NDSP director Rakow dies at 55

Security head served ND for three decades

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Eighteen months and one day after doctors told Rex Rakow he had 12 to 18 months to live, the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) director died at his home in Granger, Ind. He was 55.

"That was the type of fighter he was," Rakow's wife Linda wrote in a note that Coordinator of Event Security Cappy Gagnon shared with The Observer.

Rakow, a Mishawaka native and NDSP's leader for over 30 years, was diagnosed with cancer in September 2007.

"I had parked my car in B2 late one night, I was a photographer so I had gone to the back of the car to grab the camera from the trunk," Johnson said. "Rex was on patrol and he asked me if I wanted a ride back to my dorm, and we developed a friendship that lasted many, many years."

Such friendships blossomed between Rakow and countless other people, many cultivated while he served as director of campus safety office at Alumni College, as adjunct instructor of criminal justice at Indiana University in South Bend, as a member of the Indiana Law Training Board and as a leader at NDSP for over three decades.

Johnson said he spent Wednesday reviewing e-mails from colleagues from "New England to California, Colorado to Washington" all speaking about the great respect they had for Rakow — a man Johnson said lived for his "faith, family and friends."

"He truly made not only Notre Dame, but our profession, a better place. I have so many messages that have crossed my desk today," Johnson said, noting one from a classmate of Johnson's who spoke about the accomplishments of their friend.

Jenkins to honor CSC overseas

Trip to Puerto Rico celebrates anniversary

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Just two months after his trip to Uganda as part of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, University President Father John Jenkins will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns (PRCSC) today by making a special visit to Puerto Rico to commemorate the event.

"I think it means quite a bit to [the Center] to have Father Jenkins there to celebrate the anniversary," said Liz Mackenzie, director of Senior Transition Programs at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns. "The PRCSC is closely tied to Notre Dame. It is mostly Notre Dame graduates who work there and a lot of work is done with the alumni club (in Puerto Rico)."

According to Frances Shavers, executive assistant to the President, Jenkins will arrive in Puerto Rico today and will meet with alumni and friends of the University. He

Week warns, promotes alcohol moderation

By MARCELA BERROS
Assistant News Writer

With the slogan "BAC to the Beach; Here for the sing, not the binge," the organizers of Safe Spring Break/Alcohol Awareness Week 2007 warned students to exercise moderation in their vacation alcohol intake during an information fair in LaFortune Student Center Wednesday.

Student government, the office of Drug and Alcohol Education (ODAE), Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning And Responsible Socializing (PILLARS) and the Coca-Cola Company put together a series of activities and giveaways through-out this week to educate students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse during the vacation.

"We always run Alcohol Awareness Week before spring break because people go to places where it's legal to drink before they're 21 years old," junior Meagan McGinley, a member of the PILLARS team, said. "Many students may consciously or unintentionally abuse that privilege, and it's important to educate them about the risks involved."

McGinley said students should be aware of the blood-alcohol content (BAC) their bodies can tolerate before their decision-making capabilities are at their peak.

AARON STIENER
News Writer

After weeks of campaigning, a tense and lengthy election process and an eventual triumph, only now are Notre Dame student body president-elect Liz Brown and vice president-elect Maris Braun beginning to grasp the reality of their win — one that breaks a 35-year barrier since women have been admitted to Notre Dame.

With their victory, Brown and Braun became the first all-female ticket to be elected in Notre Dame history.

While both state that they are proud to be a part of that history, breaking that barrier was never their primary goal.

Newly elected student body vice president Maris Braun, left, and president Liz Brown are ND's first all-female leadership pair.

Election breaks gender barrier

Brown, Braun first all-female ticket in ND history

By AARON STIENER
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student Senate

Clause approved; Dworjan dodges removal

Anti-discriminatory language supported

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Senate meeting Wednesday was a victory for the Social Concerns commit­tee, which successfully passed a resolution requesting the University add sexual orientation to its anti-discriminatory clause.

The Social Concerns resolu­tion, presented by chair Sheena Plamoottil and com­mittee member Mary Pupill, was approved 25-1-1. The resolution addressed Notre Dame's cur-rent handbook, which states that the university is "against discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, sexual orientation or handicapping condition." The resolution asked the university to include "gender identity or expression," "sexual orientation," and "handicapping condition" in those categories.

By their decision, senators spent over an hour questioning Dworjan.

GROUP VOTE FAILS TO MEET NEEDED MAJORITY

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Morrissey Hall residents, who attended the removal hearing of impeached Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan, stood and applauded Wednesday when the Senate failed to reach the two-thirds majority required to remove Dworjan from office.

With several Manorites sit­ting on the edges of the room in their black and gold dorm shirts, senators spent over an hour questioning Dworjan about the accomplishments of their leader. The resolution to remove Dworjan from office failed narrowly, 12-18, when senators were met by a series of "no" votes.
INSIDE COLUMN

Stop by SMC graduation

I’d like to thank my fellow reporters, the lovely Amanda Michaeke, Kiley Meehan and Kate Macarraw for informing me about what I’m writing about today.

When I read Kate’s article on Feb. 16 about General Electric CEO Jeffery Immelt coming to Notre Dame to speak at graduation, I felt a little miffed.

“Surely,” I thought, “the speech will be relevant to the theme of ‘Go forth and do good,’ that all graduation speeches are geared towards, but what about for students outside of Mendoza?”

Honestly, we’re Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish. The preeminent Catholic university in the world. We have pull.

Then I read Amanda’s column of Feb. 19, a list of 65 people who would be better graduation speakers than Immelt.

No offense, but I can add a few hundred names to her list.

One of them is Samuel Alito, the speaker or SMC secured for their graduation ceremony.

I read Kelly’s article of March 5, and I was shocked. I wasn’t surprised that SMC could pull a graduation speaker of that caliber, a Justice of the Supreme Court, who is an exceptionally skilled executive. Even so, it’s hard to believe that you would choose him, this year.

But a large number of ND students are not interested in attending graduation. You might just hear the speaker as an Archie, as an English teacher, and mentor. It’s from March 5.

Grant, no speaker is perfect. An occasional guest is a necessity that all graduation speeches are geared towards, but what about for students outside of Mendoza?

That all sounds great, but last year’s speaker was the President of Ireland. In that capacity, Mary McAleese had experiences that students from almost all disciplines can relate to. She’s an Irish woman, after all. Even if he is an exceptionally skilled business executive, he’s that, a business executive.

The generic, motivational-espous speech I feel we can expect from him is a shadow of what Alito, someone who confronts national issues of ethics and morality and renders decisions that effect all Americans, will say.

Don’t get me wrong. I love business, people and business students. O’ Shaughnessy isn’t that far from Mendoza.

But a large number of ND students are going on to careers in politics, academia or a professional discipline. Don’t they deserve a speaker who speaks to their interests, concerns and dreams?

Granted, no speaker is perfect. An occasional guest is a necessity that all graduation speeches are geared towards, but what about for students outside of Mendoza?”

As a final thought, Admired SMC student Erin Simon fabricates a chair for a class in 3-D Foundations Wednesday in the basement of the Riley Hall of Arts and Design.

OFFBEAT

Groom hits his bride with car

SALT LAKE CITY — It wasn’t the most romantic of honeymoons. Police said a groom in jail, accused of trying to run over his new wife after a weekend wedding in Las Vegas.

“We have a wedding certifi cate for March 4th. They were still honeymooning when he ran her over,” said Lt. Paul Jaroscak, a spokesman for the Salt Lake County sheriff’s office. Police received an emergency call Monday from someone reporting a couple fighting in a car as they traveled on Highland Drive, about 10 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. Katie Martindale, 29, apparently got out of the car and started to walk away when James Olwine, 33, drove off the road and hit her with the car, pushing her into a snowbank, Jaroscak said.

Martindale was not seriously injured but might have broken a leg, Jaroscak said.

Unipied fly leads officers to post stand-down

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Attempts to du a movie stunt landed one man in the hospital with burned genitals and another facing criminal charges. The men were trying to du a stunt from one of the “Jackass” movies, in which a charac ter lights his genitals on fire.

Jared W. Anderson, 20, suffered serious burns to his hands and genitals, according to the criminal complaint. Randall D. Peterson, 43, who sprayed lighter fluid on Anderson and lit him on fire, was charged with felony battery and first-degree reckless endangerment Tuesday in Eau Claire County Court.

Witnesses told police that Anderson, who was drunk, volunteered to do the stunt Sunday after watching the movie, the complaint said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DWORJAN ETHICS HEARING?

AJ Pollock
freshman
Keenan

Drew Whiting
junior
Fisher

Kasey Murray
sophomore
off campus

Tej Mudigonda
freshman
St. Edward’s

Tony Pikurich
sophomore
St. Edward’s

Ryan Smith
freshman
Knott

“I am truly a sad day for Our Lady of the Lake.”

“I am going to abstain from that one.”

“Impale him.”

“I abstain.”

“I think freedom of speech should predominate, and he should get to stay in office.”

Sophomore Erin Simon fabricates a chair for a class in 3-D Foundations Wednesday in the basement of the Riley Hall of Arts and Design.

BRIEF

There will be a panel entitled “Gathering Ground: 10 Years of Cave Canem” today from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in McKenna 100-104. The panel will feature poets including Toi Derricotte and Cornelius Eady, co-founders of Cave Canem.

Thomas Glick, from Boston University’s department of history, will give a lecture on “Darwinism and the Vatican, 1877-1902. Did the Church Have a Policy?” today at 11:15 a.m. in the Special Collections Reading Room of the Hesburgh Library.

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

The Angelus Film Series will begin at 7 tonight in Browning Cinema. Films to be shown include: The Trojan Cow, Killroy Was Here, The Queen of Cactus Cave and Silentues. The series is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

“The Pan’s Labyrinth” will be shown tonight at 10 in the Browning Cinema in the DeBarlartolo Performing Arts Center.

The second round CHCA Hockey Playoffs will be held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse Friday at 7:35 p.m. Notre Dame will Alaska. 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

INSIDE COLUMN

Correction

The Observer regrets a professional publication and notes for the highest standards of journal is at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us as 631-6349 so that we can correct our error.

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NDSP under Rakow that he saw firsthand as a NDSP employee in his undergraduate years. Rakow was known for his "great sense of humor" and his quiet leadership style, Johnson said. "He was a terrific professional who had that rare ability to make people like him so he could be effective in a job where you have to say no to a lot of people," Gagnon said. "He was such a good professional with such a good demeanor.

Gagnon and Rakow were friends before Rakow became Gagnon's boss, bonded by a similar sense of humor — a bond that lasted them through the years.

Gagnon said he and Rakow would talk throughout the week about two shows they always watched — "NYFD Blue" and " Monk."

"A food memory is just sitting in his office and laughing," Gagnon said.

Many fond memories of Rakow also have to do with his dedication to service, Johnson said. "He was a true servant leader," Johnson said. "Rex really was a great teacher, a great mentor to many people.

After being diagnosed with cancer, Rakow was named co-chairman of Notre Dame's American Cancer Society Relay for Life, an event he had been active in prior to his illness. He was active in many philanthropic activities. Rex was a person who just thought that the way to make the community a better place was by being active," Johnson said. "Rex thought he was just doing what all of us should be doing in serving not only Notre Dame but our community and serving others.

Rakow worked until early January, when he took a leave of absence. He basically worked every day until it was too debilitating for him to come in," Johnson said. Since 1979, when he first joined NDSP as an assistant director, Rakow worked hard to improve the safety of the University he so deeply loved.

"When he came here, he was a young man in his profession and we were just a security department," Gagnon said. "Throughout his career here, he oversaw the department as it went from a security department to a police department."

Harold Burke-Sivers, director of public safety at Purdue University and president of the Western Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, remembers Rakow from his time as a full-time officer and student at Notre Dame from 1985-89.

"My decision to pursue a career in public safety and dedicate my life to serving university students is a direct result of Rex's leadership and mentoring," Burke-Sivers said in an e-mail to Johnson shared with The Observer. "Rex was a truly consummate professional, a great friend and a loving husband and father. He made a difference in my life and in the lives of so many others."

Rakow said he was able to visit Rakow at his home in mid-February, where he thanked him for his "guidance, encouragement and support over the last 22 years."

"We often don't have the opportunity to tell people how much they mean to us, so this was a real blessing," he wrote.

Last year, the Alumni Association also issued Rakow how much he meant to the community by awarding him the 2007 James F. Armstrong Award for service by an employee to the University. He also received an award by the student government for his outstanding service to the campus community.

"He is not someone who liked or needed the limelight," Gagnon said. "He didn't need awards to make himself feel good. But I'm sure the recognition received helped him recognize how much he was appreciated.

In 2006, Rakow was also made an honorary member of the Notre Dame Monogram club — a fitting award for a man who intimately followed Notre Dame men's and women's basketball and had a passion for golf.

"I used to kid him that if he owned 50 sets of golf clubs," Gagnon said. "An alumnus of Clay High School in South Bend, Rakow graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington and received graduate degrees from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and Notre Dame. He also completed the FBI National Academy's 13-week management training program in 1983. Rakow is survived by wife Linda, children Derek and Stacy, their spouses, four grandchildren, a brother and sister, and her mother.

- Visitation will be held at the Hahn Funeral Home in Mishawaka from noon to 8 p.m. Friday. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or The Cross in the Woods in Indiana River, Mich.

Ken Footer contributed to this report.

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rent anti-discriminatory clause, which states that the University "does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age," Popit said.

The Social Concerns committee wanted to recommend that the University's Academic Council add sexual orientation into the clause.

Popit said she has been working on this resolution most of the year and has researched other top-tier and Catholic institutions — specifically schools run by the Congregation of the Holy Cross — to see whether their anti-discriminatory clauses include sexual orientation.

"It is very interesting to see how many of these schools do have it in their anti-discriminatory clauses, including two of the Congregation of the Holy Cross schools (Holy Cross College in Indiana and King's College in Pennsylvania)," Popit said.

Popit said, "This has set a precedent, and it's up to Notre Dame if they want to follow it or not."

Popit said this is at least the second time in Notre Dame history this issue has been brought to the University Senate and the Faculty Senate both passed similar resolutions in 1998, she said. She also noted that the Student Senate keep urging the administration to insert sexual orientation into the clause, even if their actions are just "one more drip in the bucket."

"If we let this go under the table and pretend this doesn't exist ... then the administration will continually pretend that this isn't a problem," Plamott said.

Plamott said although attempts in the past have failed, it is important that the Student Senate keep urging the administration to insert sexual orientation into the clause.

The QUEEN OF CACTUS COVE
Teenage chess champ Billie faces off against Germany's Johanna in a tense contest 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 inside a hollow cow. An unexpected love story, blossoms in the midst of a dangerous situation.

In other Senate news:
- Andrichak said Dillon Hall senator Matthew Ludwikh will be referred to the Student Union Ethics Committee for his excessive absences.
- Deputy Campus Editor Alexis Staab contributed to this report.

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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.

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

SILENCES
A 20 minute documentary that explores the dot and dash of punctuation and understand his mother's refusal to discuss the circumstances of his 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.

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will also meet with a reporter from El Nuevo Dia — the largest newspaper on the island.

"The PRCSC has served as a window to local culture and vehicle for the dedication and involvement of members of the Notre Dame family in San Juan and the surrounding communities,” Shavers said. "Father Jenkins is grateful for the vision of the PRCSC's founders and the efforts of its many staff, volunteers and partners. This is a wonderful way to recognize their work and celebrate the Notre Dame spirit."

The Center will celebrate its two decades of dedication to Puerto Rican communities with a banquet at the Nautical Club in San Juan today, which will host current volunteers, 14 former volunteers and Notre Dame alumni. The Center's founders — Jose Enrique, Mary Jane Fernandez and Gilberto and Martita Marxuach — will also attend the event along with the ND Club of Puerto Rico president Ricardo Alvaras.

According to Pat Guzman, who has worked at the PRCSC for two years and graduated and interned from Notre Dame in 2005, the communities of Puerto Rico will show their appreciation to the former and current volunteers by hosting a breakfast this morning.

The anniversary celebrations mark the first time that Jenkins has visited Puerto Rico and the PRCSC is now becoming president of the University.

"Many of these people began their work long before Father Jenkins, traveled to these areas, and he encourages members of our campus community to continue partnering with communities worldwide," Shavers said. "Such experiences, he believes, are an opportunity to collaborate, learn and share."

Founded in 1988, the PRCSC seeks to respond to the needs of Puerto Rican communities that are plagued by socio-economic challenges. Through programs aimed at improving education and addressing poverty, the non-profit organization facilitates volunteers — many of whom are Notre Dame graduates — to assist in efforts to improve the quality of life in Puerto Rican communities.

"They work with people who are so grateful," said the Salesian Sisters who run the All At Center, "some of the education centers there." Mackenzie said. "They also work with the homeless, and they are always in the community seeing what the community needs and responding to that."

Each year, the PRCSC takes four to six recent Notre Dame graduates to volunteer in various regions in Puerto Rico.

"It is somewhat competitive, but it's not as competitive as ACE or Teach for America," Mackenzie said. "It is one of the few international programs and is only for one year."

The PRCSC also has a commitment to the La Perla community in San Juan. Through the Hogar Padre Verano, volunteers like Mackenzie are in the area running a slower food program.

Guzman is also working with Asociacion Pro Juvencit, where he established a photography club for high school students that he recently created their own newspaper.

Although graduates accepted to the program are usually placed at one of these three sites, Mackenzie said the PRCSC "can sometimes be creative and arrange placement sites" according to volunteers' interests.

According to Mackenzie, applicants to the program do not necessarily need to know how to speak Spanish fluently because part of the experience is gaining a better proficiency in the language. However, the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame tries to select at least two applicants who are fluent in Spanish.

"It is a beautiful program ... and the Puerto Rican people are so welcoming," Guzman said. "I encourage any senior the opportunity come out and do the program."

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about his motives for running a "Campaign to Abstain" in the recent student body president election, he said his main motivation is to have an impact in the student government office, located on the second floor of LaFortune, because he used the copy machine to print his posters. He also violated the Constitution by posting flyers around campus without the required approval of both the Judicial Council and the Student Activities Office.

Dworjan took the podium for the second time in two weeks and attempted to persuade senators not to vote for his recall. He said his main motive was to educate students that he had an option outside of the two tickets in the run-off. He asked the senators not to remove him from office for what he said was an exercise of his "highest ethic."

"Am I going to be removed because I participated in the democratic process and urged others to do the same?" Dworjan asked.

"Is this Senate going to become the body that removes its own members for participating in this democratic process?"

Fangburn senator Sheena Plumotostill reminded Dworjan in front of the Senate body that he gave her a different reason for his actions when she spoke with him informally before his impeachment.

"You approached me and told me that you did put up these posters ... and I asked you why you did it, and you said, 'Because I can,'" she said. "Plamoot, who was recently selected by newly elected student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun as their Chief Executive Assistant. "I have to wonder what kind of motive are you and were and whether the publicity of this hearing is coming into your actions at all."

Dworjan wrote a letter to the Observer that appeared Wednesday's edition of The Observer and also created a Facebook group that encouraged people to support him at the meeting.

Dworjan clarified his statement to Plumotostill by saying that freedom of speech gave him the right to run the campaign.

Senate Community Relations chair Josh Pasqueri asked Dworjan if "grandstanding" aside and question him. Dworjan said at last week's Senate meeting that he did not know the Constitution prohibited using the student government office's copy machine or hanging posters without approval. Senators questioned whether Dworjan would repeat his actions now that he knew he violated election bylaws with what he did.

"I would have done it exactly the same way," he said.

Several senators said they felt Dworjan's lack of remorse for his actions had grounds for his removal, even though they agreed with him to run a campaign to abstain. Keough Hall senator Brian Corrigan said although he believed Dworjan's initial actions were wrong, he didn't think they warranted removal from office. But he said he "understood" by Dworjan's statement that he would do the same if he was re-elected.

"The thing that really bothers me is you don't see a problem with using student government resources to do your campaigning," Corrigan said.

Dworjan told the senators he used the copy machine in the student government office because he had exhausted his print quota.

Zahn Hall senator Luke Berheimer said Dworjan's attitude regarding his illegal actions showed "blatant disregard" for the oath he took as Morrissey Hall senator.

"The fact that he would do it again tells me he hasn't learned anything from this, and he doesn't have the respect for the oath he took," Berheimer said.

Dworjan said he believed the rules he broke in the Constitution violated his run for free speech.

"I don't believe in the rules ... but I don't believe in rules that go against your conscience," Dworjan said. He said his "highest ethic" was his conscience, not the law or what the Constitution said.

Siegfried senior Jim Lockwood said he disagreed with Dworjan's ideas about the importance of free speech, but said "there are processes and guidelines that you have to follow to exercise that freeedom of speech."

Off-campus senator Mark Derhemei said the senators to vote with their constituencies in mind and consider whether they agree with Dworjan's actions was important "in the grand scheme of things."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Indonesian plane crash kills 21**

YOGYAKARTA — Survivors of the fiery crash-landing of a Boeing 737-400 Wednesday said the plane appeared to be going too fast and shook violently before it skidded down, hit off the runway and exploded in flames, killing at least 21 people. About 115 duzzd and bloodied survivors staggered from the Indonesian jetliner after it broke through a fence and came to rest in a rice paddy. Most escaped without major injuries, although several suffered burns and broken bones.

Those killed were trapped in the wreckage of the aircraft, which police said had apparently caught fire, sending billowing clouds of black smoke and flames high into the air. The plane had been carrying 140 passengers and crew, officials said. Two people were missing.

It was the third plane crash in as many months in Indonesia, and raised questions about the safety of the country's booming airline sector.

**French law forbids online violence**

A new law in France makes it a crime for anyone who is not a professional journalist to film real-world violence and distribute the images on the Internet. Critics call it a clumsy effort by authorities to battle "happy slapping," the youth phenomenon of violent acts — which most often they have provoked — and spreading the images on the Web between peers.

The measure, tucked deep into a vast anti-crime law that took effect Wednesday, has alarmed media advocates who say it tramples on freedom of expression.

Anne Gosse, an association that seeks to protect freedom of expression on the Internet, said the measure will also hinder citizens' abilities to expose police brutality.

**Britain**

**Commons backs historic change**

Legislators begin motion to remove non-elected members of House of Lords

Borat called 'victim of suppression'

WASHINGTON — Borat, that crass chronicle of the American condition, has been single-minded in his campaign against the satirical Web site of Sacha Baron Cohen.

The process of appointing peers has been clouded by a bitter clash between the Lords Spiritual — will make the previously unelected upper house in line with similar institutions, such as the U.S. Senate.

Jack Straw, leader of the Commons, said the vote was a historic step forward and would meet with others to discuss how to proceed.

Lawmakers in both the Commons and Lords will hold further votes on the issue when the laws are proposed, which cannot happen before the next parliamentary session beginning in October.

Prime Minister Tony Blair voted in favor of a 50 percent split between elected and appointed Lords, but he did not take part in the other votes, his Downing Street office said.

Campaigning for an entirely elected second chamber has often been dismissed by Labour critics, which the Lords had threatened to veto — led to a limiting of their powers and brought the first modern call for reform.

Of 63 nations with a two-chamber parliament, 46 elect most or all representatives, according to James Graham, who campaigned for members to be elected. Of the 19 that appoint most or all second chamber lawmakers — including Britain and Canada — only five are established democracies, he said.

Britain, unlike most other democracies, appoints peers for life terms, rather than fixed periods of office.

Straw, the House of Commons Leader, proposed a 540-seat house — a reduction of around 200. Under his plans, all remaining 92 hereditary peers — members who inherit their right to be in the chamber — will be removed.

Some Church of England bishops — known as the Lords Spiritual — will remain, selected by an independent body reporting to Parliament.

For most of the chamber's history, all those with inherited titles — created by the monarch — could take a place in the Lords, provided they were made, over 21 and citizens of Britain, the Commonwealth or Ireland.

Since 1958, women and so-called life peers — mainly drawn from the ranks of retired politicians or those nominated by political parties — have also been appointed.

**Law aims to hinder online predators**

PITTSBURGH — A new law in Pennsylvania that takes effect Wednesday would require MySpace.com and other social-networking sites to verify users' ages and obtain parental consent before minors can post profiles.

Blumenthal, who met with other attorneys general on Tuesday, said 10 to 20 other states are considering similar legislation.

"The technology is available. The solution is financially feasible, practically double," he said. "If we can put a man on the moon, we can check ages of people on these Web sites."

Under the proposal, any networking site that fails to verify ages and obtain parental permission of users under 18 would face civil fines up to $5,000 per violation. Sites would have to check information about parents to make sure it is legitimate.

Parents would be contacted directly when necessary.

Blumenthal said Connecticut has jurisdiction because the advertisements posted on the Web sites are seen in the state.

In a statement Wednesday, MySpace Chief Security Officer Henshaw Nigan said the company is committed to protecting teens online but does not believe the proposed bill is the best way to do that.

"We have and will continue to focus considerable resources on developing effective ways to make our site safer. Attorney General Blumenthal's proposal, while well intentioned, is not the answer," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

**Factory raid catch illegal immigrants**

MISHAWAKA — An immigration raid at a factory that makes fiberglass-reinforced plastic parts for aircraft Tuesday resulted in the arrests of 36 workers suspected of being undocumented aliens.

More than 50 agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raided a factory in Mishawaka on Tuesday with a warrant that allowed them to interview workers and check their records.

ICE spokesman Gail Montenegro said 36 workers — 35 of them Mexican nationals, and one from El Salvador — were arrested. They were taken away in large bus to a Broadview, Ill., center where customs agents interviewed and fingerprinted them.

**Factory raid catch illegal immigrants**

BRADENTON — A Mexican national surrounded at the U.S. border Wednesday on allegations of abducting a 13-year-old from a Florida bus stop last month and leaving him tied up in the beds before the boy escaped, officials said.

Vicente Ignacio Beltran-Moreno, 22, agreed to voluntarily return from Mexico after several days of negotiations with the FBI, Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells said.

Associated Press

LONDON — Legislators took an unprecedented step Wednesday toward ending an age-old tradition of allowing Britain's non-elect­ed hereditary peers to wield power, backing proposals for an entirely elected House of Lords.

House of Commons lawmakers voted in favor of developing laws to select all members of Parliament's upper chamber — potentially one of the most significant constitu­tional changes in British history.

The move, which requires new legislation, would bring the previously unelected upper house in line with similar institutions, such as the U.S. Senate.

"The Garuda Airlines plane after it suddenly lost altitude and exploded in flames was on the runway and exploded in flames, killing at least 21 people. About 115 duzzd and bloodied survivors staggered from the Indonesian jetliner after it broke through a fence and came to rest in a rice paddy. Most escaped without major injuries, although several suffered burns and broken bones.

Those killed were trapped in the wreckage of the aircraft, which police said had apparently caught fire, sending billowing clouds of black smoke and flames high into the air. The plane had been carrying 140 passengers and crew, officials said. Two people were missing.

It was the third plane crash in as many months in Indonesia, and raised questions about the safety of the country's booming airline sector.

A new law in France makes it a crime for anyone who is not a professional journalist to film real-world violence and distribute the images on the Internet. Critics call it a clumsy effort by authorities to battle "happy slapping," the youth phenomenon of violent acts — which most often they have provoked — and spreading the images on the Web between peers.

The measure, tucked deep into a vast anti-crime law that took effect Wednesday, has alarmed media advocates who say it tramples on freedom of expression.

Anne Gosse, an association that seeks to protect freedom of expression on the Internet, said the measure will also hinder citizens' abilities to expose police brutality.

A new law in Pennsylvania that takes effect Wednesday would require MySpace.com and other social-networking sites to verify users' ages and obtain parental consent before minors can post profiles.

Blumenthal, who met with other attorneys general on Tuesday, said 10 to 20 other states are considering similar legislation.

"The technology is available. The solution is financially feasible, practically double," he said. "If we can put a man on the moon, we can check ages of people on these Web sites."

Under the proposal, any networking site that fails to verify ages and obtain parental permission of users under 18 would face civil fines up to $5,000 per violation. Sites would have to check information about parents to make sure it is legitimate.

Parents would be contacted directly when necessary.

Blumenthal said Connecticut has jurisdiction because the advertisements posted on the Web sites are seen in the state.

In a statement Wednesday, MySpace Chief Security Officer Henshaw Nigan said the company is committed to protecting teens online but does not believe the proposed bill is the best way to do that.

"We have and will continue to focus considerable resources on developing effective ways to make our site safer. Attorney General Blumenthal's proposal, while well intentioned, is not the answer," he said.

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LABS and ODAE representatives at the information fair handed out more free merchandise and brochures informing students about the alcohol equivalencies of different beverages and the different effects they may have on a person's soberness.

"Not all drinks are created equal," McGinley said. "If students don't know how much alcohol is poured into each drink they have, they're at a higher risk of compromising their decision-making skills and putting themselves in circumstances where they're not in full control of their actions." An ODAE handout said 12 ounces of beer contained the same amount of alcohol as 1.25 ounces of liquor or 4.5 ounces of wine.

Consequently, when students drink from a 16-ounce cup, the contents of the cup — and not the number of cups — should determine the amount of drinks the student gulps.

"Even experienced drinkers may not be aware that when they have only two drinks and they're not really having just two drinks because each Long Island ice tea in reality contains as much alcohol as five beers," McGinley said. Sophomore Michael Call, a fellow PILLARS member, echoed McGinley's warnings and stressed the importance of educating students about responsible drinking.

"Alcohol Awareness Week is necessary at Notre Dame and every college campus because the things students learn in college are usually the things that stay with them throughout their adulthood," he said. "And you want people who can discern between the right amount of social drinks and excessive drunkenness."

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**In Brief**

FBI finds mortgage fraud on the rise

WASHINGTON — The number of mortgage fraud cases investigated by the FBI almost doubled in the past three years, reflecting a problem that is "pervasive and growing," the bureau said Wednesday in its annual report on financial crimes.

The bureau said its mortgage fraud cases increased from 436 in 2003 to 818 in 2006, and acknowledged that the number likely represents a small piece of the problem.

"The FBI said mortgage fraud is difficult to measure, and some experts have suggested that mortgage fraud may be more pervasive than currently believed. The bureau said it has been looking at new ways to address the problem.

"In the view of the bureau, mortgage fraud is pervasive and growing, and the bureau is working with other federal agencies to address the problem.

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**Gas prices skyrocket in California**

High costs are expected to spread to the rest of the country by the end of the summer

Walgreens sues for discrimination

ST. LOUIS — The federal government Wednesday filed suit against Walgreen Co., alleging widespread racial bias against thousands of black workers throughout the nation's largest pharmacy chain.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged in a class-action lawsuit that Walgreen, based in Deerfield, Ill., makes decisions about employment and promotions based on race.

Most of the complaints that led to the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Ill., came from employees and former employees in St. Louis, Kansas City, Detroit and Tampa, Fla. But EEOC officials in St. Louis said they have found evidence of the same trend around the country.

Walgreen released a statement saying it is committed to "fairness, diversity and opportunity" and that it was "saddened and disappointed" by the EEOC action.

"Our commitment is to providing opportunity to all employees, not only because it is the right thing to do but because our business was built on this principle," the statement said.

Walgreen said it is "the nation's best known drugstore chain in urban areas," and that "managers of all backgrounds are promoted to senior levels from those locations.

The lawsuit alleges that Walgreen assigns black managers, management trainees and pharmacists to low-performing stores and to stores in black communities, and denies them promotions, based on race.

Black managers are assigned to stores in black neighborhoods more often than one would expect, and black employees are not being promoted to management and within management as often as similar white employees," said EEOC regional attorney Robert Johnson in St. Louis.

Walgreen is the nation's largest drugstore chain by sales. It has more than 5,600 stores in 48 states and Puerto Rico, it had sales of $7.4 billion in the 2006 fiscal year.
In kindergarten, you brought your lunch in a plastic bag hanging from a extra pair of underwear, you know, just in case you had an "accident." Back then, you could "rule" where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak before you could actually read, because your mom had read it to you so many times as a bedtime story that you memorized every word. You even knew exactly when to turn the pages.

You also knew exactly what to say to your stuffed animals. Your incalculable creativity inspired you to name them in accordance with their animal nomenclature — "Bear," "Pug," and "Puppy" were amongst your special friends.

But even "Puppy" couldn't console you when you realized that Santa Claus did not, in fact, buy your socks and itchy underwear, which is why Rudolph was not the one who sailed on the carrots in the kitchen; your dad was.

A few years later, you vacuously read The Boxcar Children books, and afterwards, you no longer wanted your comfortable red brick house on Maple Street; after all, you'd rather have been best friends withTracker Allen in an abandoned train car any day. In those days, you ate your ham and cheese sandwich out of your Power Rangers lunchbox while you sat at your school desk that you covered with a checkered red oil cloth. And your mom wore the lunchbox on her shoulder every other Thursday.

You blamed the public school religious education kids who used your classroom on the first day of school that you conducted your road test — thank goodness he didn't ask you to parallel park; then you never would've passed.

Two years later, you still couldn't parallel park, but you could buy cigarettes. You bought some at the Shell gas station in the city on your 18th birthday, even though you didn't smoke (though, D.A.R.E taught you well). You cowered with the word that said, "You can't purchase tobacco products unless you were born on or before Insert Date" read your birthday.

You bought your first old-fashion banana on that excursion too. You hid it under your matress, but your mom found it anyway. You were devastated.

Not long after, you left your red brick house on Maple Street and moved to a dingy dorm with non-modular furniture. You began to live your own life much more like the boy in a red brick house who were rescued by their rumored-to-be-evil, but actually-not-that-bad grandfather. And your parents couldn't caricature your form. Your point? You've come a long way since your kindergartener days of hanging your Starter jacket in a cubby hole and sitting Injun-style on the "magic carpet" during lunch time.

Weil, not exactly. Over Spring Break, you might find yourself on a beach in the Bahamas, and after you've had a little too much Sex on the Beach (the cocktail, of course), you might feel that warm sensation otherwise known as an "accident" dribbling down your leg. Whops.

But regardless, you're older now. "Accidents" — although they have been known to affect college-age folks — are no longer acceptable. And your Migration, Assimilation and Abolishment: Three Forces that built America professor surely didn't list a spare pair of underwear as a requirement in the syllabus.

But she does want you to finish the semester — i.e. make it back to South Bend soon.

While Cable news feasted on the story of Natalee Holloway when she disappeared in Aruba in 2005, those who knew her were devastated. After all, perhaps she had once been a Boxcar Children enthusiast too.

You work hard, and buying derivatives and filling up blue books. You undoubtedly deserve a break. But don't forget that you've lived through a lot. And that you have a lot left to live through — more books to read and more heartbreaks to endure. And maybe one of these days you'll even learn how to parallel park.

So be safe next week — in whatever cesspool of sin you happen to be swimming.

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The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Editorial Cartoon**

"It's not my fault! I watched CNN at events, mor. we only watch news on cable TV so the only thing I knew about was Anna Nicole Smith."
Be mindful of those in need, wherever they're from.

During the Lenten season, the Church asks us to pay special attention to the lives of others, namely prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our Lenten resolutions traditionally center on these three virtues, yet just as in the three areas. By paying special attention to these dimensions of our spiritual life, we enable "the love of Christ to be truly brought to perfection within us" and prepare to celebrate with greater joy than ever Easter and the promises it holds out to faithful believers.

An issue is what have you done dimensions for us and which appears frequently in the news has to do with our policies and practices with regard to immigration. The policies in our country seem to be divided between attempting to develop a compromise which would be fair and just in our treatment of these people and provide a legal solution to the very large numbers of illegal immigrants and growing raids to capture and deport illegal immigrants while stepping up efforts to make our southern border more impenetrable.

I believe that we really think about almsgiving, our concern for the poor expresses itself not only in actives of service and sharing our financial resources with our brothers and sisters, but also enables us to give people who are poor a special place in our hearts.

Sacrifice is worth it

What is the difference between making a person into a slave and requiring someone to make a sacrifice for the good of another? That is, when does justice require us to make sacrifices? The question is difficult — and probably impossible — to answer to everyone's satisfaction, of course, but perhaps we can make some progress by considering cases where the harm suffered in the sacrifice greatly outweighs the benefit thereby achieved; vice versa. The former cases, where trivial goods are achieved through great sacrifice, are clearly to be in conflict with justice. Just as clearly, on the other hand, justice seems to require sacrifices because of the harm which sacrifice is due to prevent from happening. Next we have the good, the health and well-being of the poorest members of our society. We think of a truly good. I would draw your attention to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 53 percent of the population had no health insurance in 2002, and it's expected that the number subsequently to the past four years. Universal coverage would prevent all health problems, of course, but it would mean the difference between life and death from preventable and easily treatable diseases for many of the poorest members of our society.

Now, our observations lead us to these questions: Can we claim, seriously, that the material well-being of the rich members of our society is in any way more important than the health and well-being of the poorest members of our society.

In the Thursday, March 8 edition of The Observer appeared an article regarding pornography in male dorms ("Group discusses pornography in male dorms."). As the Gender Relations, Faculty and Commissioner for Carroll Hall, I feel that I should speak up on the issue. The article claims that students (male and females alike) feel uncomfortable around pornography; this is due to the action of their consciences and is a sign that pornography is not "good" from a moral standpoint. I am extremely embarrassed to say that images of sexual intercourse and women aloft in a dorm hall and all around campus. Alumii Hall senator Danny Smith raised the question and paraphrased: "Is Sports Illustrated's swimsuit edition pornography?" My answer is a strong "Yes".

Pornographic images are those which cause discomfort or embarrassment, and every aspect of pornography leads to the cultural acceptance of objectification of women. I am not saying that it is wrong to appreciate the female form, as God made us complementary to one another, both in body and mind. However, I (and the Catholic Church) feel that a male should appreciate a woman's mind along with her body to support a loving and fulfilling relationship. I hope that some time in the future people may regard female body-including images will be removed from the dorms to allow students to mature morally as well as academically over time by having as well as decrease the lack of respect young men seem to have for women in this day and age.

In the meantime, I look forward to working with the Gender Relations Center and Father Jim Lewis, rector of Carroll Hall, to create programs addressing dorm pornography which will not only address the moral and academic development and eradicate its presence in the dorm completely.

Ryan Slaney
Interim Carroll Hall
March 7

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Seven Samurai

Three-disc Remastered Edition

Criterion Collection

By BRIAN DOXTADER

1954's "Seven Samurai" is widely regarded as Akira Kurosawa's finest effort, which in turn makes it one of the all-time greatest films of all time. A sprawling, 250-plus minute epic, "Seven Samurai" was groundbreaking for its breadth, depth and well-choreographed action sequences.

The film's plot is relatively simple — seven samurai band together to ward off thieves who are terrorizing a small village in Japan. Among the protectors are master samurai Kambei (Takashi Shimura), his protege Katsuhiro (Tatsuya Nakadai), the headstrong Kikuchiyo (Toshiro Mifune) and the master swordsman Kyuzo (Takashi Shimura). A series of sieges and counter-strikes lead up to a climatic battle that tests the physical and mental will of each of the samurai.

"Seven Samurai" is a deep and powerful film, with many profound scenes, and its sure-footed narrative keeps the film from flagging, though it certainly requires cinematic patience. The gorgeous black-and-white cinematography {a trademark of Kurosawa's} is a feast for the eyes, with its breadth, depth and well-choreographed action sequences.

The audio comes in the original Japanese mono track, with re-mastered subtitles, though it's easy to suspect that some of the flavor of Kurosawa's script has been lost in translation. There are also two audio commentaries — one by film scholars David Denby, Joel Mellen, Stephen Prince, Tony Rayam, and Neil Sinyard, and another by Japanese-film expert Michael Jeff, which is deep, insightful commentary, in particular, lives up to the scholar's reputation as one of Japanese cinema's foremost minds.

The bulk of the special features come in the form of three documentaries — a 50-minute "making of," a two-hour video conversation between Kurosawa and Nagisa Oshima titled "My Life in Cinema" and "Seven Samurai: Original and Influences," which puts the film in a historical context. The best of these is "My Life in Cinema," because it really allows the viewer to get an intimate, poignant glimpse into the heart and soul of Kurosawa.

Criterion's packaging is also quite nice, as the DVDs come housed in an attractive cardboard case that includes a booklet supported by several essays and pictures.

"Seven Samurai" is one of those films, like "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Schindler's List," that everyone should feel obligated to see at least once. Its epic sweep and passionate sense of purpose make it Kurosawa's most ambitious film — no small feat from the director of "Rashomon." The filmmakers may have made several other films as accomplished as "Seven Samurai," but the 1954 masterpiece has that rare cinematic magic, in which everything about the film works — it is, of course, both timely and timeless.

Both realistically it would seem that no release could do "Seven Samurai" justice, Criterion's re-release outdoors its already high-brow, high-sounding, giving one of cinema's greatest gems the lavish treatment it so richly deserves.

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Creative concoctions combat culinary conventions

While some may argue that E-Z-Mac and Ramen noodles are the staples in a college kid’s diet, it’s inevitable that when it comes to campus food, dining halls are at the top of the list of easy and affordable (check, to use a foodie’s term) options. Notre Dame is no different, with South and North Dining Hall providing a plethora of delicacies.

Well, for the first month of school, anyway.

After a good five or six weeks, it’s almost impossible not to - experience what I like to call ‘DH Overload’ — that sinking feeling you have when, having just entered either South or North, you can only smell the far-too-familiar odor of cold nuggets and spam pizza. You walk through each line in a state of malaise, and you’re just plain tired of what they’ve got to offer your now-uninsatiable palate. To you, disemboweled diner, life seems a little bit dimmer as you resign yourself to sticky rice and Vegetarian Vegetable soup. However, there is another solution to DH Overload — pursuing the challenging (but oh-so-gratifying) art of the concoction. As would-be revelers prepare for parades, parties and green beer, the distinct aroma of strangeness — that sinking feeling you get when you ask, confused and possibly disgusted — is no longer will you be trapped in the rut of slapping a hunk of broccoli onto your plate each day, I soon realize the power of the sandwich press and that Quinns-style grilling things in adding your new creations. Toasted wraps are always better than un toasted, and with lettuce and tomato salads, my friends. Baby spinach leaves, feta cheese, peppers and basil — Combined into a burger, our and the occasion are nothing short of a gift from the dining hall gods. While I too was first entrapped when the work of the author and not necessarily those of the band Gaelic Storm delivers a hit to the album.

The band Gaelic Storm first gained great popularity after their appearance in the film “Titanic.” Since then they have released several Irish-themed albums.

Creative concoctions combat culinary conventions

By SEAN SWANEY

With St. Patrick’s Day and the wearing of the green just around the corner, Irish culture is in full bloom in expectation of the holiday. As would-be revelers prepare for parades, parties and green beer, the distinct sound of traditional Irish music can be heard not far behind. For those looking to add some last minute Irish music to their repertoire before the 17th, they need turn no farther than “Bring Yer Wellies,” the newest album of the acclaimed Irish folk band, Gaelic Storm.

A California-based traditional Irish group, Gaelic Storm got its start touring Irish pubs near Santa Monica. In 1997, the band starred as the steagair band in the film “Titanic” and the popularity gained from their appearance vaulted them into the international spotlight as one of the world’s top Irish bands.

Gaelic Storm’s self-titled first album redefined the listener’s expectation that the band could produce an Irish sound while incorporating elements of rock and other musical instruments not usually associated with Irish music. While not a Flogging Molly or Dropkick Murphys, Gaelic Storm spans the gap between those groups and more traditional ones such as The Chieftains, creating a niche for itself and finding an appreciative audience.

One decade and five albums later, Gaelic Storm shows that it still has the same ingenuity and energy with its sixth album, “Bring Yer Wellies.” ‘Wellies’ is slang for Wellingtons, rubber rain boots in Europe. Nearly every song in “Bring Yer Wellies” has a fun, carefree tone that one might hear from a band to a real Irish pub. An intricate combination of fiddles, whistles, bagpipes, drums and an accordion allows Gaelic Storm to create full melodies catchy enough to make you feel irishmanly all along in time. Most of the songs begin with an instrumental section that flows into each other and concludes with the fast-paced song “Scalawag,” where a “raggle-taggle gypsy” narrator bids the listener to escape with him over the waters.

After this, the album settles into a pattern of alternating between barroom ballads and quieter songs like the first one.

One of the notable barroom ballads is “Hello, Monday,” which laments the arrival of the work week after a week filled with the previous week’s paychecks. Most of these "pub songs" are funny and light-hearted in nature, lending an enjoyable air to the album.

Interspersed throughout are several instrumental numbers that make strong use of the electronic bagpipes for which Gaelic Storm is famous. These include fast paced jigs and reels, each containing three parts that flow into each other to create songs worthy of being replayed again and again. The best of the instrumentals is “The Salt Lick,” which begins slowly and escalates to a rushing tempo dominated by the bagpipes. Here and elsewhere on the album, the bagpipes have a clear, unfiltered sound that is unlike the sometimes harsh tone real bagpipes create. Each song on “Bring Yer Wellies” gives the impression of being a live recording while maintaining a clear and rich sound — a difficult feat to accomplish. What makes this even more impressive is that fact that the band recorded the 14-track set in only one month, testament to their hard work and commitment to their music.

If you’re feeling particularly ambitious, you can try use flatbread or pita to create your own grilled pizzas.

So what’s the bottom line, kids? Getting trapped in a state of DH overload can happen to anyone, but the ingredients are there to find your freedom. You just have to get cooking.

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MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points, nine rebounds and a season-high eight assists, Eddie Jones added 23 points, and the Miami Heat put together a huge second-half run to beat the Chicago Bulls 103-70 on Wednesday night.

Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal struggles for position during the second half of Miami's 103-70 victory over Chicago Wednesday night. O'Neal finished with 24 points in the contest.

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### NFL

**Broncos sign Graham to five-year deal**

Former Patriots tight end Daniel Graham is tackled by Dolphins linebacker Zack Thomas during New England’s 23-0 loss to Miami last December. Graham signed with Denver Wednesday to a five-year, $30 million contract.

### Around the Nation

**IWCLA Division I Poll**

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**Pistons Hunter suspended after positive drug test**

**Associated Press**

Daniel Graham is the latest addition to the Denver Broncos, one of the most active teams so far this off-season.

The Broncos agreed Wednesday with the former New England tight end on a five-year, $30 million deal that includes $15 million in guaranteed money.

A team spokesman said he could not comment. The deal was disclosed by a person familiar with the deal who requested anonymity because it had not yet been signed.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Falcons were talking to 35-year-old wide receiver Joey Harrington, who was cut last week by their NFC South rivals in New Orleans. ESPN.com quoted unnamed team sources as saying the Falcons reached agreement with the outspoke-n receiver, but the Falcons denied it. "It's not done yet," Falcons spokesman Reggie Roberts said Wednesday night. "We haven't signed a contract, so he's not an Atlanta Falcon. We haven't reached an agreement, so he's not an Atlanta Falcon."

Graham had been with New England since the Patriots drafted him with the 21st overall pick in 2002. He caught 129 passes for 1,393 yards and 17 touchdowns in his time with the Patriots, but is now primarily a blocker.

The 6-foot-3, 257-pound Graham grew up in Denver and attended the University of Colorado. His father, Tim Graham, played linebacker for the Broncos from 1972 to 1974. He joins newly signed running back Travis Henry plus two players the Broncos obtained in trades - cornerback Dre' Bly and defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson.

In Davie, Fla., Joey Porter passed his physical and signed a five-year, $32 million contract with the Miami Dolphins. Porter, a three-time Pro Bowler, spent his first eight seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who released him last week in a salary-cap move. He ranks fourth in Steelers history with 60 sacks, including seven last year.

Porter joins a defense that ranked fourth in the NFL in yards allowed and included defensive player of the year Jason Taylor.

"It's great that we were able to acquire a player of Joey's caliber," Taylor said. "He has been an impact player in this league for many years, and when you add someone who has the ability to make plays like he does, it will help not just the defense, but the entire team."

**Ducks defensemen Pronger out with broken toe**

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Anaheim Ducks All-Star defenseman Chris Pronger will be out about two weeks because of a broken bone in his toe.

He was injured during a post-game workout Sunday night, the team said Wednesday. Pronger had an X-ray Tuesday night, which revealed the break. He was at the Ducks' arena Wednesday to receive treatment.

Pronger has endured various mishaps in his first season with the Ducks since being traded from Edmonton.

He broke his left foot when he
Woods announces plan to host PGA event

Golfer also says it's undetermined where event will take place

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods joined elite company Wednesday as one of only three players to host a PGA Tour event during their careers.

But this wasn't about taking his place with Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Woods was more interested in the dozen children seated to the side of a packed lounge in the National Press Club, where Woods and PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem announced plans for the AT&T National that marks the return of golf to the nation's capital.

Still to be determined is where the tournament will be played and the size of the field.

Woods made clear, however, that the tournament would pay tribute to the military over the Fourth of July, and pay for a new Tiger Woods Learning Center in the Washington area as he expands his foundation's goal to help children.

"The last year or so, we've been looking up and down the Eastern seaboard for a new learning center," Woods said. "And then this opportunity fell into our laps. It makes sense to build it here, we just haven't had time to find a site yet.

The first step is to build a tournament.

The AT&T National replaces the International, outside Denver, which shut down last month when tournament founder Jack Nicklaus couldn't find a sponsor, which he blamed in part on Woods not playing the event.

It will be played July 5-8, and Woods also said if he will be able to play this year because his wife is expecting their first child. While Palmer bought the Bay Hill Club and Nicklaus built his own course in his hometown outside Columbus, Ohio, Woods is establishing his tournament roots in Washington.

"That's our intent, to stay here and have this be our home event, hopefully for perpetuity," he said.

The Tiger Woods Foundation will run the tournament, with charitable money going to the foundation toward building a learning center. Woods' first learning center, which cost $25 million, opened a year ago in Anaheim, Calif.

Woods becomes the youngest player to host a tournament. Bobby Jones was 32 when the Augusta National Invitation — which later became the Masters — was held in 1934. Nicklaus was 36 when the Memorial was played for the first time. Palmer was 44 when he took over at Bay Hill, and Byron Nelson had been long retired when he gave his name to a tournament in Dallas.

"Not too many people are fortunate to have an opportunity like this," Woods said. "What Bobby Jones did for golf and starting the Masters, that won't be touched. As far as what Jack did at the Memorial, or Arnold at Bay Hill or Mr. Nelson in Dallas, those have been true legacies of the game. They made a tremendous impact on our sport.

"I want to build something along that level," he said.

Obviously, with my competitive nature, I want it to be better.

First the tour has to secure a golf course.

All signs point toward Congressional Country Club for 2007 and 2008. The club is to vote on the tour's request over the next few weeks, and Woods and Finchem openly lobbied members to approve it.

"Right now, the energy at Congressional is very, very positive and very supportive," Finchem said. "And we hope that carries over to the response from the overall membership.

Finchem said the purse would be at least $6 million, but he hasn't decided the size of the field.

He said it likely would be comparable to other invitationals — Memorial, Bay Hill, Colonial — which have fewer than 156-man fields typical of summer events.

Woods always dreamed of being host of a regular PGA Tour event — he just didn't expect it this soon.

He started the Target World Challenge, an unofficial event held in California in December, in 1999 and spoke to his father about finding a way to earning full tour status.

"The way the tour is structured, it didn't look like we would have an opportunity until 2010, '11 or '12," Woods said. "But we were lucky enough that this one came up."

It came at the expense of the International, played at Castle Pines outside Denver. Woods only played there twice, the last time in 1999, and didn't return because he didn't care for the golf course.

AT&T now is title sponsor of five tournaments. The company sponsors PGA Tour events at Pebble Beach and in Atlanta, along with two tournaments on the Champions Tour. Finchem said the deal in Washington would be for at least five years, with an option to sponsor the event through the end of the TV contract in 2012.

Why couldn't AT&T work in Denver?

"For whatever reason, we couldn't find any magic for sponsors as it relates to Denver," Finchem said. "We had been trying two years. The second this is, the International is run by the club and its member. This concept was one where it would be run by the foundation."

Woods already has put his mark on his new tournament.
**NBA**

**Kobe suspended one game for hit**

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was suspended one game by the NBA on Wednesday for striking a player in the face, his second penalty for that action in a little more than a month. And he does it again, he could be looking at a more severe punishment.

"We considered suspending him for multiple games," NBA executive vice president Stu Jackson said on a conference call. "Certainly if this occurs again, most likely there would be multiple games."

The most recent incident came with 58 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of the Lakers' 117-107 double-overtime loss to Minnesota on Tuesday night, when Bryant struck Timberwolves guard Marko Jaric after taking a shot. The play was similar to one that drew Bryant a suspension late in January, when he hit San Antonio's Manu Ginobili in the face after taking a shot. Jackson determined that play to have been an unnatural basketball action and suspended Bryant from a game at Milwaukee.

There was no foul called on the first play, but Bryant was called for a foul Tuesday. Lakers coach Phil Jackson was restrained in disagreeing with the suspension, but couldn't help letting some sarcasm drip through.

"In this league, everybody's got a pretty face, and we're going to try to keep it that way," Jackson said before the Lakers' game at Milwaukee.

Jackson acknowledged that the two plays Bryant was suspended for are similar, but made it clear that he didn't agree with the punishment.

"If they're going to make a call, even if they're wrong, they'll still be consistent," Jackson said.

Bryant, second in the NBA with 29.2 points per game, missed Wednesday night's game and forfeited about $161,000 in salary.

Jackson said Bryant was simply using his normal follow-through in an attempt to draw a foul.

"I think I'm going to have to put about 50 clips of Kobe shooting his shot and his arms going out like that so the judge of this deed of Kobe's sees that he does this a lot," Jackson said.

"It's not an unnatural basketball motion."

And Jackson said Bryant is hardly the only player who uses his arms to create space for his shot or draw fouls, pointing to the Lakers' Dec. 17 overtime loss to Washington in which Gilbert Arenas shot 27 free throws.

Rocks coach Terry Stotts said he sees Bryant and other star players use their hands aggressively all the time.

"As far as extreme flailing into a face, I don't see that very often," Stotts said.

"But I think star players throughout the years have found ways to get off them, too."

Stu Jackson acknowledged being surprised by having this incident come up from Bryant again, but did not want to comment on Bryant's intent.

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**MAN AMONG DEMONS**

Irish guard Colin Falls goes to the basket during Notre Dame's 67-66 loss to DePaul at Allstate Arena in Chicago Feb. 8. Falls scored a team-high 20 points in the contest.

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**Deus Caritas Est**

The Office of the President and the Deus Caritas Est Student Committee invite you to submit papers on Pope Benedict's Encyclical Deus Caritas Est.

Papers must be submitted to godislove@nd.edu by April 16, 2007. Students can then present their papers at the Deus Caritas Est conference (April 27-28), make any final revisions based on discussions during the conference, and then submit final documents by May 4, 2007.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Freshman/sophomore: $1,000 winner and $500 runner-up
- Junior/senior: $1,000 winner and $500 runner-up
- Graduate students: $1,000 winner and $500 runner-up

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Syracuse beats UConn, advances to play ND

Villanova, West Virginia also defeat Big East foes in first round at Madison Square Garden in New York City

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Unlike last season, Syracuse didn’t need any last-second magic to knock Connecticut out of the Big East tournament.

Demetris Nichols scored 28 points, hitting seven 3-pointers, and Eric Devendorf added 19 points to help fifth-seeded Syracuse beat the Huskies 78-65 on Wednesday in a last-second magic to knock Connecticut out of the Big East tournament.

The inexperienced Huskies (22-10) were the No. 11 seed in the tournament when they won the 2006 Big East regular-season title and were trying to salvage a first-round loss with 11:14 left. Nichols scored 7-of-11 from the field and 3-of-5 from 3-point range to lead Connecticut.

Servee and Gerry McNamara. He hit 3-pointers at

the end of regulation and over-
time to help the Orange upset top-
seeded Connecticut on the way to the title.

It was the first time a team took the title by winning four games, and it was Syracuse’s fifth Big East championship. The Orange have won eight straight tournament games — one short of Connecticut’s record of nine set from 1998-
2000.

On Wednesday, the Orange (22-9) used a 25-5 run to start the second half and turn a two-
point deficit into a 61-46 lead with 11:14 left. Nichols scored 11 points, including three 3-
pointers during the spurt.

"The second half we got bet-
ter shots, tightened up on de-
fense and did a better job on the boards," Boeheim said.

Despite finishing in fifth-place in the conference, Devendorf felt the Orange needed a victory in the tournament to secure an NCAA bid.

"We just had to get this win," he said. "This kind of gets a lot off our shoulders as far as the NCAA tournament goes, but we still have a lot to do here."

While Syracuse appears head-
ed to the NCAA tournament, Connecticut will miss it for the first time since 2000.

Connecticut (17-14) entered the Big East tournament as the No. 12 seed — its lowest ever.

The inexperienced Huskies were the No. 11 seed in 1997 and were trying to salvage a first season was evident. Huskies coach Jim Calhoun recnived a technical foul late in the game because of it this tournament when he argued a

traveling violation midway through the second half. Vially

annoyed, Calhoun kicked the Big East sign in front of the
crowd.

"When bad things happen to your team because of people, and they do happen to you at times, and as that built we became a frustrated ball team," Calhoun said.

"The Huskies could get no clos-
er than 10 of the rest of the way. Boeheim and Calhoun, two big-name college coaches, have a combined for 1,497 wins."

"When you think about the history and tradition of the Big East conference, and the league and see Syracuse and Connecticut and the league’s two Hall of Fame coaches goes at it on the first day, it’s pretty stuggly," said coach Mike Brey, who will face Syracuse in the quarterfinal on Thursday.


"In the second half we just couldn’t get it going," Dyson said.

"We missed shots we were used to make."

Villanova 75, DePaul 67

Scottie Reynolds hit free throw after free throw down the stretch, showing the poise of a post-season-tested veteran.

The freshman guard stepped up as Villanova’s big playmaker, scoring 29 points and making eight free throws in the last 4
minutes to lead the ninth-seed-
ed Wildcats to a victory over No. 10 seed DePaul in the open-
ning round of the Big East tour-
mament Wednesday.

"I was just trying to be aggressive," Reynolds said. "A switch kind of turned on in me where I wanted to be more aggressive on the ball. It ended up going," he pointed to the line, and, you know, it worked out."

Curtis Sumpter added 25 points and the Wildcats (22-9) closed their fourth straight, advancing to play top-seeded Georgetown (23-6) in the con-
ference semifinal round Thursday. The Hoyas, who received a first-
place vote, and the Wildcats split their two regular-season meetings.

"We’ve had two great games," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "This is a battle, a man. That’s what it’s all about when you get here."

Sammy Mejia scored 20 points, and Wilson Chandler and Darralon Horns each had 18 for DePaul (18-13), which was playing in its first Big East tour-
mament ever after joining the confer-
ence last season.

"We’ve got to make open shots, and we didn’t make them," DePaul coach Jerry Wainwright said. "It’s not a magic game. They were more efficient than we were. They took advantage."

Reynolds was outstanding with senior guard Mike Nardi sidelined for most of the game with a left ankle injury. Nardi was injured in the first half of the Wildcats’ victory over Georgetown on Saturday, and only played 5 minutes in this one.

But Reynolds made sure Syracuse’s wasn’t completely missed. He shot 6-of-19 from the field, including 4-of-11 from 3-point range, and was 13-of-16 from the foul line to tie a Villanova record for points in the Big East tournament. Kenny Kittles also

scored 29 against Providence on March 11, 1995.

"I think we knew what he was doing and he can run the show," Wright said.

Villanova led 28-26 at half-
time, but came out shooting to start the second half. The Wildcats took a 39-28 lead on Devendorf’s basket and three 3-pointer by Sumpter and another by Reggie Redding.

The Blue Demons’ effort was slipping away, getting within three points three times, but just couldn’t quite get over the Wildcats.

"Somehow we have to figure out a way to come up aggres-
sive and match the other team’s intensity," Wright said. "That’s what I think was the difference in the game." Mejia said. "We made a lot of runs when they were up double digits or when they were down a lot, but we just couldn’t close.

After Mejia got DePaul within five at 57-52 with a layup with 4:48 left, Reynolds made two free throws and then missed a 3 before Chandler bit one of his own to cut the Blue Demons’ lead to 55-54 with 2:57 left. Redding’s jumper made it 6-1-
55, but Mejia hit two free throws with 2:27 left to make it a four-point game.

It was a foul shooting clinic from there, with Villanova going 14-of-18 from the line, includ-
ing 6-of-8 for Reynolds as the Wildcats sealed the victory. It was a good thing Villanova wasn’t perfect. The Blue Demons’ 9-of-
38 compared to DePaul’s 16-
10 of 19, a 36.2 percent clip.

"If it does get into a four-
throw shooting contest, usually we’re pretty good," Wright said.

"If we can get into a position where we’ve got the lead, we’re usually pretty good because our guys shoot well.

West Virginia 89, Providence 79

If West Virginia keeps hitting shots from all over the court at Madison Square Garden court, it might have a long stay in the Big East tournament.

West Virginia made a Big East tournament run in 2006 when it was a 1 seed and the seventh-seeded Mountaineers beat Providence in the opening round Wednesday night.

"When we shoot like that we’re a tough out," coach Bob Huggins said. "We’ve had a lot of great shots tonight. We’ve done it efficiently. We really did a great job tonight."

The win kept alive West Virginia’s chances of an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament should it not win the conference title.

"I think the best idea for everyone in the country is just to keep winning," Bob Huggins said.

I know the NCAA selection committee does a terrific job, but we just need to keep winning and not worry about any of that,"

Frank Young and Alex Ruoff each scored 21 points for the Mountaineers, who moved into the quarterfinals against sec-
ond-seeded Louisville on Thursday night.

"Twenty hours and we’re back playing again," Beliein said.
injured forward Rob Kurz, the Irish (23-6, 11-5) still had five players finish in double figures and shot 48 percent from the field.

Syracuse forward Demetris Nichols led all scorers with 29 points while forward Terrence Roberts added 20 in the teams’ first meeting.

"The last time we beat Syracuse... I’m not saying that they’re the same team, but the psychological advantage is on our side being that we are 1-0 against them this season," Irish guard Russell Carter said.

Syracuse applied backcourt defensive pressure late in its first game against the Irish and cut a 28-point Notre Dame lead to 10 with 2:42 remaining, but the Irish held off the Orange in the final minutes. Brey is not concerned about the press this time around. Instead, Syracuse’s zone remains the focus.

"I would not be worried about (the press), but they didn’t play any zone up there," Brey said. "Orange coach Jim Boeheim did not start zone against us."

Since its loss to Notre Dame, Syracuse has won seven of its last nine contests, including a 72-58 upset of No. 9 Georgetown Feb. 26. "They’re probably going to try and get a little revenge. We went in there and established the rhythm and tempo we wanted at their place," Irish guard Zach Hillesland said. "They’re another team that’s playing really well now."

Hillesland could be the key to Syracuse’s zone defense because of the success he has had this season against the zone. In Notre Dame’s 81-78 win against Providence Feb. 15, Hillesland lingered near the foul line and disrupted Providence’s 2-3 zone defense, collecting 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting. The extra attention Providence gave Hillesland opened up opportunities inside for Kurz, who finished that game with 15 points.

Syracuse gained entry into the conference tournament with a 72-65 victory over Connecticut Wednesday. The No. 16/20 Irish earned a bye in the first round after finishing fourth in the regular season standings. The winner will face either Georgetown or Villanova in the semifinals Friday.

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Irish coach

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Irish forward

Irish guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket in Notre Dame’s 78-54 win Feb. 20 over DePaul at the Joyce Center.

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loss of starting point guard Kyle Maloney to suspension, the Irish went 25-6 overall and 11-5 in the Big East during the regular season. Almost every statistical category improved tremendously. Russell Carter became one of the conference’s premier scorers. Tory Jackson and Luke Harangody made the Big East All-rookie team. Coach Mike Brey has fixed many of the problems with his previous teams this year (inside play, defense, winning games), but all that redemption won’t matter if the Irish bomb out of yet another conference tournament.

Fortunately for Brey, this is the team to do it. This is the team that can win a game or two — or maybe even three — in the Garden, see their NCAA Tournament seed rise the week before Selection Sunday instead of falling and get rid of the one blemish their coach’s critics can still point to on his record. They don’t need to win the tournament or even make it to the championship game to make up for what they’ve suffered the past few seasons. They just have to come out poised and make a good showing to tell the selection committee that this is a new era in Notre Dame basketball and the days of meekly bowing out of the conference tournament are over.

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Lewis signs one-year deal with Cleveland

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Browns finally tackled Jamal Lewis. Unable to reach a deal to remain in Baltimore, the free agent running back signed a one-year deal on Wednesday with Cleveland, the team he blustered for an NFL single-game record 295 yards in 2003.

Lewis was released last week in a salary-cap move by the Ravens, who elected not to pay their career rushing leader a $5 million roster bonus. He'll now join the Browns, who now have a tough running back to figure out what to do with.

Lewis, 27, visited the Browns' facilities in suburban Berea, meeting with Coach Romeo Crennel, Lewis decided to look elsewhere and find a fit with the Browns — one of the teams he has torched while rushing for 7,801 yards and 45 TDs in seven seasons.

Lewis spent the afternoon at the Browns' facilities in suburban Berea, meeting with Savage and coach Romeo Crennel. Savage was with the Ravens in 2000 when the club drafted Lewis in the first round out of Tennessee.

Lewis, the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year in 2003, is an upgrade at running back for the Browns, who now have to figure out what to do with feature back Reuben Droughns. They owe Droughns a $1.75 million roster bonus later this month, but may choose to cut him instead.

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freshman. Calli Davidson also earned honorable mention honors last year.

Seniors Miesie and Laura Heline hope to return to the MIAA championship this year after winning the title in 2004 during Sullivan's senior season as a player.

"Two of them have won the conference tournament before so they know what it takes to get there," Sullivan said. "They want to go out with some kind of record." After their demanding Fort Myers schedule, the Belles will hit the beach before returning to school and starting their home season March 25 against Rose-Hulman.

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Irish hope to duplicate winning ways against Syracuse in Big East

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The last time Notre Dame played Syracuse, the Irish utilized an up-tempo transition offense to set their season high point total in a 103-91 win over the Orange Jan. 30 in the Carrier Dome.

But Notre Dame coach Mike Brey expects the teams' second meeting to be different. The Irish face the Orange at 2 p.m. today in an ESPN televised quarterfinal of the Big East tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"I would think if we play Syracuse they will play zone for 40 minutes," Brey said. "They will sit in it and make us play against that for 40 minutes. I was surprised that we didn't see it at all last time."

The Orange (22-9- 10-6 Big East) broke away from their traditional 2-3 zone in the teams' first matchup and played man-to-man defense — but to little use. Playing without...

Irish guard Russell Carter drives to the basket against Marquette in Notre Dame's 85-73 victory Feb. 24 at the Joyce Center. Carter is the Big East's fourth leading scorer with 16.9 points per game.

New York offers Brey chance to cap surprise season, improve seed

NEW YORK — The last three seasons had been rough for Notre Dame coach Mike Brey, but one had taken more heat than coach Mike Brey.

After two years of being on the wrong side of the bubble and last year's disastrous 1-8 start in the Big East, expectations were very low for the 2006-07 Irish.

There were numerous questions. Where would the Irish inside game come from? Would the young point guards be able to run the team? Would Notre Dame be able to do anything offensively aside from scoring three's? Would they keep his job if this team missed out on another NCAA tournament bid?

Six months later, those questions are a distant memory. Despite the...

SMC SOFTBALL
Belles head south for 10 games in Florida

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Coming off last year's 28-13 mark, Saint Mary's travels to Florida next week with high expectations as they begin their season with a 10-game stretch in the Sunshine State.

Led by second-year coach Erin Sullivan, the Belles head to Ft. Myers, Fla., where they will play 10 games from March 11-17. Sullivan led the team to unprecedented heights last season, reaching the conference tournament for the first time and earning a school-record 29 wins.

The Belles hope to rekindle their winning ways in Florida, where they face off against Montclair State, Mount Ida, Curry, Nichols, New England, Ohio Wesleyan, Illinois College (2-1), Blackburn (12-2), North Park and Trinity (12-1).

Three returning Belles — Kristin Amram, Sarah Moles and Ashley Fusaro — earned first or second-team MIAA accolades in 2006. Pitcher Amram became the Belles' first MIAA Pitcher of the Year after she went 6-1 with a 0.97 ERA in league play as a...