ND students continue to flock to Mass
University ranks higher than BC, GU in mass offerings

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series exploring Mass at Notre Dame.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Boston College has 36. Georgetown has 42. Notre Dame has 175. And this is one set of numbers that has nothing to do with sports.

Rather, it lists the average number of Masses said each week at the nation’s top three Catholic universities, with Notre Dame holding the indisputable lead of twice as many as its rivals — combined.

This disparity has nothing to do with a competition to be the ‘Catholic’ college, though lower percentages of Catholics at Boston College and Georgetown are identified as 70 percent and 50 percent, respectively, might be a factor. It is instead a testament to the strong faith community that is distinctly Notre Dame, uniquely woven from the chapels in each individual dorm and the symbolic Basilica that stands at its heart, to the Masses held everyday in Malloy Hall and the Mendoza College of Business.

Though Mass has always held a strong position within the Notre Dame community, I think in recent years it has grown stronger. I think there are more undergraduates students who want to make deep faith and spiritually a part of their four-year experience here,” said Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry.

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Panel debates gay marriage

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

A panel discussion on the highly controversial issue of same-sex marriages was held Wednesday evening at the Eck Visitors’ Center just one day after President Bush announced his goal to create an amendment banning gay marriage in the United States.


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SMC student gov’t announces class election results

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The results of the Saint Mary’s election for class officers were announced Wednesday after all-day voting Tuesday on PRISM.

Students had the opportunity to vote only for the candidates representing their respective classes, and student government officials said the voter turnout was on par with what was expected, with 53 percent of the class of 2007 voting, 30 percent of the class of 2006 and 50 percent of the class of 2005. This is the second year that Saint Mary’s has used online voting, which has caused increased voter turnout compared to past years.

“I think in the next couple years you should see Saint Mary’s student government become efficient at alerting the campus that an election is going on and having a higher voter turnout,” student body president Elizabeth Jahnonski-Derdzil said.

Claudia Toth was named president of the Class of 2007, winning 63 percent of the votes. Kathleen Knifft will serve as vice president, Kristen Bogdanskiowicz as secretary and Deanna Shreston as treasurer.

“Our immediate goal, as we take over, is to first establish our class board for the following school year,” Toth said. “From there, we want begin thinking of activities and events that we can plan for our class for next year."

The runner-up in the Class of 2007 election, receiving 33 percent of the votes, was the McDuff/Plittell ticket. Four percent of the class abstained.

Despite running unopposed, the Class of 2006 Lerner/Palasky ticket had to receive a majority of the votes in order to be named class officers, and the candidates did so, winning 67 percent of the vote. Danielle Lerner was named president of the Class of 2006, Liz Palasky will be the vice president, and the ticket received 100 percent of the votes.

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STUDENT SENATE

Funding removed from Office of President

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
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The Student Senate passed a reallocation of $11,400 from the Office of the Student Body President back to the Financial Management Board by a vote of 17 to 6 with two abstentions at its weekly meeting Wednesday.

The FMB held two separate spending reviews in December and January to "assess how clubs and organizations spent the money allocated to them last March," and to "give FMB an idea of what to allocate in its upcoming budget meeting," according to a letter to the Senate from the FMB.

In its assessment, the FMB decided that a total of $11,400 was not needed by the Office of the President and could be better used by other clubs. The reallocated money will be given to the Student Union board, the Hall President’s Council, the Class of 2004 and the Class of 2006.

In its resolution, the FMB stated that each organization "have events planned that require more than need funding." The FMB felt that these events would benefit more students than some of those planned by the Office of the President, and that was their reasoning for reallocating the money, the letter continued.

Members of the Office of the President contested the reallocation during the meeting.

Although he was not present, student body president Jeremy Lao sent a letter to the Senate asking senators to leave the money FMB wanted to take. He cited the lack of preparation by the Office of the President as one reason the FMB decided to reallocate the money.

"We have given the Office of the President a good three chances (to show us a budget) ... I told them this is the decision we’ve come to," Norton said. "As a board, we thought it was the best decision ... other groups seemed better prepared to spend the money.

Chief of staff Patrick Corker spoke on behalf of the Office of the President, and he tried to explain the delay in presenting the FMB with a budget, citing the turnover in senators.

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Members of the Student Senate meet Wednesday. The senate passed a resolution to remove $11,400 from the Office of the President.
INSIDE COLUMN

Where's the meat?

I'm sure all the freshmen around campus were thrilled to enter the dining halls yesterday and discover that meat items were all of a sudden non-existent. Welcome to Notre Dame dining halls during Lent, the place where for every Friday, plus Ash Wednesday, the meat disappears and several different kinds of shrimp suddenly appear alongside fish of Capistrano.

Better get used to it — popcorn shrimp one day, Cajun shrimp the next, then buffalo shrimp — by the end of Lent you'll never want to eat shrimp again.

I'm sure someone always has some complaint about the dining hall not having meat at this time of year, and it may be a tiring subject if you're not a freshman, but it's all I could think about while meeting with a study group in LaFortune, right next to Subway, with a menu full of sandwiches staring back at me.

Now I know this is a Catholic institution, yet I'm a little confused as to why the dining hall does not provide at least some kind of meat. Not only are there a lot of people here who don't make the decision to give up meat on Fridays, the whole idea of not eating meat during Lent is that we are making a choice to give something up to prove to God that we can resist such pleasures.

The purpose is to try to show that we are disciplined enough to deny ourselves of a material desire that isn't sinful — eating meat — so that we can become willing to resist things in our lives that actually are sinful.

Yet the dining halls are making these decisions for everybody on campus, whether they're Catholic or not. Maybe it's just me, but it seems that if the dining hall isn't going to offer us meat anyway, no one is really making the personal choice to abstain from it. That's the whole point. There isn't really a choice anymore? When I was sitting at a booth next to Subway this Ash Wednesday, I truly felt like I was giving something up. At the same time, I realized how many students here don't follow the tradition and were ordering up their meatball subs anyhow.

And since when was Notre Dame such a hard-core Catholic institution? In the past month the campus has hosted the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival. Is it really that crazy to allow meat in the dining hall on Friday during Lent?

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QUESTIONS OF THE DAY:

- Are you planning to see Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ?"

"I'm definitely going this weekend."

Ben Zerante
Sophomore
St. Edwards

"Yes."

Kevin Walsh
Sophomore
Fisher

"Yes."

Laura Maclean
Sophomore
Farley

"Yeah, but I probably won't be having popcorn with that."

Simon Gikandi, Hayden Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, delivered a lecture titled "Colonialism in Reserve: Englishness and the Politics of Culture" in McKenna Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

Ravi Radhakrishnan of the Department of Chemistry at New York University will deliver a lecture titled "Fidelity In DNA Replication and Repair: A Story of DNA Polymerases." The lecture will take place this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo room 138.

SUB Movies presents "Love Actually" this weekend in 100 Doherty. The film will be shown Thursday at 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Admissions is $3.

The Guthrie Theatre of Minneapolis will perform "Othello" at the O'Laughlin Auditorium in Saint Mary's Moreau Center tonight at 7 p.m.

The annual BP meal auction will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Huddle. Donate money to charity and go out to dinner with your favorite campus celebrity.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

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Alumni Association recognizes Conley

By ANNA GELHAUS

Kevin Conley, a Stanford Hall senior, was named the University Alumni Association's Distinguished Student for 2003-04. The award is given to a Notre Dame senior who shows excellence in academics and service to the community and Notre Dame.

Conley was nominated by Navy ROTC, of which he is a member.

"I was pretty honored," Conley said. "I was not expecting it."

Conley was double major in political science and preprofessional studies. He carries a 3.94 grade point average. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine. Eventually, Conley said he hopes to make a career of practicing medicine as an officer in the Navy.

"And eventually, one day, maybe run for office."

Conley has served as Stanford Hall president and hall senator and currently is an RA. He was also chair of the Student Senate Residence Life committee and member of the Steering and Academic committees.

"I have also been an active participant in several campus organizations and projects that promote community service. He was involved in "There are Children Here," a project run by retired Notre Dame professor Jim Langford that seeks to bring inner city children to a farm outside of South Bend for recreational activities and the Trident Naval Society, the Navy service club, among others.

Conley was awarded a Community Service Conley by the ROTC for volunteering at least ten hours every semester.

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BP prepares for auction

Event offers meals with campus celebrities

By MATT BRAMANTI

According to campus lore, the women of Breen-Phillips hall know a thing or two about meals. Tonight from 8-11 p.m in LaFortune, they will put that knowledge to use when the dorm will hold its 20th annual meal auction, giving students the chance to bid on dinner with Notre Dame celebrities.

Sophomore Kate Fitzpatrick, who is coordinating the event, said BP will donate all proceeds to the American Diabetes Association. She said her dorm's residents expect an even higher turnout than last year.

"Last year, we raised almost $3,000, and we're hoping to hit the $5,000 mark [this year]. That's why our slogan is 'bigger and better.'"

Kate Fitzpatrick
event coordinator

"We have athletes, we have people from the 'Men of Notre Dame' calendar, we have well known professors, we have [Irish men's basketball coach] Mike Brey," Fitzpatrick said.

Other notable names include anthropology professor James McKenna, band director Ken Dye, vice president for residence life Bill Kirk and leprechaun Mike Macaluso.

Fitzpatrick said bidders can also participate in a silent auction for gift certificates donated by area restaurants.

Fitzpatrick said the success of the event depends on student turnout, and she encouraged students to attend the auction.

"It's a great event, and it all goes towards a great cause," she said. "And, you get a great meal out of it."

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The Saint Mary's campus will host a different kind of freshman off-campus living experience this year. "It seems like now it's my choice, and I just don't feel compelled to go anymore," said Katie Willis, assistant director of multicultural affairs. "I don't want to create a relationship with them and provide them [with] opportunities," Willis said. "They need to know that they can be part of a college community."

The Office of Multicultural Affairs marked the students with Saint Mary's volunteers by judging each party's aca­demic performance. The students of high school students will stay with the Saint Mary's women overnight and attend their classes as guests on Friday morning.

"One of the things I think is really good about this program is that we have them go through classes. A lot of pre-college programs don't offer that opportunity," Willis said. She also believes that the personal relationship between the students will benefit not just the younger woman, but also their collegiate mentors. If a [high school] student's not sure college is an option for her, the relationship with the Saint Mary's student can be really beneficial to her," Willis said. "The Saint Mary's students benefit from the fact that they can give something back. I think sometimes college students like it because it's different. It's outside the Saint Mary's bubble."

Willis said that many of the 26 Saint Mary's women who offered to host a high school student have been through similar programs in the past. The program, which was also hosted in November, includes not just classes and a stay in a dorm room, but many other opportunities available only in a college setting.

Tonight, the movie "Real Women Have Curves" will be shown in conjunction with Counseling and Career Development. It will be fol­lowed by a discussion on body image and eating disorders. Students may also choose to attend the Patriot Act lecture sponsored by Peacemakers, Justice Education and the Student Diversity board. They may also participate in a Saint Mary's scavenger hunt.

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Warner estimated that 75 to 80 percent of the Catholic student population attend Mass on a regul­lar to occasional basis — com­pared to an estimated 40 percent at Boston College, according to associate campus minister of Mur­phy Ellen Modica.

The strong desire to participate in religious services evident in the undergraduates carries on beyond a student's time on campus, Warner said. Citing a study of students from 25 Catholic edu­cational institutions 10 years after graduation, he said that 77 per­cent of Notre Dame graduates from the class of 1992 continue to go to Mass on a regular basis one decade later. The average of the other 24 institutions was 22 per­cent.

According to the annual American Council on Education survey of first-year students, 41 percent of Notre Dame freshmen said that religion was an impor­tant factor in their choice of school. "I had to decide between University of Arizona and here, and one of main reasons I chose Notre Dame is that I really wanted to be in a community where we did worry about things like this here, being able to walk down­stairs and go to Mass," said Katie McCouck, a freshmen who lives in Lewis. The estimated participation per­centage can be called into question, however, as many freshmen also attended to going to Mass less than they did when they were at home, if they attended Mass at all.

"I go to Mass about once every two weeks — which is less than I go when I'm at home, because my parents aren't there telling me to go, and after Saturday night, sometimes I sleep in a little late," said Fisher freshmen Mike Barrett.

Stanford freshmen Eamon Murphy attributed his lower atten­dance to going to Mass less than he did when he was at home.

"I don't feel compelled to go to Mass anymore," Murphy said. "It seems like now it's my choice, and I pretty much like it to go once, that often." Moving off-campus brings the issue of participating in Church activity, as students are placed in a position where religious services are far less convenient and acces­sible than they are in residence halls.

"When I lived on campus I went every week, so now I definitely go less, and while it has more to do with personal reasons, I think one of the reasons is also that I don't really know of any churches off campus, and I like going with other people my age," said off-campus senior Elizabeth Asher.

Asher also explained that those seniors who went to Mass regularly while undergraduates still go every week, while those who went once in a while have almost stopped going.

Paula Giver, parish manager at the Little Flower Catholic Church, said that students are in the minority at Maus, despite the fact that the church is close to the College Park Apartment complex. She added, however, that there are some stu­dents who make it to morning Mass.

Though some students choose not to attend, it cannot be debated that the celebration of Mass is an integral part of the Notre Dame community. All 68 weekly dorm Masses put students in the words. There are about 60 Holy Cross priests fully-engaged in ministry on campus and The Princeton Review ranks Notre Dame on the number five school in the country where "students pray on a regular basis."

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By NICOLE ZOOK

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Militants gun down Iraqi official

BRAGHAD, Iraq — Gunmen assassinated the deputy police chief in the northern city of Mosul on Wednesday, and militants warned of more attacks on Iraqi security forces and Kurdish militants, accusing them of protecting “infidel” Americans.

The attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a major Shiite Muslim shrine overnight, officials at the shrine said. The RPG punched a hole in an outer wall of the Kazimiyah shrine in a northern neighborhood, killing at least six people Wednesday, but the rebel leader said the incident was not a reprisal. The rebels want to “give a chance to peace” and indicated his troops would hold off attacks on the capital.

The record was set in September 2003. That compares with a revised 6.37 million in December, a lower level than the 7.9 million in January as much of the region was hit by unusually bad winter weather.

As a result of your choice, your child is dead,” Gifford said.

A new strain of HIV has been identified, HIV-1 subgroup J, that is particularly resistant to the drug combination of d4T and 3TC, according to researchers.

Scientists say they have discovered why some monkeys are resistant to infection with the AIDS virus — an enigmatic problem that prompts a new and highly promising strategy for blocking HIV in people.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti — U.S. Marines escorted foreign­ers out of the country amid warnings of further attacks by anti-government rebels threatening the stability of Haiti. Rebels set dozens of flaming barricades that blocked roads throughout Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. Barricades that blocked roads throughout Port-au-Prince, Haiti, were taken down as the 3-week-old political crisis in Haiti intensified Wednesday, but the rebel force had grown.

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Looters struck two warehouses in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, stealing $200,000 worth of medical equipment and food from one and $300,000 worth of tropical wood from the other.

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when Lao took office in January as a failure in communications.
"I only received one e-mail about that," CRC student and senator-elect C. C. Y. Cheng said. "I don't think there's any need for this, if it takes time, it should be sent to the Senate and the Notre Dame faculty, department chairs and administrators asking for names of those interested in learning more about the technology. Senators voted to table this issue until next Wednesday's meeting.

Student body vice president Emily Chin reminded senators that they need to hold informing sessions in their dorms for any students interested in running for the Senate Student. All new senators, she said, must be elected to their positions by March 19.

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President, Nichelle McCloud, secretary, and Kellie Miro, treasurer.
Lerner said she hopes to send a survey to the class regarding Junior Mom's Weekend and Junior Dance. She believes that the input she receives about these larger events will help with planning and give the students what they want. Lerner also hopes to begin to organize the Senior Mentor program, through which juniors will be paired with seniors; in turn, the seniors can help the junior student with things such as employment and internships.
"I am really excited and looking forward to next year," Lerner said.

By ANGELA SOAUD
News Writer

While off-campus students usually cite reasons such as freedom and fun as motives for their departure from school property, some said they lose the connection with the school they have come to love when they leave campus.

Saint Mary's senior Abby Van Vlerah and Notre Dame senior Sarah Blake try to aid students who face this problem. As the off-campus representative and the off-campus president respectively, Van Vlerah and Blake said that they try to inform the off-campus community of happenings at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.
"My duty is to coordinate events to help unite the off-campus population," Blake said. "My primary responsibility is to make sure that off-campus students are fairly represented.

Van Vlerah described her own role somewhat differently:
"My job is to keep students who live off campus connected with the Saint Mary's community." Van Vlerah said, "I send out an e-mail newsletter weekly that highlights the events that are going on through out campus." 

Both Van Vlerah and Blake said that part of their jobs is to plan events specifically for off-campus students.
"We have off-campus student lunches in the off-campus lounge," Van Vlerah said. "Last semester I organized a raffle, but unfortunately my budget isn't big enough to do everything I'd like to do."
Blake has planned events such as Masses, dinners, a party at Legends and an upcoming meal at BW 3's. "I have an off-campus list-serv that I use to communicate all off-campus events to the students," Blake said. "I also use the listserve to pass on information that comes to me through other sources. When I plan events, I pass out flyers to help publicize."

Van Vlerah said that, despite the information, students are not as informed as she would like them to be. "We try to publicize in places that all students go, like Madaleva and Haggar, but it's hard to get the information up in a central location where everyone can see it," she said. "Regardless of whether or not you live off campus or on campus, you're still bombarded with information. There are a lot of events available if you seek them out."
Blake said off-campus students are relatively informed about events that happen throughout campus. "Everyone gets class e-mails and reads The Observer to get information," Blake said. "Also, word of mouth definitely spreads news of activities."

Notre Dame junior Elizabeth Roach lives off campus this semester, but despite that fact, she still feels involved in the information loop. "I feel informed of on-campus events and things through the list-serv," Roach said. "Plus, I'm on campus for classes everyday, so I see the flyers and things."

Saint Mary's sophomore Rachael Berg also believes the information she receives is sufficient. "I have a lot of friends that still live on campus, so they keep me pretty up to date with everything that's happening," Berg said. "For the most part, I get to the events I want to find out from the information I receive, but it's also my job to seek out that information, as well."

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WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

MINISTRY CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

A panel of alumni and alumnae reflect on the integration of faith and social concerns into life beyond Notre Dame.

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Matthew Donnellan, a student at Keilenberg Memorial High School in New York, carries a cross during a procession to view "The Passion of the Christ." The film opened Wednesday in more than 3,000 theaters nationwide.

**U.S. ECONOMY**

Greenspan wants cuts in benefits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, stepping into the politically charged debate over Social Security, said Wednesday the country can't afford the retirees' benefits promised to baby boomers and urged Congress to trim them.

He said that unless Congress acts, soaring budget deficits from out-of-control entitlement programs could lead to "a very debilitating" rise in interest rates. And he said the country would not be able to afford the "shocking" budget increases necessary to balance the budget.

Greenspan, who turns 78 next week, also suggested tying the retirement age for full benefits to longer lifespans with the age continuing to rise. The 65-year age for collecting full benefits started increasing last year and now stands at 65 years and four months. It will increase to 67 over the next two decades and then stop rising.

Greenspan said his comments simply voiced views he has held since he chaired a blue-ribbon commission two decades ago. But the remarks set off a political storm.

Democratic front-runner Sen. John Kerry said the way to address the deficit was to roll back tax cuts for the wealthy and "the wrong way to cut the deficit is to cut Social Security benefits. If I'm president, we're simply not going to do it."

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., called it "an outrage" for Greenspan to call for cuts in Social Security while at the same time ending long-term Bush's tax cuts permanent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, even further and called for Greenspan to resign as Fed chairman, saying his comments were "a disgrace."
SWITZERLAND
Air traffic controller stabbed to death

Associated Press

ZURICH -- An air traffic controller who ordered a passenger jet to make an emergency landing because of a possible hijacking died at the scene Wednesday afternoon.

The attack was a heavily built, 51-year-old Swiss man, possibly of Eastern European origin, with gray hair and a three-day stubble. He showed up at the controller's home Tuesday night, spoke briefly to the controller in broken German, killed him and fled.

Beyond that description, police said they have no leads on the killer but are investigating a possible link between the stabbing and the crash 19 months ago that killed 71 people. The accident was blamed on the controller, a 36-year-old Danish citizen who has never been named by authorities.

"There wasn't much said," District Attorney Urs Gasser told The Associated Press. He declined to say what was exchanged between the killer and victim, because it is part of the investigation.

He also said there were other passengers in the plane at the time of the murder, but would not say if they included the couple who were killed. The controller died at the scene.

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while panels discussed the validation of legal endorse­ments of content in Europe and America. Moderated by Notre Dame Law School's Thomas White, the panel included Alan Sears, Andrew Griffiths, the chair in Catholic doctrine, and Pascal Caspar of Law and Science at Northwestern Law School. Sears argued that the validation of legal endorse­ments is a critical issue in Europe and America. Moderated by Notre Dame Law School's Thomas White, the panel included Alan Sears, Andrew Griffiths, the chair in Catholic doctrine, and Pascal Caspar of Law and Science at Northwestern Law School. Sears argued that the validation of legal endorse­ments is a critical issue in Europe and America. Sears argued that the validation of legal endorse­ments is a critical issue in Europe and America. Sears argued that the validation of legal endorse­ments is a critical issue in Europe and America. Sears argued that the validation of legal endorse­ments is a critical issue in Europe and America. 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States can deny money to divinity students

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States don’t have to underwrite religious training of students pursuing other degrees, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, a departure from the court’s trend of allowing more government support for religion.

States can deny taxpayer-funded scholarships to divinity students, even as they hand out money to students pursuing other fields, the court said.

"Training someone to lead a congregation is an essentially religious endeavor," the court said. "Indeed, majoring in devotional theology is akin to a religious calling as well as an academic pursuit."

The 7-2 ruling was notable for its author. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, ordinarily a supporter of the idea that there is not a high wall between church and state.

The Concordia School, a non-profit organization that awards religious scholarships, was the plaintiff.

Joshua Davey won the religious scholarship to Concordia in Washington State and planned to graduate in May. But when he told the school his intention to become a Catholic priest, the school yanked the scholarship from his account.

The school said that there is not a high wall between church and state.

Amending the 1964 Civil Rights Act to provide for government funding of scholarships to religious students, including a religious calling, is so profound that the court said it would be a constitutional violation.

The court majority parted company with the Bush administration, which had argued that the state of Washington engaged in religious discrimination when it yanked a scholarship from a young divinity student five years ago.

Joshua Davey won the small merit scholarship but then lost it when he told officials he planned to major in religious studies.

"That a state would deal differently with religious education for the ministry than with education for other callings, is not evidence of hostility toward religion," the court said.

Rehnquist wrote for himself and all but the court’s two most conservative members.

"The state’s interest in not funding the pursuit of devotional degrees is substantial and the exclusion of such funding places a relatively minor burden on Promise Scholars," Rehnquist wrote.

"If any room exists between the two religion clauses, it should be here."

Justice Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"Let there be no doubt: This case is about discrimination against a religious minority," Scalia wrote for the two.

Davey continued his education without the subsidy. He did not choose to enter the ministry after graduation, and is now in law school.

"The indigent of being singled out for special burdens on the basis of one’s calling is so profound that the concrete harm produced can never be dismissed as insubstantial," wrote Scalia, the author of the majority opinion.

"It had the court ruled the other way, it could have created many legal or constitutional barriers to state funding of religious activities in areas far beyond education."

President Bush’s faith-based initiative, which is stalled in Congress, would let religious groups compete for government money for things like social services, so long as their services are available to anybody in need. Opponents support the government would wind up underwriting religious proselytizing.

The Bush administration traditionally seeks a resolution critical of China at the annual meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Last year was an exception because of progress on the rights front in China.

But Assistant Secretary Lorne Craner, the State Department’s top human rights official, said Wednesday that such a resolution may be introduced at this year’s meeting, starting next month.

"We’re leaning in that direction," Craner told reporters. The report said the Russian government manipulated the October presidential elections in Chechnya and parliamento elections held in last year.

"Both failed to meet internationa standards," the report said. "It added that the last major non-state television network disappeared from Russia last year because of government pressure.

The report also alleged that the government carried out criminal prosecutions and threats of prosecutions against major financial supporters of opposition parties.

On other countries, the report said:

There were "serious human rights abuses" committed by Israeli security forces against Palestinian detainees. These units used excessive force, including the shelling, bombing and raiding of Palestinian civilian areas. But Palestinian security services and the Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization participated with civilian and terrorist groups in violent attacks against Israelis, both military and civilian. There was no reference in the report to the controversial security barrier Israel is constructing on Palestinian territory.

North Korea "is one of the world’s most repressive, non-democratic states." Abuses included "instances of extrajudicial killings, widespread and systematic torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention, and denial of fair judicial process." The report said.

The Iranian government's poor human rights record remains and is continued to commit serious abuses, including "summary executions, disappearances, torture and other degrading treatment."
Pentagon says military sexual assault declining

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Wednesday, responding to criticism from lawmakers who say the Defense Department is doing enough to address the issue,

"No war comes without costs, but the costs should be borne out of conflict with the enemy, not by egregious violations by some of our own troops," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel, said new figures show the rate of sexual assaults against women in the military fell from 6 percent to between 2005 and 2007.

But that is still too high, there's still a long way to go, but it's down substantially from where we were," Chu told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

He said the most pressing need is to be made in providing care to victims.

Pentagon officials said there have been 106 reports of sexual assaults in the Middle East — including Iraq and Afghanistan — over the past 14 months.

In the Army, there have been 89
two sexual assaults in the Stryker Brigade outside Iraq last November when she was shot and wounded in the early morning hours.

Wharton's daughter spoke with the
Stryker Brigade

Doctors determined she was returned to the U.S. but then felt "abandoned" by her commanders.

"Just because I came back from Iraq with all my limbs intact, they're treating me like I'm faking," the daughter said, according to reports.

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what's happening

friday 02.27
Asian/Asian American Women Faculty & Staff Gathering
Dr. Mary Lee presents: Pension Plans & You
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse
Mass for Peace
9:00 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Freshman Retreat #52

sunday (cont.)

What's the Future of This Relationship? Workshop
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
330 Coleman-Morse
RCIA Rite of Election
2:30 p.m.
St. Matthew's Cathedral
Campus Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse

wednesday 03.03
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
All-Music, Pre-break edition
see website for details
Find the latest on upcoming retreat signups, mass schedules and special campus events at campusministry.nd.edu

relationships workshop

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?

Please join us for an afternoon of discussion designed for dating couples who are discerning the next stage of a relationship commitment
Sunday, February 29
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
In Room 330, Coleman-Morse
Pre-register (required) by 2/27 in Room 114 or 309 by noon.

considerations...

Decisions, Decisions
Make the Choice Take the Leap

by Rev. Jim King, C.S.C.
Director of Vocations, Congregation of Holy Cross

There was a Time magazine article more than twenty years ago where the author, Richard Schickel, referred to "that common cold of the male psyche, fear of commitment." It's not at all clear that the virus strikes only males, but it's our experience in dealing with men considering a vocation to the priesthood that the thought of making a long-term commitment scares many into avoiding choice-making altogether.

We put a high premium in our society upon maintaining our independence, yet that is a very modern notion. It wasn't so long ago that people who hadn't married by their mid-twenties were considered to be "bachelors" and "spinsters," odd ducks who were fundamentally deprived by not having said the words "forever" to someone or something, whether to a spouse or to a religious vocation. We now have a better understanding that some people actually have a vocation to be single, but it's also true that many people drift for a long time avoiding the choices that free them to discover their purpose as people of faith.

The gospels and New Testament letters are very clear. There is no great value accorded to the concept of independence American-style, yet in his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul speaks emphatically that Christ came to free us: "For you were called for freedom. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love." (Gal 5:13) We often use the words freedom and independence interchangeably as if they are synonyms, but real freedom has a spiritual dimension and comes only from taking a leap of faith and making commitments rather than avoiding them.

People often ask priest how we can be celibate as it is seen as depriving us of the intimacy of marriage and children, and, typically, we answer something to the effect that the vows, including poverty and obedience, free us to serve everyone. It's what St. Paul was getting at in his letter to the Galatians, St. John when they left behind their fishing business and families to become apostles.

It isn't that a person needs to jump into a permanent commitment right out of college. In fact, the people who want to slow things down and do a year or two of service first are probably onto something. Most people don't know what they really want at the age of twenty-two. It's a good idea to take some time to discover what we really have inside of ourselves to give to others, and for many it sets a clear direction for the rest of their lives.

And, it's also a good idea to think of Lent as something more than a time to give up candy, ice cream, or booze and use it intentionally for purposes of vocational discernment. A lot can get clarified if we use every one of these days to put ourselves in the presence of Jesus and ask what we really want because we will certainly get different answers when we sit with him then when we ask the question independently of Him.

mass schedule

basilica of the sacred heart
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Rocca, c.s.c

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Rocca, c.s.c
11:15 a.m.
Rev. Peter Rocca, c.s.c

St. Edward's Hall Chapel
Spanish Mass
5:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall Chapel
Law School Mass
5:00 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall Chapel
Law School Commons
7:00 p.m.
Mendoza C08
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Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings:

1st: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2nd: Romans 10:8-13

First Sunday of Lent
around campus (every Sunday)

March 6th

Freshman Retreat #53
April 2-3
Sign up deadline: March 26

Notre Dame Encounter #81
April 2-4
Sign up deadline: March 5
The Obscure

The oldest hatred

Anti-Semitism is the world’s oldest hatred, and it is with us still.

A little more than a year ago I wrote about the Library of Alexandria, the greatest library of the ancient world. It was in the Great Library that Euclid wrote his geometry, Archimedes discovered principles that would form the basis of classic science, and a team of 72 rabbis translated the Pentateuch into Greek.

When the Library was destroyed long ago, countless irreplaceable works of literature, philosophy and history were lost to us forever. I chose to write about this because the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina had recently opened on the site of the original Library. Built with the support of UNESCO, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina was, I suggested, a beacon of hope in a world scarred by the genocide and tyranny of the Twentieth Century.

I have been forced to reconsider my optimism after reading that the Library recently displayed an Arab translation of a book called The Protocols of the Elders of Zion as a book of the Elders of Zion as a central text of Nazi anti-Semitism. It is the very site where over two millennia ago the Jewish scriptures were translated into the common tongue of the day, one of the most virulently anti-Semitic texts ever written — which has been described as “a warrant for genocide” — was now being presented as a Jewish holy book, equal to the Torah.

The Protocols were written in czarist Russia, and their book is most infamous as a seminar text of Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda. It purports to be a document detailing the secret plans of a cabal of Jewish elders to gain control of the world. The text is a crude forgery, discredited long ago, and its contents are outlandish even by the standards of conspiracy theories. But despite all this, it is believed by many millions of people in the Muslim world — it is of course a simplification to speak of “the Muslim world,” but no more so than speaking of “Europe.” As Orwell noted, “One of the marks of anti-Semitism is an ability to believe stories that could not possibly be true.”

I am not suggesting that Islam is inherently anti-Semitic. On the contrary, for much of Islam’s history, Jews suffered considerably worse persecution and discrimination in Christian Europe than they did in Muslim countries. It should also be noted that many of the anti-Semitic themes that are so common in countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia are European imports. One common claim, known as the blood libel, is that Jews use Christian blood to bake matzah for Passover and it has its origins in medieval Europe. One of the many books in circulation that repeats this lie, “The Matzah of Zion,” recently went into its eighth edition in Syria. Until recently its author, Mustafa Tlas, was the Syrian Minister of Defense.

One gauge of the depth of anti-Semitism is the extent of its acceptability — the extent to which even senior statesmen and other public figures can make slanderous and hateful claims about Jews with impunity.

Although not of a comparable scale, there are also disturbing signs in modern Europe, where surveys continue to report widespread anti-Jewish prejudices and where in many countries there have been upsurges in the amount of violent attacks on Jews and on synagogues. Last year, copies of The Protocols were sold at a number of prominent anti-war rallies.

The rule should be simple: We should show no more tolerance for anti-Semitism amongst those who consider our political allies than anti-Semitism amongst our political opponents. Indeed, when we notice that the conspiratorial theories about the malignant influence of Jews within the government are currently a theme found on both the Left and the Right, we should probably recognize the limited usefulness of these terms for establishing who our political allies are.

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Peter Wicks
Bush's plan a rotten tomato for migrant workers

A hometown friend of mine was mistaken for a migrant worker at the local hospital when he mentioned he had been in North Carolina for the past few months. "Aye Paisanito," or "little migrant," was the first expression of surprise through a moment's hesitation while she scribbled in his chart. He laughed, but he wasn't shocked.

In the border town of Laredo, Texas, the people aren't supposed to-do and often don't have the opportunity to go off and have adventures. For many of us, North Carolina means working in the fields because that's what the many people huddled in the back of the truck next to us are going to do.

This is exactly why the current election timing, has called for a major overhaul of U.S. law and plans to give legal status to millions of illegal workers, many of which cross through my city every day and Hispanics are supposed to give them the vote. Not likely; at least not anytime soon.

Surprise? On one hand, the Bush plan to give legal status to illegal workers has its bright side. Many Mexicans attempt to cross the dangerous border daily, risking all to enter the U.S. legally, even though they'll still have to go through individual documents. The communists number, increase, and cross my city every day and Hispanics are supposed to give him the vote. Not likely; at least not anytime soon.

The border patrol will be able to rest a little easier without having the additional number of people who cross illegally, even though they'll still have to go through individual documents. The communists number, increase, and cross my city every day and Hispanics are supposed to give him the vote. Not likely; at least not anytime soon.

The foolish man that inserted his foot into his mouth and sat down on the fence was hecho. He swore to everyone who came to his home that he was going to get drunk. He would show the workers into the country may also be happy to hear about Bush's new and "great" idea, as will the maids that work at upscale hotels in the city. The Bush plan to give legal status to millions of illegal workers will make it so those who drive the bridge that will make my highway a living nightmare. The Warm Gun

But I doubt the migrant workers that make up the majority of illegal workers will come any closer to getting the basic respect they deserve.

Firstly, the conditions for these workers won't necessarily be improved. In my opinion, the Bush plan to give legal status to illegal workers is horribly exploited by cheap labor isn't exactly groundbreaking nonsense. The Bush plan to give legal status to illegal workers is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor, is exploited by cheap labor.

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Kanye West, the future of hip hop

BY AREINNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critc

Kanye West is a breath of fresh air in an increasingly stale industry where cars, sex and bling reign supreme. West's eagerly anticipated debut album, The College Dropout, is fun, creative and at times irreverent, blending his top-notch skills as Roc-A-Fella's in-house producer with his talents as a decent MC. As his role as a producer however, is the one that paved his way to success and notoriety in the hip-hop world. It was with an impressive clientele list that includes labelmates Jay-Z, Monica, Talib Kweli, Mos Def, Ludacris and Britney Spears. West is as much in demand as some of the hottest producers around like the Neptunes and Timbaland. Although he certainly delivers, as evidenced by the Alicia Keys smash "You Don't Know My Name," West proves that he did indeed save some of his best beats for himself. Throughout Dropout, West reveals his appreciation for classic R&B, sampling heavily from the songs of established stars like Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and Luther Vandross. Fortunately, West possesses the skills and judgment to know just how much of a sample is needed and, in turn, how to tweak it for his specific musical needs. Unlike other chronic samplers whose cringe-inducing songs verge on criminal (think P. Diddy, Jennifer Lopez, etc.), West is smart and innovative, using, for example, Chaka Khan's hook from "Through the Fire" to buttress his current single "Through the Wire," which he vocalized with some of his political and cultural views among his solid production and lyrics. On the furious and lazy "Sporasuit," accomplishes ments and goals, saying, "I went to the malls and I talked too hard/ Oh my God is that a black card! I turned around and I replied why but I prefer the term African American express/ Brains, power and muscle like Dame, Puff & Russell/ Your boy back on his hustle you know what I been up to/ Killin y'all/ on that lyrical tip/ Mayonnaise color Benz/ I push miracle work/"

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Mason Jennings keeps it real

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"Trying to describe Mason Jennings' voice is nearly impossible. Lots of words come to mind — clear, authentic, straightforward, folky, nonchalant, hillbilly — but none of these quite captures the sound and presence that leaves his voice resonating long after the song is done. The word that comes the closest is antique, and antique is a good word to describe the whole of Jennings' fourth album, aptly titled Use Your Voice. Jennings follows his own advice, and his voice becomes the spine and life of every song on the album, resulting in a spare yet melodic collection of ten songs that ranges from the political to the personal.

On the grand-scale of musicians, Jennings is still small-time, but his loyal fan base is increasingly influential. Of his latest album, Jennings says on his website, "I was really influenced by Johnny Cash's American recordings and Bob Dylan's Blood on the Tracks — I love the no-frills sound on those records and that recording style makes the songs stand out and it sounds real to me."

"Nothing is a good way to describe Use Your Voice. The album is a very simple construction of guitar, bass, drums, an occasional harmonica, and of course, Jennings' voice. The lack of production on this album was an intentional decision for Jennings who has toured with Jack Johnson, and is currently touring the west coast. As he says on his website, "Sometimes I feel that people don't think you're a good musician if you're not polished or on the radio. And that makes me sad because I believe that a lot of people admire, like Johnny Cash, Lyle Lovett or Bob Dylan, probably wouldn't get a record deal today mainly because they sang from their hearts and not to get on the radio or anything like that. They just wrote songs for themselves, and that was my vision behind Use Your Voice: to sing from my heart."

Without restriction on his music from a record company, Jennings is truly able to sing from his heart, with his voice and knack for melody helping him out. One of the best songs on the album is "Ballad for Paul and Sheila," a eulogy for former Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone, who died with his wife in a plane crash last October. Jennings was on tour when he heard about the Wellstone's death and was deeply affected by it, causing him to write this song. Gentle guitar picking in Jennings' singing, "Hey Senator, I wanna say all the things you fought for did not die today / hey Senator, I'm gonna do / all the things I can to live my life more like you lived."

The rest of the songs on the album tend to stay away from political themes, and instead deal with love's confusion, workingman blues, homesickness and happiness. The opening track, "Crown," blows in with a steady beat and a bluesy harmonica with Jennings singing about his ambivalence toward a former lover who broke his heart. "Empire Builder" features Jennings' voice swinging like the hammer he uses during working days on the railroad. "Keepin' It Real" is an uplifting number with Jennings' voice brimming with spirit: "There ain't no rust on the happiness box."

Although mainstream fame isn't something Jennings is seeking, his music, lyrics and vocals are of a quality deserving recognition. His own lyrics describe his musical philosophy best, "In our hearts we're keepin' it, keepin' it, keepin' it."

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Mason Jennings has managed to build a large fan base without much publicity.

Shinedown has a bright future

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Music Critic

Jacksonville, Florida has a checkered past, at best, when it comes to producing quality music. It has generated one of the most creative and influential bands in the classic rock genre: Lynyrd Skynyrd. However, it also gave the world one of the most annoying and unoriginal flash-in-the-pan bands with Limp Bizkit.

Jacksonville is ready to redeem itself with their newest hometown hero — Shinedown.

Shinedown was formed in the early months of 2001, after lead singer Brent Smith left his former band on the eve of their own record deal. The next year saw Smith join guitarist Jasin Todd, bassist Brad Stewart, and drummer Barry Kerch to form Shinedown. It did not take the boys long to hone their skills and consequently gain the chemistry needed for a successful band. However, it took less than a year for the labels to begin knocking on their door and to form Shinedown.

Shinedown's ability to play off one another that sticks out as one of their greatest attributes. However, many bands possess this quality yet get lost in a pack of music groups. Undoubtedly, it is the vocals of Smith that takes Shinedown from a good band to a great one. Leave A Whisper has a plethora of songs that combine great musicianship with poignant vocals. This ability can be seen in such songs as "Burning Bright" and "45," in which intricate instrumentation is combined with powerful cord-driven rock, and singing is blended with passionate howling not seen since the prime of Ozzy Osbourne. It is these songs that prove the future of this young band is as bright as their name.

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**Demon Deacons rally, overcome 17-point deficit in OT win**

Associated Press

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Bonds attacks Wendell for accused steroid use

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds chastised Colorado reliever Turk Wendell on Wednesday for accusing him of using steroids.

A day after Wendell said it was "clear just seeing his body" that Bonds was taking steroids, the San Francisco Giants slugger said the remark should've been made directly to him—not a reporter.

"I heard about his comments. If you've got something to say, say it to my face," Bonds said. "Don't talk through the media."

"I'm not worried about him. I'm not worried about anyone. I have a lot of respect for Turk Wendell. I have a lot of respect for every baseball player in this game," he added. "You got something to say, you come to my face and say it and we'll deal with each other. Don't talk through the media like you're some tough guy."

On Tuesday in Tucson, Wendell criticized Bonds to The Denver Post. Bonds, who has always denied using steroids, appeared in December before a grand jury probing a supplements lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to athletes.

"If my personal trainer, me, Turk Wendell, got indicted for that, there's no one in the world who wouldn't think that I wasn't taking steroids," Wendell was quoted as saying by the Post. "I mean, what, because he's Barry Bonds, no one's going to say that? I mean, obviously he did it. (His trainer) admitted to giving steroids to baseball players. He just doesn't want to say his name. You don't have to. It's clear just seeing his body."

Rockies pitcher Denny Neagle also chimed in on the subject.

"It is a pretty good coincidence that some of the names that are linked to them are the guys that are the big, massive, overmuscular looking guys," Neagle told the Post.

"I don't know or remember what Jason Giambi looked like back in his early days, but I know he wasn't as big as he is now. The jury is always going to be out on Barry."

Speaking after the Giants' first full-squad workout at spring training, Bonds also hinted that he isn't going to put up as much from pitchers this season—but he didn't go as far as saying he'd retaliate if he gets hit.
Tiger survives scare, beats Rollins in first round

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Tiger Woods never had the lead until it mattered Wednesday, making birdies on his final two holes to survive a scare from John Rollins in the Match Play Championship.

Facing a first-round elimination for the second time in three years, Woods twice made knee-knocking pars to stay in the game, pulled even with an 8-iron from 171 yards that plunked down 18 inches behind the cup on No. 17, then won the battle of wedges on the par-5 closing hole.

By the time Woods bolted a 20-foot birdie putti for a 1-up victory, Rollins already had taken five shots.

"That was tough," Woods said. "I feel bad for the way he ended up.

Rollins wasn't the only player who survived a thriller. A record-tying six matches went extra holes, none more riveting than Darren Clarke holding an eagle chip from just short of the 18th green to square his match with Eduardo Romero. They each made par on the next six holes, and Clarke closed him out on the 25th hole when the Argentine made bogey.

Given the wacky history of this event, the big surprise was that there wasn't many.

Relief Goosen (No. 5) was the only top-10 seed to head for the airport Wednesday afternoon, blowing a 2-up lead and losing to John Huston on the 17th hole.

Davis Love III had to go 18 holes to stay alive in his match with Tommy Gainey, but other top seeds — Vijay Singh, Masters champion Mike Weir, Phil Mickelson and Kenny Perry — had a much easier time advancing to the second round of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

"The longest time, it appeared as though Woods might not stick around.

Rollins, who got into the $7 million World Golf Championship when three players withdrew, never trailed despite only making one birdie.

Woods bad good looks at birdies on four straight holes, starting at No. 7, but missed them all. The longer the match went, the more confidence Rollins had.

"I should have taken control of the match," Woods said.

Instead, he hooked his tee shot out-of-bounds on the 11th hole, and Rollins' birdied the par-3 12th for a 2-up lead.

Woods got it back with a par on the next hole, but had to scramble to stay in the match.

It all turned on the 17th. Woods' towering 8-iron landed 18 inches behind the cup, hopped forward and spun back 2 feet from the hole.

Rollins knew he had to make his 45-foot birdie, and ran it 10 feet by for a meaningless three-putt.

"I was able to make two straight putts to put myself in a situation where I could make a playoff," Woods said.

He did that, winning his match on the third hole of extra play to move on to the round of 16, where he faces the only other player through to that stage without having to go to the first hole of extra play.

"We're going to spend the next couple weeks evaluating where we're going to go and how we're going to get in where we decide to go. When the deadline comes around, you'll probably have an idea," New York likely will miss the playoffs for a seventh straight season despite the highest payrolls in the NHL. Brian Leetch, Bobby Holik and Andrei Koschev are among the Rangers with the most trade value, and Eric Lindros and Mark Messier are approaching the end of their contracts — if not their careers.

Assistant coach Tom Renney was promoted to interim coach, and assistants Terry O'Reilly and Ted Green will remain on the staff.

With 20 games remaining, the Rangers are in 12th place in their conference, 14 points behind the eighth-place New York Islanders.

"We've got a long way to go in a lot of areas to get back to respectability, let alone trying to make a playoff run," Messier said.

The 60-year-old Sather has been booted recently by disgruntled fans, and chants of "Fire Sather!" have become common at Madison Square Garden.

"The chanting at the Garden was distracting to the players, they seemed to get uptight. You hear something like that as soon as you make a mistake, and instead of getting better, you get worse," Sather said. "I think that's part of the reason I stepped down."
MLB

Revising Pitchers: Braves have the magic

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Hey, are you for lowly San Diego Padres a lucky luck? Can't seem to find the strike zone? Had a few injury problems? Wondering if your career might be over?

Well, it might be time to check out the Atlanta Braves, who have made a habit of revising struggling pitchers' careers.

Pitcher John Burkett, who Mike Hampton to Jared Wright, the Braves have shown a magical touch.

"That's indicative of a career on the fringes," said. "Maybe. It's all about the pitchers around here," Mazzone said. "There are first-class citizens, and they get treated that way." For Wright, coming to the Braves was a chance to rekindle a once-promising career. Only 21 when he started Game 7 of the 1997 World Series for Cleveland, two operations left the right-hander suffering from rock-bottom stuff. Wright was 1-4 with a 8.74 ERA for lowly San Diego when the Braves claimed him off waivers last season. He pitched well in relief, made the postseason roster and now has a chance to be in the starting rotation. He's a big supporter of Mazzone's pitching mantra: It's a command of the fastball and change speeds. "That fits in well with what I've always thought," Wright said. "I just never tried to make it complicated. A lot of guys make it real complicated and wind up getting away from what they do best." Burkett is perhaps the best advertisement for the Braves' rejuvenating qualities. He was cut by Tampa Bay at the end of spring training in 2001, but his command of the fastball and changeup exactly indicative of a career on the upswing. Picked up by the Braves, he made the All-Star team a year later. Now retired, Burkett fondly remembers starting for the Braves on opening day in 2001. Greg Maddux was injured late in the spring, but manager Bobby Cox didn't want to juggle his entire rotation. So he simply moved Burkett — projected as the No. 5 starter — into the lead spot.

"I really appreciated that," Burkett said in a telephone interview. "I wanted to do well for Bobby."

Then Burr's Hampton, whose career fell apart as he got older, but in the spring, after two miserable years with the Rockies, he was traded to the Braves before last season. Talk about a turnaround. Hampton regained command of his sinker and return the Braves win their 12th straight division title, going 14-8 with a 3.84 ERA.

"Last year, I worked out the kinks with Leo," Hampton said. "Now, it's just about getting to work." Mazzone, the pitching coach since 1990, gets much of the credit for Atlanta's success on the mound. He's certainly been blessed with plenty of talent, including Cy Young winners Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine.

But it's Mazzone's work with those guys on the fringes — the fifth starter, the middle reliever — that makes him especially valuable. The names change from year to year, but Atlanta keeps coming up with productive pitchers from the least likely places.

Such as retirement. Chris Hammond left the game for 2 1/2 years, but his return with the Braves produced some astonishing results in 2002: 7-2, 0.95 ERA.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Top conferences prosper

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Saint Joseph's and Gonzaga have made a strong case for the nation's mid-major programs.

But even in a season where some of college basketball's top conferences — notably the Big Ten and Pac-10 — have been mediocre, there appears to be little change in the NCAA's tournament selection process.

When the 65-team field is announced March 14, the six power conferences — the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 andSoutheasters Conference — are again expected to dominate the selections.

And the process seems to favor them.

"It depends on the league and the individual work the institution has done," NCAA selection committee chairman Bob Bowlsby said Wednesday.

"Our job is to take the 31 automatic qualifiers and the 32 best at-large teams we can find. Almost annually, the vast majority of those teams come from the big six leagues."

The committee took 27 teams from those conferences in 2002 and 30 last year. The number could increase again, with some projections showing eight teams from the SEC, as many as seven from the ACC and six from the Big East.

But Bowlsby believes the significant success of the mid-majors this year will make the selection committee's task even more difficult.

Second-ranked Saint Joseph's (24-0) and fourth-ranked Gonzaga (23-2) lead the way and No. 16 Southern Illinois (23-2) and No. 24 Utah State (22-2) aren't far behind.

Other worthy candidates include Air Force (19-5), which is fighting for its first tournament berth since 1964, and Xavier (16-9).

"It seems to me that we have more teams under surveillance than in previous years," Bowlsby said. "I think a lot of teams can play and a lot of players can play."

Will it make a difference? Maybe. Bowlsby, Iowa's athletic director, insisted the committee will look at the same criteria it usually does — schedule strength, conference and non-conference records, home and away records and the Ratings Percentage Index.

"I don't believe there are certain factors that seem to favor the stronger conferences, particularly the RPI."

"It is kind of an element of a self-fulfilling prophecy once you get into conference play," Bowlsby said, "but it's a mistake to use the RPI as a precision instrument."
The team said the prognosis was good. Another proposed deal moved forward, too, the swap of Keyshawn Johnson from Tampa to Dallas for Joey Galloway. That trade was contingent on the Cowboys and Bucs adjusting the contracts of the wide receivers, whose teams have become disen­chanted with them.

Galloway talked Wednesday with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden. Talks between Johnson and Dallas coach Bill Parcells weren't neces­sary — Johnson played three seasons for Parcells with the New York Jets. The Redskins and Broncos have agreed in principle to the Bailey­Portis trade, with the Redskins throwing in a second-round draft pick to get the third-year run­ning back, who rushed for 1,591 yards last season.

But like the Dallas­Tampa Bay trade, the deal won't be a sure thing until Bailey, a Pro Bowl corner­back in four of his five seasons with Washington, agrees to a new contract with the Broncos.

"It's hard for us to say this is done, that is done, because some of the stuff is still up in the air," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said. Williams could provide a windfall for some team picking in the top half of the April 25 draft. The 6-foot, 230­­pound wide receiver, a sophomore, is the first underclassman to declare for the draft since a judge in a case involving Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett invalid­­ated the NFL rule that made players ineligible until they had been out of high school for three years.

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In BRIEF

Infamous foul ball getting explosive Chicago send-off

CHICAGO — This ball is going, going... ka-BOOM!

In an event applying the gloss of Hollywood and I.T. Barnum to the "curse" of the Chicago Cubs, the foul ball that couldn't be caught in October's playoffs will be obliterated by a special-effects expert on live television Thursday night.

The ball-bashing, taking place with die-hard fans in the stands, will be done to bring some closure to one of the most painful losses in the Cubs' dolorous history.

Grant DePorter, who helped buy the ball at a December auction for $113,824 on behalf of Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, has lined up three hours of music, comedy and celebrity appearances leading up to the climactic event — everything short of Steve Bartman, the hapless fan who deflect­ed the ball during Game 6 of the NL championship series.

The ball will be sent into oblivion by Michael Lantieri, an Oscar winner who wields thugs for a living and has worked on such movies as "Jurassic Park" and "Back to the Future." Lantieri, a Cubs die-hard himself, would not reveal his exact demolition plans but admitted he has been blow­ing up a dozen balls a day in his California lab in preparation.

Mike Williams reaches for a pass in USC's 45-14 win over Notre Dame last fall. The sophomore declared himself eligible for the draft Wednesday.

Bailey, Portis almost done; Williams enters draft

Annales Portis deal is almost done, barring a breakdown in contract talks between Bailey and the Denver Broncos.

Still, the proposed Washington-Denver trade that has been discussed all week shared top billing Wednesday with Mike Williams' decision to leave national champion Southern California and enter the NFL draft.

The New England Patriots, meanwhile, said that two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady underwent a minor procedure on his throwing shoulder.

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Boston turned up its defensive intensity in the second half, committing none in the first half but 3-pointers by Davis and Cassell, while Los Angeles committed 13 of 14.

Van Horn, Damon Jones and Richardson finished with 18, including a career-high 29 points as Minnesota won its third straight game and has dropped 13 of 14. Davis scored a three-pointer and two foul shots before Hudson took over.

In the third quarter, the Bucks went on a 10-0 run to start the second quarter behind six points from Erick Dampier. Hudson followed with two shots before Hudson took over.

He nailed a turnaround jumper from the perimeter, scored on a three-point play and two foul shots and scored on a turnaround jumper from the baseline to give the Hornets a 9-0 lead.

A short baseline jumper by Magloire, who had 15 points and eight assists for Boston, gave the Hornets a 20-point lead.

Ricky Davis followed with a three-pointer and two foul shots for Milwaukee, which won back-to-back road games for the second time this season.

Boston lost its seventh straight game and has dropped 13 of 14. After the Celtics took a 101-100 lead on a three-pointer by Mark Blount, Milwaukee responded with baskets by Keith Van Horn, Damon Jones and Redd to take a 116-101 lead. Ricky Davis followed with a basket and free throw to pull the Celtics within 12.

Paul Pierce landed the Celtics' first three-pointer of the fourth quarter, one from several feet behind the arc. New Orleans turned up its defensive intensity in the second half, forcing 13 turnovers that led to 11 points.

Davis missed Wednesday morning's shootaround, and coach Tim Floyd said he was having stomach problems and might not play. But Davis started and was solid throughout, causing turnovers and turning them into points on fast-court drives or crisp passes to open shooters. The Celtics hit 3-pointers in the first half, the second quarter, the third quarter and the fourth quarter, one from several feet behind the arc.

New Orleans shot 53 percent in the first half, but turnover difficulty plagued the Hornets.

The Celtics, who average 16 turnovers per game, committed none in the first half while converting seven Hornets turnovers into 10 points.

Maggie's three-pointer midway through the second quarter gave Los Angeles a 41-23 lead. Three-pointers by Davis and Mashburn helped New Orleans cut its deficit to 47-42.

Chris Wilcox added 17 points and eight assists for Boston.

Los Angeles coach Tim Floyd said he was concerned about Davis's previous absence.
Jamal Lewis indicted on federal drug charges

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who had the second-highest rushing total in NFL history last season, was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges.

The Atlanta native is accused of trying to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000 — just before he signed a six-year, $35.3 million contract with the Ravens.

No drugs were ever purchased, according to the indictment.

The running back's attorney, Ed Garland, said his client was innocent and would turn himself in on Thursday.

"Mr. Lewis wants everybody to know that he did nothing wrong," Garland said. "He was not part of any drug deal and any contention that he was is false."

Lewis is charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the crime, according to U.S. Attorney William Duffey.

The indictment came out of a drug investigation that has led to 20 convictions and helped dismantle a cocaine-trafficking ring in the city, Duffey said. He refused to say whether Lewis was tied to that drug ring.

In an affidavit, FBI special agent Hoyt Mahaley said that an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone on June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis' friend. The conversation was recorded, according to the agent.

"The operating source told Lewis that he/she was willing to sell the narcotics to Lewis' associates for a price that Lewis can tax," meaning the price could be marked up for a profit, Mahaley said in the affidavit.

"Lewis responded 'Yeah,'" the agent said.

Hours after the call, Lewis and the friend, Angelo Jackson, met with the informant at an Atlanta restaurant, the affidavit said. There, Lewis and Jackson asked the informant how much cocaine the informant was capable of distributing, the affidavit alleged.

Jackson and the informant met again on July 12, 2000, at a gas station in suburban Atlanta, the affidavit said. During the meeting, they discussed drugs, but no purchase was made.

Lewis wasn't at the gas station. His attorney, however, said Lewis was at the restaurant, but not for the reason alleged in the indictment.

Jackson was also indicted and arrested Wednesday. He faces the same counts and a third for attempt to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.

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NCAA Basketball

Player of the year finalists announced

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Indiana guard Bracey Wright and Duke guards Chris Duhon and J.J. Redick are among 16 finalists for the Adolph Rupp Trophy for college basketball player of the year.

Duhon and Redick were joined by North Carolina State's Julius Hodge to give the Atlantic Coast Conference three finalists.

The Big East also had three finalists — Connecticut's Emeka Okafor, Syracuse's Hakim Warrick and Providence's Ryan Gomes.

Other finalists announced Wednesday were Josh Childress of Stanford, Ike Diogu of Arizona State, Andre Emmett of Texas Tech, Matt Froje of Vanderbilt, Francisco Garcia of Louisville, Devin Harris of Wisconsin, Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's, Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State and Blake Stepp of Gonzaga.

The award is presented by the Commonwealth Athletic Club.

The winner will be chosen by a 30-member panel representing print and broadcast media, coaches and administrators. The trophy, named after the former University of Kentucky coach, will be presented April 1 at the NCAA Final Four in San Antonio.

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Michael Schmitt. Schmitt, of Stanford Hall, recovered from an early knockdown to come back and win a split decision over Schmidlin.
Next up was a battle between on-campus sophomore Larry Hofman and Keenan freshman Kenton Martin. Hofman was the victor in a unanimous decision.

145-pound division
Two freshmen kicked off the first 145-pound weight class led off with freshman James Russell against sophomore Richard "Fletch" Cea. Cea, from Morrissey, came up short as Zahm's Russell won in a split decision.
A freshman versus senior matchup followed as off-campus senior Mark Pfizenmayer faced Alumni freshman Kevin "K-Mart" Martin. Pfizenmayer won in a unanimous decision.
Ed "Eddie Money" Liva, a sophomore from Dillion Hall, faced off against off-campus senior Matt Welsh in the next bout of the night. Welsh was the taller opponent with a longer reach, but Liva emerged victorious in a unanimous decision.
The third freshman-senior battle of the night took place next with the older Chip Marks meeting Will McAuliffe. Marks, an off-campus senior, won in a unanimous decision over the Keenan freshman McAuliffe.
The fifth 145-pound fight involved Zahm junior Matt McConnell and sophomore Todd "The Vortex" Strobel. Strobel, of O'Neill Hall, won by technical knockout with 1:26 left in the third round.
A couple of tasty nicknames met in the next bout of the night. Off-campus senior Joe "Iron Chef" Schmidlin defeated Stanford sophomore Phil "Big Mac" McKinley by technical knockout in 1:19 of the second round.
Freshman Mike Burke faced senior Paul Robinson in the 10th bout. Robinson, of Zahm, beat Dillion's Burke in a unanimous decision.

150-pound division
Two freshmen kicked off the next 150-pound class as Keough's Clayton Lougee went toe-to-toe with Matt Cave of Alumni. Lougee won the back-and-forth fight in a split decision.
Next up was off-campus senior David "Hormone" Hartson facing Alumni sophomore Nick Weller. "Hormone" Hartson was the victor in a unanimous decision.
Keough's Jordan Runge faced Kevin Rycyna of Alumni Hall in the 13th bout of the evening. The freshman Runcie pulled off a minor upset by defeating the junior Rycyna in a unanimous decision.
O'Neill's Brian Tyrrell was the second freshman in a row to win as he defeated Dillon sophomore Will Bezouska in a unanimous decision.

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to win the match.
Zimmer will be up against Tim Huml in the next round of the tournament.
Joe Rehmann, a sophomore from Dillon, came out on top after an even, hard-fought match against Morrissey freshman Bryan Grissinger. The fight went back and forth, but Rehmann controlled the ring and was able to land more punches in order to win with a split decision.
Rehmann will face Alumni sophomore Corey Harkins in the next round.

155-pound division
After an impressive, hard-hitting match in the 155-pound division, Zahm sophomore Paul Hagan came out victorious over Alumni junior Kevin Loria. Hagan knocked Loria to his knees on one occasion and won the match in a unanimous decision.
Hagan will continue on to fight O'Neill junior Nathan Lohmeyer in the quarterfinals of the tournament.
A unanimous decision in the Mike Peters versus Sean Tucker matchup disgraced how close the fight between the two competitors actually was. Tucker, a senior from Keenan Hall, won the match by a few punches after dominating the first round.
Peters, a sophomore from Knott Hall, looked to make a comeback in the following two rounds, even after getting knocked down midway through the second, but he ran out of time at the end. Tucker will be up against Mark Basola next.

Siegfried senior Ted Voiz dominated his bloody match against Alumni sophomore Mike Rooney with his constant strong jabs.
Voiz's consistency made the difference, and he won in a unanimous decision after controlling the ring and landing more combinations throughout the match. He will fight Mike Panzica in the quarterfinals.
Adam Burns, a freshman from Zahm, defeated Mike Gigante of Stanford in a one-sided, decisive match. Although he lacked the finesse of some of the older fighters, Burns came out strong and barely let Gigante get a shot off at all.
With Gigante struggling, the referee stopped the bout early and Burns came out victorious. Burns will face Brandon Caver in the next round.

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Bengal Bouts 170 lbs-Heavyweights

Big men set for challenge tonight

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The larger fighters will get things going tonight in the Joyce Center in the 74th Annual Bengal Bouts.

In the 170-pound division, junior John Baker faces off against freshman Brian Sefton. Baker, a Fisher resident, is in his third year of boxing. The winner between Baker and Sefton, a freshman, will face senior captain Tommy Denko.

In the next bracket, junior Jeff Schaal faces a tough opponent in senior Patrick McGarry. McGarry, from Zahm, is in his third year of the bouts, while Schaal, a Morrisey resident, is in his first year of Bengal Bouts. The winner of that bout faces the winner of the Bill Hordoga-Trueblood Smith matchup.

Bordogna, a resident of St. Edward’s, is in his first bouts as a sophomore. Smith, a law student, is also in his first bouts.

In the next bout, senior James Ward squares off against Keough freshman Stephen Humphrey. Ward has an edge, as these are his third bouts. The winner will face the winner of Jeff Robinson, a law student, and John Walsche. Walsche, a senior, is in his fourth bouts, while Robinson is boxing in his first Bengal Bouts.

In the final bracket of the 170-pound division, Brian Nicholson drew Nick Nanovic. Nicholson, a law student, enters his first Bengal Bouts, while Nanovic, a Dillon senior, fights in his third bouts. The winner faces the victor of the Alex Harry-Matt Knust matchup.

Harry, an O’Neill freshman, will have to make up the experience gap against the senior Knust, who enters his fifth Bengal Bouts.

The favorite to win the division is Denko, who gets a bye in the first round, and is fighting in his fourth Bengal Bouts.

180 pounds

In the first round of the 180-pound division, sophomore Zahmble Pat Brown faces Keough freshman Adam Frisch. Brown lost in the first round last year, but he will be hungry for revenge to earn the right to face junior Jim Christoforetti, who received a first round bye.

Nic Curcio and Denis Sullivan will duke it out next. Curcio, a freshman, will have to deal with Sullivan’s experience advantage. The winner of this bout will take on the winner of the Nick Klein-Brennur fight.

Klein, a Morrisey sophomore, is the underdog in a matchup of old and young. Burish, an MBA student, is in his fifth bouts.

In other action, Patrick Merrell and Josh Noem will fight to face senior Eric Callahan, who received a first round bye. Merrell, an O’Neill sophomore, has one year of Bengal Bouts experience under his belt, whereas Noem enters his third year of fighting.

In the final fight of the 180-pound division, Knott resident Robert Lorchridge squares off with dorm rival Segfried’s Chris Hendchen. Lorchridge, a second-year fighter, will have to take advantage of the junior’s inexperience, as Hendchen enters the fights for the first year. The winner of this bout earns the right to face senior Larry Rooney, who also earned a first round bye.

Light Heavyweights

In the final division of the night, a battle of Michaels will start off the action. Mike Abel, a Stanford junior, will take on Michael Denkelwalter. Denkelwalter enters his first bouts. The two compete for the right to face William Zizic, a senior who received a first round bye. Zizic is the favored fighter and is also one of the five captains.

The only other preliminary fight in the 10-man division takes place between freshman Eric Retter and senior Mike Whedon. The battle of young versus old should prove to be interesting, and the winner moves on to face O’Neill sophomore Johnny Griffin.

The bouts start at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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Men’s Tennis

Irish ready to face undefeated Illini

Defending national champion and No. 1 Illini host “Ace the Irish” night

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

On paper, the Irish look to be in for a fight. Notre Dame has the task of taking on the defending national champion Illinois, who are undefeated at 10-0 on the season.

The Irish will also have to travel to Champaign, Ill. to face the Illini, where they have not won a match since 2002 at the hands of the Illini. The Irish ace a serve.

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the first 10 points, extending its lead to 20 with 17:58 left. The Irish continued to play with pressure defense and dominated in transition and off of turnovers. Notre Dame outscored Miami 44-12 in points off of turnovers.

The Irish bench also added 40 points, while the Hurricanes bench scored just two. Notre Dame is now 12-0 at home this season.

"That was a really important game for us," McGraw said. "We were excited to play at home, and when the crowd is behind us, we do play so much better.

Miami shot the ball poorly to start the game and splintered downward from there. As Notre Dame built a bigger lead, the Hurricanes players lost focus and made poor decisions.

"We were disappointed in the way we played tonight," Miami coach Bonnie Lault said. "When things didn't go well and the shots weren't falling early on, I think [we] got frustrated and we lost focus.

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Notre Dame's victory Wednesday. Notes:

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"We seem to be peaking going into the Big East Tournament," McGraw said.

- Hernandez was incorrectly introduced as Joyce in the pregame player introductions.
- Two of Miami's five losses have come against Notre Dame this season.
- The win is Notre Dame's seventh this season against a ranked opponent.
- The Irish are now 7-3 in games against top 25

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MD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Blown away

Irish offense bowls over No. 21 Hurricanes 93-58

By JOE HETTLER
Sport Editor

The Hurricanes were in the eye of an Irish storm Wednesday night.

When Katy Flecky drained a free throw with 2:23 remaining, Notre Dame led by its biggest margin of the game — 40 points — and Miami's players could only look on in disbelief as the Irish blew out the Hurricanes 93-58 at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast led the Irish (18-8, 11-3) with 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Courtney LaVere added 13 bench points on 6-of-7 shooting to lead Notre Dame to its best performance of the season.

"I'm really pleased. I think that's maybe the best game we've played all year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought we came out ready, started to finish, for 40 minutes and played great on both ends of the floor. I was really pleased with the intensity and the focus.

Miami entered Wednesday's game averaging over 74 points per game and had won four straight. But the Hurricanes (20-5, 9-5) had no answers for a stifling Irish defense that forced 37 turnovers and held Miami under 60 points for the second time this season.

"We expected them to turn the ball over a lot," McGraw said. "I thought they had a lot of trouble against the zone. Miami forward Chantavia Broussard lead the Hurricanes with 13 turnovers, which is a new record for an individual opposing player. Hurricane forward Yaloda McCormick added 10 turnovers and 16 points. Guard Tamara James led the Hurricanes with 17 points, but made just 1-of-8 3-pointers.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame's offense exploded for 93 points — the largest output of the season. Coming into the game, the Irish averaged 65.2 points per contest. Notre Dame guard Monique Hernandez scored 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting and Megan Duffy hit all three of her 3-point attempts to add 10 more. Every player on the Irish bench scored in the game.

Notre Dame never trailed and went on a 37-22 run — after leading 8-7 — to take a 45-29 halftime lead. Batteast had 13 first half points, while Jeneka Joyce added eight points with two 3-pointers.

Notre Dame began the second half by scoring seven of

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast attempts a layup in Notre Dame's 93-58 win over Miami at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

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Irish Show potential in 35-point victory over Hurricanes

Wednesday night, the Irish gave fans glimpse of just what they are capable of. They played their best game of the year at a time when they had to. Notre Dame couldn't go wrong and Miami couldn't do right.

The Irish forced 37 turnovers and held the usually fast-breaking Hurricanes to four points on the break. But that wasn't the most staggering statistic. Notre Dame's bench scored almost as many points as the entire Miami team, dropping 40 to Miami's two.

Wednesday night was an indication — an indication just how good this team can be. The Irish first gave a glimpse Jan. 13 when they beat then-No. 4 Connecticut. And against Miami, Notre Dame was not to be stopped. They shot a staggering 57.9 percent and put up 93 points — 35 more than the Hurricanes.

The win would be one thing if it was against a team like

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BENGAL BOUTS 140-POUNDS — 150-POUNDS

Preliminary rounds begin

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Gloves hit heads and noses bled as the 74th annual Bengal Bouts began Wednesday night in the Joyce Center.

The Bouts, which raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, began with the preliminaries of the 140-pound weight division as freshman George Hay of St. Ed's Hall defeated sophomore Marty Carroll of Zahm in a unanimous decision.

The second fight was between sophomores James Larew and

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BENGAL BOUTS 153-POUNDS — 155-POUNDS

'Doctor' Dolan lands unanimous decision

By ANNE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

The 153-pound division got under way with off-campus senior Matthew "Chainsaw" Garcia against Dillon sophomore Michael "Doctor" Dolan.

Dolan defeated his upperclass opponent by unanimous decision after an exciting preliminary match. Garcia, a senior from O'Neill, defeated Brad Amiri, a junior from Alumni, in a unanimous decision.

Both competitors came out of the gates swinging and throwing many punches, but Schomas' relentless attacks and fast flurries were too much for Amiri, who seemed to tire toward the end of the fight. Schomas, a football walk-on, will go on to face Bobby Gorynski in the quarterfinals Monday.

Although Garcia, a sophomore from Siori, had an obvi­ous reach advantage, Zimmer was able to control the ring well and get inside. Once inside, Zimmer stunned his opponent with strong combination after strong combination

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