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INSIDE COLUMN

Food for thought

My junior year of high school was my most difficult year. What got me to wasn't the homework, or the hormones, or fear from extracurricular activities. Rather it was another H-phase: hungrier pangs.

At my beloved alma mater, an all-male Jesuit high school in Dallas, hosting 250 members per class, our lunch rotations were divided into three separate blocks to fill the bellies of ravenous young men as quickly as possible. Freshmen would eat last, around noon, preceded by sophomores, who ate around 11:15.

For the juniors, however, we were the first dinners at 10:30 a.m. Seniors could select any of the three lunch periods, as necessarily those of The Class of the Future.

As a former reviewer, I couldn't possibly grab some manches during those 30 minutes between in the last bell and arriving at practice. Not only did I look the part, but I also feared that my stack could potentially reappear on the rowing machines, in the weight room, or on the water in a mid-workout.

So, I had to come up with a counter-attack, and then I idealized me: in-class meals.

As for the seniors, the Jesuits were by no means lenient if students were caught red handed with a PB&J. It was disturbing — and tempting — the teachers and students. So I had to be as surreptitious as possible, but as long as I pulled it off, I maintained sanity.

Is the story different in college? Well, if you've shopped for classes from 11-12 and find yourself in a similar dilemma, try some of these tricks I've acquired if you're_cornered.

• The Camouflage: the healthiest and sneakiest hunger hunter: blended fruit smoothies at home and put them in an opaque container. People, including the teacher, will mistake your "berry madness" for H2O.

• The Bendy behind the Binder: the trump card in large-lecture classrooms. Sit in the last row, prop up a textbook to hide your snack and close down.

• The Stall: Bathroom stalls are always safe havens for a quick snack between classes.

• Share: Get caught? Okay, just play it cool. Offer your prof a nibble of carrot cake as an olive branch. Maybe you'll get permission to bring some in every day.

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Question of the Day: How many hours of sleep do you get every night?

Levi Checketts
freshman
Stanford

Michelle Rosenbaum
freshman
Lyons

Marisa Villano
freshman
Lyons

Jung Hwan Shin
sophomore
off campus

Jason Carley
sophomore
Knott

Billy Salvaggio
sophomore
Knott

Six at most.

On average, I would say about four and a half.

Either five or nine hours.

16 hours at most.

Sleep is for the weak.

I don't sleep... I wait.

Offbeat

Man does 40 squat thrusts on elephant

CHANG MAI, Thailand — New Yorker Ashrita Furman looked around for a record he could break, and settled on doing the most squat thrusts in one minute. Then he decided on a place — the back of an elephant in northeastern Thailand.

He achieved both goals when he climbed onto a platform on the back of an obliging pachyderm in blazing heat and powered through 40 of the vigorous kicks in a minute. The previous squat thrust record — achieved on level ground in Britain without an elephant in sight — was 30.

Furman, 52, is accustomed to setting bizarre records. He holds 54, and those include the record for the fastest 11 yards on a soap box — a heavy rubber balloon on which children bounce — and the fastest mile balancing a cue pool on his finger.

"To me the real beauty of this record is that I did it on the back of a live elephant," he said. "I've had this dream of doing a record on the back of an elephant for many, many years, but I've had no way of really accomplishing it until I came to Thailand."

Police warn men about 'Hugging Bandit'

BUFFALO, N.Y. — She's a 200-pound-plus hugging machine, but her affection comes with a price. Police are warning men about the "Hugging Bandit," who heartlessly embraces men coming out of downtown bars and leaves them wallet-less.

Dozens of men say they have been victims. Police say others are too embarrassed to admit it.

"She doesn't just put up with you and hug you," said Detective Sgt. Tom Donovan. "She actually grabs them, tries to talk them into something more, and there goes their wallet."

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Edith Stein Project to address ways to heal

By LAURA WILCZEK

New Writer

Its goal last year was to "redifine feminism," but when the Edith Stein Project begins today, organizers hope to help women dealing with violence or societal oppression heal both body and soul.

Today and Saturday Notre Dame will host a two-day conference entitled "The Edith Stein Project: Toward Integral Healing for Women and Culture."

The conference started last year when a group of undergraduate women planned "The Edith Stein Project: Redefining Feminism." This year, both male and female students organized the event with help from Notre Dame faculty and members of the South Bend community.

The focus on healing as an underlying and unifying theme in the conference is a shift from last year's focus, which tried to address the vocation of women in the modern world.

The goal of this year's conference, according to the Center for Continuing Education Web site, is to "encourage and empower both men and women to understand the types of healing that need to occur, and to be healers in their families, communities and throughout society."

The conference plans to utilize Notre Dame's strong sense of Catholic tradition and will focus on a holistic approach to healing as guided by the Catholic faith. The attention to healing on a physical and spiritual level corresponds to its namesake, Edith Stein, a woman who valued her faith.

This year's topics—which include sexual assault, pornography, women's sexual health and eating disorders—will be discussed in conjunction with how women can cope with and heal from such plights in contemporary culture.

The conference will feature multiple speakers, including Brandi Lee, editor-and-chief and co-founder of True Girl magazine; Dr. Jennifer Roseback Morse, author of "Smart Sex"; Paolo Carozza, associate professor of law at Notre Dame Law School; and Dr. Pia de Solenni, awarded the Pontifical Prize of the Academies by Pope John Paul II.

The conference will close Saturday with a 5 p.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and a banquet. While there is a registration fee for visiting guests, the conference is free for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and faculty members.

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Electons

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opened questioning to the student body.

The rising sophomore and senior classes each have tickets running unopposed.

Camille Gebert, the current freshman class president, is running for sophomore class president along with Emily Young, Jennie Haff and Caillie O'Brien as vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Gebert's top goal for next year will be to get more members of the Class of 2010 involved in campus activities.

"A big thing is people don't really know what's going on around campus," she said. "We need to try to get the word out. I want to try to get fliers and maybe go door to door." Colleen Kielty, Erin Hogan, Elizabeth Bush and Shawn Bedington are running for Senior Class Board.

Kielty is currently upset with the lack of involvement on campus from all classes and wants to work on improving it. Kielty also emphasized a higher degree of participation.

"It's so easy for everyone to get involved," Kielty said. "It's actually my favorite thing about Saint Mary's.

Something new that the senior ticket wants to implement for next year is sending out surveys to the class seeking new ideas for senior week, such as a banana split night.

The only class that has competition this year is the rising junior class. Jenny Antonelli, Taryn Pabst, Katie Putz and Jessica Kunack are running against Sarah Voss, Sarah Dalton, Clare Heinitz and Allison Cooney.

All of the members on both tickets currently hold positions on the Sophomore Class Board with the exception of Antonelli, who is the public relations commissioner on the Board of Governance. One of Molnar's many questions for the Junior Class Board candidates was how they would continue their campaign involvement if they lost—a different scenario from the other class tickets, since they are running unopposed.

The candidates on the Antonelli/Pabst ticket said they wanted to continue to be involved on the Junior Class Board if at all possible.

"I would want to remain involved with board," Pabst said. "I have also been thinking about joining 10OC, so I have a few options if we don't win.

The other ticket also expressed an interest to stay involved.

"I want to stay involved. I can't imagine a Saint Mary's without me on board," Voss said.

Both tickets expressed an interest in allowing those who have been around for a semester or the entire year to feel that they will still be an important part of the junior class.

The Voss/Dalton ticket wants to implement "town meeting" type sessions to field questions from the student body.

The Antonelli/Pabst ticket brought up the idea of implementing abroad dinners for students to talk about experiences overseas.

I want to relate (the experiences) back to Saint Mary's, and as a class we can make abroad programs more visible at school," Putz said.

The question and answer session taking place in the West Wing differed from last year, when the answers were broadcast over the PA system for the entire dining hall to hear. The session normally takes place in the West Wing, but due to the annual meeting of the Student Board, last year's session was held in the main dining room, Assistant Director of Student Activities Abby Van Verah said.

Voting will take place on Monday from 12 a.m. to 12 a.m.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran to expand uranium program
VIENNA—Iran has expanded its uranium enrichment program instead of complying with a U.N. demand to freeze it, the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Thursday in a finding that clears the way for harsher sanctions against Tehran.

Iran has not suspended its enrichment-relat­ed activities," the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a report.

Although its information was based on mater­i­al available to it as of Feb. 17, a senior U.N. official familiar with Iran's nuclear file, speak­ing on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the issue, suggested the IAEA conclusion remained valid as of Thursday.

New Italian government discussed
ROME — The Italian president began talks with political leaders Thursday to discuss form­ing a new government after the resignation of Premier Romano Prodi's nine-month-old administra­tion.

Prodi stepped down Wednesday evening after an embarrassing parliamentary defeat of his government on plans to send troops to Iraq, including its plan to keep Italian troops in Afghanistan. He is staying on in a caretaker role.

The consultations at the presidential palace are aimed at determining which political lead­ers, if any, might be able to muster enough sup­port for a new parliamentary majority and thus avoid a new election.

President Giorgio Napolitano might ask Prodi or another leader from his coalition to form a new center-left government. He also could ask an opposition figure, above the political fray, to form a government, possibly with broad support from both coalitions, or he could call elections.

NATIONAL NEWS

New passport rules not for children
WASHINGTON — Children will be exempt from new rules that will require travelers to show passports when entering the U.S. at land or sea borders, the Bush administra­tion announced on Thursday.

The new passport requirements will take effect Sunday. In a change from earlier plans, children ages 15 or younger with a U.S. birth certificate will be allowed to cross the borders at land and sea entry points with certified copies of their birth certificates rather than passports.

Children aged 16 through 18 traveling with school groups, cultural or athletic groups and under adult supervision will also be allowed to travel with only their birth certificates.

Smith to be buried alongside son
FLUSHING DEPOT — Anna Nicole Smith will be buried in the Bahamas, alongside her dead son, it was announced Thursday after a tearful judge left the decision up to the guardian for the model's baby daughter.

Richard Milstein, the court-appointed guardian of 5-month-old Hannah, announced the plans not long after a judge gave him control of Smith's final resting place. He gave no timeframe.

Circuit Judge Larry Seldin steered a surprise middle course in a debate that became more urgent by the day, when the medico-legal warning that Smith's body was rapidly decompos­ing.

LOCAL NEWS

Two police shot, suspect found dead
GREENWOOD, Ind. — Two police officers were shot and a suspect was killed during a 90-minute manhunt Sunday in a suburban south of Indianapolis, police said Thursday.

Officer Eric McElhany was in stable condi­tion at Wishard Memorial Hospital fol­lowing surgery for multiple gunshot wounds to the leg and released. The unidentified suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

ENGLAND

‘Party prince’ will be sent to Iraq
Royal officials announce Prince Harry will set out with regiment in May or June

Associated Press

LONDON — He's the red­headed son of the late Princess Diana, the man best known more for dancing until dawn than joining battle. But Britain's party prince, Harry, is getting his wish and is being deployed to Iraq this spring with his Blues and Royals regiment.

Royal officials announced Thursday that the 22-year-old prince would fight for his country, confirming feverish tabloid speculation about the future of the best-recognized tank commander in Britain.

His regiment is expected to set out in May or June for a six­month tour.

Harry, a second lieutenant, has been trained to lead a team of 12 men in four armored reconnaissance vehi­cles and could become the first British royal to see com­bat since his uncle, Prince Andrew, flew as a Royal Navy pilot in the Falklands War against Argentina in 1982.

Word of the deployment comes one day after Prime Minister Tony Blair said British troop numbers in Iraq will be cut by 1,600 in coming months. The tabloid newspapers, the Sun, the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph, yesterday said 1,600 troops were leaving Iraq.

Britain will hand over much of its security responsibilities to Iraqi forces, concentrating its troops at Basra Palace and Basra Air Base in southern Iraq.

Iraqi insurgents might seek to ambush General Qassem Wadieh as Harry is known in the Blues and Royals. That has led to some concern that his pres­ence could bring an extra risk to his soldiers.

"In a sense, his celebrity might be a factor in making the security situation for his troop more dangerous," said Michael Clarke, a professor of war studies at London's King's College.

Britain's Ministry of Defense has previously said Harry could be kept out of situations where his presence could jeopardize his comrades.

There has been speculation that he will be shadowed by bodyguards. But a source close to the prince, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not author­ized to speak to the media, told The Associated Press that Harry would not be given any special protection.

Col. Bob Stewart, a former British commander, said he was certain Harry would be safe.

"The Blues and Royals will take great pride in making sure one gets near him," he said. "I can't think of better security than having a regi­ment of British soldiers around you."

In Britain, Harry's upcoming deployment was taken in stride, Blair described Harry's decision as in keeping with his character.

"He's a very brave young man and he's a very deter­mined young man who wants to be part of his regiment and part of the army," Blair told the British Broadcasting Corp.

"And I think that shows a very special character on his part." Others thought fighting in Iraq was an appropriate task for the man who is third in line to the throne.

"It's a bit dangerous for him ... but it's good," said Lee Wills, 20, of London. "The royal family's got to do its bit for their country."

But in Baghdad, Iraqis, who have endured much pain since the 2003 U.S.-led inva­sion, described the deploy­ment as a public relations stunt.

"These things (are) just to beautify the picture ... The British government wants also to boost the morale of their troops," said Sabah Al A., a 35-year-old worker at the Iraqi oil Ministry.

In joining the military, Harry followed royal tradition. In addition to Prince Andrew's Falklands War service, Harry's father, Prince Charles, was a pilot with the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, and a ship commander. His grandfather, Prince Philip, had a distin­guished career in the Royal Navy during World War II.

Even Queen Elizabeth II served before becoming monarch — she was trained as a driver in the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service during World War II.

Perry defends cancer vaccine order

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday angrily defended his rela­tion with默c Merck & Co., and his executive order requiring that 11- and 12-year-old girls receive the drugmaker's vaccine against the sex­ually transmitted cervical-cancer virus.

The Associated Press reported on Wednesday that Perry's chief of staff had met with key sides of the vaccine on Oct. 16, the same day Merck's political action committee donated $5,000 to the governor's campaign.

Perry, touring cancer centers around the state, said the contribu­tions were just a small share of the $24 million he raised and had no effect on his decision.

"When a company comes to me and says we have a cure for cancer, for me out to say, 'Please come into my office and let's hear your story for the people of the state of Texas, for young ladies who are dying of cancer,' would be the height of irre­sponsibility," the Republican gover­nor said. "Whether or not they con­tributed to my campaign, I would suggest to you, are some of those weeds that we are trying to cut out our way through."

Pressed on when he decided to issue the Feb. 2 executive order requiring the vaccination for sixth-grade girls, Perry snapped: "I wish you all would quit splitting hairs, because we're just going to be working together to find the cure for cancers. No, I can't tell you when."

In issuing the order, the governor made Texas the first state to require the vaccine Gardasil for all school­girls. But many lawmakers have complained about his bypassing the Legislative altogether. And the dis­closure regarding the campaign con­tributions could add momentum to an attempt by legislators to repeal Perry's executive order.
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one Catholic residential college for women in the nation today," she said. "I am humbled by Saint Mary's choice in my candidacy and am proud, at the same time, to help the College continue to do its important work." Fleming attended Holy Names University in Oakland, Calif., and earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy and sociology from Marygrove College in Detroit, Mich. She earned her master's and doctoral in philosophy from Washington University in St. Louis.

"When I arrived here, Ms. Fleming will replace interim Vice President and Dean of Faculty Jill Vihoric, who Mooney and the recruitment search committee selected last spring to serve in the position for one year. The position originally opened because previous dean Patrick White, accepted the head role at Wabash College last year.

Last spring, the College also named professors Joseph Incandela and Mark McCarty as associate deans of faculty and academic strategies, respectively. Incandela and McCarty will each serve for three years.

The final appointee last spring was Karen Johnson, who now holds the position of vice president of student affairs. Johnson is a member of the community through faith," she said. "Having friends and family makes a connection to the whole community, and makes people realize that there's acceptance where ever they are on their life journey."

Callie Pogge and Alvin Adjei.

Callie Pogge, last year's Class Council president, said it's "like a lot to see a ticket run unopposed.

"Sophomore year because it happened for two classmate tickets running for sophomore class that featured at least two tickets, to help the College for women in the nation," she said.

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In Brief

Fewer seek unemployment benefits
WASHINGTON — The number of laid-off workers filing for unemployment benefits dropped sharply last week after having been driven higher the previous week by storm-related layoffs.

The Labor Department reported that applications for jobless benefits totaled 332,000 last week, down by 27,000 from the previous week.

The prior week jobless claims had jumped by 46,000, the biggest one-week increase since September 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Part of the increase occurred because of winter storms that boosted layoffs in such industries as construction.

The four-week moving average for claims edged up from 326,700 to 328,000, the highest level for this average since early December.

But economists cautioned that the current jobless claims figures may just reflect the difficulty the government has in seasonally adjusting the numbers at this time of year when major winter snowstorms can alter the trend in filings for jobless benefits.

Analysts: Apple unlikely to share
Cisco Systems primarily sought collaboration in trademark-infringement dispute

Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds an iPhone during his keynote speech at the MacWorld Conference and Expo Jan. 9. The phone keeps its name after a settlement Wednesday.

SAN JOSE — The short-lived legal battle between Cisco Systems Inc. and Apple Inc. over the "iPhone" name was only on Tuesday when a trademark-infringement dispute involving identically named multimedia telephones.

Cisco has maintained since the start of the squabble six weeks ago that the dispute was not about money, even though it stood to profit handily from any settlement.

Instead, the networking gear maker said it was trying to pressure Apple to break its attachment to closed, proprietary systems and begin collaborating with Cisco on an imaginative future of communications that can communicate with each other.

But industry analysts said Thursday the settlement between the Silicon Valley tech giants does not mean that Apple will suddenly open up its most lucrative business, particularly the library that has helped catapult Apple into the top ranks of music retailers worldwide.

The more likely scenario, they said, is that Cisco and Apple could partner in the near-term on lower-profile projects that leverage the respective strengths of the world's largest networking equipment company and the new darling of digital entertainment.

Some of those efforts, they said, could include integrating Cisco's Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, technology into Apple's iPhones, which are currently designed to operate only over cellular networks, improving the ability of Apple computers to work securely with wireless home routers from Cisco's Linksys division; or generally developing ways in which Cisco's products' would work seamlessly with each other.

Analysts cautioned against expecting any type of major concessions from Apple concerning its proprietary technology, citing the vague joint settlement statement from the companies that raised more questions than it answered.

"As far as concessions go, from Apple's point of view, is there a downside to making their products work better with Cisco's technology? I don't see a downside for them," said Charles Golvin, principal analyst with Forrester Research Inc. "If anything it makes their products that much more attractive."

Gene Munster, senior research analyst with investment bank Piper Jaffray & Co., said talk of collaboration is "noble language" but he is not expecting any blockbuster joint products to emerge from the partnership.

"Apple wanted that to be the impression because they get a lot of pressure for being closed," he said, adding that he suspects money played a more crucial role in the negotiations than either company let on. He estimated that Apple paid Cisco between $25 million and $50 million for rights to the name.

Both companies have refused to comment on the deal and are staying tightlipped about what future products might come from the settlement, which allows Cisco and Apple to both use the iPhone name worldwide to sell their phones.

They would only say they are going to explore opportunities for "interoperability" in the areas of security, consumer and business communications.

Cisco sued Apple last month in San Francisco federal court claiming that Apple's use of the iPhone name violated a trademark Cisco has held since 2000 and is using on a line of Linksys phones that make long-distance calls over the Internet using VoIP technology.

Iran's uranium affects Wall Street

NEW YORK — Wall Street turned in a mixed performance Thursday as Iran's refusal to ease up on the uranium enrichment issue rattled investors and tempered a tech rally spurred by a strong upswing from chip stocks.

Investors were uneasy after a U.N. official said Iran did not agree to Security Council demands to suspend its nuclear ambitions. Also hurting stocks was a U.S. government report that showed a larger-than-expected drop in gasoline and diesel inventories, causing crude prices to bound above $60 a barrel.

"It's very hard to run a business without reliable financial information," said Gregg Wind, a certified public accountant with Hackenberg LLP in Los Angeles. "You could be spending too much in a certain area, or set goals in a certain area, but you'll never know how you are doing."

Irrigated financess worsen tax process
NEW YORK — Compiling a small business income tax return is rarely a pleasant experience, but for those companies owners who have neglected their finances for the past year it could be a torture.

Typically, the owners who struggle the most have poor records or discover during the course of filling out the return they don't have the cash to pay their tax bills. Changes are, an owner in either scenario doesn't have a good handle on the overall financial health and direction of the company's tax affairs.

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degrees separate from the undergraduate commencement ceremony. "The unknown can be a little confusing," Jenkins said in the letter.

"I am very confident, however, that the new and separate ceremony will honor our graduate degree recipients in a more meaningful way than the Sunday main commencement," he said.

The decision stemmed from suggestions of faculty members and deans of other colleges, Jenkins said.

The reason for the change, Jenkins said in his letter, was to create an event that could focus more on the accomplishments of the graduate students.

In the new ceremony, there will be time to recognize all doctoral and Master's degree recipients. In addition, there will be time to present the Eli J. and Helen Sheets Graduate School awards, rather than just listing about the winners as has been done in the past.

Graduate Student Union vice president Amber Handy echoed that reasoning in a posting on the Graduate School Web site. She emphasized that the change was made to set aside more time to honor graduate student accomplishments.

Another reason for the separate ceremony, Jenkins said in his letter, will be to have a keynote speaker that can speak more directly to the Master's and Ph.D. recipients.

Pape-Davis will lead the ceremony and the deans of the colleges will announce the names of the degree recipients, according to information posted on the Graduate School's Web site.

First Year of Studies Dean Hugh Page will deliver the invocation, and Jenkins will attend the ceremony.

The implications in terms of attendance changes aren't clear yet, but fewer graduate students at the ceremony could mean more tickets allotted to each undergraduate, Pace said.

"We anticipate that outcome because there will be fewer graduate students attending," Pace said. "That's a great outcome for undergraduates."

T he G r a d u a t e a n d Professional School's ceremony will be held May 19 at 1 p.m. in the Lighton Hall of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Each graduate student will receive two guest tickets — and possibly three — depending on how many students will be attending. Lighton Hall seats approximately 500.

Graduate students can still attend the University commencement ceremony May 20 in the Joyce Center. But they will not walk across the stage or receive their degree at this ceremony.

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Peanut butter causes salmonella
Outbreak sickens 329 in 41 states since August; lawsuits to ensue

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Testing of opened peanut butter jars obtained from people sickened by salmonella has confirmed the presence of the dangerous germ, the Centers for Disease Control said Thursday.

ConAgra Foods Inc. last week recalled all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter made at its Sylvester, Ga., plant after federal health officials linked the product to a salmonella outbreak that has sickened at least 329 people from 41 states since August. No deaths have been confirmed, although a Pennsylvania family filed a lawsuit Wednesday claiming a relative died from eating tainted peanut butter.

Federal officials linked the peanut butter to the outbreak by surveying people who became ill, but until now, there had been no lab results to confirm the connection.

State health departments asked sickened people to bring in opened jars of peanut butter for testing, and jars in New York, Oklahoma and Iowa tested positive, said Dave Talgae, a spokesman for the CDC in Atlanta.

"Now the question becomes, how did the salmonella get in the jar," Talgae said.

ConAgra learned of the test results Thursday, spokesman Chris Kircher said.

Gary Rodkin, chief executive officer of OMAHA-based ConAgra, said Thursday that the company will take "all reasonable steps to remedy the situation."

"We are truly sorry for any harm that our peanut butter products may have caused," Rodkin said in a news release.

Government and industry officials have said the contamination may have been caused by dirty jars or equipment. Peanuts are not among the major ingredients, but until now, there had been no lab connection.

The only known salmonella outbreak in peanut butter since the mid-1990s was blamed on unsanitary plant conditions. ConAgra has said none of its previous routine testing of plant equipment and peanut butter has tested positive for salmonella.

The Food and Drug Administration last inspected the plant in February 2005 and found no problems.

The Sylvester plant is the sole maker of the nationally distributed Peter Pan brand, and the recall covers all peanut butter produced by the plant since May 2006. Shoppers are being asked to toss out jars having a product code on the lid beginning with "2111," which denotes the plant.

Great Value peanut butter is a Wal-Mart Stores Inc. house brand made by several manufacturers. Great Value peanut butter that does not have the "2111" code is not included in the recall.

Salmonella, which commonly causes diarrhea, fever, dehydration, abdominal pain and vomiting, is a leading cause of foodborne illness in the United States.

In the Pennsylvania case, the family of Roberta Barkay alleges in a negligence and wrongful-death lawsuit against ConAgra that salmonella-tainted peanut butter killed her and sickened her husband and daughter.

Barkay, 76, had been hospitalized with gastrointestinal problems, then developed a bacterial infection before she died Jan. 30, said her lawyer, Bob Peirce.

Her husband, William, was sick with similar symptoms last year, after the Barkays bought the peanut butter, according to the lawyer and the lawsuit. Their daughter also got sick after eating the peanut butter while at her parents' home for her mother's funeral, Peirce said.

Roberta Barkay was not tested for salmonella, but Peirce said the peanut butter the family ate was part of the batch ConAgra recalled last week. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

"We're working to get in touch with that plaintiff's attorney to learn all we can," Kircher said Thursday. He said he couldn't comment on the specifics of the lawsuit.

Across the country, at least four other lawsuits claim negligence by the company that led to the salmonella illnesses.

To get a refund, consumers can return the product at the place of purchase or mail in lids with their names and addresses to ConAgra Foods, P.O. Box 400, Edmond, Okla., 73034. For more information, call (866) 344-6970 or visit ConAgra's Web site at http://www.conagrafoods.com.

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Judge wants Smith to be buried in Bahamas

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith will be buried in the Bahamas, alongside her son, it was announced Thursday after a tearful judge left the decision up to the attorney for the model's baby daughter.

Richard Milstein, the court-appointed lawyer for 5-month-old Dannielynn, announced the plan not long after a judge gave him control of Smith's final resting place. He gave no time frame for the burial.

Circuit Judge Larry Seidlin steered a surprise middle course in a dispute that became more urgent by the day when the medical examiner warned that Smith's body was rapidly decomposing.

"Who is entitled to custody of the remains of Anna Nicole Smith?" Seidlin wrote in his ruling. "There can be only one proper and equitable answer to that question: Dannielynn. Anna Nicole Smith's only child, heir and next of kin."

The ruling came a full two weeks after Smith died at a Florida hotel at age 39 of still-undetermined causes.

Smith's estranged mother wanted her buried in her native Texas, while Smith's boyfriend wanted her laid to rest in the Bahamas.

The judge, who choked up frequently and sometimes blubbered as he explained his decision, compromised and gave custody to Milstein. And the judge made it abundantly clear what he felt should be the determinants.

"I want her buried with her son in the Bahamas. In a spiritual sense, I would be buried together," Larry Seidlin Florida circuit judge

They kept bringing more and more drugs to his home," Birkhead said, adding that Smith told him she frequently spent up to 24 hours a day using the drugs, and would call him up to bring them to her.

"Whoever relationship he had with her, he would be called maybe an enabler."

Larry Seidlin

Testimony in the case has been peppered with details of Smith's sexual liaisons and the deals allegedly being pursued to profit from the deaths of the starlet and her son.

Also Thursday, celebrity news Web site TMZ.com posted a video of Smith hug­ging and being kissed by a shirtless doctor, who is under investigation by the California state medical board for unspecified possible misconduct related to Smith. In the video from a nightclub, Stern and Birkhead watch as Smith and Dr. Sandeep Kapoor cuddle on a couch.

Messages left for Kapoor's Los Angeles publicist Mark Saylor, on his cell phone and at his office, were not returned. A message was also left for Kapoor's Los Angeles attorney, Ellyn Garofalo.

Smith married Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II in 1994 when he was 89 and she was 26 and she had been fighting his family over his estimated $500 million fortune since his death in 1995.
Transparency key in fighting apathy

If student government truly wants to fight apathy, it can take a much-needed first step in the next three weeks by addressing the embarrassing confusion and unfortunate secrecy surrounding last week's student body elections.

The trouble began when senators received inaccurate copies of the constitution at the beginning of their term. As a result of this oversight, Marquette is one of very few programs that have not met the threshold of consecutive victories in the first round of the Big East Tournament and an NCAA bid. In such a competitive environment, Marquette is expected to disappoint.

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To THE OBSERVER

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Sometimes even the most penetrating conversation, the most illuminating ideas, seem mere distraction from a dark truth at which one cannot bear to look. Just when we think we are addressing a grave problem, we find our deepest sorrows rows into the background, where else, a few syllables beyond what we are capable of saying. For instance, this last Tuesday, I sat in on a panel discussing "Requiem," the new exhibit of photographs from the Vietnam War being held at the Snite Museum of Art. The photos included in the exhibit were taken by journalists who died in that war. Throughout the proceedings, for all my interest, I felt something heavy in my gut. The invited speakers probed the question of what photographs of a culture, like a Vietnam image, relates to the reality of war it represents. David Griffith addressed, primarily the photos at the center of the Abu Ghraib Prison scandal. In his recent book, "A Good War Is Hard To Find," Griffith argues that those now infamous pictures of Iraqi prisoners forced to pose in humiliating positions in fact betray an obsession with pornography and violence healing at the heart of American culture. The snapshots do not merely expose the imaginations of a few sick persons. They are not merely symptoms of the frustration and anxiety inevitable to soldiers during wartime. Those prisoners piled naked on top of each other, or leashed to a smirking Lynndie England, Griffith suggests, testify to a culture that feeds on spectacle, the sinister image, relates to the reality of war it manages to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as well as Lent. I know some people will say that I could just go to meatless dining halls, but showing repentance is a vital part of doing it — my penance is entirely between God and me. If there was a tradition that on Holy Thursday everything is open in arms, and rightly so. We paid for a meal plan expecting that each meal offered would have a balanced selection of foods, and this isn't what we are getting. Sacrifice should not affect non-Catholics. So this Lenten season, just like last Lenten season, I will sure mess on Fridays. Yeah, its hard giving up those delicious bacon, fried chicken, pate' s, but showing repentance is a vital part of Lent. This year though, it just wasn't me as much. I'm still going to deny myself on Fridays, of course, it's just that so will everybody else on campus whether they want to or not. We don't have a choice — the dining halls don't serve meat on Fridays.

A year ago the University community was engaged in a debate over academic freedom. The campus performance of "The Vagina Monologues" was the focal point of that debate. As an alum I welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the discussion and offered my thoughts in a letter to University President Father John Jenkins. I suggested then that Notre Dame could "Her Loyal Daughters" was offered in an academic setting. The Edith Stein Project returns for the first time in almost two years. "Monologues" will be offered off campus next week. But some would say that to everyone we are getting. I know some people will say that I could just go to St. Louis or LaFayette, and this is true, but this is beside the point. The trouble is, because my penance is alive and well at Notre Dame, and the topic of violence against women is getting more and more attention, it is certainly deserved. Well done, Notre Dame.

As a recovering Catholic, I understand the whole Lent thing. I get that, as an act of sacrifice, Catholics are encouraged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as well as abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. I think that's fine, just great. My question is, why don't they serve meat in the dining halls on Fridays or on Ash Wednesday? It's true that, as a Catholic university, maintaining a Catholic identity is important, but there is a difference between maintaining a Catholic identity and needlessly limiting the options of the student body. If there was a tradition that on Holy Thursday everything you eat had to contain meat, and the dining hall made sure every item it offered had meat in it, vegetarians would be up in arms, and rightly so. We paid for a meal plan expecting that each meal offered would have a balanced selection of foods, and this isn't what we are getting. I know some people will say that I could just go to St. Louis or LaFayette, and this is true, but this is beside the point. The trouble is, because my penance is alive and well at Notre Dame, and the topic of violence against women is getting more and more attention, it is certainly deserved. Well done, Notre Dame.

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Latest release enlivens timeless 'Paradiso'

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Giuseppe Tornatore's 1988 film "Cinema Paradiso" is a movie about the movies, made for movie lovers. A family nostalgic look at the power of the cinema in a small Italian setting, "Paradiso" originally opened to excellent commercial and critical reception, and it remains one of the cinema's most beloved treasures. The film has just been re-released in a lavish Limited Collector's Edition, which includes two different versions of the film.

Set in a sleepy village in Post-WWII Italy, "Cinema Paradiso" is the story of a boy named Salvatore (Salvatore Cascio), who finds refuge from the grim harshness of his postwar life in the local cinema. The town's projectionist, Alfredo (Philippe Noiret), who falls in love with the beautiful Maria (Antonella Attili), only to have his heart broken. Years later, an older and wiser Salvatore (Jacques Perrin) returns to his home town to say goodbye to an old friend.

"Cinema Paradiso" is a warm, memorable film with an excellent setting and warm performances. Coupled with a great score by the legendary Ennio Morricone (who also composed the scores for "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" and "The Untouchables," among other classics), the detached, almost detached images have aged in a way that "Paradiso"... Almost 20 years later, the film continues to resonate, which is a clear testament to both its cinematic grace and its timelessness.

The Limited Collector's Edition is a well-made set that does justice to the film's classic status. The film has already been released twice on DVD—once in its original cut, and once in the "new version" (or director's cut) in 2002. This new set comprises an additional DVD and a CD of Morricone's score, along with some one-sheet and lobby photo reproductions. The set also includes a pair of new documentaries: "Exploring a Timeless Classic," which explains the impact of "Cinema Paradiso" has had on subsequent filmmaking, and "Little Italy Love Story: Cinema Paradiso Style." The extras are worthwhile additions, but the film itself is the main draw to the package.

The second disc houses the original 170-minute version of the film, which was originally released in America in 2002. Unfortunately, this is a case in which the longer cut is not an improvement, as it excises the focus of the two-hour theatrical version, causing the film to drag at times. In some ways, it does enrich the development and depth of the story, especially in terms of character development and the pacing suffers tremendously. The original is superior, especially since it is this version of "Paradiso" that has become such a highly regarded classic.

Oddly enough, the picture and audio quality differ between cuts. Both cuts are presented in anamorphic widescreen, but the director's-cut looks sharper and cleaner (perhaps due to its more recent release). It also has a 5.1 Dolby Digital track, which sounds much richer and fuller, as opposed to the theatrical cut's 2.0 Dolby Surround. Both versions are in Italian, with English subtitles a film that truly celebrates the movies. The Weinstein Company's new edition immediately usurps previous DVD editions and renders them obsolete. It's easily the best way to experience "Paradiso," a film that will likely embrair viewers for generations to come.

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"Maltese Falcon" remains prototypical 'film noir'

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"The Maltese Falcon" is the prototypical 'film noir,' a gritty and hard-boiled detective novel with a stoic, world-weary, wise-cracking femme fatale. The film made stars out of Humphrey Bogart and director John Huston, both of whom would go on to subsequent filmmaking, and it remains one of the cinema's most beloved treasures. The film has just been re-released in a three-disc special edition set loaded with special features, many of which help illuminate the film's context and impact.

The film is actually the second film based on the eponymous novel by Dashiell Hammett, the first film is considered far superior to the previous version. The plot revolves around San Francisco private eye Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart), who is asked for protection by the mysterious Miss Wonderly (Mary Astor). When Spade's partner turns up dead, he finds himself embroiled in an international scandal involving Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre) and Kasper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet), all of whom are searching for a jewel-encrusted statue, the "Maltese Falcon," of the title.

It's easy to see why "The Maltese Falcon" made a star out of Bogart. He epitomizes "hard-boiled" protagonist, with a certain toughness and intelligence to go along with his razor-sharp wit. The film is deeply engaging because while everyone is trying to outsmart everyone else, Bogart always seems to be one step ahead. Spade's detached, almost detached attitude and professional demeanor put even Quentin Tarantino's screen heroes to shame.

Of course, the film holds due to Hammett's original novel being as good as it was. "The Maltese Falcon," adheres pretty faithfully to the book, and there's a shocking amount of cynicism, especially for Hollywood in 1941. It's amazing to think that "The Maltese Falcon" was released in the same year as "Citizen Kane" and only a year before "Casablanca." This trio of films illustrates just how sophisticated Hollywood was capable of being during this time, and how adult and far removed from treacly sentimentality it had become in the post-Depression era.

The new three-disc special edition of "The Maltese Falcon" is a huge improvement over the original one-disc release. The picture, which has been digitally transferred from "restored elements," looks very clean, especially for a film that is over 60 years old. The audio is, appropriately enough, the original mono track, which sounds quite good with clear, up-front dialogue. Special features include a commentary by Bogart biographer Eric Lax, which is informative but heavily leans toward information about Bogart rather than the film. It's unfortunate that Warners was unable to get critic Roger Ebert to do a commentary, as his tracks for "Casablanca" and "Citizen Kane" are both phenomenal.

More information about Hammett would also have been welcome, though Lax's biography of Bogart is impressive.

There is also a substantial amount of archival material, including several interesting shorts, trailers and information about 1941, which gives the film another layer of context. There's also a documentary, "The Maltese Falcon: One Magnificent Bird," which forms the bulk of one of the special features discs. The only disappointing aspect of the set (and really it's a minor nitpick) is that there is a lack of information regarding Huston.

"The Maltese Falcon" has finally gotten the treatment it deserves on DVD. As the archival material still holds up over half a century later, thanks to the unbridled direction of Huston and the iconic performance of Bogart. The three-disc special edition comes highly recommended.

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Spear's struggles raise concern among fans

Nine years ago, no one would have thought that Britney Spears — the former Monna Lisa — would be on the brink of total breakdown.

Along with fellow Mouseketeer alumns Jackson Bostwick, J.C. Chasez and Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears embarked on the late nineties pop scene with near­ total breakdown. Spears’ stumble to the public radar, found her third sex tape leaked to the public.

Recently deceased Anna Nicole Smith, right, is one of several pseudo-celebrities to grace American magazines and TV despite a seeming lack of talent.
BENGAL BOUTS

Creighton's speed catches Laughlin off balance

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

James "Turkey" Creighton was too quick for Paul "The General" Laughlin, taking the win with the 1st round KO of punch (10-20).

Creighton took over the 1st round, twice peppering Laughlin with sudden bursts of punches. Laughlin was unable to land many punches, becoming flustered after being hit. Laughlin had a better second round, but he was unable to stay on his feet.

In the 3rd round, Laughlin again started fast, but sloppy footwork from him getting anything going. Creighton's combination of punches was pretty high and kept Laughlin off balance.

Brian Marek def. Alex Moore

The match started quickly, each fighter throwing big body, in order to throw as many punches as possible. The boxers settled down, but Marek was the more aggressive of the two, backing Laughlin around the ring.

In the 3rd round, Moore found his jab, but a right hook from Moore caught him to stumble at this point, the referee stopped the fight.

Matt Kernan def. Scott Murphy

Forn was sacrificed for enthusiasm in the 1st round as fighters threw non-stop, with neither of the punchers finding a lock. Kernan emerged with the edge, landing several shots.

Forn quickly fired up the 3rd round and landed a few more punches, but Murphy's rough style caused Kernan problems. Although backed up against the ropes, Kernan kept pushing and knocking Kernan off his balance.

Forn was quick with his punch and had a great first round, but failed to land his big hooks. Dillocco landed a good body shot in the beginning of the 2nd round and pressured Gimlett more, but Gimlett countered with his quick jab. Neither fighter could land much near the end of the round.

Gimlett's footwork made it difficult for Dillocco to get a head on him, but Dillocco caught up.

Nazar "Nazi" Taz Nealty def. David "Dante's Inferno" Murphy

Murphy moved up against the ropes again and threw every punch he had at him, but Murphy came out of it and landed some successive right hooks.

The second round was more of the same, Murphy visibly bleeding, would force Murphy to the ropes, but Murphy would land a head shot to free himself. Almost no smaller bider hindered in the 3rd round; most of his punches were thrown at Murphey's chest level, allowing Murphy a clear path to his head.

Patrick "The Chicago Drago" Sali def. Kevin "Bella Man" Hunt

The 1st round was a defensive struggle. The second round fighter was able to land a decisive shot or form a crust in the ring with a heavy breezefall by Salti forced Hunt off-balance, and he fell to the canvas. In the 2nd round, Salti had the advantage, forcing Hunt to land a straight shot to the face, sending the referee to end the fight.

Alex "Spider Monkey" Duffy def. Kevin Archer

The fight was aggressive and evenly matched in the 1st round, with both boxers landing big head shots. At one point, Archer had Salti trapped in the corner, but he did not make Salti's advantage.

In the 1st round, Duffy landed several shots, but Archer returned with a big right hook as Salti dropped his guard. In the 2nd round, Archer was able to use his advantage and landed a hard right hook to the side of the head.

Joe "The Red Rocker" Langenfeld def. Andrew "DDO" O'Donnell

Neither fighter had an decisive advantage in the 1st round. O'Donnell once put Langenfeld on the ropes, but it was the result of a shrewer than a punch. For the second round, O'Donnell took the early lead, landing many shots to the head. O'Donnell himself, protected himself, repeatedly shoved Langenfeld, but without success.

In the second round, O'Donnell won the contest in a unanimous decision, rounding several shots to the head. After ducking a combo from Salas, another left put Salas on the mat. Salas could not get in the job in the 1st round, but remained in the fight, pulling together some combos of his own.

Joe "Rack" Duffy def. Daniel "El Vozcan" Salas

Rapp won the contest in a unanimous decision. Rapp struck first, landing a left to the face, which setup a flurry of combinaions against the ropes. After ducking a combo from Salas, another left put Salas on the mat. Salas could not get in the job in the 1st round, but remained in the fight, pulling together some combos of his own.

Rapp began to employ body shots in the 3rd round, coupling those with head shots, when Salas dropped his guard.

"John" Duck Kelly def. David "Gus" Wattel

Wattel's unorthodox fighting style coupled with his shorter stature forced Kelly back. At Kelly's misdirection while driving him back with his legs at one point, Kelly steered aside to dodge a punch and Wattel stumbled off his own accord. Kelly landed many punches on Wattel and there was nothing to be exposed to him.

Three head shots in a row took the life out of Wattel, who was unable to land many punches in the 3rd round.

Michael Smith def. Patrick "Q" Ball Martin

Smith won the contest by unani­mous decision and took control with his accurate combination punches to Wattel's body and head shots, including a head shot in the middle of the 2nd round. The quick combinations were difficult for Martin to counter. Wattel was unable to return many punches, but he landed some good shots.

In the 3rd round, Wattel continued attacking Martin, but Martin fought back and landed some good shots. Several seconds later, Smith landed a strong right cross to Wattel's head. Smith's footwork kept him in control.

"Craig the Fire Semion" Weft def. Andrea Villalba

Weft started quickly, chasing Villalba around the ring and using his quick shot after quick shot. After a 2nd round, Villalba out came fighting Weft, landing quick shot after quick shot. Weft was taken aback, but fought back and landed a straight shot to Villalba's face.

Joe "Joe-Pacifytor" Hagemann def. Kevin "The Stache" Ludwig

Hagemann had the advantage early, forcing Ludwig back on hooks with several quick punch­es. Hagemann again threw Ludwig off with his flurry of punches.

Ludwig spent most of the round on the defensive, trying to find a spell of punches to put something together.

The third round was much of the same, with Hagemann again to the left of Ludwig's head that forced Ludwig to the ropes, but Ludwig was able to keep fighting.

Ryan Simmons def. Jordan Bucci
In a fight that could have ended either way, Simmons' quick and sharp right cross made the difference in the 1st round. Bucci landed a strong right cross to Simmons' face in the opening seconds of the 2nd round, but Simmons quickly rebounded with a hard punch, landing him right on the jaw. Bucci landed another right to the side of Simmons' head, giving him control.

Conor McLaughlin def. Tom Harkins
McLaughlin took advantage of Harkins' low defenses in the 1st round, landing strong rights to the head. Harkins fought back, forcing McLaughlin to cover. Harkins threw body shot after body shot.

McLaughlin landed numerous body shots from both fighters, Harkins landed a couple big shots, but McLaughlin won the round, knocking Harkins to the mat for the win.

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Kevin "Aircraft" Carrier def. Craig "The Sicilian Southpaw" Costel
Carrier quickly put Costel against the ropes, hit him with three straight body shots, but Costel fought back, sailing punches at his own. Carrier punched his own, but Costel was able to keep fighting.

In the beginning of the 2nd round, Costel took advantage of his quicker style and forced Carrier up against the ropes. In the 2nd round, both men started strong, firing punches at each other, but Carrier was wrapping up against the ropes.

Mike Cimino def. Dan "The Danimal" Fallon
In a fight that could have ended either way, Fallon with a hard hook to the side of the head early in the 1st round. Fallon fought back, hooking Cimino, but Cimino spiked a body shot, then a head shot in the corner of the ring. Both fighters relied on their right hooks to do their work for them, giving up on the hooks.

The fighters started using their left jabs and hooks in the 2nd round, the better to clear the path for their ever-present right crosses and hooks.

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**Former NBA star Johnson dies at 52**

NBA

**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**
- Team: record conf div.
  - Toronto: 25-29 11-9
  - New Jersey: 25-29 15-14
  - New York: 24-31 14-19
  - Philadelphia: 18-36 13-18
  - Boston: 13-40 9-24

**Eastern Conference, Central Division**
- Team: record conf div.
  - Detroit: 24-16 6-4
  - Cleveland: 22-22 18-14
  - Indiana: 29-24 20-13
  - Milwaukee: 19-36 9-23

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**
- Team: record conf div.
  - Charlotte: 21-33 13-20
  - Atlanta: 21-33 12-21

**Western Conference, Northwest Division**
- Team: record conf div.
  - Portland: 24-32 15-17
  - Seattle: 21-32 10-26

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  - Phoenix: 41-13 30-10
  - L.A. Lakers: 30-25 17-11
  - Golden State: 26-29 14-17
  - L.A. Clippers: 25-29 14-18
  - Sacramento: 23-29 12-21

**Western Conference, Southwest Division**
- Team: record conf div.
  - Denver: 26-25 15-10
  - Houston: 29-24 14-13
  - LA: 20-10 6-1

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**Big East Rankings**
- Team: overall record pct.
  1. Pittsburgh: 24-4 .857
  2. Georgetown: 21-5 .808
  3. Louisville: 20-4 .714
  4. Notre Dame: 21-4 .776
  5. Marquette: 22-5 .799
  6. Syracuse: 19-5 .784
  7. West Virginia: 20-7 .741
  8. Providence: 17-8 .584
  10. Villanova: 10-18 .368
  12. St. John's: 15-12 .536
  13. Seton Hall: 12-14 .462
  14. USF: 12-15 .444
  15. Rutgers: 10-17 .370
  16. Cincinnati: 10-17 .370

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**IN BRIEF**

**Kidd stays with Nets as NBA trade deadline passes**

JASON KIDD remained with the New Jersey Nets as the NBA trade deadline passed Thursday amid concerns about his health.

The team confirmed reports on Thursday that Kidd has a cracked rib in addition to the back injury that forced him to miss two games and the NBA All-Star game.

Kidd's back was being closely monitored and appeared not to be slowing him down.

**Plaza starts training with the A's as full-time DH**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Mike Piazza appears perfectly comfortable with his new gig, even if he's not in the lineup.

He smiled Thursday as he made his way onto the field minus catching gear for the first time in his career, the last member of the Oakland Athletics to get outside for stretching as he embarked on becoming a full-time designated hitter.

At 38, Piazza is ready to begin a new baseball life. The A's don't want him to catch at all to ensure that he stays healthy — and manager Bob Geren asked him to take it easy in drills Thursday.

Piazza stood in the back of the group once he was on the field, doing some warming up on his own before the A's got going because he couldn't stay still on Day 1.

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**AROUND THE NATION**

Compiled from The Observer's wire services

Friday, February 23, 2007

**Associated Press**

AUSTIN, Texas — Dennis Johnson, the star NBA guard who was part of three championship teams and combined with Larry Bird in one of the great post-season plays, died Thursday after collapsing at the end of practice while coaching a developmental team. He was 52.

Johnson, coach of the Austin Toros, was unconscious and in cardiac arrest when paramedics arrived at the convention center, said Warren Hassinger, a spokesman for Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services.

Paramedics tried to resuscitate him for 23 minutes before he was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead, Hassinger added.

The Toros postponed home games Friday and Saturday nights, the NBA Development League said.

Johnson, a five-time All-Star and one of the top defensive guards, was part of the last Boston Celtics dynasty. He spent 14 seasons in the league and retired after the 1989-90 season. He played on title teams with the Celtics in 1984 and 1986 and with the Seattle SuperSonics in 1979, when he was the NBA finals MVP.

"Whether he was leading his teams to NBA championships or teaching young men the meaning of professionalism, Dennis Johnson's contributions to the game went far beyond the basketball court," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

"Dennis was a man of extraordinary character with a tremendous passion for the game."

Johnson was a favorite teammate of Bird's, and the two were part of one of the most memorable plays in Celtics history.

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junior from Dillon, was unable to stop Brown’s punches. Frustratingly, bleeding Gleason’s nose. The referee stopped the fight after the fifth round.

Scott Vetter def. John Williams

Vetter defeated Williams by unanimous decision after three intense rounds.

Vitter, a freshman from Alumni, and Williams, a junior from Fisher, fought a very even fight, with both fighters trading punches in the first round. Vitter appeared to hold his own in the second round, Ward, an off-campus senior, appeared to take control of the match, landing blood from Allaire and temporally stopping the fight. Allaire, a Keenan sophomore, fought hard but was not allowed to continue after two hard-fought rounds.

Adam "Alpha Fox" Frisch def. Chris Schaaf

Schaaf from St. Edward’s, appeared to win the first round, landing many well-placed punches and staying out of reach of Schaaf’s blows. The second round featured more of the same, with Schaaf, a freshman from Dillin, unable to land a solid blow. Frisch stayed in control during the third round to ensure the victory.

Alex Lough def. Steve Gallagher

Gallagher appeared to be in control after a solid first round, taking advantage of Gallagher’s wild punches. Gallagher, a senior from St. Lawrence, was forced to fend off a finding blow in the second, but still seemed behind. Lough and Gallagher exchanged blows in the third round, with Gallagher winning the worst of the beating.

Tom Digan def. Ken Shamrell

Shamrell, a sophomore from Fisher, appeared to win the first round, hurling punches and landing jab after jab to the referee ended the match.

Heavyweight

Andrew Lorenz def. Liam Moran

Lorenz defeated Moran, a senior from Alumni, after the referee stopped the match midway through the second round.

Tegan def. Ken Lough

Lough, an off-campus senior, showed his intensity in the first round and landed many strong blows to Lough’s head. Digan began the second round with a huge right, knocking Shamrell off his feet. After Shamrell began bleeding from his nose, the referee ended the fight.

Joe Vittoria def. Eamon Cantwell

Vittoria took control of the first round, landing strong blows over and over on Cantwell’s stomach and head. Cantwell, a graduate student, could not avoid Vittoria’s strong rights, and the second round again went to Vittoria. Cantwell continued to receive a battering early in the third until the referee stopped the fight.

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Dan Ward def. Patrick Allaire

Ward defeated Allaire after the referee stopped the fight before the start of the third round.

Rafael "Don’t Call Me Ralph" Diaz def. Moses "Chocolate Bear" Paparus

Diaz, a sophomore from Morrissey, seemed to be on top, evading many of Paparus’s punches and drawing blood from his opponent’s nose. In the second round, Paparus, an off-campus junior, was forced to stop temporarily as the bloody nose continued. Diaz continued to pound away at Paparus’s face in the third, driving the referee to stop the match.

Paparus used his long reach to his advantage in the first round, landing a strong left hand that caused Paparus to stumble backwards and lose his balance. Paparus, a senior from Keenan, repaired the favor to open the second, causing Rubinkowski to trip backwards. Rubinkowski recovered quickly, however, and still appeared to take the round. Rubinkowski dominated the third, drawing blood before the referee ended the match.

Lea Rubinkowski def. Adam "The Prosecutor" Paparus

Rubinkowski recovered to earn the win.

Rafael Feran def. Tim "Thin Lizzy" Chilcote

Feran defeated Chilcote by unanimous decision after three intense rounds.

Feran, an off-campus senior, appeared slightly ahead at the end of close first round. Chilcote, an off-campus graduate student, was unable to use his long reach in the second and spent most of his time avoiding Feran’s punches. Feran took total control in the third, trapping Chilcote on the corner and landing jab after jab to Chilcote’s midsection.

Karl Kadon def. Jason Miller

Kadon dominated the third, taking advantage of Miller’s wild punches. Kadon defeated Miller with an inspired effort, but could not do enough damage to Kadon to make up any ground.

Pat "Third Degree" Burns def. Raphael Flood

Burns won a very close match over Flood by split decision.

Flood, an off-campus law student, controlled the first round with a series of strong jabs. Burns, a freshman from Keenan, made up ground in the second with his agility, proceeding to knock Flood off balance near the end of the round. With Flood tiring in the third round, Burns appeared to be in control before a last-second knockdown of Flood.

Joe "The Unfriendly Possum" Siller def. Jeremy "The Mariachi" Moreno

In a very clean first round, neither fighter appeared to take the advantage. Moreno, a senior from Fisher, continued to hold his own in the second despite giving up a large advantage in height and reach. Both fighters traded punches in the final round of a match that came down to the final bell.

Chris Nanovic def. Tim "Silky Smooth" Latham

Nanovic, a senior from Alumni, appeared to hold a slight advantage after a sloppy first round. Latham, a freshman from Dillin, gained momentum in the second, effectively countering Nanovic’s blows. Nanovic came out very aggressively in the third, forcing Latham on the defensive and sealing the victory.

Super heavyweight

Mike Kaiser def. Ben "The Iceman" Frost

The first round was a defensive battle, with Kaiser holding Frost away with his long reach and taking a small advantage. Kaiser, a sophomore from Morrissey, continued to grind away while keeping Frost, a freshman from Dillin, at a safe distance. Frost landed several punches, but Kaiser was able to hold him off for the win.

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No. 11 Irish travel to Happy Valley

Freshman attack Will Yeatman, right, drives down the field against Loyola Feb. 17. The Irish defeated the Greyhounds 9-7.

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sport Writer

A week after an impressive home victory against then-No. 13 Loyola (Md.), the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will travel to Happy Valley, Penn., to take on Penn State this Sunday at 1 p.m. The Irish will try to start strong on the road after finishing 4-5 away from home last year.

Notre Dame (0-1) used last week to prepare for the Nittany Lions. Usually, the Irish face Penn State in the season opener, but the matchup is their second game this year.

"This will be another hard fought game," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "The games against them have been rarely decided by more then a few goals."

Penn State (0-1) started its season with a 10-5 loss to Denver last weekend. The Lions led 5-3 at halftime but were outscored 7-0 in the second half. Penn State senior attacker Brett Helgeson broke the top-100 for the first time this season, placing at No. 98.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team takes on two top-50 rivals

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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The Irish will face challenges against Northwestern and Michigan this weekend. The No. 44 Maravic also saw victory at No. 2 singles with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 win over Northwestern's Willy Lock.

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The Observer
**BASEBALL**

Irish head south for tournament

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA

Notre Dame will look to rebound from two consecutive losses to Texas State as it travels to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for the Baseball at the Beach Tournament. The team hopes to find consistency this weekend.

“I’ve never had a team play better coming out from inside to outside than we did last Saturday,” Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said. “Sunday we didn’t play very well, so it was kind of what team do we have here? Each weekend we will be looking for improvement.”

The Irish won’t find any easier challenges in Myrtle Beach this weekend. Notre Dame takes on Coastal Carolina, one of the best teams in the nation. In its first appearance in Palm Springs, the team went 1-3 with big losses to Pacific (12-1) and the U.S. Olympic team (10-0). The Irish did not fare much better the following year, held to three runs in their first four games.

Baseball at the Beach

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA

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**ND SOFTBALL**

California to pose challenge on road

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Irish look to continue winning streak at home

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

After taking on some of the best teams in the nation, the Irish are off a break.

No. 2 Notre Dame will face No. 59 Iowa Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The match will be the first for the Irish since defeating No. 20 Wake Forest last Sunday, the third of three wins over top-25 opponents for Notre Dame last week.

"We still have to work quite a bit on our doubles," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "Even though we won all three against Wake, we still struggled a little bit against North Carolina."

The Irish (9-1) defeated the No. 5 Tar Heels, the Demon Deacons and No. 24 Michigan within a span of five days. Against North Carolina, Notre Dame lost the doubles point for only the second time all season.

"We had all three doubles teams working on things they struggled with," Louderback said. "We worked on different types of patterns and shots. [Seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson] were hurt a lot by laps. We worked on things to counteract the laps.

Louderback also said he used the time off to heal some injured players, including sophomore Kiley Teff, who has been suffering from a pulled stomach muscle.

"Kiley is close to full strength," Louderback said. "A couple of our players have been sick like everybody else on campus."

The Irish will try to keep their win streak alive against the Hawkeyes (3-3). Sophomore Merel Beelen leads Iowa with a 6-0 dual match record this season.

"Their top three are older and have been around, so we've seen them some. But their lineup is good," Louderback said. "I think their lower kids were freshmen a year ago and now they're a year older. I think they'll be good. They seem like they always play well against us."

In the latest version of the ITA computer rankings, Notre Dame's doubles teams of Thompson and Thompson and Teff and junior Brook Bueck are ranked No. 5 and No. 15, respectively. Catrina Thompson rose from her preseason ranking of No. 41 to No. 16 while freshman Colleen Murphy slipped from No. 31 to No. 73 in singles.

Missing from the rankings is freshman Cosmina Ciobanu. Ciobanu is perfect 10-0 on the season and has an overall record of 20-4 since joining Notre Dame.

"We were a little bit surprised. She's beaten kids that are ranked and hasn't lost a match. That's a little surprising. You just never know," Louderback said. "The rankings are strange anyway, especially early in the year. The team rankings are a little better because there's voting, but the individual rankings are done on computer, so you just never know, especially early in the year."

The match Sunday begins at 10 a.m.

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Byers to lead team in season opener

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Last year the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team went a perfect 9-0 at home — an achievement the team will try to reproduce this season, starting with Saturday's home opener against No. 18 Stanford.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the team doesn't plan on the home winning streak ending any time soon.

"We're taking the streak very seriously," she said. "We always have a lot of pride playing at home."

The No. 5 Irish (1-0), started the regular season last Saturday with a clutch 10-9 sudden-death overtime win over No. 12 James Madison.

The Irish trailed most of the game, and were just 19 seconds away from defeat when junior Caitlin McKinney netted an unassisted goal in the opening half of the six-minute overtime period after two goals by senior Kelly Berger.

Notre Dame responded quickly in the second half of overtime, however, with an early goal by sophomore Jillian Byers. Then, with just nine seconds left in overtime, McKinney scored another clutch goal to tie the game at 9-8 and advance to sudden-death.

Both teams played strong defense in the sudden-death overtime.

With 16 seconds remaining senior Lena Zemgul assisted Byers for the game-winning goal, the sixth of the game for Byers. Notre Dame was led by Byers six goals, and McKinney's two clutch goals. Senior Meghan Murphy also added two goals in the winning effort.

Coyne said the experience against James Madison will help the team going into the match with Stanford.

"That game gave us confidence, and a motivation to start off fast," Coyne said. "We always play a close game with Stanford and we expect another battle."

The Cardinal (1-2) started off the regular season with a tough 10-6 loss at Oregon. Stanford then rebounded against Saint Mary's (Cal) with a dominant 22-6 win.

The Cardinal then dropped their home opener in a 14-8 loss to No. 2 Duke.

In last year's matchup at Stanford, the Irish rallied from a 9-4 deficit for a 12-11 double-overtime win.

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FENCING

Notre Dame keeps up hard work for Duals

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Two days before the team's final regular season competition, Notre Dame was going to battle. The upper third of junior epeeist Greg Howard's shirt was drenched in sweat, senior sabreist Valeria Providenza used the dry spots left on her to wipe off her brow. From end to end in the Langford Gym, the Irish went from station to station working on technique and anaerobic conditions.

The focus: Work on technique when the body's tiring.

"It was very intense training," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. Bednarski said the Irish would continue to train in short, intense segments as the season draws to a close.

Howard, whose back looked like an ink blot by its symmetric sweat stain, said the Irish have focused more on conditioning this season than in the past. That training could play a key role in Saturday's 15-team Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Ill. The field includes Penn State, Ohio State, Northwestern and Temple. The Nittany Lions own the No. 1 ranking on both the men's and women's side national, while the Buckeyes are No. 2 and No. 3, respectively. The Wildcats women are tied for No. 6, and the Owls are No. 9 on the women's side.

"It's important that we do well this weekend," Howard said. "It's our last tournament against them," Bednarski said. "Now... I am sure they are stronger than us." This time, Northwestern coach Laurie Schlifer said, the Wildcats hope to reverse the results. In a telephone interview, The Observer, he said his freshman fencing twinnies - epeeists Christa and Kayley French - have adjusted since the NYU Duals to the quick pace of fives-touch college Duals.

But Irish junior foilist Rachel Cota said Notre Dame isn't going to be looking back Saturday. "Saturday's a new day," she said. "I think everyone is really excited."

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"First of all, Ferris is playing really well in the last month, and secondly is that there are repercussions in the big picture.

The big picture that Jackson referred to was the NCAA Tournament field, which is determined by the PairWise Rankings (PWR).

Notre Dame, despite being No. 1 in all media polls, is currently third in the PWR behind Minnesota and New Hampshire due to a weak strength of schedule that has only gotten worse as the season progressed. The Irish have beaten — like Boston College — have struggled this year.

The PWR are used to determine not only which 16 teams make the NCAA Tournament, but also where they are seeded. As long as Notre Dame sits in the top four of the PWR, it will receive a No. 1 seed in one of the four regions when the Tournament begins.

"Our strength of schedule has killed us, and our strength of schedule is not going to go up this weekend," Jackson said. "So the only way that we can stay where we are, or move up, is to win.

In practice Thursday, Jackson bore down hard on his players when they could not break the puck out of their defensive zone — a recent problem for the Irish.

Jackson said the defensemen have been tentative with the puck, and the forwards responsible for supporting the breakout down low and on the wings have not been there.

"If anything has come down in our game over the last half of the season, it's that our puck support is not as good as it was," Jackson said. "Whether it's on the breakout, or in the neutral zone, or on the counterattack or on the cycle.

Irish captain T.J. Indra recognized that Notre Dame has struggled on the breakout lately, but said this weekend will be a chance to fix any problems.

"Our goal is to be the best we can here at the end and sometimes some things are clicking well and sometimes other things aren't clicking that well," Indra said. "The last couple weeks our breakout has been maybe not that great, but this is another weekend for us to work on it and get ready for the playoffs.

Jackson has not decided if he will deploy Irish goalie Dave Brown for both games or split time with sophomore backup Jordan Pearce, who earned last Saturday's 3-2 overtime win against Alaska.

"We're going to have thirteen, fourteen days off before our next game. So I want to make sure Brown is sharp going into the second round of the playoffs — because he's not fatigued," Jackson said. "I've had no instinct from him, or from what I see, that he's tired.

The Irish, who have only lost twice since Dec. 2, will be off next weekend while the fifth through 12th place teams in the CCIAA play best-of-three first round series. The teams will all be seeded after the round is over, with top-seeded Notre Dame to play the lowest-seating remaining seed.

The puck will drop tonight at 7:30, while Saturday's regular-season finale and Senior Night will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Eagles
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over the Blue Demons Tuesday.
"We have a chance to do something really impressive Saturday and finish undefeated at home," senior guard Colin Falls said.
The Golden Eagles come into Saturday's matchup after losing three of their last four, but Brey said he thinks Marquette's 80-67 win over Villanova Monday gave them their confidence back. "They're back in gear," he said. "They're really, really talented."
The Golden Eagles are led by sophomore guards Dominic James, Jarel McNeal and Wesley Matthews, who are averaging more than 40 points per game this season. Because all three are quick, they present match-up problems for the Irish.
Freshman Tory Jackson and senior Russell Carter will probably man-up two of them, while Falls and forward Zach Hillesland will most likely rotate on the third.
Inside, Marquette is weaker, with junior Osmane Barro leading the big men with 8.4 points per game. Irish forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody will look for the ball early and often on offense and will try to clog the lane against the quick guards of the Golden Eagles on defense.
With Notre Dame's advantage in the low post, Brey said he wants to make Saturday's contest a physical struggle similar to the 66-63 Irish victory over Villanova Jan. 27. "If it's really physical, probably Villanova-like," he said. "The two teams are going to go at it on Saturday."
Brey said after the DePaul game that he wanted his team to relax in the days leading up to the showdown with Marquette. He gave the team Wednesday off and scheduled light workouts Thursday and today to make sure they were fresh for Saturday.
"Our guys are pretty good now," Brey said. "We can pace them and be smart about it." In order to keep his team loose, Brey said he downplayed the importance of Saturday's game despite the high ranking of the two teams. The Irish are still likely to make the NCAA tournament, he said, and can still get a bye in the Big East tournament.
"I think she has really achieved her potential and at times overachieved what we hoped that she would be for us," McGraw said. Although Erwin has not received as much praise as Gray this year, McGraw said the forward has played unselfishly all season long.
"She doesn't care about individual accolades — she just wants to do whatever she can to help the team," McGraw said. In order to prepare for Saturday's game, McGraw focused her attention on improving the team's offense. She said the most important things to work on are the team's press offense and man-to-man offense because of Rutgers' style of play.
"It's playing against a team that will be similar to what Tennessee did against us, and we haven't played against teams like that in a while, so we really need to work on playing against a pressure defense," she said.
With two games remaining in the season, the Irish can clinch a first-round bye in the Big East tournament if they win out. Notre Dame could also clinch with a win and losses from West Virginia and Louisville.
"It's going to be really difficult to accomplish that with the two teams we have left, we might need some help from some other people," McGraw said. "But it's great to be in control of your own destiny." Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitzpa5@nd.edu

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**HOCKEY**

**ND looks to finish strong against Ferris State**

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It's been a long time since unranked Notre Dame puckered then-No. 1 Boston College 7-1 in the second game of the season, but not much has changed for the Irish since that statement game four months ago. "When you're winning, (time) always seems to fly by," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Thursday, a day before his team was set to begin its last regular-season series. "It seems like it drags a little bit more when you're not."

The No. 1 Irish (26-5-3, 20-3-3 CCHA) will play Ferris State (12-19-3, 9-15-2 CCHA) at the Joyce Center this weekend in their last two games before the CCHA tournament.

The Irish will also take time to honor their senior class at Saturday night's game. From the first-ever NCAA Tournament berth in 2004 to a miserable five-win season the year after and right back up to a No. 1 ranking, CCHA regular-season title and a guaranteed NCAA berth this year, the eight seniors — including junior-year transfer Tom Sawatske — have seen the best and worst of Notre Dame hockey.

"This class has got a lot of talent and a lot of character," Jackson said. "I wouldn't dare compare them to any other class — they're different in their own right."

Ferris State is in ninth place in the league standings, but the Bulldogs have a 5-1 record in February, including a 2-1 win Feb. 13 over No. 13 Michigan State. The Bulldogs are in the hunt for the last home playoff spot in the first round of the CCHA playoffs, trailing eighth-place Lake Superior State by three points.

"I don't want anyone to think that we can afford to take these games lightly," Jackson said.

**BENGAL BOUTS**

**Eye of the Bengal**

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Nothing Corey "El Diablo Blanco" Reiker did could stop Colin "The Flavor Station" Dougherty, who won in the opening fight of the 175 lbs. division Thursday. Dougherty, a law student, started aggressive, landing punch after punch in the opening round. Reiker, a senior from Morrissey, was able to counter with a few jabs but took a beating in the process.

Thirty seconds into the second round, the referee stopped the fight and awarded it to Dougherty.

Greg "Busta" Brown def. John "Nieves" Gleason
Brown defeated Gleason after just one round of aggressive fighting. Brown, an off-campus senior, dominated the first round with his aggressive style. Gleason, a

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame, Rutgers put streaks on the line

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Two teams riding winning streaks will collide Saturday in the Joyce Center as Notre Dame (21-2, 12-0 Big East) faces Rutgers (18-7, 11-3 Big East) for the third time this season.

The Irish have won their last five games, including a 73-48 drubbing of No. 21/22 Rutgers at noon. The Irish are also looking for their fourth straight victory after defeating Providence, Cincinnati and DePaul in a six-day stretch earlier this week. "We're going into the big game on Saturday feeling good about ourselves," junior forward Bob Kurz said.

Notre Dame has a chance to clinch a bye with a win and a Syracuse loss to Providence Saturday, while Marquette needs a win and losses by the Orange to bypass the first round of the Big East tournament.

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Today-Sunday
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**BENGAL BOUTS**

James Creighton's flurry of punches knocks out Paul Laughlin in the third round of the preliminaries.
Marching Straight Ahead

With two regular season games remaining, Irish seniors Russell Carter and Colin Falls have put Notre Dame in a position to make a run in the Big East tournament and advance to the NCAAs.
Seniors have one final chance to leave mark

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame guard Kieran Piller graduated from Union-Endicott High School in upstate New York, he was preparing to leave his basketball playing days behind him. Piller, who averaged 16.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game during his senior year, turned down scholarship offers from local Division III colleges to attend Notre Dame. 

"I wouldn't say I gave up. I knew throughout my career that I wasn't going to get any Division I scholarships. I knew that I'd have to shoot the ball pretty well," Piller said. "I knew if I played hard enough, I was going to be at a small Division III school, but I also knew that I wanted to go to a bigger school." Piller said he went through some walk-ons at several schools and decided it was time to de-dedicate on school. "I've always wanted to go to Notre Dame — a bigger environment where I can be a student and a fan," Piller said.

But all that changed with a Sunday afternoon phone call during the fall of his junior year, when Irish assistant coach Martin Ingelsby called Piller to tell him he had played well enough in try-outs to earn a spot on the squad as a walk-on.

"I was doing what I normally do on Sundays — which is sleeping," Piller said. "I woke me up, and I didn't know what was going on at first. It was Coach Ingelsby. A week later, I was sitting on the bench for the first game. It was a shock. I had already tried out my sophomore year and had gotten the coaches' attention, but had not earned a place on the roster for that year." Piller said. "I tried out once before, and the coaches told me, many times, they saw me and said I was good, but that I could play. That year, I knew the following year if I didn't have somebody there was a good chance that I'd be the guy." Piller said. In his junior year, Piller felt that he didn't live up to expectations on try-outs. But the coaching staff remembered him from the year before. "I tried out at that last year they needed somebody, and I was the guy they took," Piller said.

The next season brought high expectations for the Irish. Piller broke the sophomore three point record, Notre Dame's 116 point victory in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year, Carter became a major scoring threat and Falls broadened his game away from just jump shooting, but close losses and a 1-8 start in the conference meant Notre Dame barely got to New York, much less the NCAs. This season, with a first and final season, Carter and Falls have led the Irish to a 21-6 record and fourth place in the Big East at 9-5. Things are looking up.

"But now comes the tricky part," said Notre Dame center Patricio Furtula. "We have to deal with other senior class members - a goal they've both been working on for the last four years. But all that changed with a loss to Duke. It wouldn't say I gave up. I knew if I made it and didn't play well. I was out of shape, kind of went through the motions. We weren't going to take anybody. I went in with a couple of buddies just for fun.

Immediately after the phone call, Ingelsby, Piller, a double major in economics and American studies, began to put in the hard work and dedication in the few games he gets into throughout the season. "I knew throughout my career that I wasn't going to get any Division I scholarships."

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Falls develops into complete offensive threat

By CHRIS KHOEY
Associate Sports Editor

Colin Falls can shoot. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey has called him a great basketball IQ. Irish coach Mike Brey said Tuesday, "He knows our system and knows what to do." The senior has also branched out his game, going from a pure spot-up shooter his first three years to a more versatile player after checking in on the Big Dance his sophomore year. Falls has even made tactical adjustments on the fly. In Notre Dame's 78-54 win over DePaul, he noticed that Kurz was being left unguarded at the three point line. He called the junior over and told him to look for the outside shot. It worked to the tune of three second half 3-pointers for Kurz. "Colin was like, 'step up and hit them,'" Kurz said. "He said you're wide open' and it worked out because I hit the shots." Falls said that the pressure of being captain magnifies the team's successes and failures even more, making it even more important for him to maintain and even keep. "I can't play poorly in the middle of a game and expect to win," he said. "I think the importance of winning and losing is almost as a coach." Falls said that he wasn't initially comfortable in the one dimensional nature of his role. "I got more comfortable in that roll, which wasn't necessarily a good thing," he said. "I think initially the reason my niche on the team was as a shooter was because I wanted to be on the court and I saw shooting as the way to do that."

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Colin Falls
Irish guard

As a sophomore, Falls hit 37 threes his freshman year, averaging 4.6 points per game. He stayed mostly behind the arc, however, attempting just two-point shots all season and making 10-of-25. His sophomore year, Falls became a regular in the starting lineup, beginning 25 games in the backcourt alongside Thomas and Quinn. While the two Chris' were the primary scorers, Falls hit 72 three pointers, but still shoot enough to expand and do something for the team, according to Brey. "As a leader, you're really taking responsibility. You're running men to the hoop, you're wide open' and it worked out because I hit the shots."

"I think you feel like you're doing more for your team." Falls has made even more than just talking. Falls couldn't be the passive jump shooter that he had been his first three years on the squad. So over the summer he worked on other parts of his game, returning to the driving and cutting style that he displayed in high school and improving his defense — he's averaging almost twice as many steals per game this season compared to his freshman year. Falls has hit his share of threes, breaking the school career record against Cincinnati Sunday with his 303rd. But he has only made 73 shots from outside the arc despite averaging nearly 15 points. He significantly improved his scoring from two point range, shooting 65 percent inside the arc.

Aside from making him a leader, Falls said that it's a must have a captain has also made him a better person. "It's been a great experience," he said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything." Aching to dance With Falls' leadership and his improved play, this year has been the most successful season for the Irish in four years. At 21-6 and 9-3 in the Big East conference, Notre Dame is well on its way to its first NCAA bid since 2003. First, the Irish have to get past No. 16 Marquette, a team Falls and his fellow seniors have never beaten, and then the Irish are just 1-3 since 2003.

Falls said he and Brey drilled the importance of the next few weeks into their five assistant coaches — "I think the sense of urgency is heightened because everyone knows what's on the line," Falls said. "We're going to do everything we can to put ourselves in a position to win." Because for Falls, the next few weeks won't just determine if this season is a success, they will determine how he will view his entire four years. "If we don't get to the NCAA tournament, I would look at my career almost as a disappointment," he said.

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Carter's perseverance makes him stand apart

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame guard Russell Carter walked out to meet the media for an interview before practice Feb. 1. He held a ball under his right arm and wiped his brow with his sweat-drenched practice jersey. Practice was still 30 minutes away and someone forgot to tell that to Carter.

"Yeah, I was just working out a little bit," he said. "Hard work gets us these wins. I'm not the only one sweating. As you can see, everyone's out there shooting." Sweating? Before practice? It makes some given Carter's pedigree — his father, who had recently finished a 14-hour work day in his home state of New Jersey, was too tired to field questions about his son over the telephone Wednesday. But Carter's sweat isn't the only thing he has given to the Irish this season.

When he holds three fingers in the air after draining a three or becomes angry after missing a free throw, it's not just a good atmosphere that Carter's energy creates. His anger elevates their play. His work ethic has remained intact — and that's why he's been busy sweating, not only before practice three weeks ago, but for his entire career at Notre Dame.

It's also how he's evolved from a benchwarmer freshman year to one of the most feared and admired players in the Big East.

Before Notre Dame

In high school, Carter overcame a knee injury caused by decaying bone marrow. But despite the injury, and the subsequent surgery, his mentality toward basketball remained the same.

"It didn't affect [my attitude]." Injuries happen. You've got to play. Once you go on the court, there are no excuses," he said. "If you're going to acknowledge your weakness, you might as well not play." The injury took a while to heal and as a result, Carter was not highly recruited his senior year — despite averaging 30 points, 11.2 rebounds and 3.4 assists and leading his team to the state finals.

"Just around the area, schools recruited me and that was basically it," Carter said. "During the middle and end of my senior season, Notre Dame came on board." Once the Irish called, Carter said the decision to enroll was simple.

"The team was in the tournament the previous three years and it's Notre Dame, the academics speak for themselves," he said, "Good athletics, great academics, it was an easy decision." Carter's perseverance makes him stand apart

Early years with the Irish

During his freshman year, Carter played in only 11 games, averaging just 2.1 minutes per contest. His sophomore year, however, he saw more playing time (24 games, 8.5 minutes per game) but felt he should be playing more.

"I expected to play right away, but it didn't happen that way," Carter said. With his spirits down, Carter turned to two sources to help him through this rough patch.

"I talked to my parents," Carter said. "I've been talking to them since the day I was born and I feel comfortable talking to them, and to [former Irish assistant] coach Lewis Preston, who's no longer here, but it was mainly them that helped me through it." Still, through the tough times, Carter was determined to prove to Irish head coach Mike Brey that he could play. That same high school kid who fought through physical injury now had to overcome the mental frustration of not getting the playing time he deserved.

"I just went to practice and practiced hard and figured I'd continue working and I'd be able to play," he said. "I just felt if I got a chance to play I could show what I could do. It just motivated me to keep working." Getting his chance

Carter earned that elusive spot in the starting lineup his junior year, starting in 29 of Notre Dame's 30 games, and averaging 13.3 points per contest. But it's his senior season — 17 points per game on 41 percent shooting from 3-point range — that has garnered the attention of the national media, NBA scouts and opposing defenses. You try to stop him so you guess I'll just figure it out," he said.

"I don't know if they notice my defense. When people score a lot of points, their defense is overlooked. If people pay attention they can see I'm a good defender," he said with a big grin on his face. "Not only certain plays, like a steal and dunk, there's a lot of little plays that go unnoticed.

"That's always going to happen. Defense in basketball is more notable than defense. I don't take it as offense, but if you try to score then I guess you'll find out." Looking ahead

For Carter, playing in the NCAA Tournament is one of the final obstacles he has to traverse. One of the last hurdles to proving to himself and his dad that he could grow up to be 6-foot-6 like Jordan,

"It's a great accomplishment, but with that said, I'm happy for Russell," coach Mike Brey said. "It's huge for him as far as his confidence." Carter's journey has been filled with his fair share of obstacles, molding his personality in the process. But some of his traits will never change, namely, his sense of humor and straightforward attitude.

"A few years ago, when his dorm mates in Fisher Hall were designing a shirt in honor of Carter, they asked him for a quote. The first attempt that didn't make the cut read, 'If I'm three inches taller, I'd be playing for the Clippers right now.'"

But today, while he speaks with a polished demeanor beyond his years, the humorous kid still shines through when reflecting on that time.

"I was just being stupid because I always thought I'd grow up to be 6-foot-6 like Michael [Jordan]," he said. "I'm like 6-foot-4, 6-foot-3 and a half, so if I had a couple of more inches — I'd be amazing!"

Whether Carter will one day be "amazing" in the NBA, only time will tell. If his basketball career fails to pan out, two things are for sure.

One, only circumstances beyond his control will prevent him from playing in the NBA. It will have nothing to do with hard work and dedication. And two, regardless of what happens, he won't make any excuses.

"When I'm on the court; there's no room for the four," he said. "I mean, you're a guy just trying to put out your four points just the same way I do. If I knock you down hard enough you're just going to go. If you're there all the time there are immortals out there, I have nothing to fear." Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu

"Unless there are immortals out there, I have nothing to fear." Russell Carter Irish guard

Irish guard Russell Carter drives to the hoop in Notre Dame's 67-66 loss at DePaul Feb. 8. Carter is averaging 17.0 points per game, tying him for second in the Big East.

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2003-04 (FRESHMAN)
21.0 MINUTES PER GAME
8.0 POINTS PER GAME

2004-05 (SOPHOMORE)
8.5 MINUTES PER GAME
3.5 POINTS PER GAME

2005-06 (JUNIOR)
28.7 MINUTES PER GAME
11.5 POINTS PER GAME

2006-07 (SENIOR)
29.9 MINUTES PER GAME
17.0 POINTS PER GAME

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