Wives balance studies, military men

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Relaxing in a booth in LaFortune with textbooks and notebooks piled beside her, Dayna Dantzcher looks like a typical Notre Dame student taking a break between classes. Only the set of etched dogtags she wears around her neck hints at a part of her life that is anything but the norm.

Dantzcher isn't just a senior who is 22 years old and lives with friends off-campus. She is also a military wife. Her husband — 21-year-old Sgt. Corbin Cody Dantzcher — is in Baghdad fighting with the U.S. Army. Gone since last August, he isn't expected to return until late this summer.

Married students have husbands in war

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

As student body president-elect Liz Shappell and vice president-elect Bill Andruey prepare to assume office April 1, they have taken the first step in shaping their administration by naming sophomore and Canyonview senator Liz Brown as their Chief Executive Assistant (CEA).

Brown will replace Liz Kozlow, the current CEA under student body president Dave Barson and vice president Shappell.

Brown was planning to study abroad in Toledo, Spain next year, but changed her mind when she was offered the CEA position.

Brown said she is thankful Kozlow will be around next year to help her make the transition and adjust to her new role.

"I think it definitely gave me an idea of how much work it will entail," Brown said.

Shappell and Andruey chose Brown — who served as one of their campaign managers — because she was able to translate the energy they brought to the campaign, Shappell said.

Shappell said during the course of the campaign, Brown helped the candidates introduce their platforms and spread their messages and ideas to all the dorms.

She also had an organizational talent for gaining federal funding.
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Maurice Stovall senior O'Neill
Lindsey Ney senior off-campus
Andrew Karl sophomore Knott
Laura Marrs sophomore Cavanaugh
Meghan Jebb sophomore Cavanaugh

"The dining hall's hot chocolate"
"Sunflower seeds."
"I'm a heathen... so I'm not giving anything up."
"I'm going to try to get out of the dorm more. I'm always around."
"Skipping class, because my roommate is making me."
"Desserts, so my roommate feels bad about herself."

Freshman Stephanie Bendinelli accepts a pizza from a Domino's delivery man Feb. 28. Many students will be giving up junk food as part of their Lenten sacrifice beginning today.

OFFBEAT

Barry Bonds strikes out with Abdul impersonation

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Paula Abdul probably could hit a fastball about as well as Barry Bonds could impersonate Paula Abdul. Bonds entertained and delighted a small gathering of fans and teammates Tuesday by dressing up as Abdul to judge the San Francisco Giants' spin-off of the hit Fox show "American Idol," called "Giant Idol." Bonds, who wore a strap-
less dress and a blonde wig, surprised everyone watching the mock contest, where young players had to sing in front of the judges.

"I'll never tell my wife to hurry up any more," Bonds said, "Because it took me forever to get ready. I'll never do that again. I couldn't get my hair right. There were a lot of things I went through during the 30 minutes I was getting ready."

Strip club owner runs for district school board

ST. LOUIS — The president and director of a Colorado-based adult entertainment company is running for the school board of a suburban St. Louis district, and already many residents are giving the candidate a thumbs down. "I wouldn't want that kind of guy running a school board," Jeremy Parks, 21, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "If he's that great of a guy, with good morals, he wouldn't be running strip clubs."

Michael Oellos is president and director of V.G. Holding Corp., based in Lakewood, Colo., a company that says on its Web site that its clubs feature "premium quality female performers" with "highest standards" for "appearance, attitude, demeanor, dress and personal-

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Award winning author Ed Falco will give a reading today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of Rocker's. Falco's latest novel, "Wolf Point," was a 2005 New York Times Editor's Choice. The event is free and open to the public.

Dalloway's Board will sponsor a Saint Mary's version of the classic game show "Family Feud" tonight at 8 p.m. in Dalloway's Clubhouse.

There will be a Jazz Coffeehouse at 5 p.m. tonight in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Asian American Association will sponsor a "Grotto Walk" tonight. They will meet in front of Bond Hall at 11 p.m.

The Saint Mary's Book Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge to discuss "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. The book is available in the bookstore.

The opening meeting of the Diverse Student Leadership Conference will take place in O'Laughlin Auditorium Thursday at 8 p.m.

AcoustiGafe will take place at 10 p.m. Thursday in the LaFortune basement.

Senior Ashley Petiter will present her senior comprehensive play "Angel: A Nightmare in Two Acts" Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in Moreau Hall. The play is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about the event to obnews@nd.edu.
Lenten obligations affect student habits, dining hall menus

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

While some Notre Dame students are complaining about their lack of phone and Internet usage due to ongoing dorm upgrades, others are voluntarily denying themselves those privileges today. Today is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent — and with it come individual sacrifices by Catholics everywhere.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart rector Father Peter F. Rocca said the purpose of Lent is to prepare Catholics for the coming Easter and renew their baptismal promises through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Notre Dame students will be expressing this renewal in many ways.

While freshman Natali Chavez is giving up soda for Lent, she said many of her friends' Lenten resolutions deal specifically with computers and the common sense they hold for students — including the game spider solitaire and Internet usage.

"I know one girl giving up Facebook's Chumbers.

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Sophomore Clare Lawless is Episcopalian, but she said she will get ashes and abstain from meat on Fridays and that she participated in Fat Tuesday. However, she said she was not quite sure about making a Lenten sacrifice.

"Rather than give up something, I will instead do something extra that is positive," she said.

Sophomore Andy Matthews also said he is doing something positive rather than giving something up.

"I will go to the Grotto every day," he said — something he has already been doing for two weeks.

While many students are focusing on the individual aspects of the season, there is also a dorm-wide aspect of Lent at Notre Dame.

Keough Hall rector Father Peter Harrel said students in his hall are sponsoring a Grab-and-Go program. Instead of getting the meals for themselves, they will collect non-perishable items for donations to charity.

Food plays a major role in sacrifices during the Lenten season. Rocca said Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence on which meat is not eaten, and only one full large meal and two small meals are permitted. And while not all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, they are days of fasting from meat.

The University's dining halls have devised ways to help students fulfill this Lenten obligation.

Dan Patterson, the Operations Manager of South Dining Hall, said the dining halls will modify the menus so there is no meat on Fridays. In order to compensate for this, he said, new items have been added that were not available last year.

Marc Pokiskowski, the General Manager of South Dining Hall, said the dining hall menus will have more variety. Substitutes will include grilled pizza, grilled vegetables, cinnamon sticks, garlic cheese pizza, unified fish, quesadillas and bocce sticks — "lots of grilled items which are fairly popular and lots of cheese."

Patterson said the dining halls will end the season with a Lenten buffet on April 7, one week before Good Friday.

Since Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, Rocca said the Basilica has made additional plans for Lent to prepare Catholics for Easter.

Ashes will be distributed at Masses during the Lenten season. Rocca said Lent is also the time when catechumens — people wishing to become Catholic — will be received into full communion on April 2.

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The Basilica will hold Ash Wednesday Masses to start the Lenten season today. Above, a choir sings in the Basilica in 2003.
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allows the class of 2007 to vote on PRISM from 12 a.m. until 11:59 a.m. Tuesday. While hopeful for her ticket, current junior class president Goeppinger was not as optimistic about voter turnout.

"I think the election will be huge, and I fear that voting numbers may even diminish due to the fact that people get tired of the campaigning process and just don't want to vote a second time," Goeppinger said.

Goepinger said she thought the reason for the initial close conclusion of the election was due to the tickets sharing mutual friends within the class and all candidates being members of her "very successful" junior board.

"The women on my ticket are still very excited about the upcoming senior class and will be working very hard tonight to encourage women to vote," she said.

Kindt said she was not about to back down from the challenge and credited her opponent's goal to spark desire to vote among her classmates.

"I am not pushed over by a few percentages," she said. "We are going around to every junior's dorm room (tonight) to get our message across." While Kindt and Goeppinger tickets spent their time Tuesday attempting to clinch senior class executive positions, the rising junior and sophomore class executive board winners began planning and executing their platforms.

"We are really excited to win and start planning for next year," junior class president-elect Kelly said after receiving 64.63 percent of the vote to beat Michelle Michalak's ticket, comprised of vice presidential candidate Brooke Trudeau, secretarial candidate Katie Soller and treasurer candidate Callene Pisciotto.

Kindy's fellow executive board running mate and last year's senior class president Erin Hogan, secretary Elizabeth Thoma and treasurer Shawn Bedington said she hopes her ticket wins an Oarian Cancer Walk at the College in September to raise funds for cancer research.

"I feel that since I served as first year class president, I can set realistic goals," she said of her plan to have at least one class activity each month. S o p h o m o r e class president-elect Francesca Johnson, along with ticketmates vice president Pauline Kistka, secretary Sarah Voss and treasurer Maggie Johnson said they hope to increase attendance at Student Senate activities. The ticket won the election after members achieved the majority of the vote in their unopposed presidential election.

"I am a person who currently serves as first year class president, said she has learned a lot from her beginning this student government."I have learned how to work with all kinds of people," she said. "I do hope that unites the class and really brings us together." While Kindt and Johnson are busy making plans for the future, Goeppinger and Kindt plan to wait until Thursday to find out their presidential fate.

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regardless of whether they are secular or faith-based, Towey said.

"When we start talking about compassion, we have to talk about effective compassion," he said.

Towey said he is a Democrat, provided legal counsel for Mother Teresa of Calcutta for 12 years. In 1990, he lived as a full-time volunteer in a home for AIDS patients that Mother Teresa set up in Washington, D.C.

"The men were broken, the women [were] prostitutes and addicts," he said.

The people needed clothing, food and housing, but there was also a "spiritual poverty" in the house, Towey said.

Towey discussed Thomas Jefferson's views on the separation between church and state. Although Jefferson wrote of a "wall" between the two, the former president later scrapped it out and attended church service frequen­

try. Towey said she was excited for a "new" course of action to help and bring about change with all kinds of people, she said.

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role, hanging posters and sending e-mail updates to the campaign's contact people in each dorm.

"We chose this because we are impressed with her leadership and organization within her role as campaign manager this year and impressed with her work as Cavanaugh senator," Shappell said. "She will bring that dedication to the office." Brown is a dual political science and Spanish major. In addition to her current role on Student Senate, she served on student government's communication committees during her freshman year.

Brown said she was excited about advertisement Shappell and Andruchik chose for the posi­

tion. "I've been very impressed with what Lizzi and Bill have done in my work with them in the campaign," Brown said. "I know they have a lot of great initiatives that they want to get done next year, and I am excited to be a part of it." Brown said she feels her leadership experiences thus far will help her transition to the position of third in command of the student government.

"I think I've done a good job this year in my position as associate senator as far as bringing through initiatives that have been brought up," Brown said. "I hope I can help push through what Bill and Lizzi want to do." Brown and the other candidates are active in community relations.

As CEA, Brown will serve as chair of the Executive Programming Board, coordinate Student Senate activities and run the daily logistics of the student government office.

Shappell called the CEA posi­tion an "integral part" of student government and said a new person will bring a different energy to the job.

"The position will change with the person's personality, because it is only its third year in creation," Shappell said. "The new person will bring a different energy to the job." The position will change with the person's personality, because it is only its third year in creation," Shappell said. "The new person will bring a different energy to the job." The position will change with the person's personality, because it is only its third year in creation," Shappell said.

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A Discussion on Issues Surrounding the Academic Freedom Debate

All Students are invited to Attend

Wednesday, March 1

7:30 PM

Coleman-Morse Lounge (1st floor)

An opportunity for all students to come together and discuss the issues surrounding the Academic Freedom debate.

Students will be broken up into small groups (randomly selected) to discuss the issues and then will reconvene in a large group to share the discussions.

University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

(Congregational information, education, and resources)

Contact: Sr. M. Gade, CSC, 1-3530, or student members (see web site for student contact info.)

Office of Campus Ministry

(Academic referral for gay/lesbian/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 104 Co-Mo; confidential discussion and support)

Contact: Fr. Dick Warner, C.S.C., at 1-9704

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty.5@stmarys.edu

For more information, check out our web site: http://www.stmarys.edu/sectr
At least 68 killed in bombings
Sunnis, Shites exchange mortar fire against religious targets on day after curfew lifted

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Sunnis and Shites traded bombings and mortar fire against religious targets in Baghdad well into the night Tuesday, killing at least 68 people in a day after authorities lifted a curfew that had briefly calmed a series of sectarian reprisal attacks.

At least six of Tuesday's attacks hit clearly religious targets, concluding with car bombing after sundown at the Shiite Abu Iman Holy Shrine in the Kadhimiya neighborhood that killed 23 and wounded 55. A separate suicide bombing killed 23 people at an east Baghdad gas station, where people had lined up to buy kerosene.

In addition to those known to have been killed Tuesday, police said nine more people were killed in separate, post-midnight attacks.

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The latest increase in violence has stoked fears the country was slipping back toward outright civil war.

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The assault came a day after the U.S. military officially lifted a curfew that had been in effect throughout the month as a way of attempting to calm the sectarian violence.

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Among those snarled during the night were Sunni and Shiite protesters, some of whom were killed.

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In Tuesday's ruling, Justice Stephen Breyer said Congress did not create "a freestanding physical violence offense" in the federal anti-extremist law.

"Networks based on these relationships remain the greatest threat to long-term stability in Iraq," Maples said.

The sectarian violence has hit Baghdad hardest because the population in the capital is about evenly divided between Shites and Sunnis, more so than in any other region of the country.

At about the same time as the attack on the Shiite Abdul Hadi al-Hasani mosque, a mortar round landed near the Shiite Imam Kadhim shrine in the Kadhimiya neighborhood on the opposite side of the Tigris River, killing one and wounding 10.

Those attacks appeared to have been in retaliation for assaults on Sunni places of worship earlier in the day.

North of Baghdad, a blast badly damaged a Sunni mosque where the closure of Saddam Hussein was buried in the family's ancestral hometown, Tikrit. The Iraqi Islamic Party reported a bomb hit the Sunni Thou Natiea mosque in the Kadhimiya neighborhood at 8 a.m. Tuesday, killing three and wounding 11.

Guns in two speed-cars opened fire on the Sunni al-Salam mosque in the western Baghdad's Mansour district, killing a guard.

Late Tuesday police reported finding the body of Shiite cleric flan Haddi hand-cuffed, blindfolded and shot in the head near a Sunni mosque in Baghdad's notorious Doura neighborhood.

One of the day's bloodiest attacks came when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives vest packed with ball bearings among people lined up to buy kerosene at a crowded filling station in east Baghdad. The blast killed 23 people and wounded 51, leaving behind the charred and twisted remains of wheeled carts that roadies had used to transport fuel canisters to the station.

High Court favors abortion protesters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A 20-year-old high court precedent on abortion clinics struck down Tuesday by the Supreme Court ruling that federal extortion and racketeering laws cannot be used against demonstrators.

The high court decision was a setback for abortion clinics that were busied when the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled their Doctors of Choice clinic in 1993 against years ago the high court's 2003 ruling that had cleared the way for lifting a nationwide injunction on anti-abortion leader Joseph Scheidler and others.

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In Tuesday's ruling, Justice Stephen Breyer said Congress did not create "a freestanding physical violence offense" in the federal anti-extremist law known as the Hobbs Act.

Instead, Breyer wrote, Congress addressed violence outside abortion clinics in 1994 by passing the Freedom of Access to Clinics Entrances Act, which allows for court injunctions to set limits for such protests.

"It's a great day for pro-lifers," said Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue.

Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, said the decision was disappointing because the injunction had decreased violence outside clinics nationwide.

She said the clinic access act is problematic because it requires abortion providers to seek injunctions "city by city" and turns back the clock to the late 1980s when NOW played cat and mouse with Operation Rescue in trying to anticipate the clinics and clinics that abortion protesters planned to target next.
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**Market Recap**

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**Steel merger opposition softens**

**Proposal to combine world’s two largest steel companies receives decreasing criticism**

**In Brief**

**Bankrupt Twinkle-maker lays off 230**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Interstate Bakers Corp., the bankrupt maker of Twinkies and Wonder Bread, said Tuesday it will lay off about 220 employees in Indiana and Michigan as it consolidates routes, deposits and retail outlets in the upper Midwest. The company said the moves, expected to be completed by March 13 if approved by bank­ruptcy officials, will require a $700,000 charge, including $400,000 in severance payments. In addition, the company said it expects to pay $500,000 a year for the future rent of bankruptcy offices tied to the consolidation.

**The company’s announcement concludes the company’s evaluation of operations in its 10 regional “profit centers.” Since filing for bankruptcy in November, Interstate Bakers has stated that it will be unable to raise the price of its bread products and snack cakes because of higher costs for ingredients, such as flour and sugar, and fuel. Such an increase, it warned, could further crimp sales.**

**Stocks fall on mixed economic data**

NEW YORK — A mixed economic picture sent stocks tumbling Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrials falling more than 100 points after investors were unnerved by weakness in home sales, consumer confidence and manufacturing.

An upward revision in the fourth-quarter gross domestic product, meanwhile, raised worries about the Federal Reserve’s future interest-rate cuts.

The GIP showed that the economy grew at an annual rate of 4.8 percent, much better than the 1.1 percent the Commerce Department initially estimated and beating the 1.5 percent econom­ists predicted. The GIP is the broadest mea­sure of the economy’s performance — and one indicator whether the economy is growing or shrinking is the addition of the Federal Reserve.

**Dana meets with banks, stock rises**

**Associated Press**

TOLEDO, Ohio — Dana Corp.’s stock rebounded 18 percent on Monday after the auto parts maker said it was working with banks and other lenders on its financing plans.

The company issued a short state­ment before trading began on the New York Stock Exchange, saying it hopes to come to a resolution within two weeks on its financing.

The stock advanced $3.52 on Tuesday, trading to its highest level in more than three years, to $17.27, up 55.61%.

The company’s stock has been falling since the financial crisis. Dana said in a filing that it was resisting earnings and lowering its profit forecast for 2005 because of deteriorating errors.

Reports that the struggling auto parts maker had hired a restructuring company led to extremely heavy trad­ing and speculation that the company could be facing bankruptcy.

Dana also has been hurt by souring energy and steel prices and said in January that it lost nearly $1.3 billion in the third quarter last year while redefining its business. In 2000, Dana had more than 6,400 employees at 11 Indiana plants. Since then, the company has downsized, selling factories and announcing plans to close and sell more, reducing its workforce in the state to 2,000.

Auto-parts suppliers over the last year have struggled. Delphi Corp., the nation’s leading supplier, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October. Visteon Corp., the nation’s second biggest parts supplier, is clos­ing three plants and putting another six up for sale under its restructuring plan.

"I’m sure there are people thinking that Dana’s next,’ said David Sitton, an analyst with Gabelli & Co. said Dana still has assets that would allow it to borrow money and it has little long-term debt due in the next two years, he said. ‘They have a little bit of breathing room,’ he said.

But Shelly Lombard, a senior ana­lyst with Gunner Credit, a corporate-bonds research service, said Dana’s response to the bankruptcy specula­tion was late and not enough.

‘It did nothing to assure investors that their deal is imminent,’ Lombard said.

Sean Egun, managing director of Ap­pleton Daniels, said it is likely reviewing a number of financ­ing options, but first it must line up funding with its banks and coal­funds of investors and the company’s suppli­ers own money.

"I don’t think there is a deal, but I think it could have a deal," he said.

**Chicago — Opposition to the proposed takeover bid for rival Arcelor SA.**

Aditya Mittal, who also is chief financial officer of the world’s largest steelmaker, predicted the controversial deal will close by the end of June after gaining approval from European regulators and Arcelor shareholders.

"There has been a reduc­tion in the terms of the negative response to this offer as govern­ments have begun to realize the strategic rationale, the industrial rationale (and) begin to understand what Mittal Steel is about, what Mittal Steel wants to do with Arcelor," he told reporters. "The reaction is turning more in our favor.”

The company’s No. 2 executive and other Mittal officials spoke at a news conference in Chicago, their latest effort in what has been widely referred to as a “challenging time” amid continuing resistance to the unsolicited takeover offer.

Several European coun­tries, many of the pro­posed $22.1 billion (18.6­billion euro) merger, fearing the possibility of job cuts at plants now owned by Luxembourg-based Arcelor, the world’s second­largest steel producer. Mittal Steel is holding about four dozen meetings with regional and other Mittal Steel officials to understand how the proposed merger will affect their businesses.

"We expect as we share with them the industrial plan and the strategic plan, they will become more and more understanding of what we’re trying to pro­pose and realize that it is actually a great thing for Arcelor and a great thing for the steel industry,” he said.

Those meetings will coin­cide with a stepped-up effort to block the merger by Arcelor, which plans to lay out a long-term plan at investor meetings starting Tuesday to show­hold­ers why they should reject Arcelor. Arcelor management already has told sharehold­ers in a letter that the takeover would dilute value, threaten shareholder inter­ests and undermine future prospects for the stock.

Aditya Mittal also plans to return to Chicago in mid­March for investor meetings connected with the takeover. He said he expects regulators to take another four to six weeks to clear the hit, after which Arcelor shareholders would have as long as 60 days to vote on it.

The acquisition would create a steel powerhouse with the ability to produce close to 130 million tons a year, more than triple the output of the nearest com­petitor, Nippon Steel of Japan. Mittal estimates annual savings of roughly $1 billion from combining the two.

The head of Mittal’s U.S. division rejected a sugges­tion that the proposed mega-company could have a negative impact on the U.S. automotive industry by resulting in higher prices for steel.

"We have a commitment as a company to say we’re not going to disadvantage any customer of ours on the price front,” said Louis Schorsch, CEO of Mittal Steel USA.

Mittal, which has head­quarters in Rotterdam and London, ranked Chicago as its U.S. head­quarters shortly before launching the dis­puted Arcelor bid last month. Its mills in Indiana and Ohio make steel for the auto industry.
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Magistrate for the St. Joseph's County Probate Court, Dr. Jeff Burnett, Director of the Residential Treatment Center at the Juvenile Justice Center; Mark Geissler, a social worker with the Alternatives Community School Corporation; Peter Morgan, Director of the Youth Justice Program at the Robinson Community Center and Sheriff's Chief Deputy Prosecutor. 

Notre Dame's Children's Defense Fund (CDF) sponsored the event in an effort to generate constructive dialogue regarding the virtues and shortcomings of South Bend's juvenile justice system.

The panels and audience assessed the effectiveness of the juvenile justice programs in high school. The panelists, who had a wide range of experiences in the rehabilitation process, also discussed the involvement of parents in the rehabilitation process. Morgan explained the concept of "family involvement" as a principle that drives the entire juvenile justice system.

"We think of the delinquent as a child, not in terms of broken laws, but rather in terms of broken relationships," he said. "We sit with the young person in their hands and ask what is directly affecting his or her behavior and we help develop a plan to repair those relationships and any consequences that may have arisen - avoiding prosecution if possible.

In fact, when a teenager is found delinquent, the court must determine the course of action will contribute most to the youth's rehabilitation.

Some of the options and programs that can result from the decision are family counseling, residential treatment program, substance abuse treatment, community supervision, and for more serious offenders, restrictions such as fines and prison time.

Most of the teenagers in detention centers and correction facilities are not there serving a sentence, but rather awaiting trial or sentencing hearings.

Sometimes the child is so unruly he may pose a threat to the community, or he may be considered likely to flee before his trial begins, and then be allowed in the juvenile justice system. Temporary detention may be the only available course of action.

That's a large problem within the system, panelists said. Prosecuted delinquents and teenagers awaiting trial are placed in the same facilities and receive the same treatment as prisoners.

Notre Dame's Coordinator of the Residential Treatment Center, Martha Calcutt, a mathematician from South Bend and a doctor of correctional facilities, said the detention center's focus is to "develop a plan to repair the hands of their ward.

"Some of the boys I work with in the correction center tell me all about the snide comments the guards make, and how they even get away with beating some of the boys," Calcutt said. "I really don't think the authorities and the people in charge of these programs should be held responsible for the treatment of the boys, or care about the dire consequences that will take after they are released.

Other volunteers pointed out that the most important programs in the detention centers are the mental 10th graders are given the same mathematics assignments, and the time given to the age of teachers to help the children.

Brueseke spoke about programs implemented within schools to help teenagers obtain GED certification, as well as the possibility of establishing technical vocation programs. Such programs help offenders integrate into the workforce.

"I really do have the potential for reform," he said. "We really do have the possibility of becoming contributing members of society.

"Some of them really do have the potential to be contributing members of society.

Michael Calingaert, a strong U.S. ally during the war, met with President Bush in Washington, D.C. Tuesday.

"The Italian's visit to Washington is a bold step forward in the U.S. and Italian relations, one of the most important on any topic, and I appreciate the Stability in Italy, the Bush administration has brought to our close ally and friend," Calingaert said. But Bush and Berlusconi are both conservatives who came to power in the most important manner, and I appreciate the stability the prime minister has brought to our close ally and friend.

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As Notre Dame's men's basketball team hurtles toward its worst record in 14 most-sadly 12 years, it is not inappropriate to ask when we all knew for the first time that the current coach might not be the answer. For me, it was during the Sweet 16 matchup with the University of Maryland in March of 2003, when he chose the highly irrational and sublime strategy of trying to "outscore" the top-ranked Notre Dame basketball team. This event has sparked a healthy, if sporadic, debate among fans and critics alike. Let's take a closer look at the events that led to this game and the impact it had on the Notre Dame basketball program.

On Feb. 27, 2003, the University of Maryland basketball team traveled to South Bend and entered the Joyce Center into their home court and the Irish into their personal Washington Generals (i.e., History of the Harlem Globetrotters).

Since I am not a professional basketball coach or player, I do not suggest that my two vary vastly in high school basketball quality me to pass judgments on the coaching acumen of Notre Dame's exceedingly well-paid basketball team head coach. For example, I am willing to admit that what appears to me to be a highly unusual strategy offends me. Not that I am fond of abandonment of low post play, coupled with an alternative strategy of "have two guards dribble it around with no motion or off-the-ball screening and then chuck up a three-ball from 35-feet with one second left on the shot clock and two hands in your face," is a potentially more cunning edge, sophisticated winning strategy than the tried-and-true approach of feeding the low post and working from there. But that had shot every other time down the floor, will also admit that it may be incredibly innovative and ground-breaking approach to recruiting only two collegiate-caliber players. The general consensus is that with complete lack of attention to teaching those players how to play the keys is the best to ensure no one is particularly thrilled with an inside game as an option for your offense for straight seasons. Lastly, it may be the inevitable future of the sport to state your goal "if they shoot 48 percent, we're gonna try to shoot 55 percent because we're a team that we are our best when we're not just combine that with the rarely-employed defensive philosophy that consists of "stand flat-footed and watch our hands at your side, play as passively as possible, never jump out or over anyone when we are on the court." These may be the mandates of an American team. and that is not for me to suggest that other programs, for example, Indiana and Duke, which probably has a couple of talented players, is different enough from Notre Dame's, that you could achieve success on the court. However, I do feel qualified to state that at Notre Dame, where excellence in men's basketball was once a staple (see long-for-golden era from 1973-1981, mediocre-to-awful basketball as displayed in such historically astounding fashion in the past three years) that it should never be accepted.

The question is: why has Notre Dame, which is arguably the national benchmark of combined academic and athletic excellence, tolerated essentially two decades of non-existence in basketball? At a school that competes nationally for national championships via total package, of course, we are qualified to meet the standards to allow the Notre Dame Hockey Program to continue languishing in its current mediocre state does a disservice to all the younger players on the team, the incoming recruits, the student body who support the team and those who have built this once-storied program.

As a final point, I would remind the administration that, the last time I checked, the men's basketball coaching position at Notre Dame was indeed a "job," not a volunteer camp counselor position. In fact, I suspect it ranks as one of the most highly-compensated positions at the University. As such, there should be fundamental standards and milestones which are not met, it becomes a self-made problem. I, for example, in my new job as a new faculty member at a university medical center, I was given three years of financial support up front, with the stipulation that I would achieve national recognition as Head Coach. I am under no illusion that I would be at imminent risk of losing my university support and position. By virtually any other professional standard, six years is plenty of time to objectively assess the milestones achieved by this basketball program. Shit is not simply existing; it is not clear what goals are being met, other than the most dubious ones of failing to qualify for the Final Four (a rare occurrence) and having the worst conference record in Notre Dame history. It would be difficult to change the administration who are simply holding the men's basketball standards to those that are appropriate for Notre Dame. Would be a good place to start. For example, 1) annually compete for the Big East tournament title. 2) Annually finish in the top 10 of the national rankings. 3) Annually compete for one of the top 16 seeds in the NCAA tournament bracket. If these goals seem outrageous, consider that from 1970-1981, Notre Dame finished in the top ten final national rankings seven times and garnered seven number ones to four seedings in the NCAA tournament! Consider also that Notre Dame is the 11th winningest men's basketball program in NCAA history (behind Indiana and ahead of UCLA) and has the second most 2,000-point scorers in NCAA history. Digger Phelps obviously understood Emerson's fundamental tenet of human competition: "You have to aim above the target to hit the target!" The history of college athletics has shown, more than at any other level, the need to change the coaching position at Notre Dame.

In short, on behalf of your Notre Dame hockey team, thank you to our students and the members of our faculty and staff who have come to the Joyce Center to cheer on the Fighting Irish this season. With your support, we've filled the Joyce Center in capacity each and every game, and with this support, we can help us each of the victories that allowed us to host the first round of the NCAA's post-season tournament.

On that note, your vocal support will be a key element in our success. This is the last two out of three series against a very worthy opponent, the Nanooks of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Has been the policy of ND coaches to say during these games, "Marv and his Holy Cross is free to each game (while the majority of schools anywhere in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse last).

In closing, we hope we'll see you (and heart) many of you in the stands tomorrow. Thanks again for your support. Go Irish! Beat Nanooks!
The 78th Annual Academy Awards will be aired on Sunday at 8 p.m. on ABC. Here’s a look at the major categories:

Best Actor
Who will win: Heath Ledger, "Brokeback Mountain"
Why he will win: His staggering and bravura performance — an absolute revelation, Ledger does much so with so little. His turn as the cowboy Ennis is heartbreaking in its emotional scope and breathtaking in its measured control. Without doubt one of the best performances of the year, it shouldInstant win: He’s one of the few actors who can steal the show in every movie he’s in, playing everything from a porn industry soundman ("Boogie Nights") to rock critic Lester Bangs ("Almost Famous"). "Capote" may be his finest work, as Hoffman controls the film with a perfectly modulated performance, proving once and for all that the one-time character actor is capable of carrying a picture by himself. Hoffman is an actor known for disappearing into his characters, and his affected turn as the eponymous ornery writer-journalist is both memorable and effective. The Academy will certainly overlook Hoffman, who has become a critic's favorite: Ang Lee's exquisite work of the year, it should be noted that "Capote" is an accomplished, amazingly effective film that will remain in the public consciousness for years to come. Its stature will grow, rather than diminish, in ensuing years.

Best Actress
Who will win: Cate Blanchett, "The Aviator"
Why she should win: It's a competition between small, independent films, no Miramax — most of the Best Picture nominees are from the art-oriented offshoots of the major studios (Focus Features, Sony Pictures Classics, Warner Independent). Not since 1996, when Miramax’s "The English Patient" beat out critical favorite "Fargo," has there been an Oscar race oriented around so many smaller films. In other years, it's possible to make the argument that the films that emerge as classics and/or the true best pictures of the year aren't even nominated (2004's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," 2000's "Almost Famous" and "Memento"). That doesn't seem to be the case this year, as the gravitation toward independent films means that the pictures nominated may truly be the five best of the year.

Still, 2005 has a clear favorite: Ang Lee's exquisite work of the year, it should be noted that "Capote" is an accomplished, amazingly effective film that will remain in the public consciousness for years to come. Its stature will grow, rather than diminish, in ensuing years.

Best Director
Who will win: Ron Howard, "A Beautiful Mind"
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Josh Brolin, "Brokeback Mountain"

Best Actress

Helen Mirren, "Prime"

Best Supporting Actor

Tobey Maguire, "The Da Vinci Code"

Best Supporting Actress

Catherine Keener, "Capote"

Best Director

Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain"

Best Original Screenplay

David O. Russell, "I Love You, Man"

Best Documentary

"An Age of innocence"

Best Foreign Language Film

"Synecdoche, New York"

Best Short Subject

"A Little Love"

Best Animated Feature

"Ratatouille"

Best Animated Short Subject

"Lamb Chop Express"

Best Costume Design

Tina Desai, "Le Divorce"

Best Cinematography

Boris Leblanc, "Babel"

Best Film Editing

Michael Hedges, "In the Valley of Elah"

Best Makeup

"The Queen"

Best Music - Original Score

"The Da Vinci Code"

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Best Original Song

"All the Way"

Best Production Design

"Gangs of New York"

Best Sound

"The Bourne Ultimatum"

Best Sound Editing

"The Da Vinci Code"

Best Visual Effects

"Over The Hedge"

Best Writing - Adapted Screenplay

Paul Thomas Anderson, "There Will Be Blood"

Best Writing - Original Screenplay

Stephen Gaghan, "Olive Kitteridge"

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"The Reader"

Best Director

Mike Nichols, "Charlie Wilson's War"

Best Actress

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Daniel Day-Lewis, "There Will Be Blood"

Best Supporting Actor

Jude Law, "The English Patient"

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Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"

Best Original Screenplay

Nora Ephron, "Julie and Julia"

Best Adapted Screenplay

Orson Welles, "Citizen Kane"

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"Toy Story 3"

Best Animated Short Subject

"Mosey"

Best Foreign Language Film

"Tale of Tales"

Best Live Action Short Subject

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Cinematic combat: Hollywood's modern warfare

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

Plato once famously said, "Only the dead have seen an end to war." For film fans, there will be an end to war movies. The proliferation of cinema, war films have come in various types and styles. With the arrival of computer technology, war films of the twenty-first century have undergone broad transformations, and the turn of the twentieth century.

The Thin Red Line (1998)

This serious, brooding film from Terrence Malick details the ordeals, emotions and struggles of a young band of U.S. Marines fighting at Guadalcanal during World War II. Sean Penn headlines the all-star cast that also includes Adrien Brody, George Clooney and John C. Reilly. As with every other Malick film, "The Thin Red Line" is clearly his brainchild, a film he spent many years developing. Malick's cinema is both superb and unique, especially in battle scenes. The most distinctive feature is the film's slow pace. The three-hour-long movie uses numerous flashbacks that highlight the difference between war and home and ultimately question the pain and evil associated with war.

Three Kings (1999)

"Three Kings" can best be described as a comedic war movie. It begins at the end of the Gulf War, when three American soldiers find to fly to and steal Saddam Hussein's gold amid the turmoil and confusion at the end of Operation Desert Storm. The war scenes provide realistic and authentic visuals, and the comedy stems from good performances by Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and even rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube. Director Steven Spielberg crafts a satire that is smart and intelligent, and he manages to provide a good moral lesson at the end. There is also a distinct style to "Three Kings," a gritty, bleached feel that makes the viewing experience visceral and powerful, as if one were really living and fighting in the sands of Iraq.

Black Hawk Down (2001)

Ridley Scott's "Black Hawk Down" revolves around a standard U.S. military operation in Mogadishu. Somalia went terribly wrong on Oct. 3, 1993. The accidental director assembled a well-oiled cast featuring Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor and Eric Bana in this intense and bloody film. Unlike most other war movies, "Black Hawk Down" completely forges any political or cultural pretenses and depicts events strictly from the point of view of the soldiers. During the filming, Scott created a 360-degree war with pyrotechnics and used dozens of hidden cameras to film the reactions of the actors. As a result, the actors exhibit a genuine fear that viewers can feel and comprehend. This film is so successful because of the frankness with which it allows viewers to experience both the horrors and heroes of war.

Saving Private Ryan (1998)

Without doubt, the best war movie in recent history — and perhaps the greatest war film of all time — Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" is a masterpiece. Tom Hanks is the leader of a military unit that must venture behind enemy lines to rescue a comrade after experiencing the dread of the D-Day invasion at Normandy. The opening minutes of the film constitute some of the most graphic war footage ever, and a constantly moving camera adds to the total chaos of the situation.

After the surreal D-Day invasion, "Saving Private Ryan" becomes a character study of men at war who must decide whether orders from distant superiors are moral and feasible. Incredible performances by all the actors, especially Hanks, dominate the rest of the movie and leave viewers pondering powerful themes and questions long after the movie ends.

While it is possible to debate whether a good war film must either be for or against war, it may be more accurate to say that good war films depict characters with whom an audience can sympathize and relate.

Films like these four allow viewers to experience war realistically in order to understand and discuss its implications beyond the walls of a theater or living room.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

Human characters fail to eclipse canine standards

By ERIN MCGINN
Scene Critic

"Eight Below" is an inspirational story with a very strong message — animals are far better actors than humans.

The movie is based on a true story from the late 1980s involving a Japanese scientist and his U.S. counterparts. The Japanese scientists are evacuating their research team and are meant to provide data on their research to their ship. But a snowstorm, and McLaren gets badly hurt. Thanks to the heroic dogs, McLaren survives, and both men make it back to the base camp.

The eight dogs are then left behind behind in Antarctica. The movie concentrates on the dogs, but loses steam due to the human characters. The people to leave them because they think it's only going to be hours before they can return for the dogs, but a second trip turns out to be impossible — and so begins the saga of the dogs' survival.

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Schafer was the more aggressive of the two fighters, and he had his hand raised three times on the evening. Schafer was able to land repeated combinations after Albonetti often retreated after the initial punch. Schafer was often able to pin Albonetti into the corner, which allowed him to unleash some of his combos. In the third round, the ref had to stop the fight at one point after he recovered from one of Schafer's combos.

Charlie Gough vs. Andrew Massari

Senior Charlie Gough finished strongly in his fight with freshman Andrew Massari to earn a unanimous decision victory in the 150-pound weight division.

In the first round, Gough took over a fight that was fairly even through the first two rounds as he connected with multiple punches on Massari. Near the end of the round, Gough landed a combo that caused Massari to start bleeding and forced the ref to stop the fight.

Gough continued this momentum immediately after the timeout. He knocked down multiple punches to the face of Massari right before the bell signalled the end of the match.

Christopher Jordan vs. Adam Burns

Junior Adam Burns used an aggressive style to narrowly defeat sophomore Christopher Jordan by a split decision in their 150-pound division fight.

Burns opened the fight quickly as he threw a furious combination of punches, landing a body shot that caused Jordan to take a breather by using his long reach, which allowed him to land consistent punches. Burns was able to drive the fight two rounds.

Burns continued to land punches throughout the fight, including a final combo right before the final bell rang. The fight had to stop the fight once in the third round to check on Jordan.

Stephen Hansen vs. Brad Amrт

Junior Stephen Hansen dominated MBA student Brad Amrт as Hansen won a unanimous decision in the 150-pound weight division.

Hansen was on the attack all night, repeatedly forcing his opponent into a defensive position on the ropes. Amrт soon succumbed, having little chance to compete, and Hansen, and the judges easily awarded him the victory.

Mike Hazelbeck vs. Billy O'Connely

Law student Billy Hazelbeck defeated sophomore Mike "Busta" O'Connely by decision in the 130-pound weight division.

Hazelbeck started off punching very frenetically, throwing many punches that caught O'Connely. Hazelbeck took advantage of Hazelbeck's wild punching and went on the attack. While Hazelbeck danced around the ring, O'Connely was able to take the middle, defending himself while landing his own onslaught.

By the second round, Hazelbeck had taken a good deal of punishment, leading the referee to stop the fight.

Brian Nicholson vs. Stephen "The Wrecker" Klein

Senior Brian Nicholson used his height and his aggressive nature to defeat junior Stephen "The Wrecker" Klein by decision in the 130-pound weight class.

In the first round, Klein was able to get in close and tried combinations and uppercuts, but was unable to overwhelm his opponent. Nicholson came out aggresively in the second round, using an onslaught of various combinations to take the upper hand in the bout.

Michael "The Liberator" O'Connely vs. Gregory "Busta" Burns

Senior Michael "The Liberator" O'Connely was able to avoid a strong attack from Gregory "Busta" Burns in the first round and came back to win the fight by knockout early in the third round.

Burns attacked O'Connely with an almost constant onslaught in the first round, but his punches were so wild that it appeared that not even Burns knew where they were going to land. Luckily for Burns, O'Connely's early attacks did connect, but not enough to give him the clear knockout victory.

Early in the third round, O'Connely forced his attack on Burns, so much so that the referee had to stop the fight in the third in a knockout victory for O'Connely.

Jeffrey Schaf v. O'Neil "Prime" Time" Peart

Junior O'Neil "Prime" Time Peart had his way at the start of his fight with senior Jeffrey Schaf, but quickly lost control of the round as Schaf started to hit him, losing by a knockout in the third.

Schaf punched with quickness throughout the fight, dancing around Peart, who stood his ground. O'Neil was able to move in and out quickly, delivering his attack and avoiding Schaf's. O'Neil used this advantage throughout the fight, landing eight punches that put Peart hard in the head and body.

Peart was lucky enough to make it to the third round, as he was saved by the bell in each of the first two rounds, but could not escape the third, when he was knocked out.

Bryan Kuntz vs. Andrew Breslin

The first cruiserweight fight of the night was a split decision between seniors Bryan Kuntz and Andrew Breslin.

Breslin had tried to use his uppercuts earlier in the first round, but Kuntz went for it quick, countering with jabs. The first was a relatively evenly matched round, as Breslin's trading punches throughout the round.

But the freshman could do nothing to defend himself from the knockout punch in the second, after which the referee was compelled to stop the fight, giving the decision to Breslin.

Daniel "Pound Town" Ward v. Andy "Doggie" Hoyle

The first fight in the 180-pound division was a blowout by sophomore Daniel "Pound Town" Ward over junior Andy "Doggie" Hoyle.

Ward had the clear advantage in height, speed and strength, and merely toyed with Hoyle for three rounds. Almost none of Hoyle's punches landed because Ward was able to block or dodge the punches. Ward continued to attack Hoyle quickly and move away to avoid any countertick.

Robert Loctridge v. Brian Bylca

The evening's penultimate fight was a split decision between Robert Loctridge and Brian Bylca featured wild, frantic punching by both fighters in an effort to land one hit.

Loctridge and Bylca traded punches for much of the first round, but Loctridge took the advantage by working Bylca's body at the end of the round. Bylca fought back throughout the second, forcing Loctridge to go on the defensive, including being hit by a referee for having a standing eight count.

In a relatively equal third round, Loctridge was able to land a few more punches that put Bylca in a corner.

Eric Pettr v. Daniel Stypula

The last 180-pound quarterfinal was a sloppy fight between seniors Eric Pettr and Daniel Stypula, one that Stypula won in a split decision.

The two traded punches throughout the entire fight, with the punches thrown were highly inaccurate. In the second round, chasing Stypula around the ring, but was unable to get a clear advantage over his opponent due to a high number of punches. Pettr was more aggressive in the third round, but Stypula was able to withstand the pressure, and sent Pettr to the loss in a split decision.

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**Commissioner Paul Tagliabue**, left, speaks with New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton on Feb. 14. Tagliabue and NFLPA executive director Gene Upshaw broke off negotiations Tuesday, three days before teams can sign free agents.

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK —** NFL labor talks broke off Tuesday three days before the start of free agency, leaving teams and players in a quandary about negotiating new contracts.

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, spent the last three days meeting in New York and Washington with commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"We're deadlocked. There's nowhere to go," Upshaw said. "There's no reason to continue meeting.

The NFL acknowledged the talks had broken off and said no further discussions were scheduled. The league said it would not extend Friday's deadline for the start of free agency. Although the contract does not expire until after the 2007 season, this is a critical period in the negotiations to extend the 12-year-old agreement. Talks have been going on for more than a year.

Free agency is scheduled to start Friday. If the deal is not extended, this would be the last year with a salary cap, so agents and team officials want to know how to structure contracts.

For example, if there is no extension, the salary cap is expected to be about $95 million this season and annual raises after 2006 in a long-term deal would be limited to 30 percent. If the deal is extended the cap could be $100 million or more higher.

The sides have agreed on a number of issues. The biggest one is changing the formula for the amount of money to go to the players from "designated gross revenues" — primarily television and ticket sales — to "total gross revenues," which include almost every bit of money a team generates.

They differ, however, on the percentage of revenues to be allocated to the players — the union is asking for 60 percent and the league's current offer is 56.2 percent.

But there are also disputes among groups of owners on that issue, too. Tagliabue has called a league meeting in New York for Thursday.

**Texas with lower revenues — mostly small market clubs — say that if the contributions to the players' fund are equally apportioned among 32 franchises, they will have to pay a substantially larger proportion of their non-television and ticket monies because they have less.

**IN BRIEF**

**Federer breezes by first-round opponent**

HAMBURG, Germany — Top-ranked Roger Federer returned from his month's vacation and began his bid for a fourth straight Hamburg Open title Tuesday, beating Sampras 6-3, 6-3 in an all-Swiss match in the first round.

Also advancing was second-ranked Rafael Nadal, who defeated French Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2.

Federer has been resting in his hometown of Zurich since winning the Australian Open in January. He said Wawrinka pressed him into several unforced errors.

"I am quite pleased with the way I played," Federer said. "I really don't care about the bad shots as long as the end result is fine."

Federer, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, will next play 488th-ranked Kuwait wild card Mohammed Al Ghareeb.

**Primeau says season over after head injury**

VOORHIES, N.J. — Keith Primeau promised his wife he wouldn't break down while talking about the prognosis of his season because of lingering symptoms from a concussion four months ago.

He had good reason to keep his word. His wife, Lisa, threatened to come into the news conference from a nearby room and smack him on the head if he became too emotional.

"That's probably not what I can use right now," Primeau said Tuesday, cracking a brief smile.

Primeau won't be taking any risks to the head on the ice any time soon. The Philadelphia Flyers captain is done for the season, still feeling the effects of an Oct. 25 hit from Montreal's Alexander Perezhogin, the latest and most severe in a list of head injuries the center has sustained in a 15-year career.

**Autistic hoopsster returns to the bench**

GIRARD, N.Y. — Alone in the gym after practice, Jason McElwain went through his elaborate pregame ritual.

The 17-year-old senior, manager of the Grover Cleveland High School basketball team, drained a 3-pointer, a double-pump layup and a free throw, kissed the back of his ring finger at center court and sped off to the dressing room to exhort and amuse his teammates.

"You've gotta give it everything you got," McElwain sang in rap verse.

"The winner goes home all happy/The loser goes home and says/Mommy we lost the game, wah wah wah!"

McElwain, who is autistic, was back in his role as an all-around motivator on the eve of a sectional semifinal game Tuesday night — handing out water bottles, dispensing tips, helping run drills.
Vandy quarterback impresses experts

**Cutler wows scouts at pre-draft combine**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jay Cutler will be leaving Vanderbilt with much more than an excellent education.

Cutler, who was Indiana's Class 3A All-State quarterback in 2000 at Heritage Hills, is the current hot topic of the NFL draft, shooting so far up the charts that he's at a strong performance at the combine that some analysts now consider him the top quarterback available — ahead of even Matt Leinart, who was Indiana's Class A All-State quarterback.

"It's an honor to be linked to someone (Brett Favre) at that level," said Cutler, who spoke to Favre before signing with his agent, Bus Cook. "He's one of the best quarterbacks ever. But I've got a long way to go before that comparison is going to be made." 

The idea that Cutler might be among the first five draft picks hasn't hit him yet. Vanderbilt's best-known quarterback drafted by the NFL was Bill Wade, the top pick in 1952.

**CUTLER'S TURN**

Associated Press

On Tuesday, May 6, Nevada Las Vegas quarterback Don King and Ricardo Mayorga pose at a press conference.

"I'm the champion. You've got me," the 33-year-old De La Hoya said, ostensibly alluding to Fernando Vargas. "This guy here, May 6, believe me, he will get knocked out. He's throwing fuel at the flame. I'm not a talker at all, but inside the ring, he's going to pay." 

With their fight more than two months away, Oscar De La Hoya and Ricardo Mayorga are tuning up with some verbal sparring.

De La Hoya has said he hopes to close out his career with the May 6 bout against Mayorga, and a grand finale against either Floyd Mayweather Jr. or Felix Trinidad in September.

Mayorga, a wild-swinging WBC champion from Managua, Nicaragua, talked a great game on Tuesday, saying that he intends to spoil De La Hoya's plans.

"This clown sitting here to my right has disappointed me," the animated Mayorga said at a news conference. "He keeps saying that he's going to be fighting in September or October, like he's fighting a nobody in May.

"I'm the champion. You've got me, he will get knocked out. He's throwing fuel at the flame. I'm not a talker at all, but inside the ring, he's going to pay."

Again staring at Mayorga, De La Hoya added, "I'm not afraid of you at all. Nothing. Fighters are not afraid. But inside the ring, I'm going to knock you out. Believe it."
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The Irish must win tonight at Providence and Sunday at home against DePaul to earn six wins and a Big East tournament berth.

The Friars (12-13, 5-9 in the Big East) are fighting for a postseason life of their own behind leading scorer and senior guard Dionne McGrath (15.4 Big East average) and freshman guard Sharaud Curry, who led Providence with 24 points and seven assists in an 81-68 loss to Pittsburgh Saturday.

If the season ended today, the Friars would be the 12th team in the Big East tournament. But Notre Dame won the first meeting of the two teams, 92-77, on Jan. 14 at the Joyce Center.

Providence will secure a conference tournament berth if it beats Notre Dame tonight — regardless of the outcome of its game against Marquette March 5 — because the Friars would have at least six wins if they win in overtime, so the loser of the Rutgers vs. St. John's game March 5 and with DePaul.

"For both teams, the Big East tournament starts Wednesday," Brey said. "Both teams know what's on the line."

Notre Dame also knew what was on the line last Saturday, but the Irish came out flat, and point guard Chris Quinn and shooting guard Colin Falls never got going off offense. Marquette capitalized and handed Notre Dame its most lopsided defeat, statistically, of its Big East season, 80-72.

Providence plays a similar style to Marquette. The Friars look to open the floor and push the ball early and often, establishing their own tempo against opponents. Brey said Monday he was concerned about Notre Dame's transition defense, which allowed Marquette to start Saturday's game shooting 6-of-8 from the field.

In contrast to Saturday's performance, Quinn and Falls could not miss when Notre Dame played Providence last in the 92-77 victory Jan. 14. Quinn (11-of-14) and Falls (8-of-12) combined for 55 points and shot 10-of-16 from the three-point arc.

Notre Dame averages almost exactly 10 points more than Providence in Big East games. The Irish lead the league in scoring average (79.4), while the Friars are seventh (69.5).

Brey said Monday he feels Providence is more confident heading into its Senior Night because its younger players have gained experience in Big East play. And while Notre Dame has bounced back from defeats all year to play with top conference opponents, the Irish are on a two-game losing streak.

Some critics point to Notre Dame's 4-10 conference record and see 10 losses for a bottom-level conference team. Other critics believe Notre Dame is good but unlucky, dropping its first nine losses only by a combined 32 points.

But Irish forward Torin Price put the losses and the season in perspective Monday as his team heads into the home stretch.

"It's 10 losses," said Francis, who is third in the Big East in rebounding per game (9.6). "The fact that we're good enough to possibly have won any of those games doesn't change the fact that we have 10 losses. But that's in the past. After a frustrating loss, you have to get over it and look forward to the next game."

"We had a hard, frustrating loss against Marquette. It was at home. They swept us in the series. But we're over it. We're looking forward to getting a win tonight."

Notes

Quinn has been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Association (NABC) District 10 team. He was chosen from among 150 players in 15 districts for the team, joining Terence Dials (Ohio State), Marquis Kiliansworth (Indiana), Eric Hicks (Cincinnati) and Brian Thornton (Xavier) on the five-man team.

The selection makes Quinn eligible for national team honors that will be announced following the season.

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team. The win also ties the pro-
gram with its best start — at 10 wins — since becoming a
Division I program in 1985-86. Notre Dame (10-0) began
the contest by clinching its 10th consecutive doubles point this season.

"It's amazing that we are all playing so well and confident-
ty," senior Kiki Stastny said. "We're just click-
ing right now... it's just been so much fun for all of us.

The Irish first match finished was the No. 29 pairing of sopho-
mor e Brock Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft with an 8-4 triumph over the Hoosiers' Brionna Williams and Sigrid Fischer at No. 2. The Irish sophomore is 9-1 this season after last weekend's loss to Wisconsin's Caitlin Bury and Nicole Bailey.

The next finished was Notre Dame's No. 49 senior duo of Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly, who beat Indiana's Cecile Perton and Alba Berdala Caitlin 8-2 at No. 2 and secured the doubles points.

The Irish completed the sweep when the nationally ranked No. 2 pairing of juniors Catrina Thompson and Christian Thomson defeated Sarah Baty and Laura McGaffigan 6-4. The victory marked the return of Catrina Thompson after being sidelined against Wisconsin Sunday due to a wrist injury.

"[Catrina Thompson] is so mentally tough that she's able to play through anything," Stastny said. "She's able to keep dis-

stractions away and focus on what needs to be done. I'm so proud of her because she is a true fighter.

Sophomore Bailey Louderback said she looks forward to seeing just how successful the team will be later in the season in doubles.

"We are so deep in doubles that I don't see us losing any more," Louderback said. "But we are not going to look past any teams.

In singles, No. 28 Catrina Thompson recorded a 6-3, 6-4 win over Barty at No. 1. The win improved Thompson's record to 14-6 on the season.

No. 2 Christian Thompson tapped McGaffigan 6-3, 6-1, then No. 3 Buck recorded a 6-1, 6-0 win over Williams and now stands at 12-6 on the sea-
son.

Tefft continued the trend with a 6-2, 6-4 win at No. 4 over Berdala, a freshman from Spain.

The win at No. 5 came from an intense third set tiebreaker from Stastny, who rallied back after being down one set in the match. This marks the second consecutive third set tiebreaker the senior has won after defeating Wisconsin's Elizabeth Carpenter 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (11-9) Sunday.

"Third set tiebreakers are challenging, but I feel so confid­
ent going into them," Stastny said. "I've had a pretty good record this season when playing them."

Freshman Katie Potts com-

pleted the sweep for the Irish with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over the Hoosiers' Perton.

The Irish return to play Sunday, facing Illinois at the Eck Tennis Pavillion at 3:30 p.m.

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Baldwin

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Notre Dame's eighth top-six fin-

ish in 11 tournaments under coach Jim Kubinski.

Tuesday's tournament, how-

ever, belonged to the tri-captain Baldwin. Dedicking this tourna-
ment to his father, who passed away during Christmas break, Baldwin shot a six-under par 69 (-6), tying his career low and giving him the second-

best three rounds in Notre Dame history.

B a ld in w's score was good enough to put him in a fourth place tie in Naples. But for the Irish senior, the weekend was more impor-
tant than a golf tournament.

"It was a test of faith," Baldwin said. "When facing adversity, I just had to have faith in my abili-
ty to turn things around very quickly, and that's what I did.

Baldwin turned things around just about as fast as anyone in the tournament. Through seven holes in Monday's first round, he was playing near-bogey golf, shooting five-over par.

"If I had just played even over the first seven holes, I would have won the tournament," Baldwin said.

Baldwin set-
tied down after that and played solid golf. His recovery was important given his desire to play the tournament in remembrance of his father.

"I dedicated this tournament to my dad," he said. "He passed away on Christmas and this would have been his birthday.

With that on his mind, Baldwin gave his father a birthday pres-
ent he would have been proud of.

"I guess his birthday present was the 12 birdies," said Baldwin, who is entering his fourth and final season for the Irish.

If Baldwin has it his way, he'll be able to dedicate a bit more

than 12 birdies to his dad later this season.

"As a team, obviously want to reach the ultimate goal — the National Championship," Baldwin said. "This was just the beginning of our championship run.

Kubinski was equally op-
mistic about the upcoming sea-

son. While he was able to pin-

point a few negatives from the tournament such as Notre

Dame's decision-making and bogies throughout the round, Kubinski feels all the Irish need is just to get the rust from the long winter off.

"I think we just need to get a few tournaments under our belt," Kubinski said. "By the time the Big East Championships roll around, we'll be feeling a lot bet-

ter about how we're playing."

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Irish freshman Kelsey Tefft hits a shot during the team's 7-0 home win over Indiana Tuesday at Eck Tennis Pavillon.

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**THE OBSERVER SPORTS**

**victory from sophomore Chris Izaguirre.**

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James “The Beast from the Beach” Garrison vs. Josef Dravas of Ten-Site’s bag room.

After a strong start, second year junior Josef Dravas of “Fun Size” Aptone fell to sophomore James “The Beast from the Beach” Garrison.

“Fun Size” Aptone secured a unanimous decision in the second round by frustrating Dravas and not allowing him to get off a solid combination.

Michael “Soldier” Schmitz vs. Brian “Mad Dog” Desplinter.

Senior Michael “Soldier” Schmitz used his experience to overwhelm Brian “Mad Dog” Desplinter. After a rough start by Desplinter, Schmitz was able to regain his momentum as he began a crushing uppercut at various points throughout the fight. The third round continued to go in favor of Schmitz as he shook off Desplinter and dug a standing eight count in the clinching section. The fight ended with a unanimous victory.

Andrew McGill vs. John “The Iceman” Cooney.

Junior Andrew McGill started the fight out with a strong punch, but “The Iceman” Cooney’s punch power was enough to overpower his opponent. McGill secured a unanimous decision in the second round by trapping Tijerina in the corner and not allowing him to score any punches.

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Duffy honored for academic success

Senior point guard earned 3.821 Grade Point Average in fall

By KEN FOWLER Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior point guard Megan Duffy earned first-team Academic All-American honors Tuesday when ESPN The Magazine announced this season's honorees.

"I couldn't have asked for a better situation both academically and athletically," Duffy said Monday before learning of Monday before learning of University is something I'll never forget."

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Irish head coach

"It was really a war out there. People were definitely playing for something," said Duffy in the second half, the crowd got into it and all of a sudden, it looked like our crew got shell-shocked.

Afer a three-point shot gave the Irish the 48-46 lead, the two teams battled back and forth for the next eight minutes. With Notre Dame clinging to a two-point lead, senior Courtney LaVere converted a layup in transition on a pass from Duffy to put the Irish up 63-59.

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LaVere had success on the defensive end and also along with her offense. She finished the night with 14 points, five rebounds and five blocks. She held Walker to 2-of-12 shooting in 31 minutes of physical play before fouling out with 1:29 remaining in her final game in the Joyce Center.

"She's so big in the lane — she takes up so much space — I thought we did a decent job," LaVere said of the Irish defense on Walker. "I thought we did a good job at getting more bodies there and making it hard to shoot."

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Dame's NCAA Tournament prospects and ensured the Irish of the No. 10 seed in this weekend's Big East Tournament in Hartford, Conn. Notre Dame's first game of the tournament will be Saturday at 6 p.m. against South Florida in the Hartford Civic Center. "This team has a lot of pride," McGraw said. "To get back to .500 was really important for us for our NCAA Tournament hopes."

The Irish used a 17-5 run in the first eight minutes of the second half Tuesday to turn a 41-31 deficit at the break into 48-46 lead. Allen capped the run with 12.2 left in the game when she hit a 15-foot jumper from the left side after she grabbed one of Notre Dame's eight second-half offensive rebounds.

Senior Megan Duffy sparkled the high intensity second half. With the 5-foot-7 point guard made a hard foul on Panthers forward LaVere in space-eating center Marcedes Walker fell to the floor.

"I just tried to make a play on the ball," Duffy said. "I just wanted to get our offense going.

Walker, who had eight inches on Duffy, had to come out of the game because of blood on her arm, and the Irish played motivated ball from there.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Comeback kids

Squad erases 15-point second-half deficit to beat Pittsburgh 72-65 on Senior Night

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Freshman Lindsay Schrader scored 20 points and sophomore Charol Allen added 16 as Notre Dame erased a 15-point deficit to top Pittsburgh 72-65 on Senior Night Tuesday. See Also “Duffy honored for academic success.” page 22

Left, Irish guard Lindsay Schrader drives to the basket. Right, forward Courtney LaVere takes a shot in Notre Dame's 72-65 home win over Pittsburgh Tuesday.

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Women's Tennis

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By PAT LEONARD
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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By DAN TAPETILLO
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Men's Golf

Baldwin leads team in opener

By JOE QUINN
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