Impeachment hearing unprecedented
Tonight's ethics case first in Senate history; Morrissey senator questions punishment

By EILEEN DUFFY
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While Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan's impeachment is not the first decision of its kind for the Student Senate, impeachment due to ethical infractions — such as the two Dworjan committed — is unprecedented in the group's 38-year history.

Last year, when Stanford senator David Thaxton went abroad, the Senate was forced to officially impeach and remove him from office in his absence, simply to find a replacement.

"That wasn't very contentious," said student body vice president Bill Andreeff. "In fact, I'm pretty sure it was unanimous."

Dworjan's case, however — which will come before the Senate again tonight — has required a bit more thought — on student government's part.

The senator was found guilty of violating two articles in the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body. First, he used the LaFortune student government office's copy machine to make flyers urging voters to abstain in the run-off election — but the Constitution prohibits campaigning anywhere in LaFortune outside of the basement and directly said the most populous island on the planet was Japan's Hokkaido — not the Indonesian island of Java — she fell to third.

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She also knew "boombox" was slang for large musical boxes — and that earned her $600 in the opening round. Smotherman entered the final Jeopardy! round in second place, but after she wagered $5,600 and incorrectly said the most populous island on the planet was Japan's Hokkaido — not the Indonesian island of Java — she fell to third.

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...hit Siegfried in the head with a big Kielbasa.

With the largest population on campus, we Dillon men rarely get excited about much unless free food is involved, but showed up in droves to cheer on our undefeated hockey team. With more - opponents than 100 screaming fans - nine of whom braaved the cold to support Snowmass on their chests - and a Big Red Bag, Dillon showed up for the team. And it did not disappoint.

With about one minute remaining in the first overtime period, Dillon defenseman Brian Fallon ripped a slapshot from the point in for a goal to give the Big Red a 2-1 win over Siegfried in the Interhall hockey championship.

Even though Fallon's heroes won the game, the goalstending of senior Joe "Snowmass" McKenna won our hearts. McKenna dominated opposing shooters all season with an approximate 97.9% save percentage while posting three shutouts this season in eight games this season.

Even though he is described by a teammate as very quiet, he made a lot of noise this season in both the front and defensive lines.

A friend of mine on the team explained to me that after the game-winning goal, everyone on the team wanted to have Fallon's babies.

But directly after the game, Dillon captain Matthew Lodwick took the trophy to the place where few dare tread - his bedroom.

He slept with the trophy throughout the night, wearing the sharp and pointy parts, because of its importance to Dillon.

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"Trust me Paul - it was more than just the team," I, sitting in the stands with the rest of the fans - nine of whom know why) and other random sporting ventures - a winner.

Right now in the Dillon Hall display case sits a neatly bowling pin (I don't think anyone knows why) and other random sporting ventures - a winner.

Pillars members sophomore Mike Cios, left, freshman Caitlin Fleming, center, and sophomore Lauren Cummings hand out BAC cards Tuesday. Pillars is a volunteer student organization sponsored by the Notre Dame Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article "Student travel safety survey" published in the March 6 edition of The Observer said Colleen Hipp was a sophomore and measured the number of people on the bus. Hipp was a freshman when she died and there were 37 people on the bus. The Observer regrets the error.

OFFBEAT

Unlepiled fly leads officers to pot stash

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. -- Too bad nobody told him his fly was down. A 22-year-old man was arrested for drug possession after police found a marijuana pipe and drugs stacked in his underwear.

Police made the arrest after they found the man's car stuck in a ditch in the Town of Wilson. According to a criminal complaint, the man's pants were undone and officers asked if there was anything illegal in his clothing. They found a pipe and a small amount of marijuana.

The Sheboygan man was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, felony marijuana possession and operating a vehicle after having his license revoked, police said.

Man brandishing torch robs bank

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- Authorities on Tuesday morning were looking for a man who robbed a bank in Anchorage while swinging a flaming torch fashioned from a burning T-shirt and a yard-long metal pole. On Monday, the masked robber threatened to set fire to the bank. He fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money, authorities said. All customers managed to get down on the floor.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Angela Vdalakis, an associate professor of cinema studies at Melbourne University in Australia, will speak at 4 p.m. today in the Cinema II of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on "Podcasts, MobiSodes, and the TV Experience."

David Solomon, Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, will be speaking at today's Theology on Tap at 8:30 p.m. in Legends. The topic for the discussion is "Right to Full Life. Consistent Ethic of Life."

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

The Angelus Film Series will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cinema II. Films to be shown include: The Trojan War; Kilroy Was Here; The Queen of Caracas Cove; and Silences. The series is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

The film "Pan's Labyrinth" will be shown Thursday at 10 p.m. in the Cinema II of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The CCHA Playoffs will be held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse Friday at 7:35 p.m. The teams have yet to be announced. Tickets are available from the athletic department ticket office.

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

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

A group of grade-school children is a rare sight on any college campus, but on Tuesday afternoons at Notre Dame. The group of 20 children, each paired with a Notre Dame student, is part of the new Notre Dame chapter of College Mentors for Kids Program (CMK).

The program, which was established at Notre Dame last year by junior Stephanie Gargala, partners a Notre Dame student mentor with a first through fourth grade "little buddy." Gargala, a pre-med biology major and president of Notre Dame's CMK chapter, took the initiative to start the club her freshman year after much planning, organizing and recruiting.

She got the ball rolling her sophomore year by calling the former CEO of College Mentors for Kids, Kelly Frank. Last year — its first on campus — the Notre Dame chapter of CMK hosted about 10 children. This year, it has grown to 20, and Gargala says she hopes participation will reach 30 next year.

The program is statewide, with 19 chapters currently in Indiana, she said. Among the universities that participate are Indiana, Ball State and Purdue, which presently has 80 students.

College Mentors for Kids tries to expose children to college life to emphasize the value of higher education. Each Tuesday, bus-driven students from a Holy Cross Grade School in South Bend to Notre Dame in participate in activities divided into three categories: culture and diversity, higher education and community service.

Kids can participate in activities like watching Irish step dancing, touring the law school and conducting a mock-trial, viewing the new planetarium at Jordan Hall, making "Welcome Home" signs for Habitat for Humanity and keeping journals about their experiences.

"It is important to stress that we are not tutoring the kids," Gargala said. "Just exposing them to all a university has to offer."

Gargala said the group does not, yet have official club status, but is working on acquiring it before next year.

Currently the program operates under Domers Mentoring Kids. This program is an umbrella for five mentorship groups on campus, including Our Lady's Helpers, Bandlink, SAINTS, Elston and College Mentors for Kids.

While the program aims to spark children's interest in higher education, it is not limited to students whose parents did not go to college.

Exposing children to university life may have a positive effect. Several third graders, who are required to take the standardized ISTEP test, have shown improved scores in recent years following participation in the mentoring program, Gargala said.

In addition, 71 percent of teachers reported improved literacy skills as a result of their students participating in CMK, according to college mentors.org. Gargala said students also seem to have an overall greater interest in education as a result of their mentoring experience.

Gargala, whose duties include taking charge of the program's budget, transportation and communication, is proud of her new passion.

"Two hours of my week (mentoring) are such a small sacrifice when I don't have to think about work or anything else. It's so much fun...I even learned a lot about my school," she said.

Students interested in participating in College Mentors for Kids should visit the group's table at next year's Activities Night.

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The Angelus Film Screening

Thursday, March 8, 2007, 7:00 PM
Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

A screening of four short, award-winning films produced, written, and directed by students. Following the screening, the directors will be present to answer questions. This is a FREE but ticketed event. Call the DPAC Ticket Office at 574.631.2800 to reserve tickets.

Family Theater Productions, of Hollywood, California, created the Angelus Awards in 1996 to showcase and award emerging filmmakers and encourage them to continue creating visionary projects that honor the fundamental dignity of the human person.

KIRBY WAS HERE
Separately, they fought for different causes in the same war. Now together, they will forge a connection that transcends language and their cause will become one.

SILENCES
A 20 minute documentary that follows the filmmaker's journey to understand his mother's silence, and discuss the circumstances of her birth. With a silent mother, Octavio travels to San Francisco to find the one person who can complete his search for answers: his biological father.

THE QUEEN OF CACTUS COVE
Teenage chess champ Bilie faces the prospect of defeat for the first time when she competes against her best friend at the biggest chess tournament of her career.

THE TROJAN COW
In 1973, two teenagers are illegally transported across the East German border to reunite with unexpected love story blossoms in the midst of a dangerous situation. Inspired by true events.

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By SONIA RAO
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Plans for a Student Union endowment containing nearly $650,000 were presented to members of the Council of Representatives (COR) Tuesday night in LaFortune.

Student body president Lizzie Shappell said Student Senate drafted amendments that would allow for money from the carry forward account and revenues from The Shirt to be placed into an endowment used for student programming.

The carry forward account contains money leftover from various groups' funds, and The Shirt Project revenues are split equally between the Student Union Budget and The Shirt Charity Fund. The charity fund is expected to contain $943,000 by the end of the term.

Under the policy changes, the carry forward account should never exceed $100,000. Any amount of money over this cap will be invested in the Student Union endowment, Shappell said, which will produce "a very, very conservative estimate of $20,000 in revenues that could be reallocated by FMB (Financial Management Board) each year."

In addition, the changes would place revenues from The Shirt exceeding $300,000 in the Student Union endowment. Shappell said she felt this amendment would not hurt The Shirt Charity Fund, which has almost $1 million in funds.

The Student Union endowment would contain no less than $650,000 at any time, so "we only would use the revenues generated from the endowment...which are compounded quarterly," Shappell said.

The Financial Management Board will study the numbers to make sure they are reasonable, particularly concerning the amount of money generated by The Shirt.

"These numbers could change if FMB thinks it should," Student Union Board manager Patrick Vassel said.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik said the Senate's Oversight committee would need to approve revised versions of the amendments and will meet the Monday after spring break to do so.

In other COR news:
- Junior Patrick Leimkuehler was approved as the successor to current Student Business Board manager Anna Sierra.
  "Among 30 applicants, Patrick demonstrated to be the individual with the strongest aptitude to be the next Student Business Board administrator," Sierra said in a note to COR members.

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News Writer

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draw on the moral and religious virtues," Jenkins said.

"I don't think that was a conscious decision on his part, explaining that in addition to the worldwide immigration debate going on in particular character in this country," Jenkins said. He was not prepared to address any potential changes to the structure of the forum, which, for the past two years, has featured several national or international experts alongside selected members of the Notre Dame community. Both forums employed a star moderator as well — 2005's event featured tennis legend Nancy Richey, while the 2006 event featured Governor Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas, who was a member of the United Methodist Church.

"The strategy was to get the right people in the right spots," Jenkins said. "We always want to do that."
International News

Street fighting greets peacekeepers

Mogadishu, Somalia — The first peacekeepers to arrive in Somalia's capital in more than a year met with deadly violence Tuesday, as mortar rounds hit the airport during a welcoming ceremony and a dozen explosions broke out on the crumbling streets.

The battles invaded the capital's biggest opposition stronghold, killing three people and mortaring hundreds wounded. All, one of them civilians, witnesses and police said. The violence is the latest example of the volatility peacekeepers face in a country that has seen nearly 20 years of war, and where the government backed by Ethiopian troops toppled an Islamic militia just months ago.

The bloodshed came as about 400 Ugandan peacekeepers arrived in the capital to protect the Somali government and to allow for the withdrawal of troops from neighboring Eritrea, which helped the administration topple a radical Islamic militia that controlled much of southern Somalia for six months.


Earthquake kills 70, destroys homes

SOLOK, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake jolted western Indonesia on Tuesday, killing at least 70 people and injuring hundreds as they fled shaking hotels, homes and hospitals. Two children were crushed by debris on a playground.

The 6.3-magnitude quake struck Sumatra island just before 11 a.m. and was felt as far away as neighboring Malaysia and Singapore, where some tall buildings were evacuated. Several aftershocks followed, the strongest measuring 6.1, adding to fears of people already too nervous to return indoors.

Many said they would sleep in front of their homes or in the hills Tuesday night.


National News

Democrats attack Walter Reed, war

Washington — Democrats are using the uproar over Walter Reed Army Medical Center as their latest cudgel to batter President Bush for his Iraq war policies as the administration shows signs it fears political fallout from the scandal.

Reports of patient neglect and shoddy outpatient rooms at the hospital have brought Army brass to the White House to explain and apologize. Bush's handling of the war has been widely panned by critics, and reports about Walter Reed come on the heels of his decision to send more troops to Iraq — while his Congress also met a negative reaction from the public.

Bush tours success from Iraq surge

Washington — President Bush said Tuesday his decision to send more troops to Baghdad is yielding "gradual but important" progress in Iraq. He portrayed himself as steadfast while Democrats squabble over strategy.

War-weary voters put Democrats in charge of Congress, but lawmakers have not decided how or whether to restrict Bush on Iraq through legislation. Bush seized the moment to divide and cautioned Democrats not to interfere with military missions.

Local News

Man crashes plane, kills daughter

Bedford — The man whose small plane slammed into his former mother-in-law's house, killing her and her grandson, was said to have fled his ex-wife before the crash he had the girl "and you're not going to get her," the mother-in-law said.

Eric Johnson, a student pilot who had soloed before, told his daughter Emily to go to the passenger seat of a leased, single-engine Cessna on Monday morning. Less than two hours later, officials said, the small plane crashed into the home of Vivian Pace, the girl's grandmother.

Pace told outsiders outside her damaged Tuesday that Johnson called her daughter, Beth Johnson, by cell phone shortly before the crash.
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before receiving an invitation
to compete in California.

Though the television net-
work did not cover Smotherman's airfare, it
arranged a reduced hotel rate
for her and her mother in Los
Angeles, where
they met
Jeopardy! host
Alex Trebek.

"He's really
funny," Smotherman said.
"He's got a dry
sense of humor,
and you can tell
he's a dad
because he talks
a lot about his
son and his
daughter."

During Trebek's
on-air interview
segment with the
contestants, he
asked
Smotherman about her involve-
ment with her high school
aerospace science club, where
she helped build a rocket that
flew 799 feet in 44.6 seconds.

Besides his experience and
her involvement in Notre
Dame's Academic Competition
Club, Smotherman prepared
for Jeopardy! by reading trivia
magazines.

"I'm a fan of Mental Floss, the
trivia magazine, so I read
some back issues," she said.
"And of course I also watched
the show every night leading
up to my appearance."

Her family traditionally
serves dinner at 7:30 p.m. to
watch the program, and in
middle school, Smotherman said,
she frequently
delivered answers
in the form of
questions at her
quiz bowl competi-
tions.

With years of
practice and antici-
pation under her
belt, she ringed in
an assortment of
trivia categories
Tuesday, including
"At the movies,"
"It's all academic"
and "Spanish
places in the U.S."

"It was a lot of
fun for me," Smotherman said.
"It was a great experience
being in L.A. and meeting Alex
[Trebek] while everybody else
was at school here."

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INDONESIA
Jetliner catches fire in landing

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A
Jetliner carrying more than
130 passengers and crew
crashed fire Wednesday as it
landed on Indonesia's Java
island, trapping a number of
people inside the burning
plane, the air force and witness-
es said. Officials reported at
least eight deaths.

Some passengers escaped
and rescuers battled flames to
reach those still on the Boeing
737-400, said Capt. Arif Sapari,
operations director of national
carrier Garuda.

Firefighters put out the
blaze after two hours. Sapari
did not say how many people
were trapped or provide a
number on survivors.

"I saw at least eight corpses
piled up at the front of the plane,"
said Capt. Yos Biantoro, who witnessed
the fire at Yogyakarta airport in
central Java.

Several passengers told local
media that there were many
survivors. Metro TV reported
that a nearby hospital was
treating around 60 injured.

"I caught alight when it
landed," said Sapari. He didn't
provide any other details. The
cause of the accident was
unclear, but at least one pas-
senger said the jetliner had
overshot the runway.

The plane "hit the runway
and fell off the field in
ruins," said Dien Sapari, a
local Islamic leader.

Metro TV said that 133 peo-
ple were listed on the plane's
manifest.

Among the passengers were
Australian journalists and
diplomatic staff who were
in Indonesia in connection with a
visit by Australian Foreign
Minister Alexander Downer.

"We overshot the runway,
then I heard the sound of an
explosion and ran through an
emergency exit," continued
passenger Muhammad
Dimyati. "I believe many pas-
sengers remained trapped on
board."

Another passenger
described smoke in the pas-
senger compartment.

"Suddenly there was smoke
inside the fuselage," said Dhin
Syamsuddin, a local Islamic
leader. "It hit the runway
and then it landed in a rice field. I
saw a foreigner. His clothes
were on fire and I jumped
from the emergency exit.
Thank God I survived."

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Bernanke: Regulation necessary

Chairman urges Congress to limit debt of loan buyers Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac

Economy growth slow, inflation high

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MARKET Recap

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In Brief

Wall Street rebounds, Dow up 150

NEW YORK Wall Street rebounded Tuesday as investors were encouraged by a recovery on world markets and moved to recover some of the big losses suffered in last week's sharp pullback. The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 150 points.

Investors cast off anxieties to buy stocks that have languished in five turbulent sessions. The Dow traded back about 26 percent of the ground it lost over the past week, and scored its highest one-day point gain since July 24.

Despite the rebound, questions remained about whether the correction that has swept around the globe has truly run its course. U.S. investors were still contending with fundamental economic issues, including a weaker than expected reading on fourth-quarter productivity and the dollar's vulnerability against the yen.

The advance Tuesday treated Wall Street traders to what had become a rare sight—the color green splashed across their computer screens that show stock prices, instead of last week's red. But, after being knocked about by erratic market shifts in recent sessions, there was still a sense this might not be the recovery everyone is waiting for.

Thousands of defibrillators recalled

WASHINGTON — A serious software problem with two models of automatic external defibrillators has led their manufacturer to recall thousands of the devices distributed worldwide.

Defibtech LLC said problems with the software in its Lifeline AED and Revive AED models may fail to flag a previously detected low battery during some tests. If that occurs and the battery actually is drained, the device may not be able to deliver the defibrillation shock needed to restart a person's heart.

"This doesn't become apparent until the battery gets low for some reason," company president Gintaras Vaisnys said. "Every battery will fail someday, this is an issue."

The Guilford, Conn. company said it was recalling 2,850 of the devices, now in use in schools, fire stations, health clubs and hotels worldwide. It notified its distributors and customers by letter on Feb. 22 of the recall, prompted by three reports of cases where the devices failed to work. Vaisnys could not provide details.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke urged Congress on Tuesday to bolster regulation of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and suggested limiting their massive holdings to guard against any danger their debt poses to the overall economy.

Bernanke has previously supported efforts to pare the two mortgage companies' huge portfolios. This time, however, he was less specific and recommended that their holdings might be linked to a "measurable public purpose, such as the promotion of affordable housing."

The Fed chief's suggestion was contained in remarks delivered via a satellite to bankers meeting in Lissabon.

His remarks come as worries about risky mortgages are making investors skittish. Those fears contributed to last week's worldwide stock market meltdown, where the Dow Jones industrials suffered a gut-wrenching 416-point plunge.

Wall Street on Tuesday staged a rebound, gaining more than 150 points.

Leaders in subprime borrowers — people with blotted credit histories — have been battered. Rising default rates and weak home prices have made it increasingly difficult for those borrowers — especially those with adjustable-rate mortgages — to keep up with their mortgage payments.

Deficiencies in the products and procedures of the subprime mortgage market are spiking.

Against this backdrop, Bernanke said he wanted to be clear that by suggesting the change in Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's portfolio holdings, he was not advising a change in the exposure of the mortgage giants' subprime loans.

Last week, Freddie Mac announced that it had no longer buy certain risky, subprime mortgages.

Fannie Mae is the No. 1 U.S. buyer of home mort­gage; its rival, Freddie Mac, ranks as the second-largest buyer.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — also referred to as government-sponsored enterprises, or GSEs — were created by Congress to inject money into the mortgage market by buying home loans from banks and other lenders. They bundle the mortgages into securities for sale on Wall Street. Both companies have been scarred by accounting scandals.

On Capitol Hill, various efforts over the past several years to tighten the government's reins on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have ultimately languished. With Democrats in control of Congress, renewed efforts are expected to be forged.

"Legislation to strengthen the regulation and supervi­sion of GSEs is highly desir­able, both to ensure that these companies pose fewer risks to the financial system and to direct them toward activities that provide impor­tant social benefits," Bernanke told the banking gathering.

He said the Fed would like to see legislation passed this year.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, is proposing legis­lation that would give the regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac the discretion to limit or reduce the two mortgage companies' holdings.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top-ranking Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, said he shares many of Bernanke's concerns. "We should pay close attention to the issues he has identified," Shelby said.

Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's combined portfolios from the end of 1990 until the end of 2003 have grown more than tenfold — to $1.5 trillion, Bernanke said.

Besides buying mortgage-backed securities, the mort­gage giants purchase other types of assets for their own investment portfolios, Bernanke said.

Yet, less than 30 percent of their current portfolio hold­ings are oriented toward af­fordable housing, Bernanke said.

Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Ben Bernanke speaks at Stanford University Friday, March 2. He called for the stricter regulation of mortgage firms Tuesday before Congress.

Economy growth slow, inflation high

The Commerce Department reported that factory orders dropped by 5.6 per­cent in January, the biggest decline since July 2008, when the economy was slowing sharply in advance of an actual recession that began in 2001.

The government said orders for big-ticket durable goods plunged by 8.7 percent, even larger than the 7.8 per­cent drop originally reported a week ago. That initial report had joined investors and contributed to last week's 416-point one-day drop in the Dow Jones industrial average.

Wall Street, however, took the new results in stride. Stocks rebounded as investors were encouraged by a recov­ery on world markets.
and policymakers from the Environmental Protection Agency as well as the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) has helped put Lodge’s studies on the map. Lodge’s trip to the nation’s capital puts a spotlight on one of the major projects he and his students have led concerning organism transport. Many ships bring organisms from other parts of the world to the Great Lakes. As part of the practice, the ships take out vast volumes, or bal­lasts, of water to maintain the appropriate stability in the water for these organisms to travel safely. “However, there is a major side effect,” Lodge said. “During the extraction process, millions of organisms are taken to places where they’ve never been before, and this can cause problems for many species in the Great Lakes. It’s a procedure called ‘invasion.’” Zebra mussels were one of the first invaders, and this can cause problems for many species in the Great Lakes. It’s a procedure called ‘invasion.’”

The mussels which clogged up pipes caused the shutdown of the Detroit Edison Plant, and the storm didn’t include damage to fishing and native biodiversity,” Lodge said. Zebra mussels also stimulate the proliferation of clostridium botulinum, the bacteria responsible for botulism toxin, which is a natural poison produced by this bacteria that could hinder muscle movement and breathing. With these dangerous health effects and the economic damage incurred by invasions, Lodge hopes to bring attention to the committee before he returns to Notre Dame.

I hope that we’ll convince the committee that this is a problem that requires additional regulatory action.”

David Lodge biological sciences professor

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First floor. Second, he posted the flyers without the required stamps of approval from the Office of Student Activities and the Judicial Council. But when Andrichik discovered the incriminating flyers next to the copy machine and again stumped upon them in the Hesburgh Library, he had no idea who had broken the rules.

When he brought these allegations to the Executive Committee of the Judicial Council, the group determined they were not actual election violations but that it was clear, from the presence of campaign materials in the student government office, that unethical behavior was going on. At that point, Dworjan came forward to accept responsibility, and the case was sent to the Student Union Ethics Committee.

Dealing with the case has been a foray into uncharted waters for student government. Committee members have no history of a senator being impeached for an ethical infraction. “This is the first type of impeachment hearing procedure I’ve seen,” said Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, who has been at his post for six years.

What’s more, the Ethics Committee’s main purpose is usually to select a member of the Student Union to receive the Michael J. Palumbo award for service and dedication to the Student Union. As Kozlow said, “We rarely ever have hearings.”

Still, it was decided Andrichik and Dworjan would present their cases before the Ethics Committee, which they did last Thursday. The Committee then voted 7-1 that Dworjan’s use of student government resources was a violation of ethics and decided in a vote of 4-3-1 to recommend the Senate impeach Dworjan. As a testament to the newness of the event, Kozlow drafted a Bill of Impeachment.

A majority of the Senate signed that bill last Wednesday, officially impeaching Dworjan.

“About a lot of people didn’t know abstaining was an option that still counted as a vote. It was more an educational thing than out of spite — I didn’t dislike any of the candidates personally,” Dworjan said of his actions. “I didn’t hide the fact that I made the posters.”

Dworjan also said that while he was familiar with most aspects of the Constitution, he probably hadn’t read the entire 59-page document “cover to cover.” He said he figured the part about getting certain approval to post flyers without the government’s permission.

“But every senator, at the beginning of [this] term, swore an oath to uphold that Constitution,” Andrichik said. “So it’s probably a good idea for life in general, if you’re going to swear an oath to uphold something, to be fairly familiar with the document.”

Tonight, Dworjan faces removal from office — a verdict that requires the support of two-thirds of the Senate’s voting membership (that is, dorm senators and one off-campus senator).

“I think the question is whether or not the violation warrants the punishment. I’m taking part in the democratic process by helping educate voters about their options, and I might as well be kicked out of Senate for that?” Dworjan said. “That’s like having a $55,000 judgment for a two dollar crime.”

It just doesn’t make a lot of sense.”

In the speech he gave before the Senate last Wednesday, Dworjan lamented the group’s inability to enact significant change — a concern that’s persisted through Notre Dame history.

In fact, in 1972, three years after its establishment, the Student Senate was abolished because it was considered ineffective. It was reinstated in 1981, but in 1985, then-student body president Bill Healy, his vice president Duane Lawrence and other student leaders again made a push to disband the Student Senate.

“Student Senate doesn’t do anything,” Lee Broussard, manager of the Student Activities Board — the former Student Union Board — told The Observer in an Oct. 15, 1985 article. “A bunch of people debate things and they don’t accomplish anything.”

On Wednesday, Dworjan criticized the “overly specific” provisions of their Constitution, calling for a complete re-drafting of the document and proposing the creation of student government laws. He also asked Senate members not to sanction those who obstruct the democratic process.

“In this Senate, which is sometimes criticized for doing so little, I hope that our contribution to the Senate is that we may again find the voice of the people in this body,” he said. “I invite all of you to join in the search for that voice.”

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WASHINGTON — Alleging heavy-handed police pressure, fired U.S. prosecutors testified Tuesday they felt "cramped" by civil liberties lawmakers to seek indictments and hushed by a Justice Department official who did not want them talking, in direct disobedience.

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Iglesias said. None of the children or adults there have criminal records, "We simply don't want to put any child in jail because "I mean the vast majority of the children being held at Hutto are children, officials say. None of the children or adults there have criminal records, "We simply don't want to put any child in jail because of immigration issues. "John McKay, the fired U.S. attorney for Seattle, said he stopped a top aide to Rep. Dick Hastings, R-Wash., from asking about an investigation into the imprisoned innocent adults who had come to the United States as refugees.

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Tuesday to give 45,000 airport screeners the same rights other public safety officers enjoy, despite vigorous opposition by Republicans who said creating a federalized court that already has a contract to screeners, an indication of being soft on terrorism. "This would give screeners the right to bargain collectively."

The Senate also failed to resolve the issue of how to resolve the issue of how to screen travelers when negotiators sit down to the total pot of money and spread across the states at least 0.75 percent surcharge. States and will face a "partisan circus" if they want to make a move toward it.

The administration's defense took up only a few minutes at the beginning of the debate paraded of fledgling prosecutors across Capitol Hill, where they were being kicked out of their jobs, first to the Senate Judiciary Committee and then to the House Judiciary subcommittee on commercial and administrative law.

Former U.S. Attorneys Carol Lam, left, and David Iglesias prepare to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.

A man or woman of color was burned to death in Washington state's Washington state's Gregoire in 2004. Iglesias was fired because he had delegated too much too a deputy.

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In the early 1990s, the Clintons tried to socialize the United States health care system, a scheme unanimously known as "Hillarycare." This plan would have put one-seventh of the U.S. economy directly under the control of the federal government. It would have required every business in America to provide health care to its employees, costing thousands of jobs. The plan would have forced those who were perfectly happy with their current private care to end up for the one-size-fits-all government program. The program would have established price controls on premiums, which would have inevitably led to rationing and a long wait just as in every other country with socialized medicine. Thankfully, the American public wanted none of this. Largely due to the Hillarycare debacle, voters voted "throw the rascals out," giving Republicans control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

Unfortunately, it seems that the American people is increasingly supportive of such a plan. Drudgereport.com, an Internet news site that often picks up stories that the major news networks simply ignore, linked a new study last Saturday showing that almost two-thirds of Americans agree that the government should provide health care for all. Ironically, the same study also showed that only one-third believed that the government could do a better job than private insurance companies at actually providing medical coverage.

Public opinion seems to largely coincide with those of politicians. All major Democratic presidential contenders, including Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards, favor a vast expansion of federal funding for health care programs, if not outright socialized medicine. Even George W. Bush got in on the action late in his first term by passing his Prescription Drug Bill, originally supposed to cost $400 billion over ten years, but now estimated at $1.2 trillion. P.J. O'Ryan's jab that "if you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free" clearly applies.

Nearly all welfare programs follow the same progression in coming into existence. The supporters of such plans often express a desire to "help" some less fortunate group, whatever that group is the old, the young or the poor. Next, they turn to the voting population and appeal to their sympathy and other heartfelt sentiments. Finally, the politicians use this political capital to create or expand a program that consists of a forceful transfer of money from one group to the politically favored interest group. Supporters often claim that without federal funding for medical care, these groups would be unable to get the access to medical care that they truly need. Thus, many commentators often praise the initiators and supporters of such legislation as humanitarian and compassionate philanthropists who are doing their best to help people. But is this accurate?

William Summer once wrote that "the type and formula of most schemes of philanthropy or humanitarianism is this: A and B put their heads together to decide what C should be made to do for D. The radical view of all these schemes ... is that C is not allowed a voice in the matter, and his position, character and interests, as well as the ultimate effects on society through C's interests, are entirely overlooked." I call C the "Forgotten Man."

The idea that those in support of government funding of health care (or any other welfare program) are doing something compassionate and humanitarian is absurd. By focusing on the benefits that it will receive as an supporter of government subsidized health care programs do, they completely ignore what they are doing to C. The most basic fact of government is thus forgotten or willfully ignored — namely, that Summer says, the government "cannot get a cent for any man without first taking it from some other man, and this last must be a man who has produced and saved it." The government will forcefully take C's money from him whether he likes it or not to pay for D's medical care. The government is, as the old saying goes, "robbing Peter to pay Paul." It is making C into a slave for D. Those would enable such a scheme are not compassionate friends of humanity, but its enemies. The true test of compassion and philanthropy does not lie in spending someone else's money, but rather in what a person does with his own money and what action he takes to help others.

Someone once said that democracy is two wolves and a sheep taking a majority vote on what's for supper, while in a constitution republic the wolves are forbidden on voting on what's for supper. James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, once wrote in response to proposed aid for French refugees fleeing from prosecution in San Domingo to the U.S. that "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." If our politicians and judges actually took his words and the Constitution seriously, America would once again become a constitutional republic as intended by the Founders, the America of the Forgotten Man. Return charity to the private sector where it belongs.

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash."

—George S. Patton

U.S. general

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**VIEWPOINT**

The ‘Forgotten Man’
Impeached senator speaks out

To the students of Notre Dame:
As you know from reading Thursday's edition of The Observer, the Senate will decide the matter of my impeachment at six this evening. I am presenting my case to you, the student body, before the Senate decides whether your best interests were at hand in my actions involving the Campaign to Abstain.

Like Alexis de Tocqueville, I believe that America is great because America is good, and that, when challenged, Americans stand up for their rights. I have not lied in saying that I hung posters for the America is good, and that, when challenged, Americans stand up for their rights. I have not lied in saying that I hung posters for the Campaign to Abstain because I did not believe it to be a wrongful act. My impeachment has become an argument between two sides.

On the one side are those who believe that every rule must be followed to precision, and that these rules must be just. On the other side isn't about me, but an idea— that democracy also sometimes entails disregarding rules that are unjust, especially those rules that limit the freedom of speech and political participation. I am simply the most visible member of the student body who believes in that idea. I also believe that while the student body in general isn't moved to participate in the student government, when a member of our community is being persecuted for his stand for the rights of the minority from a tyranny of the majority. My impeachment has become an argument between two sides.

Decisions are made by those who show up. This past week, I've heard a lot of positive feedback from members of the student body, and I ask those of you who want to see the student government do that comedy was highly offensive. March 5 that blasted "The Oregon Trail" as offensive and anti-Catholic. It was unfair to assert that the only comedy was derived from the "crude and insensitive jokes." The hilarity of the play stemmed from the fact that it was making fun of a video game entitled "The Oregon Trail" that many of us played as children.

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Greg Droojan
sophomore
March 6

Don't silence the laughter

For those of you who didn't make it out to see St. Edward's Hall Players' comedy, "The Oregon Trail," I am sorry. It was a great play and I applaud the cast and crew for putting on a top-notch comedic performance. As both an actor and a comedian, I have to say that I was offended by yesterday's Letter to the Editor: "Oregon Trail highly offensive." March 5 that blasted "The Oregon Trail" as offensive and anti-Catholic. It was unfair to assert that the only comedy was derived from the "crude and insensitive jokes." The hilarity of the play stemmed from the fact that it was making fun of a video game entitled "The Oregon Trail" that many of us played as children.

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I think that to suggest that this type of production should not be "allowed" goes against the very fabric of the American belief system. The concepts of speech and freedom of academics are two irreplaceable facets of the nation which we (and the University) promise to uphold. While you might feel this play showed the "moral decay" of our society, I feel that the idea of censorship shows a different level of moral decay in society. Where would academia or our Church be today without our ability to speak freely?

As an improvisational comedian and I would categorize my performances under "this type of production." Should I not be allowed to perform? What about stand-up comedy? What about controversial plays and musicals? Where would you stop?

While we all have the freedom to say what we want to, you also, luckily, have the freedom to not come to our performances if they bother you so much.

Matt Molloy
freshman
O'Neill Hall
March 6

All you need is love

As a recent observer of the debates raging in the Viewpoint of late, I must say that I am encouraged by Gary Caruso's sentiments that we learn to love one another. "Praying for religious temperance and peace," Mar. 3. I applaud Caruso for raising this important point, for too often defense of dogma blinds people of the law of love, leading to actions of Prasphorical proportion. In fact, in a world torn by violence and war, it seems that the Beatles got it right: "All you need is love." Yet daily practice shows that we frail humans need more than this, because we fail so often to love as we should. In this tragic human condition, where can we turn for help and guidance?

Some might turn to a philosophy or a way of life. One may read a set of teachings, adopt a code of conduct, and lead a life according to the spirit of this philosophy. Men have grown very wise and good by following these philosophies. Yet, human experience shows that time and again man will fail. It almost seems that there is some original defect in our nature that we can't get rid of; some innate flaw that years of improvement cannot erase. In other words, it seems that we are notprimarily in need of advice, but of a savior. A man, born without arms, drowning in the ocean doesn't need advice on how to swim; he needs a life guard to rescue him.

As Caruso points out, Jesus taught many marvelous things. Yet his true mission on earth, as He, himself, tells us, was to be put to death and to rise from the dead. Somehow, in the grandest mystery of all, which man can only comprehend with the eyes of faith, the dying and rising of this God-man has opened the gates of paradise to man, offering us salvation and peace. This Lent, let us not stop at fulfilling Jesus' command to love one another, but, trusting in his salvation, let us grow in love for both God and our neighbor.

Iskandar Arifin
sophomore
March 6

EDITORIAL CARTOON

"OUT, DAMNED SPOT! OUT, I SAY!"
FINCHER EXAMINES DARK FEARS IN 'ZODIAC'

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Column

The deep, pervasive sense of fear that blankets the world of David Fincher's "Zodiac" is not for the faint of heart. This is a film for four men — two cops, a journalist and a cartoonist to list by skillful, devoted homicide detectives, David Toschi (Mark Ruffalo) and his partner Bill Armstrong (Andy Garcia) and, of course, the late-sixties, we hardly see any hippies or elements of counter-culture, or get much traction of the film, and their careers and lives are inexplicably tied to a dark obsession with the perplexing case, one full of dead ends and false trails.

Based on the true story of a mysterious serial killer who seized the attention of the Bay Area media in the late 1960s and early '70s with his brutal slayings, the movie takes place over the better part of two decades. Following each subsequent attack, "The Zodiac" — as he identifies himself to the press — sends sadistic, coded letters and ciphers to local newspapers, needling them with their threats of further violence. Two San Francisco Chronicle employees — Paul Avery (Robert Downey Jr.), an eccentric ace reporter, and Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal), a quiet cartoonist with an interest in puzzles — take an active interest in the Zodiac case. The pair, imbued with their symbology by two skillful, devoted homicide detectives, David Toschi (Mark Ruffalo) and his partner Bill Armstrong (Andy Garcia). Entombed by the case, these four men are no more than a nucleus of the film, and their careers and lives are inexplicably tied to a dark obsession with the perplexing case, one full of dead ends and false trails.

Fincher has long been one of Hollywood's most talented directors, and he already has two modern classics on his filmography — 1995's "Se7en," a decadently dark thriller obsessed with the seven deadly sins, and 1999's "Fight Club," an uncompromising, disillusioned look at Generation X machismo, renowned for his innovative camerawork and a flair for arresting visuals, Fincher has slowed as of late. "Zodiac" is only his second film of the decade. It's been five years since his last effort — 2002's "Panic Room," an entertaining film but one that lacked the virtuosity of his earlier work.

For fans of the director's small, but accomplished oeuvre, "Zodiac" was to be a return to form for the 44-year-old, especially figure out who he really is), so we don't get any insight into his motivations — he's not Hannibal Lecter or Norman Bates or even John Doe. The chase is not a means to an end, the chase defines the picture. The killer is almost irrelevant. "A "Zodiac" is, foremost, a film about obsession. It's about three men who become caught up in an unsolvable case, and ultimately lose their lives to a serial killer, but not in a traditional (or physical) sense. Instead, they are consumed by their obsession, and lose parts of their souls in the frustration that follows, Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal), a cartoonist for the San Francisco Chronicle, loses his wife and his job. Detective David Toschi loses his job and his reputation. And reporter Paul Avery (Robert Downey Jr.) loses himself, excising his days in a drug-laden stupor on a houseboat.

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Few Hollywood directors are able to retain their own distinct style through the course of their films while maintaining a high level of critical and commercial success. David Fincher, best known for his work on "Se7en," "Fight Club," and the recent release "Zodiac," is one such director who has constantly made films known for their dark, stylish portrayal of human experiences.

The 44-year-old received his first screen credit as an assistant in 1980 and went on to direct commercials and music videos for stars such as Madonna, Aerosmith and The Rolling Stones before making his way into film. With the debut of "Zodiac" at the box office, we look at Fincher's cinematic body of work available on DVD.

**Alien 3 (1992)**

"Alien 3" was Fincher's debut feature and, according to Roger Ebert, is "one of the best-looking bad movies I have ever seen." Ebert's take sums up the monstrosity of a film that is finally able to see Fincher's vision fully. The film's production late in the game and constant creative issues with the studio. The extras include featurettes that cover pre-production, production and post-production. All are very interesting and worthwhile, although Fincher looks baggy and angry through most of them. If you are an avid fan of the series, the "Alien Quadrilogy" box set is the way to go as it includes all four of the films along with Director's Cuts of "Alien," "Aliens" and "Alien: Resurrection." In addition, it has the Assembly Cut of "Alien 3" and a plethora of extras that are well worth the time it takes to watch them. For those not willing to upcharge on the box set, the two-disc version of "Alien 3" still contains the worthwhile Assembly Cut of the film.

**Se7en (1995)**

"Se7en" is as perfect as a gritty crime drama can possibly be. The script—penned by Andrew Kevin Walker—is nothing short of excellent and it earned the film a BAFTA award. Fincher's directing does not disappoint and the film is easily regarded as one of his best. The cast in the film is top-notch, led by Freeman and Pitt, who both give excellent performances. Pitt's performance in particular is one that moved him from the category of "pretty boy" to being regarded as a genuinely talented actor. As usual, Freeman does not disappoint and is perfect playing the role of the older, more mature detective. They are supported with performances from actors such as Gwyneth Paltrow—as Pitt's wife who is unsure about starting a life in a gritty city—and R. Lee Ermey—the hard-nosed police captain. There is also an unforget-able performance by the actor portraying the killer, "John Doe," and the film is worth watching for that performance alone.

The film has been released on two DVD sets, including a two-disc platinum edition released by New Line. The set comes in a quality package, inspired by the notebooks that the killer is shown to have read.
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keeping. The film disc comes with four amazing audio commentaries that focus on "The Stars" with commentary by Fincher, Pitt and Freeman. "The Story" (which analyzes the script and provides full commentary on "The Picture" film) talks about the filming process) and finally "The Sound" (which discusses the film's various music and sound effects). The second disc contains supplemental materials that include numerous deleted and extended scenes, alternate endings and DVD-ROM content (such as scripts, web sites and photo galleries). "Se7en" is an amazing example of a frightening crime drama, with examinations of the psychology that bothers serial killers, their victims and the detectives who hunt them. Although at times uncomfortable to watch, it is also ghoulish to see with its dark and gritty film-noir look. Combine all of that with the outstanding and unforgettable performances, and it is hard to label "Se7en" as anything but a winner.

The Game (1997)

Starting Michael Douglas and Sean Penn, "The Game" is one of his most underappreciated, but it remains one of his best films.

With one of the most unexpected endings in recent cinema, "The Game" is an unusual film for Fincher because it deals little with "crazy" people. "Alon 3" is a fast-paced corporate thriller that follows a flung penal colony planet, "Se7en" has a deranged murderer obsessed with the seven deadly sins, "Fight Club" has a protagonist with insomnia and Fincher's most recent, "Zodiac," is about an unhinged murderer. Only "Panic Room" has a sense of normalcy when it comes to its characters, a trait that "The Game" also shares.

Wealthy yet lonely financier Nicholas Van Orton (Michael Douglas) receives a birthday present from his younger brother Conrad (Sean Penn) that immerses him in a live-action role playing game that promises to change his life. As the game progresses, Nicholas finds himself spiraling through a Twilight Zone-esque series of encounters that confront every person he has ever believed, until an ending that leaves Nicholas and the audience floored.

Fincher shines here in his direction of the actors and the storytelling execution. "The Game" does not have his typical dark mise-en-scene a la "7er7en" and "Fight Club," but it does have Fincher's trademark psychological thrills. Once Nicholas' game begins, the audience cannot go until the final minutes of the film.

The only DVD released in the United States is a bare-bones disc that has the film in both widescreen and fullscreen versions but little in the way of extras. While the film is great, more the way of featurettes and/or commentary from Douglas, Penn and Fincher should be an essential addition to any subsequent DVD release. The film is available in HD-DVD, but all this offers is a high definition version of the film and no more extras than the regular DVD. A special edition DVD is slated for release in the UK this coming May, which will include a remastered transfer of the film from the old Criterion laserdisc - the benchmark for the film's video and audio quality. It will also include commentary from Fincher, Douglas and a host of other crew members, along with behind-the-scenes and location footage. Without a stateside DVD release that matches the quality of the upcoming UK version, for U.S. fans "The Game" remains a film that has not received the attention it rightfully deserves.

Fight Club (1999)

While the audience must be instructed that the first rule of "Fight Club" is that "you do not talk about Fight Club." As it turned out, audiences did talk about "Fight Club" - quite a lot. While this Fincher film began its life as a moderately successful box office release, it mushroomed into one of the most popular films of the year. Thanks to exceedingly strong DVD sales.

The movie stars Edward Norton as a protagonist with insomnia and his life begins to unravel as he moves in with her daughter Sarah (Claire Danes) to a new home with a storage facility - the place over the course of a single night (1999). It's perhaps one of the more twisted and psychotic performances of his career. His casual, grungy attitude and demeanor contrast in every way with Edward Norton's character, setting up the film's climactic payoff - which was famously given away on television by Rosie O'Donnell one week before its premiere.

The cultish themes of the film perhaps contributed to its success in the DVD market as a massive cult hit. Several versions exist on DVD, but the most impressive is the "Two-Disc Collector's Edition" which is designed to look like the packages of soap Durden sells in the film. The first disc contains the movie along with four commentary tracks, which are especially insightful for a film like this. Disc two is entirely devoted to special features that range from discussing the philosphy of the film to showcasing the unusual promotion the studio used. Fans of the film can also spend time finding numerous Easter eggs hidden on both discs. With such plentiful extras accompanying so powerful a movie as this, "Fight Club" DVD is not to be missed.

Panic Room (2002)

"Panic Room" - with Fincher's hotly anticipated 2002 follow-up to "Fight Club." A suspense film about a woman and daughter trapped inside their own home, "Panic Room" solidified Fincher's status as one of Hollywood's top directors, though it didn't match the success of "Se7en" or the cult following surrounding "Fight Club." The film follows Meg Altman (Jodie Foster), a recently divorced woman who moves in with her daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) to a new home with a storage facility - the place over the course of a single night (1999).

The director of "Seven," "Fight Club" and "Panic Room" has come to DVD in three distinct incarnations - a special edition, an updated "Superbit" edition and a deluxe three-disc set. The three-disc set is definitely the way to go, as it is packed with informative special features. Perhaps the best of the features is the commentary by Fincher, who is always insightful and interesting - here, he imparts a mental monologue of information about the making of the film, from pre-production through post-production.

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Beyond Zodiac (2007?)

As his latest film, "Zodiac" continues Fincher's trend of creating haunting, stylish pieces that challenge and provoke audiences. Fincher's next picture, "Zodiac," is based on a novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, has already begun filming in New Orleans. Fincher is reteaming with Brad Pitt for a third time this summer - a man who has come to DVD in three distinct incarnations - a special edition, an updated "Superbit" edition and a deluxe three-disc set. The three-disc set is definitely the way to go, as it is packed with informative special features. Perhaps the best of the features is the commentary by Fincher, who is always insightful and interesting - here, he imparts a mental monologue of information about the making of the film, from pre-production through post-production.

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Det. William Somerset (Morgan Freeman), left, hunts a lead with Det. David Mills (Brad Pitt) in "Se7en." Pitt frequently collaborates with Fincher.

Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt), right, instructs the Narrator (Edward Norton) on the intricacies of making soap in "Fight Club," Fincher's anarchic 1999 cult hit.
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NBA

Wizards outrace Rapt ors 49-27 in easy win

Lewis nails three, Marbury misses foul shot in Knicks’ loss

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With 10.07 remaining in the fourth quarter, Caron Butler rose 3-pointer and a St. John’s Big East champion missed a 3-pointer. It was the only rebound the the Wizards beat the Rapt ors 129-109 Tuesday night by dominating the boards, acquiring a 33-10 advantage in second-chance points that essentially accounted for the margin of victory in a matchup of first-place teams.

The Wizards finished with 49 rebounds to the Rapt ors’ season-low 27, easily negating their 25-game shooting streak. Rosh scored 25 points, but his one rebound was a season-low and well below his 10.3 average.

Did you have one rebound? Wow!” said Washington’s Gilbert Arenas, who scored 25 points and added 18 for the Wizards, who had lost twice this season.

Arenas broke out of a slump by making nine of 13 field goals, including five 3-pointers — his most since Jan. 30. It was his best shooting game overall since a 9-for-13 performance on Dec. 26.

Arenas attributed the turnaround to a physical therapist who treated his sore shoulder last week.

“Every since they popped my shoulder back in, my shot has been feeling good,” he said.

Seattle, New York 99

The Seattle SuperSonics knew Rashad Lewis’ last shot was going in, and were probably a little surprised when Stephon Marbury didn’t.

Lewis made the go-ahead 3-point shot and Seattle beat the New York Knicks Tuesday night when Marbury missed a free throw 0.9 seconds left.

Marbury kept up his torrid scoring with 40 points, but finished New York’s miserable night at the line when his second attempt bounced out after he was fouled on the drive to the hoop with the Knicks trailing by two.

“I hate to see that happen to anybody,” Seattle’s Ray Allen said. “He deserved to make both of those free throws because he played a hell of a game tonight. He was definitely giving us fits all night.”

The Knicks finished 24-of-38 (63 percent) at the line, ruining their chance at a comeback and any hopes they had of being in playoff position by the end of the night.

“We had this game. Not even Stephon’s free throws, but my free throws, we just missed some big free throws,” said center Eddy Curry. “We had 5-of-10.”

“You’re at the line and you miss two, or you miss one of the two. It’s just like you have a feeling and it’s going to bite you at the end, and it bite us, especially in a close game like this.”

Allen scored 29 points and Lewis finished with 24, including his 3 with 4.8 seconds left for the SuperSonics, who tied a season high with their third straight victory. Earl Watson matched a career high with 23 points and added nine assists.

It was a big shot, Ray saw me wide open and let me take it,” said Lewis. “I said that’s mean. That’s mean, especially to do it right here in New York City in the Garden. That’s something I’ll always remember.”

The Knicks also were trying to win a season-high with a third straight victory. They had seven of their eight losses on the road.

Seattle won for the fourth in five games after the Wizards added 12 points despite missing the fourth quarter after taking a 31-point lead.

The Knicks entered the night as the league’s leading Dallas. But they couldn’t contain Seattle’s perimeter attack in the first half and their rally fell short in the second.

Without Jamal Crawford for the rest of the regular season and still missing top scorer David Lee and Nate Robinson, the Knicks got 15 points from Curry and 12 from Quentin Burrell.

Marbury did the rest, surpassing 30 points for the third straight game — though the Knicks needed one more point from him.

“I was thinking it was good,” Marbury said of his second attempt. “I missed, I've missed free throws before. It's just part of the game.”

Denver 106, New Orleans 91

Allen Iverson scored 25 points and Carmelo Anthony, a 2-point game behind 21 in the Denver Nuggets’ win over the New Orleans Hornets on Tuesday night.

None finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the third straight game. Anthony is on a career-high 20-game winning streak to secure the victory.

Marcus Camby grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked six shots despite playing with a sore tailbone. He now has 1,500 blocks for his career.

Denver guard J.R. Smith was a surprise contributor when he was inserted into the lineup with 1:34 remaining, his first game back since tearing the lateral meniscus in his left knee the last week.

He had arthroscopic surgery the next day. Before the game, Smith said he didn’t know when he’d be back. He didn’t miss the last games with the injury.

“The knee is still sore,” Smith said before the game. “I’ll play when I am comfortable to play.”

The Nuggets trailed by one with 7:41 left in the second quarter, but closed the period on a 20-9 run to take a 53-43 lead at halftime.

Denver coach Karl Malone doesn’t know if Anthony will make the trip to Golden State on Wednesday night.

Anthony didn’t know yet, either.

However, he was beaming as he talked about the surprising birth of his son.

“I’m just waiting for it to happen,” Anthony said Monday. “The anticipation is always high at this time when you are going to be a father.”
**Men's Basketball**

Associated Press Top 25

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**STEROIDS INVESTIGATION**

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Two more people linked to a nationwide investigation into the illegal sale of steroids were arraigned Tuesday on drug-related charges as a published report implicated more athletes, including the winner of the Ohio bodybuilding competition named for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Steven and Karen Lampert of Anti-Aging Centers in Nanuet pleaded not guilty in an Albany County, N.Y., courtroom and were released without bail. They are charged with submitting prescriptions to a Florida pharmacy — some "obviously forged" according to the district attorney — for drugs totaling more than $50,000 for people without a medical need.

Steven Lampert is charged with 20 counts, his wife with two.

"It seems as though our clients have much less involvement than the others," said Jay Golland, a lawyer for Karen Lampert.

Prosecutors describe the Lamperts as "criminal associates" of Signature Pharmacy in Orlando, Fla. Albany County District Attorney David Soares says Signature was at the center of a web of businesses and doctors that illegally wrote prescriptions for steroids.

The arrangements come a day after guilty pleas were entered in Albany by 11 other defendants, including four Signature Pharmacy officials.

Soares acknowledged that bodybuilder Victor Martinez was an "unindicted co-con­spirator" in the case and is linked to the Lamperts’ Anti-Aging Centers.

Martinez won the Arnold Classic bodybuilding competition Saturday in Ohio. A spokesman for Schwarzenegger said he wants bodybuilders to stop using steroids.

"He’s clearly opposed to these steroids," said Aaron McEur. "And he’s working with top officials in the bodybuilding community to come up with a system where they rob the sport of steroids."

Martinez told The New York Times he bought testosterone from the Lamperts after their clinic told him he had low levels of the hormone. He also said the company asked him to become a partner, but he declined.

"I didn’t trust them, and other people were warning me not to do business with them," he told the Times.

Callies placed by The Associated Press to Jim Lorimer, a bodybuilding promoter and co-creator of the Arnold Classic, were not immediately returned.

**IN BRIEF**

Lopez to compete on LPGA Tour at 60

OMAHA, Neb. — Nancy Lopez knows she might not be able to win on the LPGA Tour as a 50-year-old, but that’s not going to stop her from trying.

Lopez said she plans to play five or six LPGA Tour events this year, starting with the $2.6 million Gina Open in Phoenix, Ariz., April 12-15.

She’s played in only 11 tour events since 2002, and she hasn’t had a top 10 finish since 1997.

"I know I have to get in real good shape to try to compete with the young girls, but I think I still have the mental capacity to go out there and play good golf," Lopez said Tuesday at a news conference before a University of Nebraska at Omaha women’s athletics fundraiser. "Let’s just see if I can make it in the hole a little faster than I have the last few years."

Lopez spent the past couple years working to improve her fitness and has lost more than 30 pounds.

Kings forward Artest arrested after assault charges

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest slapped a woman’s face and grabbed her repeatedly, causing visible injuries, according to a sheriff’s report made public Tuesday.

Artest was arrested Monday after a woman inside his home in a Sacramento suburb called 911 and said she had been assaulted. In a portion of the 911 tape released by authorities, the woman described injuries to her hand and leg.

"Victim sustained visible trauma after being repeatedly grabbed by Artest and pushed to the floor," said the Placer County Sheriff’s Department report. "Artest then slapped victim’s face (and) by use of force prevented victim from leaving."

The report also said Artest took a phone from the woman the first time she tried to call 911.

**Linebacker Porter agrees to contract with Dolphins**

Joey Porter wasn’t unemployed for long.

The trash-talking linebacker, cut last week by Pittsburgh to save salary cap room, agreed to a five-year, $32 million contract with Miami, giving the Dolphins a potentially devastating pass rushing tandem with Jason Taylor, the defensive player of the year.

Porter is guaranteed $20 million in the deal, which was agreed to late Monday, according to a person with knowledge of the discussion who requested anonymity because Porter has not yet passed his physical and the contract may not be signed until Wednesday or Thursday.

Porter’s 60 sacks rank fourth in Steelers’ history. His addition is part of what’s becoming a major roster overhaul by the Dolphins, who were 6-10 last season, and new coach Cam Cameron.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

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Pac-10 rides wave of improved competition

As postseason arrives, coaches agree conference is among nation's best

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Pac-10 usually repeats itself week after week when conferences are being evaluated at this time of year.

Not this week.

Luke Olson, completing his 24th year at Arizona, called the Pac-10 the toughest it ever been during a conference call Tuesday. Ernie Kent, finishing his 10th season at Oregon, added: "I think it's the No. 1 conference in the country. If it's not No. 1, it's No. 2."

The Pac-10 tournament starts Wednesday at the Staples Center.

Southern California's Tim Floyd said he couldn't imagine a better seventh-place finish in the nation than Washington, promptly prompting Huskies coach Lorenzo Romar to say: "I wouldn't say I disagree. If they had a tournament for all seven-place teams, hopefully we'd be the No. 1." And Ben Howland, coach of top-seeded UCLA, expressed the opinion that six Pac-10 teams are a lock to play in the NCAA tournament, no matter what happens in the conference tournament.

That's usually the mantra of the Big East, Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference about now.

"I was in the Big East for four years," Romar said with a pointed reference for me," he said.

Six Pac-10 teams have played in the NCAA tournament only once before — in 2002. Five were chosen on four occasions, most recently in 2003. Three played in 2004, and four were picked in each of the past two years.

Seven of the league's 10 teams have at least 18 wins, and those seven went a combined 71-12 against non-conference opponents.

"Hopefully we'll be rewarded for being a very, very tough conference," Kent said. "We've kind of beaten up on each other.

Perhaps that explains why only three teams are ranked among the nation's top 25 this week — No. 4 UCLA, No. 11 Washington State and No. 16 Oregon. Each of the top seven teams were ranked at one time or another this season.

Eighth-seeded California (14-16, 5-12 Pac-10) faces ninth-seeded Oregon State (11-20, 3-15) and seventh-seeded Washington (12-12, 8-10) meets 10th-seeded Arizona State (8-21, 2-16) Wednesday night to begin the tournament.

Four games will be played Thursday. The first two are Friday night and the finals, Saturday.

"I feel like we should be in the (NCAA) tournament — win or lose," said Stanford's Trent Johnson, whose team appears to be the only one of the top six that could be bypassed. UCLA went 11-7 in the Pac-10 regular-season and tournament championships last year, and reached the finals of the NCAA tournament before losing to Florida 73-57.

The prevailing sentiment is that UCLA is even better this season, but Floyd said he could see as many as seven teams winning the conference tournament.

"They're more experienced, to begin with," Olson said about the Bruins. "The second thing is they've had another year to play in the system. The key to UCLA a year ago and this year is how they defend." Romar also pointed to the Bruins' ability on defense, and added: "I think Darren Collison has done a marvelous job replacing Jordan Farmar (fat point guard). I thought that would be the biggest dropoff would be. There hasn't been a dropoff at all.

"I think it's the No. 1 conference in the country if it's not No. 1, it's No. 2." — Ernie Kent, Oregon coach

That the 24-year-old Ashaolu lived was considered remarkable by his doctors — some did not expect him to make it through the first 24 hours after being shot in the back of the head. As he clung precariously to life for several days, family members were warned he might need supervised around-the-clock care the rest of his life.

Instead, Ashaolu not only got better very quickly, he has surprised his doctors by improving every month.

At a Nov. 13 news conference, Mercy Hospital neurosurgeon Daniel Bursick cautioned that while Ashaolu's recovery was encouraging, there were "no promises, no guarantees" for the future. Other doctors warned his progress might soon level off.

Last week, however, Bursick told older brother John Ashaolu that Sam could start doing whatever he wanted to do.

"I asked the doctor, 'Do you mean, like physical contact?' and he said, 'Yeah,'" said John Ashaolu, a Duquesne graduate assistant. "He was almost nonchalant about it. Sam is healing pretty well, and he's still in the process of healing, but if he feels he's up to it, he can go ahead and do it."

There was additional encouraging medical news last week, too — the swelling around the bullet fragments has gone down considerably.

"I feel very optimistic that he's definitely going to play again," John Ashaolu said. "He's almost back to normal. He's regaining his form. I see him working out and I'm very encouraged by it."

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Bonds registers first hits of year

Giants' slugger gets comfortable at new spot in batting order

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Although Barry Bonds is still struggling from the flu, he was strong enough to get his first hits of spring training in what might be his new spot in the San Francisco Giants' batting order.

Bonds went 2-for-3 with a double and two hits in an 8-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday, the slugger's first game action since his second trip to the emergency room four days ago.

"I'm behind a little bit," said Bonds, who was winded and even a little still shaking off his illness. "I just wanted to really see pitches. I wasn't really going to swing — just actually see pitches and be out there. I was fighting the flu, but I had fun."

The long-time cleanup hitter batted third as the Giants' designated hitter against the Angels, and manager Bruce Bochy said Bonds probably will stay in that spot through the spring and beyond.

"Anything Barry wants to do," Bochy said. "He said he's ready to go."

Bonds, who persevered despite getting dizzy while running the bases, seemed excited about his new skipper's plan.

"That's something I'm going to do for a while here in the spring, maybe get a look at it," Bochy said. "You give him one more at-bat. You get him up definitely in the first inning, maybe allow him to get an extra at-bat later in the game, but also get him off his legs a little bit, maybe 40 or 50 innings when he hits in the eighth and I can throw somebody out there (as a ninth-inning defensive replacement)."

From 1995 until late June 2002, Bonds was the Giants' No. 3 hitter in four days, but from early July through a Francisco's run to the 2002 World Series, Bonds has batted third for the Giants just 32 times — only 7 percent of his games.

But Bonds is optimistic about the possible move, chiefly because the Giants have Dave Roberts in the leadoff spot this season. The slugger thinks San Francisco hasn't had a leadoff hitter with Roberts' speed and ability since Kenny Lofton was in uniform for that World Series run.

Bonds thinks Roberts will help him by stealing bases and causing havoc for opponents — even if it also opens up more chances for fearful pitchers to add to Bonds' major league record of 465 intentional walks.

"For me to this third, I need someone who wants to run," Bonds said. "Me and Dave have got to get out on the field together, (and) there's a lot of open doors in that situation."

The change is still in the experimental stages — as is Bonds' evaluation of several new models of his favorite Canadian maple bats. The seven-time NL MVP says he won't know anything for certain about the upcoming season and his chase of Hank Aaron's home run record until he gets back to full strength.

"My legs feel a lot better," Bonds said. "I'm still slow as heck. My legs feel pretty good, but I started eating again. I didn't eat for two days, except drink juice."

Bonds went 0-for-2 in the Giants' spring opener last Friday, but was soon side-lined by the flu that ravaged San Francisco's roster in recent weeks. He stayed home in bed on Saturday and Sunday, and returned only for a brief batting practice session Monday after most of his teammates had left the Giants' training camp for a game in Tucson.

Though still coughing on Tuesday morning, Bonds felt strong enough to pick up his bat. Unless he feels a whole lot worse Wednesday morning, he plans to play again at the Seattle Mariners' complex in Peoria — making a rare road trip to get his 42-year-old body closer to game shape.

Bonds worked a full count in his first-inning at-bat against Angels starter Joe Saunders before drawing a walk.

In the third, he hit a 2-2 fastball to Malier Izturis, who was playing on the grass behind second base — but Bonds actually hustled down the line and beat Izturis' high throw for a single. Bonds advanced to second before getting doubled off base on Rich Aurilia's sharp liner to shortstop.

Bonds' roundout in the fourth scored Frederick Lewis, who drove in two runs earlier in San Francisco's four-run inning.

Against non-roster right-hander Marc Gwyn in the sixth, Bonds took two called strikes before hitting a liner into left field, where Nick Gorensait got the ball in his glove, but couldn't hang on.

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Lowly Flyers stun Brodeur, Devils in overtime

Budaj stops all 21 shots as Avalanche extend winning streak to 5 games, move closer to final playoff spot in West

PHILADELPHIA — A mix of exciting, new players and talented holdovers are giving the Philadelphia Flyers hope for the future.

Simon Gagne scored 1:47 into overtime, leading the Flyers to a 5-4 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday night.

Scottie Upshall, Geoff Sanderson, Sami Kapanen and Mike Richards also scored as Philadelphia beat the Devils for the first time in six tries this season.

Martin Biron, making his first start at home since the Flyers got him from Buffalo at the trade deadline, had 37 saves. Upshall, one of four players in the lineup that arrived in trades last month, has four goals in nine games with Philadelphia.

"We're not looking up at the standings," said Upshall, who was part of the deal that sent Peter Forsberg to Nashville.

"We're just playing hard, playing in-your-face style hockey."

A perennial playoff participant, the Flyers have the fewest points (47) in the NHL. But, they're 7-6-6 since the All-Star break and are hoping a strong finish can carry over into next season.

Brad Lukowich, Zach Parise, Patrik Elias and Sergei Brylin scored for the Devils, who lost their third straight game.

Lukowich tied the tying goal with 5:35 left in regulation after the Flyers failed to clear the puck in front.

Gagne took a pass from Sanderson and put his own rebound past Martin Brodeur to win.

"I made a good save. It just went right back on his stick," Brodeur said. "He kind of called the play. It just bounced back on his stick. It was a goal scor­er's goal.

Gagne credited Jones for his team-leading 36th goal.

Each time the Devils went ahead in the second period, the Flyers answered quickly. Just 42 seconds after Brylin deflected in a slap shot from Elias to give the Devils a 3-2 lead, Richards tied it with a shot that went between Lukowich's legs and past Brodeur.

Upshall gave the Flyers a 4-3 lead 1:20 later. He had just two goals in 14 games for the Predators.

Biron preserved the one-goal lead with a pad save on a point-blank shot by Scott Gomez early in the third and made an acrobatic stop during a Devils' power play midway through the period.

While flat on his back, Brodeur kicked his leg up and somehow stopped a slap shot by Jamie Langenbrunner, earning a standing ovation from a home crowd that had few reasons to cheer this season.

"When the trade was made, I was excited because I knew I liked playing in this building," Biron said. "It's a place I'm comfortable in."

New Jersey, which is chasing Buffalo for first place in the Eastern Conference, missed an opportunity to gain ground on the Sabres.

"We've just got to get back playing our game," Langenbrunner said. "Right now we're making too many mistakes, we're turning the puck over too many times and letting them find way too many chances."

Colorado 2, Boston 0

Left for also-ran status just a week ago, the Colorado Avalanche are suddenly back in the Western Conference playoff picture.

Peter Budaj stopped 21 shots. Brett Hull broke a scoreless deadlock in the third period to lift the Avalanche to their first victory since their 4-2 loss to Boston Bruins on Tuesday night.

Milan Hejduk scored an empty-net goal and added an assist for the Avalanche, who are 3-0-1 on a season-high, five-game road trip.

Colorado, ninth in the West, pulled to eight points behind Minnesota for the eighth and final playoff spot.

The Wild lost to San Jose 3-0 on Wednesday.

Colorado has earned six points on Minnesota during its winning streak, and will play the Wild twice more this season.

The Avalanche trail Calgary — which beat St. Louis 4-2 on Tuesday — by 10 points for seventh place in the conference.

Colorado has three games remaining against the Flames.

"We've got to make a great run," Avalanche coach Joel Quenneville said. "We're playing the teams we have to catch, so we control our own destiny. We have to win almost every game.

Budaj, chosen as the NHL's No. 3 star for last week, made seven saves in each period to record his third shutout of the season and fifth of his career.

He stopped Mark Mowers on a breakaway in the closing seconds of the first period, then made a glove save on Glen Murray's one-timer early in the second to thwart Boston's two best scoring chances.

"We just didn't create in the offensive zone," Boston center Patrice Bergeron said. "We stood around instead of going to the net. Tonight, we weren't making the right decisions, we weren't crashing the net."

Tim Thomas stopped 28 shots for the Bruins, whose two-game winning streak ended.

Boston is 12th in the East, four places and four points behind eighth-place Carolina.

"Tonight was an important game," Thomas said. "Four points out of the playoffs going in, it could have been two if we got the win. We had a chance to pick up some points tonight, and we didn't get the job done."

Atlanta 4, Florida 2

Keith Tkachuk is surprised the Atlanta Thrashers have had such an easy time against the Florida Panthers.

"They have a lot of good young players over there," Tkachuk said. "They are a young team with nothing to lose."

Tkachuk scored his first two goals with Atlanta to help the Thrashers to their fourth straight win, over the Panthers on Tuesday night.

Ilya Kovalchuk and Marian Hossa continued leading the Thrashers' dominance of Florida. The Thrashers are 6-0 against their Southeast Division rival this season and have won 10 straight over the Panthers on the road.

"Atlanta has an All-Star line­up and taking a lead of penal­ties against those guys is not going to work in our favor," Florida's Chris Gratton said after his team tied a season high with 16 infractions. "I don't think it was the refs' fault."

Scoring his 35th goal with two assists, Kovalchuk has 11 points in the season series. His helper made it 3-2 with 6:24 remaining. Tkachuk's second goal, on a power play, capped the scoring with 1:51 remaining.

"When we acquired Keith, we knew he is a great player and a veteran, but he has an unbe­lievable presence at the net," Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said. "He is strong, smart and knows how to position himself."

Hossa's 39th goal gave the Thrashers a 2-1 lead with 16:59 remaining. Atlanta had a two-man advantage when he took Alexei Zhitnik's pass from the right circle and used a wrister to beat Ed Belfour.

Hossa has six goals and eight points against Florida this sea­son.

"We didn't play much even­strength," Panthers captain Olli Jokinen said. "Both teams were fouling, but the same fouls weren't called. The first 20 games, they called everything. Then they go back to the old rules. That's tough."

Juraj Kolnik scored his ninth goal 4:54 later to make it 2-2. Gratton held up Shane Hnidy long enough to help Kolnik move down the slot and fire the puck under Kari Lehtonen's pads.

Tkachuk, acquired in a Feb. 25 trade with St. Louis, opened the scoring on a breakaway when he skated past Bryan Allen and beat Belfour to the glove side with a backhander 2:41 into the game.

"We had a lot of chances," Tkachuk said. "We had a good num­ber of five-ona-thirds, and you should be able to take advan­tage of those."
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Mike Brey said, "I think if we can keep the same frame of mind that we’ve had the last couple of weeks, that will certainly help us." Falls and Carter won’t just be trying to buck their own history when keep the same Big East, they have won just the Big East tournament games.

Mike Brey
Overall, Brey is just 2-6 in Big East tournaments.

The Irish have not played Connecticut this season, but beat Syracuse 103-91 at the Carrier Dome.

Brey said the win earlier this year wasn’t matter. If the Orange get by Pitt, they will have won seven of their last eight.

It’s a different year, a different team, Brey said. "You’ve been through so many quick adjustments, you get into that atmosphere, it’s all or nothing," Brey said. "But Brey doesn’t want to live in the past. "You've been through so many scouting reports and you go through so many quick adjustments (through the season)," Brey said.

"You’ve got to get all the scouting reports and you go through so many quick adjustments (through the season)," Brey said.

The Irish will begin their transition to outdoor play when

"We’ve won some close matches here, and I think you need to win more of those at home when your crowd is behind you and the guys are playing their hardest," Bayliss said.

By DEIDRE KRASULA

MEN’S TENNIS

Irish seniors made their own luck at home

When Notre Dame defeated Michigan this afternoon, head coach Bobby Bayliss said, "Our guys have key match experience. And I really think we understand our success this year is the willingness of the players to commit to each other and to buy into what it takes to win these matches."

By Deirdre Krasula

Sporst Writer

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Brey named Big East Coach of the Year

By Chris Hine

Irish coach Mike Brey

Brey earned Big East Coach of the Year honors for the 2006-07 season.

Brey becomes the second Notre Dame coach after John MacLeod in 1997 to win this award.

Brey, the Irish are 125-62 overall (60-36 Big East) and have made the NCAA Tournament three times (2001, 2002, 2003), reaching the Sweet 16 in 2002, 2003.

This season, the Irish won 11 games in conference play for the third time since 2001 and won all 18 of their contests inside the Joyce Center. The Irish are 6-2 on the road heading into tomorrow's contest against Syracuse.

Martin Cwynar

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 tackles and 17 sacks. Despite playing tackle on Marian’s defensive line, Mike Frank mostly sees Cwynar playing at defensive end in defensive coordinator Corwin Brown’s 3-4 defensive scheme.

"Notre Dame's coach[es] like me,| the defensive end position in the three front," he said. "I'm pretty versatile. I can go to either end. I'm pretty powerful. I can move on my foot pretty well.""Cwynar is a two-year All-State and Academic All-State as a junior.

Academics were an important contributing factor for Cwynar, who listed Notre Dame's combination of strong academics and sports as a major factor in his decision to commit so early.

"He said you had a lot of positive things to say about Coach Brown and I think that's a very good sign," Frank said.

"Not only for recruiting purposes, but it seems Coach Brown is doing a really nice job of reaching these players and getting them excited about Notre Dame's defense."
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"I played many different sports, such as swimming, tennis and cross country," she said. "But my parents encouraged me to stick with one sport, and I chose golf." It is fortunate for the Irish that she listened.

Nakazaki lettered all four years in golf at Hoffman Estates High School in Hanover Park, Ill., where she served as captain her senior year. She was the cornerstone of her team, earning all-conference honors, and was recognized as the team MVP in each of her four years in high school.

As soon as she set foot on campus, Nakazaki began attacking the record books, setting two school records in her first tournament with the Irish. At the Cougar Classic, she scored a then-record 69 in the first round — the lowest in school history — and shot an unprecedented one-over par 217 for 54 holes.

The senior continues to cement her legacy in Irish history through her dominant play. She’s earned two-time All-Big East selections along with many more school records.

Nakazaki has also learned to balance the demands of being a Notre Dame student and athlete. She proved her success in both areas when she was named a Big East Academic All-Star in the 2004-05 season. Receiving education at an institution like the University of Notre Dame means a lot to me not only because I learned a lot about finance and the business world, but also because it prepared me to be in the real world," Nakazaki said. "Education gave me the power to make choices in my life.

Much of her success both on the course and in the classroom can be attributed to her stringent, precise work ethic. "Whether it is golf or academics, I always strive for the best and perfection," Nakazaki said. To pinpoint where this determination and resolve comes from, Nakazaki credits her mother, Riisako Nakazaki. "My mother has been a role model for me," she said. "She taught me to work hard and to appreciate others."

Although Noriko Nakazaki admits that one day she would aspire to "be on the LPGA tour and become the world’s best player," she is currently focused on one goal — to golf at the NCAA regional, with hopes of advancing to the final.

But no matter how the season ends for Nakazaki, she will always have her family to thank for her involvement in the sport she loves.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Illinois defensive lineman commits for Class of 2012

Marian Central star draws comparisons to former DT Landri

By JAY FITZPATRICK and KEN FOWLER
Spen Wisse

Noriko Nakazaki prepares to tee off on Sept. 23 at the Lady Irish Invitational, where the Irish placed second overall.

Left, Notre Dame forward Rob Kurz pulls up a jump shot against Blue Demons forward Wilson Chandler at DePaul Feb. 8. Right, guard Colin Falls shoots from behind the 3-point arc over DePaul guard Sammy Mejia. The Irish lost to the Blue Demons 67-66.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fourth-seeded Irish look to shake Big East tournament demons

By CHRIS KHOREY and CHRIS HINE
Spen Wisse

Four years ago, Colin Falls hit a three to beat West Virginia in the first round of the Big East tournament.

Little did the then-freshman know that he would lose his next three Big East tournament games and, along with fellow fourth-year player Russell Carter, would still be looking for that elusive second win as a senior.

"I think that's one thing our seniors have talked about — getting better in New York — but we still have to go and do it," Irish coach Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, said. "If I commit now maybe I can have some other commits jump in the boat and help make something special," he said.

Cwynar had offers from Iowa, Michigan State, Purdue and Wisconsin, among others. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, said Cwynar received so many offers this early because of great potential in the college game. Frank also said Cwynar plays a lot like another Irish defensive standout.

"He reminds me a lot of Derek Landri, but a guy who's bigger and stronger than Landri coming out of high school," Frank said. "He shows the same kind of quickness and the same kind of tenacity that you'll see from Derek Landri when he plays on the field."

Cwynar was the defensive player of the year in the Suburban Catholic Athletic conference, registering 102

WOMEN'S GOLF

Family inspires Nakazaki

Golfer credits family influences for success on the course, in class

By LORENZO REYES
Spen Wisse

Spirited competition and sibling rivalries are what sparked Noriko Nakazaki's drive and passion to play golf for the Irish.

The senior co-captain of the women's golf team first became interested in the sport at age 11, thanks to her two older brothers. Playing the role of the young, curious sister who watched her brothers compete, Nakazaki was drawn to the game.

Nakazaki's parents asked her to focus on just one of her many athletic interests.

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FOOTBALL

Zibby headlines local exhibition matchup

By DAN MURPHY
Spen Wisse

At approximately 10:30 Tuesday night, Irish safety Tom Zibikowski finished a three-round exhibition match at the Century Center in South Bend. Just 12 hours earlier, Zibikowski didn't have medics, a ring or an opponent.

Zibikowski, the headliner of the 12-hour event, was originally slated to take on heavyweight fighter Kevin Murphy. However, Murphy was recently suspended after testing positive for unspecified illegal substances. Ed Zbikowski, Tom's manager and father, scrambled to find a new opponent with less than 24 hours notice.

"We don't know what to expect, but this is the way Tommy lives his whole life," Zbikowski said shortly before the bout began.

He was able to add Ryan St. Germaine, a 25-year-old fighter out of Goshen, Ind., to the card earlier that afternoon. St. Germaine began his professional career a month ago and has gone 1-1 in his two fights since.

No winner was declared in Tuesday's fight because judges only keep scoring during official, non-exhibition matches. However, the focus of the night — which included eight amateur and three professional