and that it no longer holds banned weapons.

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The Foreign Office also urged Britons in Kuwait, the main springboard for a possible invasion of Iraq, to leave unless it was absolutely necessary for them to remain. It also increased travel warnings for Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Humanitarian agencies have warned that war could bring great suffering to the Iraqi people by disrupting supplies of food, medicine and drinking water.

However, Trade Minister Mohammed Mehill Saleh told reporters that authorities have distributed six months' worth of food rations to Iraqi families so they can prepare for a long war. U.N. inspectors returned to Iraq in November after a four-year gap under a new, tougher Security Council resolution. The inspectors are trying to verify Iraq's claims that it no longer has any biological weapons. On Feb. 14, chief inspector Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the U.N. nuclear control agency, told the Security Council that they detected some improvement in cooperation on the part of Saddam's government. But Blix also said inspectors found that Iraq's Al Samoud 2 missile exceeded the permit range of 94 miles and that it no longer holds banned weapons.

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A judge refused to dismiss more than 3,000 sexual abuse lawsuits Wednesday against the Boston Archdiocese, rejecting arguments that the Constitution bars the courts from interfering with church operations.

Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney's ruling clears the way for the lawsuits to move forward. However, settlement talks are under way.

The lawsuits allege church officials were negligent in their supervision of priests accused of molesting children.

Church lawyers had argued that the court does not have jurisdiction over cases that involve the relationship between a church supervisor and a priest because that involves church policy, which is protected by the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion.

But the judge disputed that Wednesday, saying: "The cases ... do not lurk the court into interfering with church doctrine, faith, internal organization or discipline." Sweeney made two exceptions: She dismissed claims that church supervisors were negligent in their ordination of a priest or their failure to remove a priest from the priesthood, saying those were "purely ecclesiastical matters" not subject to civil scrutiny. She also rejected arguments that because a priest is a priest 24 hours a day, church supervisors can be held liable for anything he does.

A spokesman for the archdiocese said church lawyers would not comment on the decision until they had time to review it. "In all of this, we are still committed to a full, equitable and just resolution for all cases against the archdiocese."

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NEW YORK

A $100 million federal program to reimburse New Yorkers for air conditioners, filters, vacuums and other air-purifying tools after the World Trade Center collapse is rife with fraud and abuse, government officials say.

As many as 90 percent of the more than 21,000 applications for reimbursement were filed by people not suffering from the effects of contaminated air, according to estimates from federal officials.

They say fraud has taken several forms. Some people have manipulated the program to score a few air-conditioner, while others have falsely alleged to be federal employees and sold air-purifying items to residents.

About $4.5 million has been paid out so far, and while many applications are legitimate, officials said millions have been paid to people scamming the system, or for fake government-issued numbers to verify claims.

Church documents released over the past year show that church supervisors shuffled accused priests from parish to parish. The scandal rocked the nation's fourth-largest diocese and led to lawsuits across the country. More than 300 priests have since been suspended.

The archdiocese has said it mounted the legal challenge based on its separation of church and state to satisfy its insurance company that it had done everything possible to defend itself.

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For more information, contact Sr. M.L. Guda, CSC, J-3550, campus mailroom (see web site for student contact info.) Applications DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003.

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FDA studies link to Ephedra

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Food and Drug Administration investigators are looking into the possible link between ephedra and the death of a Baltimore Orioles pitcher, says the agency's chief, who worries the dietary supplement may prove particularly risky for athletes.

Determining ephedra's danger and whether to heed calls to ban sales are priorities, FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press.

Ephedra, an herb commonly used for weight loss and body building, increases metabolic rate and speeds the heart rate, he noted. Add stressful activity, and "sports use is one area where I have got some particular concern," McClellan said.

McClellan's boss, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, convened a meeting of health officials to discuss ephedra on Wednesday.

Asked what he thought of the herb, Thompson told reporters: "I wouldn't use it, would you?"

The comments came after a Florida medical examiner said Monday's heatstroke death of Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler, 24, may have been linked to an ephedra-containing supplement found in his locker.

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A war of words between Iraq and the U.S.

I write this with the shared anxiety that much of the world around the globe might feel about the possibility of a war between the United States and Iraq, a war that has been carefully constructed over the last months by words — as indeed, almost all wars are — with ramifications that could well extend to the entire globe.

I write as well with another level of anxiety, that anything, as an individual might say, could itself be fraught with the kind of redemptive rhetoric that I find must not only critique but also criticize, of all supposed "sides" in this current pending catastrophe.

I am not a member of the government, nor a professor of science, or history or economics, or anthropology — though I know that all of these branches of knowledge are finally inseparable and much needed at this moment. I can offer here, with any credibility, is merely the perspective from a professor of literature. And yet, I would like to say strongly and sincerely that the history of literature — which in many ways reflects, anticipates and even explains the political realities of human beings have faced — is very necessary here.

We hear daily from all supposed "sides" of this crisis old lines that say "we are right," and "you are evil," we are hearing a redemptive rhetoric that was probably wrong all along, but which became known and recognized as hollow and out-worn at least by the mid-years of that supposed "Great War." "The War to End All Wars" was recognized by some of the earliest supporters as nothing more than naive propaganda. The phrase was the same illogical phrase used by the Greeks in the Peloponnesian Wars. And yet with some minimal advantages of technological "advancements," this history recorded by poets and politicians, by surviving civilians and soldiers, did seem at the beginning of World War I to support the age-old valorization of war as some-thing entwined with legitimate civilizations.

"Of men and war, I sing!" are the opening words of cherished epics. And so it continues, through the beginning of WWII, telling again that already worn-out tale that is the "dueling et decorum" — sweet and fitting — to do for one's country. And yet by the end of that war, poets and soldiers who went willingly, even desiringly, into battle had realized the mass futility of such statements and adventures. Then-modern technological advantages, which meant machine guns and bombings from airplanes, reduced supposed military valor already to the current clear state of being we, all of us, are now obviously victims of aggres­sion, wherever it starts. And it starts with words, with redemptive rhetoric more clearly now than ever — all saying "God is on my side," and "we" and "you" are evil, with the conse­quences hinging all along that in actual­ity other ethnic groups, other religions, women, children, animals, the earth itself are tragically plundered under the supposed legitimization of that old valorization of war, duty and national­ist pride.

That members of these three very large world religions, all of whom claim the supposed descendants of this step fathering — that our old words of "God is on our side" — whatever side we are looking at — should give way to the realization that such worn-out phrases from different nations or political stances will not heal the rift already created by those other words that we must, through a new collective imagination, realize that we are all truly not only a single human family, but deeply entwined with the rest of a spiri­tual creation we should not sacrifice and cannot sacrifice without sacrificing all of our selves.

Such a realization requires new words, a meta-language perhaps, but one that legitimizes not a single nation, nor some way of life, nor those already in power, but that sanctifies, in coop­eration, the totalitement of reality. As Stevens also said, "It is a world of words at the end of it," by which he meant the possi­bility of apocalypse or redemption. We need now, whether politicians or poets, whether workers of the material world or writers in the world, to ask for a new language of inclusion in this modern and threatened new century, one which could possibly reach across the world, ironically perhaps given our new global witnessing of satellites and instant com­munication, with the good news that we have chosen peace over pride, commu­nity over confrontation, spirituality over separateness, genuine godliness over greed.

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Redeeming work on and off the field

What do Super Bowl XXI, Notre Dame's Law School, and a non-profit organization promoting responsible relationships have in common? 

His name is Chris Godfrey. Standing at 6-foot-3 and 270-pounds, Godfrey was an offensive lineman for the New York Giants that won Super Bowl XXI. Afterwards, he attended Notre Dame's Law School to pursue a project called Life Athletes which uses athletes to promote responsible relationships.

Godfrey's story begins at the University of Michigan, where he went to three Rose Bowls as a defensive lineman. He played another nine years as a professional. But that is where the story gets interesting. He was cut three times his first 12 months in the league from the Washington Redskins, the New York Jets and then the Green Bay Packers. The bad news in Green Bay literally brought Godfrey to his knees, and he prayed, "Lord, I give up. I'll do whatever you want me to do, and go wherever you want me to go — you're that powerful." 

The depth of his prayer surprised Godfrey. He had been going through the motions of his Catholic faith and unknowingly he was asking God for a promise that would shape his life for years to come. Later, the Packers coaching staff changed his mind and asked him to stay. This told Godfrey that his prayer wasn't just happenstance and that God had a plan for him. Later at a team Bible Study and practice, a member of his attention, Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides." This told him he needed to pray and trust God. Godfrey's football adventure brought him to the Michigan Panthers in the USFL. He moved to the offensive line, and the team only barely won the championship. The next year, he joined the New York Giants and won the starting right guard spot. A couple years later, his team beat the Broncos in Super Bowl XXI.

Instead of pursuing corporate sponsorships after the victory, Godfrey focused his prestige on promoting responsible living. He saw a lot of people being hurt by abortion, not only the children but also their parents who tried to cope with the loss and guilt. He resolved to combat this problem and was encouraged by Professor Charles Rice to enroll in Notre Dame's Law School.

During his studies, Godfrey learned a firm basis for the law from such other professors as Ralph McInerny, Douglas Kiniec and the late Ed Murphy. He observes how often people reject their Catholic thought as being merely religious and therefore irrelevant to their daily reasoning. "Prayer, faith, evil and reason are very reasonable." He quotes Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter, Fides et Ratio, which says, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."

After completing his law studies in 1993, Godfrey started Life Athletes, which promotes the example of athletes who have joined the cause. "I will try to do what is right, even when it is difficult. I will not quit or make excuses when I fail. I will try again."

Andrew Delberry
ND Changing Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't buy me pants

I would like to thank Terriss Conterato, Lauren Barkenskie, Bridget Galling and Jacqueline Brownlee for their Wednesday Viewpoint articles, which made light of what can be a semi-depressing state of affairs on campus (gender relations and dating).

Although I disagree that baseball games or nicer pants will secure long lasting and soul-mate quality partners for everyone on campus, I believe that the current structures we accept and live within every day at this University must be re-examined and improved. The worship Godfrey and God have on this campus cannot afford to buy pants for each other; however neither can we afford to stand silent in what is a pressing concern for students everywhere. Godfrey boasts the highest fourth run of on-campus living for undergraduate.

The view that prearranged state of gender relations on Notre Dame's campus has been a concern of mine since I threw my first left shoe in a pile during a Frosh-O "meet-a-nice-Fisherman-boy" activity. My initial suspicion of life between the sexes has since been renewed regularly (read on). However, suggesting a co-ed dorm solution is not consistent with God's desire for many conversations on this subject, (students, men and women) have told me that the coed dorms are good because they force individuals to break out and "be social."

So, in a quest to be social, I played my part in the midnight basketball, midnight-bar hopping, dorm parties, the half-blind, dogfight SYR dates and the 1950s summer-camp style Frosh-O activities.

Now, however, I grew tired of being some male dorm's groupie. I grew tired of trying so hard in something that had always come naturally in my life. So, I stopped trying, ceased to be tired, and began to enjoy my life, which other friends of mine cherish and love are not those I discovered two nights out of the week while pounding beers. No, they are my Hallway Girlfriends. We speed time together every day. On accident. No trying. No awkwardness. No drinking. Just getting to know each other again and again and better and better. Isn't this how all sincere "dating" or sexual relationships should begin, too? If not, then the sexual segregation of young people at Notre Dame is worse than wonderful.

That dating and healthy gender relations are the endangered inter­pretation on campus does not surprise me in the least as we just the same sex dorm environment. How we meet and interact with one another is an important issue, one that more students should be publically question­ing.

Whether or not the baseball and "better pants" solutions to Notre Dame's women's&women's wariness was serious or satirical, the problems still exist. And week-night sober dialogue between men and women won't happen with the extension or end of par­tials either. Notre Dame must heed the consistent student request for on-campus, coed dorm housing options. What do you think?

Martha Patzer
No dorms

The arguments in support of the coming war with Iraq in The Observer are getting more repulsive by the day. The pretense that the impending war with Iraq will be anything more than imperialist conquest by a desperate super­power seeking a cynical apology for open colonial brutality. Hilger, when selling the idea of the invasion of Palestine to the American people, used the same method the Bush administration now uses to justify the subjugation of Iraq. People are told that the leadership in Iraq or Poland is incom­petent and tyrannical and that Iraq or Polish industry could be put to better ends for every one­ if it was seized. The Nazis promised equal­ity and freedom and a dismantling of the old political system in Poland but brought to Poland what we have already begun to bring to Iraq — years of death, suffering and exploitation.

The United States government, convoking in sync with the death throes of a miserable econ­omy, is more than willing to send its youth as cannon fodder into a bloody conflict in an already-demonized bin Laden to the Hussein administration. This is politics of amalgam — the two have little in common other than the color of their skin and their geographical loca­tion. These two main explanations failing, the only recourse of the Bush administration's pro­paganda engine is a circular Orwellian system of lies — which "fair and balanced" Fox news can efficiently rotate through in about a three­hour period.

In addition, the U.N.’s opposition to the stampede of United States troops into the Persian Gulf should come as no surprise. Lenin aptly called the precursor to the U.N., the League of Nations, "the thieves’ den."

Much as the imperial officers met in Berlin in the late 19th century to carve up Africa, the major imperialist powers of the early 21st cen­tury meet in the U.N. to carve up the Third World. Not content with just a piece of the colo­nial pie, the United States administration, with military, flags waving, has rushed ahead war plans and intends to seize the Middle East on its own. The European monkings about U.S. bellic­osity should be transparent — it is merely rep­resentative of aggravated imperialist tensions across the Atlantic.

I am disappointed that though opposition to the war enjoys popular support on this campus, the major imperialist powers of the early 21st cen­tury meet in the U.N. to carve up the Third World. Not content with just a piece of the colo­nial pie, the United States administration, with military, flags waving, has rushed ahead war plans and intends to seize the Middle East on its own. The European monkings about U.S. bellic­osity should be transparent — it is merely rep­resentative of aggravated imperialist tensions across the Atlantic.

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Tom Sebaugh
Kemna Hall
Feb. 19

Speak out against coming war
Movie Review

‘Talk to Her’ is poignant to perfection

By BRIAN BIRCHER
Scene Movie Critic

“Talk to Her” begins with the raising of a red curtain, revealing two women dancing on a stage. The women appear to be blind and in pain as she moves across stage through a maze of chairs. In the audience are two men, currently strangers, who sit side by side as they take in the performance. One of the men, Marco (Darío Grandinetti), a writer in his early 40s, is moved to tears. The man sitting next to him, Benigno (Javier Camara), a male nurse, notices these tears but does not say anything.

Time passes and eventually Marco and Benigno’s paths cross again, this time at the private clinic “El Bosque,” where Benigno works. Marco ends up at the clinic because the woman he loves, Lydia (Rosario Flores), Spain’s most famous female matador, has been gored by a bull and fallen into a coma. Marco resolves himself to stay by her side and do what little he can for her. While Marco is walking through the hospital, Benigno notices him and does not hesitate to start up conversation.

A friendship begins between the two men. Benigno and Marco have something in common that unites them — both care for a woman who is in a coma. Benigno has been taking care of his patient, Alicia (Leonor Watling), for four years. Benigno first noticed Alicia at the dance studio across from his apartment before her accident and now cares solely for her. His interest, however, has developed into a love that has only grown with her time spent in coma.

The story progresses at a steady rate and uses a few flashbacks to flesh out storylines and characters. These flashbacks do not feel forced or heavy-handed as they sometimes do in other movies, but provide insight at just the right points in the movie and add to our understanding of the characters and their motivations.

At the heart of “Talk to Her” are the excellent performances, especially by the two male leads, Grandinetti and Camara. Camara plays Benigno with subtlety, creating a seemingly simple and earnest character. Grandinetti is also excellent as Marco, giving the character a sense of history that justifies the tears he sheds. These are believable and realistic characters, that while we may not identify with we can understand and empathize with.

Despite the somewhat soap-opera plot, writer and director Pedro Almodóvar has made an intelligent and thought-provoking film that examines a number of themes. For one, he questions the sources and boundaries of love. He also examines the nature of masculinity by portraying two characters who have no qualms with engaging in behavior typically seen as feminine: crying, cutting hair and doing nails.

Almodóvar has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Director, and rightly so. He creates a story in which a morally irreprehensible act is one that is at the same time understandable and poignant. He has made a moving story from complex and original material. “Talk to Her” is a beautiful and touching story that will not leave the viewer’s mind easily.

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By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Usually, when you find yourself rooting for the villain of a movie, it means that there is something incredibly wrong. It means that you hate the hero and don't want there to be even a possibility of a sequel. "Daredevil" is one of those movies where you pray that the villain will come out on top and save you from having to endure another moment. Marvel took a gamble by making a movie from a cult comic book character rather than one of their name-brand superheroes. Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck) is a lawyer by day and a vigilante at night, with the typical twist — he is blind. Robbed of his sight as a child when he was sprayed in the face with bio-hazardous material, his other senses were amplified, including his sense of hearing. This provides him with a "radar sense" which allows him to navigate the rooftops and rooms where he prowls.

The plot of "Daredevil" centers on Murdock, beginning with a flashback of his childhood and the death of his father. We immediately zoom forward in time to Murdock as lawyer and avenger, with little explanation as to how he became either or how a blind man could design a costume that ugly. From here, we are rushed yet again into the introductions of the main characters and fast-forwarded through a plot involving the murder of hotel mogul and father of Murdoch's love interest, Elektra (Jennifer Garner), who it conveniently appears as an ass-kicking martial artist. Everything is done so fast and loosely that you end up not caring about what happens to the characters at all.

"Daredevil" fails to take a single dare and prefers instead to set itself up for a sequel rather than giving audiences a movie worth the ticket price. Ben Affleck's acting is flat throughout and devoid of any charisma until it is far too late to make his character likable. Instead, he is outshined in every scene that he shares, which is in fact, every scene. Despite the fact that Daredevil is supposed to be a dark and conflicted figure, the movie fails to make it seem believable that he is tortured.

Add on top of this the blatant overuse of CGI special effects. The effects were distorted and out of proportion in many scenes. Some were unnecessary and cheap, including animating a rose falling to the ground rather than simply filming it. This gave "Daredevil" a rather cheap appearance, despite the fact that it cost $80 million.

The highlights of the movie nearly all come when one of the villains is on camera. Michael Clark Duncan literally is the Kingpin, despite the controversy in his casting, and dominates every scene he is in. Elektra is as well played as possible, considering how poorly the part was written for her.

The assassin Bullseye (Colin Farrell) steals the show; he is amusingly homicidal and appealing at the same time. In fact, Bullseye is pretty much the only reason that you should go see the movie, if you go at all. Farrell is just as over the top as is required for the ridiculous character he is given and never fails to make you wish that he was "Daredevil" instead.

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With sore knee, Kobe scores 40 as Lakers defeat Jazz

Associated Press

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives around Utah forward Matt Harpring during the second half of the Lakers’ 93-87 victory in Salt Lake City Wednesday.

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**NBA**

Derek Fisher scored 16 for the Lakers, who won less than 24 hours after beating Houston in double overtime.

If you lose a game like this, then all that fighting we did yesterday was probably for nothing," Bryant said.

Karl Malone led Utah with 25 points, but also was called for a key technical foul as the Jazz tried to rally at the end.

After two straight jumpers by Bryant put Los Angeles up 70- 74, Malone was called for pushing Bryant and was 3-of-4 from the line to give the Lakers an 83-74 lead.

and the Jazz never got closer than five the rest of the way. Bryant hit two more field goals down the stretch.

New Orleans 87, Washington 75

The New Orleans Hornets wanted redemption after a late- game collapse Tuesday night in Orlando, and Jamal Mashburn decided he should provide it.

Mashburn wrapped up a 24- point performance by hitting a 3-pointer and a pair of aggressive runners in the lane as the Hornets scored on eight of nine possessions down the stretch for a victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night.

"At the end of the game I really want to take the shots ... it was pretty important and it pretty much sealed the game at that point," Mashburn said. "They've got the best player in the world (Michael Jordan) and he can still do anything he wants."

"Kobe was K.O.; Kobe was K.O.!!" Bryant got his 40th point on a free throw with 8.6 seconds left after the Jazz had no choice but to foul him.

"I never thought I'd hear that," Bryant said. "It felt like the Staples Center out there."

Bryant finished 15-for-29 from the floor and 4-of-6 on 3-pointers as his points came from the outside because his knee was too sore to drive. Deron Williams, tightly guarded by Calbert Cheaney and Andre Kirilenko, kept Bryant hitting his shots.

"He's the best player in the game right now, he's playing as good as I've ever seen him in my career," Jazz guard Mark Jackson said.

**SALT LAKE CITY**

A sore knee and exhaustion from playing two overtime games the night before weren't enough to end Kobe Bryant's torrid scoring run.

Bryant scored 11 of Los Angeles' last 17 points and finished with 40 as the Los Angeles Lakers held off the Utah Jazz 93- 87 Wednesday night.

"Bryant has scored 40 or more in seven straight games and has at least 35 in his last 11. The Lakers have gone 9-2 during his scoring binge.

"I don't really know what it is," Bryant said of what's driving him during the streak. "All this hype is a big crowd game. Maybe when I retire I can look back and see what an accomplishment it was."

When he finally does look back, Bryant will find himself in good company.

The last player to score 40 in as many consecutive games was Michael Jordan, who did it in nine straight early in the 1986- 87 season. Will Chamberlain scored at least 40 in 14 consecutive games early in the 1961-62 season.

Bryant, who scored 52 the night before in a 106-99 double-overtime win over Houston, decided just before tipoff to play with a sore right knee as the Lakers were without Shaquille O'Neal for a second straight night.

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NBA

Humphrey traded to Grizzlies in four-player deal

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Orlando and Memphis pulled off the first big trade before Thursday's NBA deadline, agreeing to a four-player deal Wednesday that sent Mike Miller and Ryan Humphrey from the Magic to the Grizzlies for rookies Drew Gooden and Gordan Giricek.

The Grizzlies also received a first-round pick owed to Orlando by Sacramento and a second-round selection in 2004, while sending an undisclosed amount of cash to the Magic.

Orlando is giving up its second-leading scorer, Miller, who was averaging 16.4 points as the second offensive option behind Tracy McGrady. The Magic never envisioned having to use Miller, a small forward, as their No. 2 scorer, but the chronic ankle injury that has sidelined Grant Hill indefinitely forced Miller into that role.

Without Miller, the Magic are looking to both Gooden and Giricek to relieve some of the pressure on McGrady, the NBA’s leading scorer.

“We saw an opportunity to move a player we like very much in Mike Miller for two young players that better fill our needs on this particular team,” Orlando general manager John Gabriel said.

Added Magic coach Doc Rivers: “This is a tough business and Mike was one of my favorites. He, however, was the only way we could improve our basketball team.”

Gooden, a 6-foot-10 power forward, was the fourth overall selection in last year’s draft. The 6-foot-6 Giricek, a 25-year-old guard from Croatia, is regarded as a sharpshooter.

Both players could soon start for the Magic, Gabriel said. That would send to the bench Pat Garrity, a 3-point shooting specialist who is sometimes taken advantage of by larger power forwards.

Gooden was averaging 12.1 points and 5.8 rebounds for the Grizzlies, but was not regarded as one of coach Hubie Brown’s favorite players. His name had been coming up in trade rumors during recent days as the clock ticked down to Thursday’s 3 p.m. EST deadline.

Gooden appeared in 51 games, making 29 starts.

Giricek averaged 11.2 points in 49 games, including 35 starts.

Humphrey, a rookie power forward from Notre Dame, appeared in 35 games for Orlando and averaged 1.8 points. Undersized at 6-feet, 6-inches, he was shooting only 27 percent from the floor and lost Rivers’ confidence early into the season.

Miller was the NBA’s Rookie of the Year in 2001, but he never established the consistency the Magic wanted.

“Gooden and Giricek are players we feel will fit in much better on our team,” said Rivers, who described Miller as “one of the great finds of the draft.”

“Mike is a very versatile player,” Rivers said. “He can shoot, he can pass, he can handle the ball.”

Miller, meanwhile, was relieved to be traded to a team that needs help at the power forward position.

“Philadelphia was one of those teams that was interested in me,” Miller said. “But there’s a lot going on in Philadelphia this season. It’s a challenge for us here, but it’s exciting to be part of a young team like Memphis.”

And it was a relief for Miller to be traded to a team that needs help at the power forward position.

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Ryan Humphrey shoots the ball in a game earlier this season for Orlando. Humphrey averaged 1.8 for the Magic before being traded to the Grizzlies.

Ryan Humphrey takes a shot in a game for Notre Dame last season. Humphrey was traded to Vancouver Wednesday night.

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NCAA MENS BASKETBALL

Jones leads Blue Devils to 26th straight home victory

Duke hangs on for 75-70 victory over Maryland

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Duke got Maryland in its comfort zone and paid back the 13th-ranked Terrapins for its most lopsided loss of the season.

Dahntay Jones scored 21 points and J.J. Redick added 17 as the eighth-ranked Blue Devils ran their winning streak to 31-0 with a 75-70 victory Wednesday night.

After a rough few weeks, Duke (18-4, 8-4) is tied with the defending national champion Devil reds (17-5, 8-3) for the Atlantic Coast Conference lead with four league games remaining.

Wake Forest, which plays at Georgia Tech on Thursday night, is 7-3.

The Terrapins beat Duke 87-72 on Jan. 18 by dominating the second half. But this time around it was the Blue Devils who closed the deal in the final minutes following 37-33 at halftime.

Steve Blake missed a contest-3-pointer with 2 seconds left in the first half. But this time Blake missed eight straight 3-pointers to let the Terrapins back into it. Maryland used a 12-1 run for a 31-20 lead. However, Duke closed the half with a 14-footer by Jones and a 3-pointer by Redick for a four-point lead in the 17th straight meeting in which both teams were ranked in the Top 25.

Memphis, 80, Louisville, 73

Louisville coach Rick Pitino took his own victory. They beat the hell out of us."

Louisville forward Ellis Myles left in the second half with a shoulder injury, but also returned for the final minutes.

The Tigers led 7-4-67 with 5:49 left as Redick made two long 3-pointers and Jones had a three-point play in a span of 1:47.

The only team with a win over the defending national champs, but Williams showed the Terrapins were close to home.

Each team started slowly in the spurt, while Blake missed a shot that came up short.

The Tigers rode an early 10-0 run to a 13-7 lead. They built the first-half lead to seven and couldn't have led by more, but missed eight of their first nine free throws.

Memphis outrebounded Louisville 19-12 and forced 10 turnovers in the opening half, but led only 35-31.

The teams were tied at 59-59, but Grice missed two free throws and Barron rebounded a missed basket by Myles and found Burns downcourt for a breakaway layup for a 63-59 lead.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bonds has quick surgery, can play again in a week

• 10-minute surgery goes as planned for 38-year-old star

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Barry Bonds had a 10-minute operation on his left elbow Wednesday to remove a quarter-inch ball of scar tissue from a previous surgery.

San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte referred to the procedure, performed by local team orthopedist Dr. David Zeman, as a “bumpectomy.”

“It was uneventful, exactly as we planned,” Conte said. “We didn’t have to dig into the (triceps) muscle or anything else. It was right below the skin. The key to the surgery was we opened up the skin and it was right there.”

The five-time NL MVP rested at home after the operation, and was expected to do some running and other cardio work Thursday, the first day of full-squad workouts for the defending NL champions.

Barry Bonds laughs at a recent press conference. Bonds had surgery on his left elbow and will rest the next three or four days before heading to spring training with the Giants.

The 38-year-old slugger is not likely to swing a bat or play in left field for three or four days, but could practice sooner, Conte said. Bonds’ incision was about an inch long and that bonds had three stitches. The surrounding area was tender.

Bonds had local anesthesia, meaning his elbow was numb. He also was under some sedation. There was a 30-minute recovery period for Bonds before he was allowed to go home, Conte said.

“It was uneventful, exactly as we planned... The key to the surgery was we opened up the skin and it was right there.”

Stan Conte
Giants trainer

Bonds lost in his first World Series last season when the Anaheim Angels beat the Giants in seven games. Bonds won his first batting title with a .370 average and his record fifth MVP award.

He was walked a major league record 198 times in 2002. He hit .471 with four home runs and six RBIs in the first World Series and was walked 13 times.

Bonds is ready to make another run at a title, with many new faces around him, including Grissom and right fielder Jose Cruz Jr.

“I don’t think anything is going to stop him from coming back and doing what he’s supposed to do.”

Marquis Grissom
Bonds’ teammate

Barry Bonds before he was allowed to go home, Conte said.

The pain stemmed from surgery in 1999, when doctors repaired a tear in Bonds’ left triceps and removed a bone spur from the back of his elbow.

Bonds’ teammates know he will be ready to play soon.

“Barry’s always been a gamer,” new center fielder Marquis Grissom said. “He always goes out and wants to play and he will do whatever he has to do to get back on the field. I think of him as a great competitor. You look at what he’s done over the course of his career and how bad he wants to win that ring, I don’t think anything is going to stop him from coming back and doing what he’s supposed to do. He’s probably hurt half his career, playing in pain, I don’t think he’ll be out long.”

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**Around the Dial**

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### Boxing

**Tyson, new tattoo, ready for fight**

Tyson showed off his new tattoo and responds to questions at a press conference Wednesday. Tyson will fight Clifford Etienne Saturday in Memphis.

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**In Brief**

Tagliabue discusses hiring of minorities in NFL

When James Harris retired as an NFL quarterback two decades ago, no team would hire him as an assistant. Now he's one of the NFL's few black executive, the new vice president of player personnel for the Jacksonville Jaguars. But Harris thinks the league has work to do in minority hiring.

"We're talking about African-Americans, but we're also talking about the best candidate to get the job," Harris said. "In some cases, where an African-American is the best candidate, he's still not getting the job."

Harris ate dinner Wednesday night with commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Among Tagliabue's other guests were the NFL's three black head coaches: Tony Dungy of the Colts, Herman Edwards of the Jets, and Marvin Lewis of the Bengals. Among the topics was the NFL's new plan to promote minority hiring. It requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate for coaching vacancies. But the Detroit Lions were unable to get a minority to talk to them after it became clear they were ready to hire ex-San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci.

Lewis is uncertain about what more can be done.

"Really, you can't tell someone who to hire," he said. "When I put together my staff, I wanted to hire guys who I knew. You want to know what kind of stress he's under and how he handles pressure."

Lewis and Harris both said they didn't blame candidates for not interviewing with Detroit. And Lewis didn't blame Detroit president Matt Millen for his quick decision on Mariucci.

"You have a man who is fighting for his job and he's got the right to hire his man," Lewis said. "But I don't think someone should take the interview if they know who Matt was going to hire."

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**Congressman demands ban of ephedra drug**

A New York lawmaker called Wednesday for an immediate ban on sales of the diet drug ephedra after the spring training death of a 23-year-old Baltimore Orioles pitcher.

Rep. John Sweeney, R-Clifton Park, said ephedra, already banned by the NCA, the NFL, and the International Olympic Committee, is too dangerous for athletes.

Piloting prospect Steve Bechler collapsed Sunday during a spring training workout in Fort Lauderdale and died after his temperature soared to 103 degrees. The Broward County medical examiner said Bechler was taking a product containing ephedra, the active ingredient in ephedra.

"Baseball has nowhere to hide anymore," said Sweeney. "How many young men have to die before someone wise up and bans this junk?"
Belles win in home final game

• Victory puts end to 12-game losing streak

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The myth that says 13 is an unlucky number obviously doesn't apply to Belles basketball.

Senior members of Saint Mary's basketball said final goodbyes to the Angela Athletic Center in an enjoyable fashion as the team snapped a would-be 13-game losing streak with a convincing 71-58 triumph over Adrian College Wednesday night.

The Belles kept the Bulldogs on a short leash for most of the game, trailing them 25-22 at the end of the first half, but surged ahead with a 49-point second half.

"We're finally clicking," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "This is the moment this team has been working toward for a long time."

The little pieces fell perfectly into place for the Belles as each team member contributed where she saw fit. Scoring leaders Emily Creachbaum, (16 points) and Shaun Russell (15 points) kept victory within grasp while the defense, led by 5-foot-5 guard Katie Boyce and senior forward Kristen Matha, put the pressure on the resilient Adrian offense.

"Barbara's basket was like the icing on the cake," said Boyce. "The energy was high enough already but that just made it even better. I feel like we won a championship."

The Belles will attempt to make that championship a reality as they head into next week's MIAA tournament.

"We're definitely at a high point," said Bellina. "But now our focus is to be on the next couple of games. The girls are in an 'on top' state of mind and I think they're capable of doing what they set their minds to."

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NCAA WOMENS BASKETBALL

Connecticut wins 64th straight game

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) - In the first half against No. 1 Connecticut, Miami did what only one other team had done during the Huskies record winning streak.

In the second half, the Hurricanes did what every other team has done — come up short.

Diana Taurasi scored 19 points, including 14 during a decisive 30-4 run, as top-ranked Connecticut extended its women's NCAA-record winning streak to 64 games with a 81-60 victory over Miami on Wednesday night.

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Taurasi finished 5-of-9 from the floor and 9-of-10 from the free throw line in leading the Huskies to their 31st straight win against Big East opponents and 45th straight during Big East regular-season and tournament games.

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A Crazy Kind of Love

Reluctant Saints & Citizens
by Chandra Johnson
Assistant to the President & Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

I’ve been reading Donald Spoto’s book, Reluctant Saint: The Life of Francis of Assisi, and there’s a phrase in Chapter 3 that I can’t get out of my mind. When speaking of Francis’s inflected penances and odd asceticism, Spoto writes that “...saints are in fact heroically in love, and like lovers, they sometimes become eccentric, and even overstep themselves; boldness does not preclude humanity, after all.” I’m struck by this phrase because it helps me to understand why we oftentimes make saints out of crazy people. Maybe they’re not crazy, after all. They’re just in love — with God.

Being in love makes you do odd things. Like talking on the telephone for hours at a time. Or being distracted all day by the image of the one who makes you feel all sweet inside. Or replaying the moment you first met over and over in your mind. Maybe this is what Francis felt when, in 1205, he encountered Jesus at San Damiano and knew it was real. He felt all sweet inside and knew he had to share this sweetness with other people. He began doing crazy things and people saw in him what they didn’t see in themselves: holy boldness and peace which surpassed all human understanding.

If you walked through LaFortune last Tuesday at about noon, you would have heard horns honking (or maybe you thought someone let the ducks inside). As I stood at the elevator, someone handed me a horn that I think I’m drawing attention to myself.” I grabbed the horn, thanked someone, and who.waited with bated breath for his return. As they waited, they retold the story of how he encountered Jesus at Interfaith Christian Night Prayer. “It’s risky business, though. Nobody wants to be perceived as a Jesus freak or national dissident. When we open ourselves to a “crazy kind of love” which promotes human dignity and equality through open dialogue and considerate compromise, people will recognize the justice and tell the story.

As we hear daily talk of war, maybe now’s the time to open ourselves to falling in love with God’s love. It’s risky business, though. Nobody wants to be perceived as a Jesus freak or national dissident. When we open ourselves to a “crazy kind of love” which promotes human dignity and equality through open dialogue and considerate compromise, people will recognize the justice and tell the story.

I looked for the Interfaith horn the other day and couldn’t find it. I probably put it down somewhere and someone picked it up. I hope so. Even more, I hope they follow the directions and honk, pray, sing and shout loudly for the love of Jesus. Like Francis, we’re after the sweetness, the taste of God’s affection in our lives. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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The Eagles come into Thursday, February 20, 2003 with a record of 11-3 overall, which is the first winning record in the 2002-2003 season. Kizer and Alan Fong has the 500 butterfly in the Big East Championships last season and holds the 200 butterfly record of 1:59.71 in the NCAA Championships.

"The Irish mark of 797 will not go unchallenged this weekend then we can talk about that when the time comes," said Garcia.

He said, "We'll go out and outperform the rest of the teams in the Big East. We'll prove they're wrong about us."
Irish narrowly escape Spartans

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

For the fifth time in eight matches this season, it came down to the wire for the Irish. And for the second time, junior Luis Haddock was cast in the spotlight during the tense final minutes. Haddock responded, winning the deciding match Wednesday at Michigan State and leading the Irish to their third win in their past four matches.

"I don't think any of us expected it to come down to the third set of the final match, but that's the beauty of college tennis." — Matt Scott, Irish tri-captain

"Luis is a really clutch player," Scott said, "He's the guy you want to have on the court when it comes to the deciding match, because he'll do anything to bring home a win for us, and he did that today." — Scott had two victories for the Irish — one in doubles play with sophomore Brent D'Amico and one in singles play. After Scott and D'Amico's 8-2 triumph at the No. 1 doubles flight, though, the Spartans claimed No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, and secured the first point of the match. Then, the Spartans' Goran Topalo defeated Irish senior Brian Farrell in 6-1, straight sets to put Michigan State up 2-0. Scott, ranked 119th in the nation, gave the Irish their first point of the match up, 2-1, with his 6-2, 6-3 win over Eric Simonton. Junior Mitchell, but the Irish were defeated by the Spartans 14 consecutive times.

"We expected a tough match," Scott said. "They're very competitive. They played very hard. The Irish have now defeated the Spartans 14 consecutive times. But more applicable for this season, Notre Dame is feeling it has recovered from the early season struggle. "I think guys are getting more and more confident," Scott said.

A primary concern for Notre Dame has been doubles play, and the young Irish squad is still trying to gain experience. Yet big lineup changes are not likely. "If we change the lineup too much it might not give guys a chance to settle in," Scott said. "Saturday the Irish will face No. 40 Northwesterners at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. "We're expecting a battle," Scott said. "They have some very good players at the top of the lineup. It's a team that's good enough to beat us if we're not on top of our game."

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BENGAL BOUTS 125-145 weight class

Four fights in 140-pound class include intrahall clash

**No preliminary round fights for 125-pound class**

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

With only 12 boxers in the weight class, the top four boxers receive byes into the quarterfinals, leaving the 140-pound division with only four preliminary fights tonight.

Freshman Matt Connor fights junior Chip Marks in the matchup of the eight and nine seeds. The winner of that fight gets junior and top seed Tony Hollowell, who lost in the semifinals last year to eventual 135-pound champion T.J. D'Agostino.

Moreau Seminary student Stephen Davidson faces junior Matt Welsh in another preliminary fight. That winner draws fourth-seeded Joe Schmidlin in the quarterfinals.

An intrahall fight between Dillon Hall residents senior Kevin Hool and freshman Edward Liva will take place in the bottom half of the 140-pound bracket. Hool lost in the first-round last year. The winner of the Hool-Liva fight will face senior Bill Wuest Sunday.

The final preliminary fight is between junior Mark Pfizenmayer and sophomore Adrian Velez. That victor draws second seed Christopher Hoffman.

145 pounds

In the 145-pound division, top seed Luke Dillon looks to use his experience from his loss in the quarterfinals to former senior Matt Fumagalli and make a run at the title.

Dillon dropped a narrow split decision to Fumagalli last year in the 135-pound division. The junior from Zahm will face Stephen Hill in the preliminaries.

The winner of that bout will face the winner of junior Andrew Sylling and freshman John Piposar.

Junior Joseph Shonkwiler draws Paul Robinson in another preliminary bout. Shonkwiler lost in the first round last year.

The winner of the Shonkwiler-Harris fight will get the winner of the Paul Robinson-Timothy Sims bout.

In the other half of the bracket, senior Jeffrey Ham faces business graduate student Andrew Schoppe in the first round. The winner of that bout gets the winner of the fight between sophomore Timothy Huml and Jon Streit. Huml won his first-round match last year.

The last two preliminary round fights in the 145-pound weight class are between freshman David DeBoer and Robert Murphy and law student John Vaglio and senior Ryan Duffy.

125 pounds

With only seven fighters in the 125-pound weight class, no preliminary round fights are necessary and their fights will begin Sunday with three quarterfinal round fights.

Senior and defending champion Shawn Newberg received a bye into Wednesday's semifinal round.

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BENGAL BOUTS 150-165 WEIGHT CLASS

150-pound class sports toughest field in preliminaries

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

With no dominating captain and no byes granted to any fighters, the 150-pound weight class is arguably the most competitive class this year in Bengal Bouts. Juan Diego Vargas is fighting in his first Bengal Bouts this year, but this is not his first experience with the boxing. His performance in practice and in sparring earned him the No. 1 seed for his division. Vargas' excellent books and the ease with which he switches from head to body are evidence of his previous ring experience. Vargas, from Spain, fights Jonathan Lorenzo, an O'Neill junior from the Philippines, who is also participating in their first Bengal Bouts. Lorenzo has wanted to fight in the Bouts since last April and looks forward to tonight's matchup.

The second fight in this competitive division pits Steven Arevalo from Keough against Hans Biedl from Alumni. Both are sophomore fighters who are participating in their first Bengal Bouts this year. Biedl's nickname is "Blitzkrieg" and he says he is going to "step in the ring and show everyone what the lighting war is all about."

Zahn sophomore Christopher Koegel, also fighting in his first Bengal Bouts will face Ryan Solis, a sophomore from Sorin. Solis, who advanced to the semifinals before losing in a brawl last year's Bengal Bouts, beating Ted Volo in the preliminaries and losing a close decision to Keenan's Mike Borowiecki. Koegel is a strong, experienced fighter with six years of training behind him. As a sophomore, Melby advanced to the semifinals where he lost to the 160-pound champion Dennis Anderson. Last year, Melby advanced to the semifinals in the 154-pound weight class, where he lost in a split decision to light-banger John Nowak. With six fights in his quarterfinals, Melby is staying focused.

"I'm going to fight hard and take each fight one at a time," said Melby.

Mike Melby fights Christopher Solis, a Fisher junior who has also had a bit of ring experience himself. Solis lost to Brendan Pruzhs in the quarterfinals in the first round of the tournament. Following Melby and Solis, Colin Kerrigan is a Fisher sophomore who will fight Ted Maglione a Keenan freshman. Kerrigan fought in last year's bouts and lost a split decision to Julian Devoe. Kerrigan has improved this year, throwing harder and straighter in his sparring sessions.

Mark Basela, a Keough freshman, will fight tough gloves with Ryan Morton, a sophomore from Sorin. Both are first year fighters.

Notre Dame law student Jeff Christoforetti faces Galen Loughrey, a sophomore from Dillin. Loughrey fought well in his preliminary match last year against Mike Panzica and is one of the top seeded fighters in his division.

Stephen Keppel, an off-campus senior, is making his return to the Bengal Bouts after going abroad last spring to London. As a sophomore, Keppel lost in the quarterfinals to Tom Pierce, who went on to win the 155-pound division that year. Pierce has also returned from London this year and is a senior captain. Keppel says he is excited to get back in the ring this year.

"The captains have been really helpful and I'm excited to go out tomorrow night," Keppel said.

Keppel's hooks and ability to slip punches will aid him in his match against off-campus senior Colin Boyle.

Nick Nanovic, a Dillon Hall junior will fight law student Michael van der Leeden of the 150-pound weight class last year and Mike McDonald an off-campus senior last year.

"I'm a little nervous. I'm looking forward to tonight's match," said Ru."
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Men are underdogs, but hope to surprise

By LISA REJULA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team will be playing the role of the underdog at this season's Big East Championships. The meet will be held Thursday through Saturday at the Nassau County Aquatics Center in Uniondale, N.Y.

The Irish will be looking to make a statement in a strong and competitive field. The team is aware of their underdog status going into the Championships.

"The competition doesn't expect too much of us," senior Jason Fitzpatrick said. "We're going to surprise them."

The heavy favorite to win the meet is No. 16 Pittsburgh. The Panthers are on a streak having recently achieved their highest national ranking ever. Pittsburgh has also won the last six straight Big East titles and seven in the last 10 years.

Returning for the Panthers this year are four 2002 Big East individual winners: Mike Grube (50, 100 freestyle), Randy Gertenbach (100, 200 breaststroke), Kenny Shelhorse (200 backstroke) and Eric Linke mann (500 and 1,650 freestyle, 400 IM).

The Irish faced the Panthers in Philadelphia Jan. 18, losing 183-58. However, Notre Dame defended another Big East foe, Villanova, at the same meet 168-68. West Virginia is the only other visiting team with more than one Big East win.

Notre Dame closing in on NCAA tournament berth

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

The magic number is 18. Notre Dame (15-8, 7-5) has four regular season games remaining and at least one Big East tournament game to achieve 18 wins, which Irish coach Muffet McGraw thinks will secure the team a berth in the NCAA Tour nament.

Three of the Irish's final four games are against teams ranked below them in the conference standings. The only game Notre Dame will be the underdog in will be this Sunday when the Irish face No. 1 Connecticut.

McGraw said the team needs to focus on one game at a time and hopefully gain more confidence heading into the conference tournament.

"We're in really good shape right now," McGraw said. "Really, right now, all we're thinking about is playing well.

"We're getting a good string of games where we're feeling good about the way we're playing. We just want to head into Big East tournament feeling confident and good about the way we're playing."

The Irish have won four of their last five games.

Notre Dame has several factors working in its favor. Their RPI of 25 is a major asset. The rating takes several areas of a team's profile into account, such as schedule strength and record against ranked opponents.

While the team is 1-6 against top 50 RPI ranked teams, Notre Dame has dominated teams rated between 51-100, compiling a 6-1 record against those opponents.

Notre Dame also has played well against teams that have poor RPI rankings, and this also helps their overall chance at achieving a berth in the Tournament.

McGraw said this year's team has a better RPI than last year's and could have more wins after the Big East tournament.

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