Jenkins fields questions from group

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

University President Father John Jenkins ended an afternoon that included open office hours by visiting the Student Senate Wednesday, giving members the opportunity to ask questions about topics ranging from tuition increases to research.

Jenkins opened the floor for discussion and told senators he appreciated their work as representatives of the student body.

"Please know that your work is important and we value it, and whatever you say we will listen to," Jenkins said. "We many not agree with everything you say but we will listen to you."

Welsh Family senator Mary Popit asked Jenkins for his thoughts on a resolution the Senate passed two weeks ago, which urged the University to add sexual orientation to its anti-discriminatory clause. Jenkins said he had not yet

ACE teacher and Notre Dame alumna Liz Stowe meets with First Lady Laura Bush to speak about education on Feb. 22.

Irish mascot competes on SpikeTV program

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Just because Notre Dame's basketball season has come to an end doesn't mean that Leprechaun Kevin Braun's duties are over. Tonight, the senior will be featured in a special college mascot edition of SpikeTV's "Pros vs. Joes II" — potentially the last time he will be seen in the green suit.

Braun, along with Penn State's Nittany Lion Dave Johnson and Wisconsin's Bucky Badger Sky Halverston, flew to California to film the episode last December on an all-expenses paid trip.

Preparation began early last fall when Notre Dame cheerleading coach Jo Minton told Braun he had an offer to be on the show, which airs at 10 p.m. tonight. With the help of his fellow cheerleaders, Braun prepared an audition video that showcased him playing basketball and football around campus.

Braun said the show usually pits three regular "Joes" — in this case, the mascots — with varied athletic skills up against retired professional athletes, or "Pros," in their respective sports.

While the three mascots signed documents that forbid them to discuss the results of the contest, Braun said keeping that information from family, roommates and teammates "has been pretty difficile,"

Irish mascot competes on SpikeTV program

Panel evaluates Honor Code

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Academic integrity is an essential aspect of Notre Dame's mission, and students, faculty and administrators share the responsibility of upholding the Honor Code, a three-person panel said Wednesday.

University Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs, philosophy professor Bill Ramsey and senior Sarah Glatt spoke to about 30 people at this semester's second-to-last Theology on Tap event, "To Cheat or Not to Cheat: The Academic Honor Code."

Worland said he has not experienced any backlash from the students and sees the situation as a positive one. "The students think it is
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Squirrels are evil

If there's one thing that I have learned about Notre Dame, it doesn't have to do with theology or English. It's not about friendship or religion, life, work, society or university life. It has nothing to do with Chris McGrady with relationships, truth, faith, imagination or the development of a viable skill set that will help me in the real world. It's simply that squirrels are evil.

Yeah, I said it. These furry fiends attack at a moment's notice and the truth is that the squirrels of Notre Dame are multiplying.

Yeah, you know the ones—the obese little puff-balls that roam this campus like bloodthirsty scavengers. They are growing in numbers by the day. In their plot to control the football team, ruin the dining halls and disrupt the campus sprinkler systems, the squirrels require a large amount of funding. To defray the cost, these beasts seek monetary "donations" obtained largely through armed robbery of helpless North Face wearing, iPod-toting students.

To help avoid these surprisingly carniverous beasts, I'd like to make you aware of a few of their strategies for overtaking the common student. Remember, knowing your enemy is key to survival.

The first tactic is called the "wolf pack." In this strategy, the squirrels attack in large numbers, sometimes 40 or 50 strong. They overtake the victim by sheer force and drag them off to their secret lair (thought to be somewhere in South Dining Hall). Another tactic often employed by these animal assassins is the "kitty coup." Only certain squirrels are able to pull this off, but given the large size of these monsters, it can be done. A particularly chunky squirrel is outfitted with a cat collar and poses on the quad as a harmless feline friend. The unsuspecting victim approaches the "cat" and is quickly subdued by a strong tranquilizer stolen from the chemistry lab. Hours later, the injured party awakens frightened, alone, and 100 Flex Points poorer. These creatures will chew you up and spit you out.

In addition to the large possum or "cat-like" squirrels, there is another variety called squirls. These small, more agile creatures dup their victims with exceptional speed. As one undisclosed junior says, "Those squirrels are quick as exp-lives. They'll run up on you and take you down."

This is not an exaggeration—their agility is real and simple truth. Try out running these speedsters and you'll find yourself on the wrong end of a squirrel showdown.

Until NSP starts an initiative to help control the squirrel population, it is necessary to become educated about the dangers of these horrific brutes. This may seem ridiculous to you, but when you see one of these fatal mammalian creatures approaching you, you'll know to be on your guard.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** *DO YOU THINK THE WARM WEATHER WILL LAST?*

**David Wilkerson**

Sophomore

Carroll

"Absolutely not. We live in South Bend."

**Kate Kinasz**

Freshman

BP

"Of course. It's always hot when I'm around."

**Patricia Wilbur**

Freshman

McGlinn

"Of course, or at least I hope so."

**Jenny Plagman**

Senior

Lyons

"I don't know, but I hope it snows soon."

**Lauren Plen**

Freshman

Alumni

"No, that would be too good to be true."

**Ted Lee**

Sophomore

Kinasz

"Hell yeah, I'm going to hang out with Kate Kinasz."

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**IN BRIEF**

The 2007 Natural Law Lecture, entitled "Why I Am (Almost) a Natural Lawyer," will be given by John Gardner, Professor of Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford at 4 p.m. today in the Notre Dame Law School Courtyard.

John Bruton, the EU ambassador to the United States, will speak about "The Future of Economic and Political Relations Between the European Union and the United States" today at 4:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

As part of the Nanovic Institute film series: "Terrorism: Perspectives from European Cinema," the film "Battle of Algiers" will be shown tonight at 7 and 10 in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

Glayton Eshleman, professor emeritus of English at Eastern Michigan University, and poet Johannes Goransson will be reading this evening at a poetry reading tonight at 7.30 in the Reckers Hospitality Room.

The Class of 2008 presents Irish Idol tonight at 10 in the Kroc Center.

Men's baseball will play South Florida Friday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call the Athletic Department's ticket office at 631-7356.

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

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**OFFBEAT**

Man gets probation for dead deer sex

SUPERIOR, Wis. - A 20-year-old man received probation after he was convicted of having sexual contact with a dead deer. The sentence also requires Bryan James Hathaway to be evaluated as a sex offender and treated at the Institute for Psychological and Sexual Health in Duluth, Minn.

Hathaway's probation will be served at the same time as a nine-month jail sentence he received in February for violating his conditional release after he was convicted of extended supervision on a charge as well as six years of probation for taking and possessing a vehicle without the owner's consent. He then removed the coat, hat and pants from a World War II uniform and put them on.

Hathaway was inside when operations director Phillip Jeager, 33, of McMinnville and cafe manager Cheryl Lahey, 62, of Sheridan arrived for work Monday morning. Marks said Lahey punched Jeager several times and hit McKay. Neither employee required hospitalization.

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**CORRECTIONS**

The Observer regrets an error in a previous publication and regrets for the higher standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4401 so we can correct our errors.
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Center holds annual luncheon

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

With former Notre Dame football star Mike Golic as its keynote speaker, the annual Nose-On Luncheon raised an estimated $70,000 Wednesday for the Logan Center, a developmental-disorder support organization in South Bend.

Organizers hoped the event, more than just a fundraiser, served as a way to increase awareness of developmental disorders in the community.

During his speech, Golic emphasized the importance of sports in the life of those who are helped by the Logan Center.

The Logan Center serves individuals with developmental disabilities in all stages of life. It also provides resources for individuals and their families and advocates for developmental disability awareness, but is not an institutional setting with caregivers.

Golic told the audience that the biggest smile that he ever wore — when he ran out of the tunnel as a Notre Dame football player — could not compare to the smiles he saw on Logan Center clients Wednesday morning at the "Breakfast of Champions," at which sports enthusiasts had breakfast and talked to the ESPN personality.

The positive reaction of the Logan "Champions" at the breakfast reminded Golic that "sports are a good thing" and that they are capable of helping people feel happy about life, he said.

Golic said the most important thing for the public to remember is to remain aware of the efforts at the Logan Center.

"It's a wonderful thing they're doing and we can keep it going," he said.

Like many support groups, the most important thing the Logan Center provides is hope, Logan CFO Dan Harshman said.

The Logan Center maintained a focus on community awareness in March, which is Disability Awareness Month. Next week the center will welcome hundreds of fifth graders to tour the facilities and see the equipment.

The trip is a reward for the students who sold green noses to fundraise for the Logan Center this month. Students from the St. Joseph Elementary School, which sold the most noses of any area school, were invited to attend the luncheon Wednesday.

More than 600 community members volunteered at the Logan Center every year, and many of the helpers came from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, according to Anne Lagomarcino of the Logan Center.

Logan Center volunteers do a variety of work, ranging from serving as board members, working on committees, planning fundraisers and working directly with individuals.

In addition to volunteers, the Logan Center is always in need of money donations.

"It's always a stretch for us," Lagomarcino said of the center's finances. "Government funding never meets our needs and we always struggle to reach more people."

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Professor honored by women of Saint Mary's

By MANDI STRHONE
News Writer

Susan Latham, professor of communicative disorders, received the "Women Honoring Women" award Wednesday night during Saint Mary's fifth annual Women Honoring Women ceremony.

Latham was joined by fellow finalists — women's studies professor Astrid Turner, who was selected from several nominees by the Student Academic Council (SAC), said event organizer Maggie Siefert, student body vice president and SAC coordinator.

Siefert said the ceremony was expanded this year to include the students who nominated the finalists. Originally only SAC members, a professor of her choice and two students chosen from every department were invited, as well as the nominees and their husbands, Siefert said.

"We are just excited that it is an ongoing event that has become a tradition to celebrate the great women of Saint Mary's," she said.

The event, a formal dinner, began with "cocktail hour" and then a dinner, after which the students who nominated Latham, Turner and Henry got to come and work with last year's award recipient, Mary Ann Merryman, to announce the winner.

After the announcement, a choked up Latham spoke of arriving at Saint Mary's 20 years ago as a student and how the campus was filled with "so many amazing women." Latham then went on to say how blessed she felt because she was still a part of the college.

"I just feel grateful everyday that I got to come and work here," she said.

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University remembers Romero

Associated Press

The 27th anniversary of the assassination of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero will be commemorated at Notre Dame March 27 and 28 with a panel discussion, a Mass and a lecture by Judge Victoria Marina de Aviles of the Supreme Court of El Salvador.

The panel discussion, "Human Rights in El Salvador Today," will be held at 12:30 p.m. March 27 in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Panelists will include Aviles, Neria Gonzales, a Salvadoran Catholic Church worker and plaintiff in the recent Florida trial of Salvadoran military leaders who are said to have tortured her and other human rights abuses during their country's civil war; Douglas Cassel, director of Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights; and John French, associate professor of history at Duke University and visiting fellow at the Kellogg Institute.

Following the discussion, a Mass for women who serve in the Latin America Center will be celebrated at 4 p.m. in the church of Loreto at Saint Mary's College.

Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated by a right-wing death squad while presiding at Mass on March 24, 1980, in a hospital in San Salvador. His outspoken advocacy of human rights, his denunciations of U.S. military aid to El Salvador, his efforts to help Salvadoran military personnel to disown immoral orders and his insistence that the church be inseparable from the poor all made him a figure of some controversy before and after his death.

Nonetheless, he said the problem of debt for graduates who go into service is a dilemma that warrants more attention. Giving people access to better living areas is another issue, Jenkins addressed. Judicial Council president Liz Koslow asked Jenkins what the priorities are for new residence halls — whether they are to increase the student body population or to make the current halls less crowded. Jenkins said the addition of new residence halls is not meant to increase the number of students admitted to the University. "This may shock you," Jenkins quipped, "but some of our dorms are crowded." Compared to other colleges, Notre Dame's residence hall system has become overcrowded and students need more space, he said. "With the new residence halls, we will be able to create study halls, we will be able to create study space and we will be able to bring in transfer students," Jenkins said.

Howard senator Analise Lipart, who is also an observer assistant associate director, asked Jenkins about the low grade Notre Dame received from the Sustainable Endowment Institute. In its annual College Sustainability Report Card, which covers environmental and endowment practices, the institute gave Notre Dame a D minus — the lowest grade given in the survey.

Jenkins said environmental concerns are issues Notre Dame needs to tackle. "It's something that we need to continue to reflect on and address in an appropriate way," he said.

Jenkins said the new engineering building should meet certain criteria for an environmentally-friendly building. "I would encourage Brian Corrigan asked Jenkins how, in Notre Dame's pursuit to improve its reputation as a research institution, it could avoid diminishing its dedication to undergraduate education.

Jenkins said Notre Dame will not lose its dedication to undergraduate education, even if it pushes for more research achievements. "Insofar as we are better at research, we are better at undergraduate education," Jenkins added.

"If you look at the research, even though it pushes for more research achievements, it's often the case that people who are strong at research are good teachers too. I don't think they are in opposition to each other," he said.

In other Senate news:

- The Senate unanimously approved Student Union Board manager Patrick Vosel as this year's recipient of the Michael J. Palermo award, which annually honors an undergraduate student for his or her dedication and service to the Student Union.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinians find international help

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A top European Union diplomat met with a senior member of the new Palestinian government Wednesday, joining the European Union in its efforts to convince and learn from Israel increasingly isolated in its demand for a total boycott of the Hamas-Fatah coalition.

However, the diplomatic mission was still being shunned, and economic sanctions remained in place. The boycott has been a costly policy, international officials acknowledged.

Donor countries had to send more aid to the Palestinians during 2006 than the year before to ease the humanitarian crisis set off by the embargo. Despite the increased aid, public institutions and services suffered because the funds bypassed the government, and the Palestinian economy shrank by 6.6 percent.

The Palestinians hope the government installed Saturday, an alliance of Hamas and the Fatah Party, will serve as a model for the Middle East. Their aim is to prove that the boycott is a costly mistake.

Chirac endorses rival as successor

PARIS, France — After holding off for months, President Jacques Chirac on Wednesday endorsed fellow conservative Nicolas Sarkozy’s bid to succeed him, despite lingering personal and political differences between them.

Chirac also said Sarkozy would quit as interior minister and as head of the conservative UDF party within the close race in which he is narrowly the front-runner.

Chirac’s declaration of support and Sarkozy’s departure from government had long been expected. Even so, the president kept praise for his former protégé and later rival to a terse televised declaration.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gore testifies on environment

WASHINGTON — Al Gore made an emotional return to Washington Wednesday to plead with lawmakers to fight global warming with moral courage while revealing nothing about whether he’ll run for president in 2008.

Gore, fresh off a triumphant Hollywood appearance in which his documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” won two Oscars, told an overflow crowd that he’ll join the presidential race in 2008, even so, the president kept praise for his former protégé and later rival to a terse televised declaration.

LOCAL NEWS

Electronic highway tolls to expand

GREAT LAKES, Ohio — Another man pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges that he plotted to recruit and train terrorists to attack U.S. troops.

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Stowe

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the First Lady on Feb. 22. "Itler secretory invited me to have lunch with the First Lady, to local congressman and eight other representa­

tives from schools along the Gulf Coast," Stowe said.

Bush has been affiliated with ACE since 2001, when the Laura Bush Scholarship was established. The award is given to a student attend­
ing an ACE-participating school in Texas, Bush's home state.

"She wanted to know the condition of the [hurricane-in­
fluenced] schools," Stowe said, adding that the First Lady's press secretary traveled with her and later wrote a report detailing their find­
ings.

Bush's familiarity with ACE and another similar post­
graduate teaching opportun­
ity, Teach for America, led her to quiz Stowe on differ­
ence between the two differ­
tent programs during their conversation.

"As a principal from ano­
her Catholic school said his greatest need was good teach­
ers, Mrs. Bush turned to me and asked about the ACE program," Stowe said. "She asked something like, 'Now do you get as much support through ACE as you would through Teach for America?'

"I was able to tell her that we learn the current best practices — while we gain experience in the class­room," Stowe said. "I told her that this all takes place with the support built into the program through our facul­
ty, pastoral staff, princi­
pals, mentor teachers and the community in which we live." Stowe said the First Lady was receptive to the positive things she had to say about ACE.

"I think she was impressed because she both have some things that are similar, but some of the support ACE provides isn't found in the Teach for America pro­gram," Stowe said.

As the only teacher present during the lunch, Stowe said she brought a different per­
pective to the discussion than the principals and rep­
resentatives of schools there. "Some of the principals were talking numbers," Stowe said. "As an adminis­
trator, that's what's on their minds. As a teacher, I had the opportunity to talk about the kids ... and what I thought are the biggest needs for them." Stowe said she feels the children's specific day-to-day concerns go unnoticed while administrators think about enrollment numbers, budgets and the like.

"Although they are there for the children ... I feel the needs of the kids are over­
looked," Stowe said.

Stowe said she shared the feelings of her students with Bush in the form of journal entries, reflecting on the time immediately before the storm, and during and after the hur­r icane hit.

"My stu­
dents made a Katrina book at the begin­
ing of the year with each of their experiences," Stowe said.

"We made a not h e r copy (for Mrs. Bush, so we were able to share our sto­
ries with the First Lady. I thought it would be great for her to see accounts of the storm from the eyes of a seven-year-old," Stowe said. Stowe said these accounts were moving reflections of the struggles her students face.

"The children in this area are hurting," she said. "When they lost their homes and their schools, they lost their worlds."

"She said her students are far from recov­
ering from the trauma.

"When it storms during the school day, we gather on the rug and talk about why we are safe," Stowe said. "One of my students once asked, 'Ms. Stowe, when is the water going to come through the windows?' I couldn't tell him it was not going to, as I know he has already experi­
enced this at seven years old.'"

Throughout the meeting, Stowe said she was impressed by Bush's friendly personality and concern for the issues discussed.

"She genuinely cared about what was going on, the prob­
lems and issues that people are facing," Stowe said, describ­
ing her as a maternal figure who was easy to talk to. "Mrs. Bush was a very nice woman. She related to the people; she wanted to hear their stories."

"I feel the Bush did bring a small entourage, as she does where­
ever she travels, Stowe said. "There was only one secret service agent in the room, so it wasn't very noticeable." Stowe said of the security.

In addition to the lunch, the First Lady visited a pub­
lic school in the area and the nearby Boys and Girls Club, Stowe said.

While meet­
ing Bush was certainly a special occa­
sion, Stowe said she was more pleased to be able to relate her students' stories and their needs to the First Lady.

"I think I was most honored to represent the kids," she said. "During the rest of her time in Mississippi, Stowe said she hopes to be as much help as possible to the students and community.

"I hope that I can be fully present for the kids and their needs, as well as the commu­
ity," she said. "It's been an amazing opportunity to be here during this time. ... I feel blessed to have been placed here.

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cut.

The competitions featured on tonight's show include baseball, football, soccer and basketball games, even with the Leprechaun, Strawberry, Andre Red, Coli Johnson and Spud Webb, respectively.

The trip to California was "different," Braun said. They arrived late Sunday night and immediately began filming segments for the show.

"It was bizarre," he said. "I wasn't sure if we were filming a very personal-like schedule."

The filming took place during the day, but Braun said his professors were very supportive and excited about his opportunity.

Though he's been featured on TV many times as the Leprechaun, Braun said filming on a set was a very different experience.

"I'm used to being in five-second clips, but in the [episode] I'm prominently displayed performing athletic feats," he said. "I was playing sports on camera, but I had to perform with personality."

Braun said the show's events are creative and tend to focus on aspects of the sports the pros excel in. One event with Strawberry featured the former MLB star hitting fly balls for the pros to catch.

There are three preliminary events, and the top two mascots from those advance to overtime, which features more direct competition. The events were filmed in the Home Depot Center outside Los Angeles, the home of Major League Soccer's L.A. Galaxy.

The winner of the show gets to "take the jersey off the Pro's back" and receives signed jerseys. Braun mentioned a "Pros vs. Joes Tournament of Champions" as another incentive to win.

While they competed in normal athletic gear, Braun and the other mascots filmed the intro segments in their suits.

"The pros heckled us in our goofy outfits," said Braun, who described the experience as "intimidating."

"The other two can't see [in their outfits], they don't talk, and they're covered in fur," he said. "It was interesting to see the other mascots' personalities come out and to watch them do their thing."

His three years of cheerleading experience made him physically stronger, he said, but Braun had to think back to his high school intramural days to prepare for the competition. While he said he was pleased with his performance, he is curious how the editors treated the mascots during the production process.

"I have no idea what the final product looks like," he said. "It's one of us did some very embarrassing things."

"I don't know how many bloopers they're going to show," he said.

Braun said he and the mascots didn't get to interact with the pros much during the early filming.

"It was someone's job to take care of the pros so we wouldn't pester them," he said.

After the final event, however, they took the Joes back to their locker room and signed autographs and took pictures.

"They [the pros] were very nice, but trash talk was encouraged. They wanted to make good, sensational TV," Braun said.

Braun said about 25 percent of the filming was devoted to the actual competition, while 75 percent was "reality TV stuff," like the trash talking.

He's most concerned about how his acting looks on film.

"I want people to watch, but at the same time I'm afraid about how potentially embarrassing this could be," he said.

Even with the risk of embarrassment, Braun said all three mascots jumped on board with the show, which called a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Overall, it was a very exciting experience and I have maintained close contact with the other two mascots," Braun said. "Being in front of a camera and learning how many people go into the production of a successful TV show were very eye-opening experiences."

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something cool because we may have a contest to create a new mascot or something distinctly different than Notre Dame's Leprechaun," he said.

Warlond, who sends weekly emails to parents, students, faculty and staff, said the frequently reminds his constituents that the phasing out process is in full swing.

Cathedral is not the only high school being asked to abandon its logo. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff said.

"Our general counsel tells me there have been literally dozens of schools over the years that have done the same thing," he told The Observer.

"And every one of those schools thinks it is a special case for which the University ought to make an exception." Wycliff said the University had contacted Cathedral in 2000 about this issue.

"There's nothing unusual about what Notre Dame has done in this case," he said. "It's a protect-it-or-lose-it situation."

The controversy at Cathedral made news when a parent who worked for the Star forwarded the information to the Star's sports department.

"I think it really made a difference that the last email was sent right before St. Patrick's Day," Worlond said. "It became a story repeating news that was already published in December."

Still, the added publicity has not placed any more pressure on Cathedral or disturbed relations with the University.

"We have a great relationship with Notre Dame and I totally understand why they are asking us to do this," Worlond said. "We are not expecting Notre Dame to make an exception for us because if they did, they might as well let loose for all the other schools who use the logo."

Notre Dame has not set a deadline for Cathedral to complete the phase-out, but simply requested it produce no new merchandise or apparel with the logo.

"The fact that the discussions between Notre Dame and Cathedral High have been going on since 2000 indicates that we have been generous in allowing the school to phase out the use of the University's marks and adopt others," Wycliff said in a press release Saturday.

Since the process to change logos began years ago, Worlond has been encouraging the use of the Celtic cross, another symbol of the school's Irish heritage.

Overall, Worlond said he and other members of the Cathedral community respect Notre Dame's stand on the issue and are willing to comply as soon as possible.

"We respect their trademark rights. That's what trademarks are for," he said. "This issue will not change our relationship one bit."

Worlond said he is using this as a learning experience for his students.

We want to teach students that not respecting the trademark is the same as copying music or work. We don't want to teach the wrong example," he said. "This situation is no different. It shows our students the right thing to do."

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Pet owners frightened after recall

Associated Press

ATLANTA - A recall of potentially deadly pet food has dog and cat owners bringing their animals for even the slightest hint of illness and swamping veterinarians nationwide with calls about symptoms both veterinarians and pet owners had imagined.

"It's like we're on pins and needles," said Brian Pasone, a 27-year-old loan auditor in Knoxville, Tenn., who scheduled a blood test for his dog after realizing both of his cats had eaten brands on the recall list.

"You kind of sit there and wonder — it's terrible to say this — you wonder if this is going to be your last moments with your pet. It's not pleasant.

Some of the 60 million cats and pouches of food have been blamed for kidney failure in scores of animals and killed at least 16 pets. Neither the manufacturer nor authorities have identified the problem.

Veterinarians are directing owners to call their vet's office Wednesday after bringing in for immediate examination pets showing symptoms such as vomiting, lethargy and extreme thirst.

"Here at Notre Dame, one of the main concerns is ... how much you should worry about (reporting another student's cheating), if everyone is morally and intellectually responsible for themselves," she said.

Ramsay described academic dishonesty from a faculty member's perspective, but emphasized the need for both students and professors to ensure that clear goals and expectations are established at the beginning of each course.

"I think sometimes faculty suggest that if we need to explain what's wrong with cheating, there's already something wrong," he said.

While taking a hard line against academic dishonesty, referring to it as "an ugly form of fraud," Ramsay said a goal of the educational process at Notre Dame is to foster an ethic in which a student would not consider cheating a means to get ahead.

"We're here to make you into a certain kind of person," he said. "The motivation to attend Notre Dame is not to get into medical school, and it's not to get into law school, and it's not to get that really good job. It's to become the kind of person who belongs here."

Ramsay also addressed Glatt's point about the choice between upholding the Honor Code and remaining loyal to a friend or classmate, arguing that the ethical conflict is illusory.

"The choice is not a choice between loyalty and disloyalty," he said, asserting that a decision to remain silent when a friend cheats can be considered disloyalty to Notre Dame, one's classmates and oneself.

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VATICAN CITY

Legendary Don King visits Pope Benedict

Don King waves American, Vatican and Italian flags while attending Pope Benedict’s weekly general open-air audience Wednesday.

Associated Press

Don King got a front-row seat at Pope Benedict XVI’s general audience Wednesday. The usually flamboyant boxing promoter, wearing a blue suit with his preferred high hair style primly flattened for the papal event, gave the pope a green-and-gold boxing belt and a handwritten letter asking for prayers for people ranging from President Bush to the world’s sick and aged.

“I was thrilled to be there. It was a deep spiritual experience,” King told The Associated Press after the two-hour open-air audience in St. Peter’s Square.

In Rome to discuss possible boxing matches in Italy, King had expressed his wish to meet with the pope. Very few nonchurch people, however, receive private time with the pope during his Wednesday audiences.

Don King Productions spokesman Alan Hopper said the Vatican visit was arranged through a boxer King represents—Italian super welterweight champion Luca Messi, whose brother Alessandro is a Catholic priest.

King was seated in the front row of a special section on the steps of St. Peter’s Basilica. He was able to hand the pope the gift and the letter as Benedict drove slowly by in an open jeep at the end of the audience.

King, who spent four years in prison for manslaughter, had hoped for a personal meeting with Benedict. Very few nonchurch people, however, receive private time with the pope during his Wednesday audiences.

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Cultural confrontations

KIDS THEY ARE THE DARNEST THINGS. WORKING AT A CAMP WITH HIGH-SCHOOLERS LAST SUMMER, I GREW A ROSE PERSPECTIVE ON A YOUNGER GENERATION." YOUNGER" BY ONLY A FEW YEARS, SURE—BUT CULTURALLY, THE FIRST PARAGRAPH I WOULD WRITE ALONG THESE LINES. I WOULD TALK ABOUT HOW THE SAME GENERATION THAT WE KNEW IN FAMOUS AMERICAN CULTURE, COLLEGE REALITY TV, IT WAS THE SAME GENERATION THAT WORE THE SAME CLOTHING, HAD THE SAME MOOD, BUT THE SAME GENERATION THAT WOULD HATE THEMSELVES FOR DOING IT.


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“Pressure is a privilege,” Billie Jean King, a pioneer in women’s tennis, reportedly responded with this quotation when asked how it felt to be playing in her first U.S. Open. And it’s true. If you’ve got sweaty palms over an exam, a sporting event, a presentation, a court project for which you’re responsible, just remember, you’ve gotten this far and people believe in you. Faced with the kind of pressure that interrupts my sleep, churns my stomach, becomes a constant distraction, my first desire is usually to just disappear, or at least take a really long nap until it’s all over and hope that someone else will pick up the slack for me. It takes a lot of extra effort and will to face that pressure and think of it as—of all things—a privilege.

My 10-year-old son just competed this past weekend in a regional swim meet that brought swimmers with low enough times to Columbus, Ohio from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia. He paced, he splashed, he squirmed, he complained that we were late to meet his coach and teammates (we were half an hour early), he pulled himself up in the stands, we could see him on deck waiting for his events to start, still pacing and squirming. My first instinct was to try to protect him, to believe that it was all too much for him. Then it occurred to me that he had come to the meet because he was fast enough to get there. He had worked hard enough; he had developed his God-given athletic ability. The pressure he felt was a privilege.

You can bet, if you want, THE best. Chances are, unless you’re Albert Einstein or Leo Tolstoy or Michael Phelps, somebody else out there is better than you at whatever it is you do. You ought to try, however, to be YOUR best. Remember the parable of the talents from Chapter 25 of Matthew’s gospel? A master, going on a journey, gave considerable sums of money to three of his servants—five, two and one talents, each talent the equivalent of many years of wages—"to each according to his ability." While the first two each doubled the amount the master gave them, the third simply buried his master’s money in the ground and waited for him to return. The master did not mind, Jesus tells us, that the servant with two talents made twice the profit of the one who started with five. Only the servant who did nothing at all, who took no initiative, angered the master. Do we take the risk, accept the challenge to make the most of the gifts God has given us, though the pressure may make us sweat, or pace or squirm?

You don’t have to be doing the most important thing in the world to feel some well-deserved pressure. Maybe you’re not discovering the cure for cancer or ending the war in Iraq or figuring out how no child will be left behind. OK, look at where you are and do something else that will help build up the Kingdom of God and better our world. Martin Luther King, Jr. once famously said, "If life makes you a street sweeper, be the best street sweeper you can be." Believe it or not, we’re coming to the end of Lent. Palm Sunday is in mere ten days away. Imagine the pressure Jesus must have felt, facing hostility, anger, brutality, undeserved accusations, mockery and ultimately certain death. Even as he cried out to God to "let this cup pass from me," he recognized that his gift, his privilege, was to follow the will of his Father completely—"let not what I want but what you want." Perhaps we too can find in Jesus’ experience, as we walk with him in these final days of Lent, the grace to follow the will of God in our own lives. And if exploring your own faith makes you squirm a little bit, if it makes you uncomfortable, remember that God has given you gifts you may not even know about yet. What a privilege. Make the most of it!

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Energy conservation tip**

In the spirit of energy conservation, which may be the most important way to avert human-caused global climate change, I suggest we turn off the skyscraper facing spotlights that adorn the top of the main building and run all night. However impressed we were with a recent 2 a.m. journey from the library to our residence hall, perhaps we can display our grandiosity by being an example of conservation in an America that needs a greener future.

Dan Lano
Sorin College
March 21

**When science looks at sex**

As a part of the Progressive Student Alliance’s Week of Action, Dr. Timothy Murphy will be speaking about the biology and ethics of human sexuality tonight at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium at the Knoc Institute for Peace Studies. Our views of human sexuality are strongly influenced by religious belief systems that are rarely informed by scientific, objective views. The discussion often is based on faith, but not reason. While we do not believe that science alone can answer all of society’s questions, it is a necessary part of the answer. Just as we need to discuss theologies about homosexuality, society should also turn to scientists to provide their answers. I hope that Dr. Murphy’s lecture will provide some answers to ethical questions many of us have been confused and offer a different perspective to the discussion.

Mike McCann
Koush Hall

**Spring break 2007 — South Florida, uncensored**

When one thinks of spring breaks, countries such as China and India probably come to mind. Most people think sweatshops in the United States do not exist; most people feel employee abuse and slavery are long gone. Up until a few months ago, I also shared these common misconceptions that we were likely to help our coach and teammates (we were half an hour early), he paced himself around the stands. We could see him on deck waiting for his events to start, still pacing and squirming. My first instinct was to try to protect him, to believe that it was all too much for him. Then it occurred to me that he had come to the meet because he was fast enough to get there. He had worked hard enough; he had developed his God-given athletic ability. The pressure he felt was a privilege.

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Seven months before the 9/11 attacks, the United States had already encountered and threatened to national security; it was discovered that FBI agent Robert Hanssen—nominally an asset during an attack, caused immeasurable damage to national security and has been described as one of the worst intelligence disasters in American history.

Billy Ray’s “Breach” tackles the internal investigation by the FBI to nail Hanssen as the American Hanssen (Chris Cooper) is portrayed as a God-fearing loyal Catholic and, to the casual observer, it’s hard to believe he would be capable of betraying his country.

Eric O’Neill (Ryan Phillippe) is the fledgling FBI agent assigned to be Hanssen’s assistant in an FBI attempt to garner inside information to solidify the belief Hanssen is a double agent. O’Neill then faces the difficult task of not only collecting information from his superior officers but also gaining the trust of Hanssen without outing his suspicions. This is the assignment that could gain him full agent status, it is also the first time that he lives the life of an agent, which takes a toll on both him and his wife Juliana (Caroline Dhavernas).

It is interesting to get this perspective into an agent’s personal life and how his job affects his family. Dhavernas gives an excellent performance as O’Neill’s wife, who struggles to come to terms with his rising new position in the film. “Breach” is a tense, taut and intrigu­ing story which is a refreshing approach to this type of material. It runs under two hours, though it’s conceivable that a film of this type could be bloated out to three hours. Instead, Ray, director and co-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton—what appears to be a slack, bored style that prevents it from flagging or feeling pretentious.

That “Breach” is essentially a true story makes it even more compelling, and its insights into what could drive a man to betray his country are effective. There is a wonderful scene toward the end of the picture in which Hanssen tells another FBI agent that the “why” doesn’t matter —this sums up the meaning of the film. Ray is not interested in cheap psychology, but rather in simply telling a story. Cooper is unabashedly the dominating presence in the film, perhaps granting Hanssen more depth and dimension than the real-life spy deserves. Alternatively, charismatic and terrifying (in almost every way) is his co-star Dhavernas, a performance that draws audiences into his character’s dark eyes.

Chris Cooper’s portrayal of Hanssen more depth and dimension than the other characters think is, aside from being a little off kilter, a fine performance. Aside from his own decisions, Ray wisely decides to cut to the heart of the story, giving the film a lean, focused style that prevents it from flagging or feeling pretentious.

Federal agent Kate Burroughs (Laura Linney) confers with O’Neill (Ryan Phillippe) about their investigation of Agent Hanssen in Billy Ray’s “Breach.”

-Ray's second film as Director — was the first similarly-themed “Shattered Glass,” which was about real-life reporter Stephen Glass, who fabricated articles for several publications. Ray, who wrote and directed “Shattered Glass” and directed “Breach,” seems to be carving out a nice little niche for himself. Like Phillippe, he is quietly building a reputation as a talent worthy of greater exposure.

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Paranoia leads to thought-provoking situations

Protection challenges privacy in a world rocked by terrorism

I spent spring break in Europe with my roommates James and Adam. It was, in many ways, an eye-opening experience. One night, we decided to attend a showing of "Les Miserables" at the Queen's Theater in London. After spending the day exploring the city, we arrived at the theater for the evening's performance.

After finding our seats, we went off to the bar to get some thing to eat and drink. We sat there for maybe 20 minutes, after which they dimmed the lights and an announcement via speaker asked every one to return to their seats.

We noticed that there didn't appear to be very many people in our section, but didn't think much of it until we got to our seats. There, to our surprise, a security guard was holding a brown messenger bag.

"That's my bag," said Adam. "This is yours?" asked the security guard. "Ticket please."

Adam complied, and the guard shook his head angrily. "I don't know what you mean, sir. I have left it unattended, you know — keep all your belongings with you at all times."

The guard turned, and that's when we noticed that our section of the theater only appeared empty because the theater workers had held the occupants back while Adam's bag was investigated. After the guard gave the "OK," the patrons began to saunter back in, clearly unaware of this inconveniences.

A distinguished-looking couple — a middle-aged English woman and a companion, a young man — sat next to us.

"Was that your bag?" asked the man, with more than a hint of disdain. "You oughtn't have left it alone."

I knew Adam. "I didn't think anything of it."

"Don't you think you might've been a bomb?"

"Why would someone put a bomb here?" I asked. The man gave me his best "stupid Americans" look.

"What do you mean "why?" he said. "I mean, it doesn't make any sense..."

I started. "Of course it doesn't make any sense," he snapped. "Terrorists bringing bombs on the tube and blowing up half the city doesn't make any sense either, does it?"

He had clearly misinterpreted my question — when I said "here" I was referring to the 20-pound nonexistent cheap seats in the second balcony where we were sitting, not the theater as a whole.

"It may not make sense to you and it certainly doesn't make sense to me, but that's why we are here," the man continued breathlessly. "People blowing each other up in the tubes. And for what? Some kind of political or religious statement? Senseless.

I leaned back and decided not to remind him that we were about to watch a show that featured students violently barricading the streets as a political statement.

By the next day, I had largely forgotten the previous night's little fiasco, except as a humorous — and no doubt embarrassing — anecdot of Adam — anecdote. That evening, we rode on a crowded tube toward Piccadilly Circus when we noticed an unattended suitcase. It was brown and tattered, with the name "OBAMA" etched on the top and some writing in a language I didn't recognize on the side. The three of us regarded the seemingly abandoned case and I felt the hairs on the back of my neck slowly rise.

"What do you think?" whispered Adam.

"I don't know," I said. "Don't touch it."

We looked around for a potential owner, but the closest occupants were an elderly woman and a British couple cradling a child. I started to back away from the case, slowly edging my back toward the other end of the tube — not that it would have really mattered had the case really contained a bomb.

"It's all right," I said to Adam. "Don't say anything."

"Let's get off at the next stop," recommended James. Adam and I nodded in agreement, nervously waiting out the tube's bumpy approach to its next destination.

Finally, James decided it wasn't worth waiting and loudly inquired if the case belonged to anyone. A man, sitting across the tube, claimed ownership, saying simply, "It's mine."

We all breathed out and remained on the tube until our final destination, but I knew that for me a full sense of relief only came when I stepped off the tube at Piccadilly Circus.

Afterward, we were all embarrassed. "What a silly, paranoid, senseless turn of events. Of course there was no threat; no more than the night before, when Adam's bag became the subject of conservation in the Queen's Theater. Still, the pull of the event lingered and I couldn't help thinking that our fears were not entirely unfounded — especially in light of our seat-partner's willful paranoia concerning the tube the night prior. Such senseless violence rocked London back in July of 2005 (the incident to which the man was referring), when four suicide bombers killed 52 commuters and injured 700 more. With that context in mind, it's easier to see why there was such a flux at the theater.

It is a strange and deeply disturbing feeling to step onto an everyday mode of transportation with lingering doubts about safety — even two years removed from the original tragedy.

London is still trying to find ways to deal with the aftermath of the bombings that took place nearly two years ago and to prevent such events from occurring again.

It is senseless violence that makes no sense, but one can't help but wonder if it is the continued threat of terrorism that makes some people paranoid and fearful. After all, London's solution is obvious — there are closed-circuit cameras everywhere, monitoring for criminal behavior. Yet there is something vaguely sinister, vaguely "1984"-ish about such an approach. You can't walk around London without the suspicion that your every move is being watched, and I question whether the added security is worth what feels like a gross invasion of privacy. Standing on that tube, I understood that it made no difference whether or not the London police saw the events unfold — if there really were a bomb, the footage from the camera (had it survived) would have made its way to the eloquently reports of the senseless tragedy on CNN and the BBC.

I offer no solutions — I would not be so presumptuous as to try to neatly offer an answer to a problem that the world's greatest minds have spent years trying to solve. I only know that for a brief instant, I saw the world through different eyes — eyes that were always alert, eyes that were always guarded, eyes that belonged to those who constantly live in fear and suspicion — and I did not like what I saw. Senseless.

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NFL

Goodell to address off-field problems

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell could announce new initiatives Tuesday that will allow him to impose harsher and quicker discipline for players who get into trouble off the field.

League spokesmen Greg Aiello said Wednesday during a conference call that Goodell could use his first full league meeting, to be held next week in Phoenix, to address the arrests and other off-field episodes that plagued the league in the last year.

They include the arrests of nine members of the Cincinnati Bengals; 10 encounters with the police by Tennessee’s Adam "Paeman" Jones; the four-month jail sentence imposed this week on Chicago’s Tank Johnson on weapons charges; and other run-ins with the law by NFL players.

The policy would allow Goodell, who has been meeting with players, owners and team officials, to impose harsher discipline earlier than in the past, when the NFL has waited for legal issues to be finished before imposing fines and/or suspensions.

"What’s important to him in developing this policy is that it is supported by a wide faction of people in our league, meaning the owners, the players’ association, the players and the clubs," Aiello said. "He’s been very encouraged by the strong stance that the players have taken in terms of looking for a more effective policy."

Most of the conference call was devoted to recommendations for changes in playing rules made by the competition committee.

The biggest change would be moving the kickoff in overtime from the 30-yard-line, the spot in regulation, to the 35.

Atlanta general manager Rich McKay, the committee’s co-chairman, said the committee believed the kickoff spot was the major reason that 62 percent of teams winning the coin toss won overtime games last season, not necessarily on the first possession, but because of the field position they got. McKay said it stemmed from the change in 1998 that moved the kickoff back to the 30 and added the "K-ball," a kicking ball harder to kick deep.

Until then, winners and losers of the toss had won just about equally.

"This is something we resisted," McKay said. "But there was an advantage gained by the coin toss. We think we can cure those stats and make the coin toss less of a factor."

The rule would have to be approved by three-quarters of the teams, as would a variety of other proposed rules changes.

One would make instant replay, which is due to expire after two more seasons, a permanent part of the league’s rules.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Volunteers will hope to contain Oden, OSU

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tennessee’s Bruce Pearl is far too good of a talker to frame his team’s upcoming game against Ohio State in worn-out coachspeak.

So when he essentially says "it’s not Greg Oden, it’s the rest of the Buckeyes," that he’s focused on containing Thursday night, at least give him the benefit of the doubt and listen to his explanation.

Start with the background.

The Volunteers faced Ohio State in Oden’s 10th game of the season, back in January, when Oden was adjusting to the college game and still wearing a brace on the surgically repaired right wrist that delayed the start of his college career.

Those things were supposed to be holding him down. Instead, he had his first monster game: 24 points, 15 rebounds, perfect from the foul line (6-for-6), four assists, three blocks and a steal in 36 minutes.

Yet the Buckeyes, playing at home, still needed what was then a career-high in points from freshman point guard Mike Conley and a 3-pointer from the 3-point line with 11.2 seconds left to beat the Volunteers 68-66.

Ohio State (32-3) hasn’t lost since, a run of 19 in a row it takes into a semifinal against Tennessee (24-10) in the NCAA tournament’s South Regional.

Pearl spent this week studying his team’s near-miss in Columbus and most of the other 18 games in the Buckeyes’ run. After concluding there’s no stopping Oden — "He’s unlike anybody I’ve ever gone up against," Pearl said — he set his sights on everyone else wearing red and white.

And the part that scares him the most?

"They’ve not broken out yet," Pearl said. "They’ve not had that breakout game that we all know they’re capable of."

Buckeyes coach Thad Matta was flattered by the notion his top-seeded team has gotten within four wins of a national championship by merely grinding out games.

However, he agrees that his team can do whatever it takes to win, as opposed to being a juggernaut that goes out and does things its way, during others to stop it.

"The thing I love about this team is we’ve shown that we can play a lot of different ways," Matta said, listing a few examples — not including the overtime win against Xavier in the second round that kept Ohio State in the tournament.
NCAA BASKETBALL
Howland, Dixon will square off in Sweet 16
Associated Press
SAN JOSE, Calif. — The almost daily phone calls haven't stopped this week even though Ben Howland and Jamie Dixon will be on opposite sides of the court Thursday night.
It's hard to break a routine built through decades of friendship. The only change in the coaches' relationship is what they discuss.
Talking about strategy, and their teams' strengths and weaknesses has to take a back seat at least until after Thursday night's third-round game between Howland's UCLA Bruins and Dixon's Pittsburgh Panthers in the San Jose Regional.
"I think it's inevitable it was going to happen," Dixon said Wednesday. "It wasn't changed [our relationship] at all. We've talked a couple of times, not too much about the game, just about families and different things besides that."
Howland said the relationship has an impact on which team advances to Saturday's regional final.
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Texas quarterback Matt Schaub scrambles for a first down against the Saints in a loss last December. The Texans are close to acquiring the backup quarterback, which leaves starter David Carr's future uncertain.

Schaub may be in Texans' future

Associated Press

Houston — The Houston Texans are close to acquiring Matt Schaub from the Atlanta Falcons. A trade for the highly regarded backup quarterback was expected to be announced Thursday, according to a person with knowledge of the deal who requested anonymity because the deal hadn't been completed.

The person did not disclose the details of the trade. The Houston Chronicle and the NFL Network said the Falcons will get second-round picks in 2007 and 2008 and that the teams will swap first-round picks this year, with Atlanta moving from 10th to eighth.

A call by The Associated Press to Texans general manager Rick Smith wasn't immediately returned Wednesday. Rich McKay, Atlanta's general manager, had no comment.

"Matt's a restricted free agent," McKay, chairman of the NFL's competition committee, said during a conference call with national reporters in preparation for next week's league meetings. "He's clearly entitled to visit every team. We've talked to a number of teams that have interest in Matt. That's all I'm going to say."

Houston television station KTRK reported on its Web site that Schaub and agent Joby Branion arrived at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport on Wednesday.

"We have an agreement in place," Branion told KTRK. "I dealt with Rick Smith on Ahman Green a couple of weeks ago. That gave us a great deal of comfort heading into these discussions believing we could get something done and we did. It wasn't easy but I think both sides are comfortable with where we are." Schaub, who has performed well in pre-season games, has started two games in his three-year career and is 84-of-161 for 1,033 yards with six touchdowns and six interceptions.

The acquisition of Schaub would make the possibility David Carr will remain with the team seem unlikely. Unhappy with Carr's performance, Houston tried to sign both Jeff Garcia and Patrick Ramsey before the two signed with other teams.

The Texans hoped that Carr, the first pick in the 2002 draft, would have a breakthrough year under the tutelage of first-year coach Gary Kubiak.

IN BRIEF

Artest faces four counts of misdemeanors after arrest

SACRAMENTO — Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest faces four misdemeanor charges stemming from a dispute with his wife at home earlier this month.

The charges were filed late Tuesday. Placer County Deputy District Attorney Dan Quick said Artest will be arraigned Thursday on charges of battery and corporal injury to a spouse, false imprisonment and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime. Each carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Salukis hope to upset Jayhawks

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Rodrick Stewart waited patiently for the perfect shot, slipping through a crowd and moving behind a screen before letting it fly.

The meatball-sized wad of paper flew off a cameraman and hit Kansas teammate Mario Chalmers in the chest while he answered questions in the locker room. The Jayhawks’ leading scorer in the NCAA tournament didn’t even flinch, coolly finishing his conversation to his laughing teammates’ delight.

The top-seeded Jayhawks seemed remarkably stress-free on a cool Wednesday in California, one day before meeting Southern Illinois in the West Regional semifinals.

Sure, expectations are still huge for everybody in this proud program. But after failures last year prepared us for this year. We don’t really see the (No.) 1 seed as pressure any more. Everybody is here for a reason.”

While the Jayhawks (32-4) got to San Jose with an up-tempo offense that bested Florida, Southern California and most of the Big 12 Conference, Southern Illinois (29-6) is built to neutralize the nation’s best offensive talent and Kansas has more than its share.

Brandon Rush and his Kansas teammates have watched tape of the trapping, aggressive style with which the Salukis yielded just 56.1 points per game — third-fewest among 336 Division I teams this season. Kansas can’t recall facing a better defensive team, yet nobody in Jayhawk blue seemed distressed.

“The way they trap, the way they get through a screen, they’re like piranhas,” said Rush, who scored 19 points in the Jayhawks’ second-round win over Kentucky.

Kansas forward Julian Wright dunks in the second half of the Jayhawks’ 88-76 victory over Kentucky Sunday in Chicago.

Motivated Florida ready for Bulldogs

Billy Donovan leads the defending champs against 5-seed Butler

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — He’s been “Officer Bill,” a history professor, a tour guide, a father figure and even a friend.

He’s been way more than just a coach.

Billy Donovan has been a master motivator for top-seeded Florida, inspiring players with championship rings, trashcan dunks and NBA futures to play hard, stay focused, follow his “live in the moment” catchphrase and possibly become the first team in 15 years to successfully defend its title.

He’s kept the Gators hungry and humble while dealing with off-the-chart expectations, outside influences and the constant pressure of trying to make history.

“Sometimes when you hear the word motivation, people think it’s rah-rah speech every day,” Donovan said. “I think there’s different ways to motivate people and to inspire people. I would say that I spend every single day trying to do that.”

Florida (31-5), which plays seeded Butler (29-6) on Friday in the Midwest Regional in St. Louis, has won 14 consecutive postseason games and cut down five sets of nets in the past 11 months. Aside from having five talented, unselfish and experienced starters, a big key has been Donovan’s motivational tactics.

He’s invited big-name sports celebrities to speak to the Gators — a list that includes NBA legend Jerry West, New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick and St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa. He’s shown clips from movies and sporting events in hopes of providing inspiration. He’s told stories about all-time greats like Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Pete Sampras and Tiger Woods.

He even brought in renowned sociology professor Harry Edwards, widely considered the leading expert on issues of race and sports.

“Edwards talked about pushing the ball back up the hill,” forward Corey Brewer said. “You can’t push it up the same way, and you’ve all got to go up together. It’s time to come together and go back up the hill.”

Belichick made an encore appearance two weeks ago after Florida won a third consecutive conference tournament.
The Core Council is seeking new undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation.

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NCAA Basketball

Memphis, Aggies will play in Texas shootout

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Some Texas A&M students wore paper bags over their heads during Acie Law's freshman season, embarrassed to be rooting for a team that didn't win a conference game.

Now, Aggies fans are decked out in maroon shirts, eager to be part of what Law and his teammates are doing.

For Memphis (32-3), the No. 2 seed in the NCAA South Regional, that means once again playing in front of a partisan crowd despite have a better seed.

"I would have never imagined playing in San Antonio with the Sweet 16 with the opportunity to go to the Elite Eight after what I experienced by freshman year," Law said Wednesday. "Coach came in and he changed all our mindsets. He told us we were going to win, and not take as long as people thought."

That's exactly what the Aggies have done under Billy Gillispie, going from that 0-16 record in the Big 12 to the NCAA round of 16 and a school-record 27 victories only three seasons later.

And Texas A&M won't be far from home Thursday night for its first regional semifinal game since 1980. The game will be in the Alamodome, only about a 2 1/2-hour drive from campus.

When the Aggies finished their open practice, the players greeted and shook hands with fans, many who chanted Law's name.

A crowd of more than 30,000 is expected Thursday, mostly in A&M colors. If the Aggies (27-6) win, there might not be another color visible for the regional final this weekend — much like when Texas won a regional final in the same building four years ago.

"It may be able to help you get over a couple of tough spots in the games, but it won't be the ultimate determining factor," Gillispie said. "We learned that last weekend, and everybody is coming here for a reason. Everyone is coming here to win."

Irish sophomore Jimmy Clausen throws during spring practice in the Loftus Center Wednesday.
New Mexico seeks Alford

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It will be Coach Afford's decision as to whether he chooses to visit with them.
TRACK AND FIELD

ND finally heads outside

By BILL BRINK
Spartan Writer

Notre Dame travels to Tucson, Ariz., today to compete in the Sun Click Multi-Events/Shotout. The meet, which lasts until Saturday, is Notre Dame's first outdoor competition of the season.

After an indoor season that culminated in two All-America performances in the Multi-Events Championships, the Irish are making the transition to outdoor competition. Training and competing outside allows the team to practice skills it hasn't worked on before and offers a break from the monotony of the Loftus Center.

"The men and women in the 4-100-meter relay (relays) will do base exchanges which basically we did not do at all at the beginning of the indoor season," Irish coach Joe Plano said. "And frankly, just getting outdoors is a joy."

The outdoor track is 400 meters long, twice as long as the standard indoor track. The length of the track could decrease the times posted by the runners.

"In theory, it should be faster because the turns are so spacious," Plano said. "Indoors it's a little tight, but outdoors the radius is much larger."

Some events during the indoor season change once the team moves outside, and some events don't exist during the outdoor season. The NCAA throws and the hurdles are exclusively outdoor events. Also, the 100 hurdles for men and women replaced the 100 hurdles for men and 110 hurdles for women.

"You take a discus thrower or a javelin thrower, they're waiting all season just to get outdoors," Plano said. "So they've been training from September on just to get to the outdoor season."

The Shotout, which is primarily an individual meet, will give coaches a chance to see how athletes who have not yet competed handle their first meet.

"I'm really anxious to see what [freshman] Halain Mekar does in the 400 meter hurdles. He was one of the best intermediate hurdlers in Europe last year, so I'm really anxious to see what he can do during the outdoor season," Plano said. "I'm anxious to see how [freshman] Jareyl Espinosa can do in the discus. She's throwing well already, but let's see how well she can do."

Plano said he also is excited to see how throwers, including junior Kyle Anness and senior Garret Kordien, perform in their first competition of the season. Anness's best hammer throw of the 2006 outdoor season was 61.46 meters at the Big East Championships. Kordien's season-best discus throw for the 2006 season came at the CalPoly Invitational, where he threw for 51.52 meters.

"I'm anxious to see how the people who don't have the opportunity to do events start off the season," he said.

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NHL

Fedoruk knocked cold as Rangers beat Flyers

NEW YORK — The New York Rangers used their fists and sticks to beat the Flyers 5-0 Wednesday night with Philadelphia's Todd Fedoruk getting knocked out by Colton Orr's punch.

Orr flattened Fedoruk with a hard hit which sent the wrists of the game in response to Philadelphia's rough play in the first period. On Feb. 17, Fedoruk was removed from the ice on a stretcher and taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and kept overnight.

Orr didn't dress for that game, a move Rangers coach Tom Renney said he regretted. But Orr quickly made his presence known in the next game.

He squared off with Fedoruk in the Philadelphia zone and decked the hard-hitting forward with a right hand to the left cheek. Fedoruk went down on his back, was strapped to a board, and had his head immobilized before being wheeled off.

"Todd is doing fine," Rangers neurosurgeon Claude Macaluso said in a statement. "He is awake. He is having a physical checkup and we are leaving with short-term memory, but other than that he is doing well."

Dainius Zubrus had two assists in his first game against his former team, the Sabres acquired the forward in a deal with the Capitals last month. Buffalo converted two of four power-play chances to end a three-game home slide. The Sabres outshot and out-dominated the Rangers 10-2 in their past 11 road games.

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Sabres reestablish home ice dominance in win over Caps

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Heading toward the playoffs, Daniel Briere and the Buffalo Sabres want to address a few deficiencies: fix their sputtering power play and regain their edge at home.

"This is definitely what we wanted to clean up," Briere said. "It's something that bothered us and something that bothered us the most and we've been focusing a little bit more to try to make it a little bit better." Briere scored power-play goals, helping the Sabres snap a three-game home skid with an easy 5-2 win over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night.

"And hopefully we're out of it now and we can look forward and come in the playoffs on a roll," Drew Stafford said. Briere and Stafford had two third-period goals and the Sabres finished the night 3-for-6 on the power play to help them beat the Capitals 26-35-13, 1-8-2 in their past seven games for a 2003-04.

The Eastern Conference-leading Sabres (47-19-7) joined Nashville in becoming the second NHL team to reestablish the point mark this season.

Briere scored on a 2-0-2 four-game road swing, took control with a three-goal second period.

Roy's goal, which opened the scoring 40 seconds into the second, came courtesy of a fortunate bounce after Dmitri Kalinin's shot from inside the blue line sailed wide and high. The puck bounced to the right of the net and slid to the left with goalie Olaf Kolzig looking the other way.

We didn't score," said Alex Ovechkin, the Capitals star held without a point for a third consecutive game.

Brian Pothier and Donald Brashear scored for Washington.

"We had some good power plays on the road trip and we needed some great opportunities," Ruff said. "But you're not going to talk about missing great opportunities. You want to talk about scoring on the opportunities you get."

Briere's goal, which put the Sabres up 3-1, came on a gritty play, set up after Zubrus forced a turnover behind the Capitals net. With a step on Washington defender Jaroslav Spacek as he skated out in front and wrapped it through Kolzig's legs.

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NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL
ND SOFTBALL
ND to play first home game
By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame plays its first game of the year at Ivy Field tonight.

After going 9-12 against stiff
collection over the past four
weeks, the Irish take on IUPUI in a
dual-fall tune-up before starting
conference play this weekend.

The Irish have joined in a
two slow start this year, losing
their first 11 contests. However, IUPUI
worked out the kinks last week-
end at the Rebel Games in
Kissimee, Fla., and went 5-1 in the tourney.

The turnaround included a
10-0 rout against Army and a thrilling come-
behind 6-5 win over Fairleigh
Dickinson in extra innings.

Sophomore pitcher Breanna
Howell, who will most likely start
date later this year, pitched the
win in both contests. Howell
led the team with a 4-3 record
and ERA of 4.03. The only
other IUPU pitcher to pick up a
win on the season is senior
Angelica Espinosa.

The Jaguars have made just
one trip to Notre Dame in the
program’s history in 1999 — IUPUI
came away with a 2-1 vic-
tory in nine innings.

This time around the Irish
are a bit more accustomed to picking up
wins late in close games. Notre Dame is 3-1 in one-run
games, with all three of those
wins coming in walk-off fashion.

The Irish bats have stepped up recently scoring only four runs in the past five games including
shutout losses to Pacific, No. 8 Texas and No. 2 Arizona State. The IUPUI pitching staff
will help the Notre Dame hitters get
on track after facing power-
houses from some of the top
programs in the country.

The Irish have been without
their leading hitter, senior out-
fielder Stephanie Brown, during
the five-game slump. Brown was injured
during practice when a ground ball took a bad hop and
called herself near the nose.

Prior to the injury, she was hitting
.350 with 15 runs scored from the leadoff position.

Sophomore hurler Brittany
Bargar currently leads the team
with a 2.77 ERA, but her record has dropped to 6-7 with
tough losses to the Sun Devils, Longhornos and No. 16
Louisiana-Lafayette all in the
past week. Bargar will look to get back to
the .500 mark with a win over the Jaguars tonight.

Tonight’s game is the first of
five that Notre Dame will play
this weekend at home. The Irish
have doubleheaders scheduled
against St. John’s Saturday and
Seton Hall Sunday. Saturday’s
matchup will mark the begin-
ing of Big East play as Notre
Dame attempts to defend its
2006 conference championship.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE
Irish jump out to early lead, cruise to 16-9 win over OSU
By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

After several straight games of
overcoming an early deficit, the
Irish finally got their start.

They were looking for
Wednesday, jumping out to
a 9-1 lead and beating
the Ohio State 16-9 at the Loftus
Center.

A motivated Irish squad set
the tempo from the beginning of
the game. The Irish put pressure on the Buckeyes both
offensively and defensively.

Moving effortlessly through
the Ohio State defense, Notre Dame scored five goals in the first 12 minutes to take a commanding lead.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said
she was impressed with the
play.

“We really wanted to get out
to a fast start, and showed a lot of intensity turning fast breaks and turnovers into goals,” she said.

The Buckeyes finally got on
the board with a Kirsten
Slahor goal midway through the first half, but the Irish
clubbed back with a 4-4 run to
seize the 9-1 lead at the
break.

Ohio State surged out of the
halftime offensively, scoring
two quick goals to cut the deficit to 9-3. They still
be able to help the Buckeyes would come,
however, as the Irish are building their lead and coun-
tering Ohio State goals the rest of the game.

Notre Dame played one of
its most complete games of
the year, with nine different
players scoring points on the
match. Sophomore Jane
Stoeckert and senior Meghan
Murphy led the way with four
two points each. Junior Caillen
McKinney and senior Lena
Zentgraf also netted three
goals apiece in the victory.

“It was a total team effort,” Coyne said. “We do everything
every game, so when the time comes
we’ll be ready to win.

Slahor led the Buckeyes with three
goals, and six different
Ohio State players netted one
goal on the game.

The Irish dominated posses-
sion offensively and defensive-
ly, out-shooting the Buckeyes
33-14.

The Irish took home the win
with 15 runs scored
and six different
players netted one
goal on the game.

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that gets you fired up,” Pollock said.

“Hitting is contagious.”

Lilly hit the five under the Notre
Dame bats with a single as the
team entered the bottom of the
fourth with a 5-3 lead. The eight-
run inning included two run singles
from Lilly, Jeremy Barnett
and Tyne Inilkefer as well as an
unearned run away from Pollock and senior Danny Bresemann.

Notre Dame coach Base Schrage said Lilly was an important leadership
role.“You’ve got to follow her,” he said.

“She comes every day to the ballpark
with a great attitude and works
hard — you win a lot of games with
Britt Lilly. Every time he comes
he’s getting everything he’s got.”

The Irish extended their lead to
14-5 in the bottom of the sixth as
freshman Austin Pearce drove in an
RBI off his first career hit.

Western Michigan threatened
in the top of the eighth but was
unable to close in on the Irish lead.

Freshman right-hander Steven
Mazur gave up a two-run homer to
Kyle Gallraith and a one-run single to Matt Almo before retiring from
the mound.

Sophomore right-hander Brett
Griffey took over in the middle of
the inning. Bronco Kyle Gendron
drove in one run off an error to
close out the inning and bring
Western Michigan within six. Those
four runs would end the offensive
game for the Broncos.

Cycling through two pitchers
in one inning happened often during
the offense-focused game.

Sophomore left-hander Sam
Elam started the game for the Irish.
Griffey threw two innings from the
mound and Andrew Scheid, Tony
Langford and David Mills talked an
inning apiece — Mazur only saw action in the first part of the eighth
inning. Tim Mowery started from
the mound for Western Michigan,
pitching 2.2 innings before the
Broncos brought in six pitchers
from their bullpen.

Using many pitchers in the mid-
week non-conference game allowed Notre Dame and Western Michigan to rest their arms, since
both teams play in conference series this weekend.

The Irish responded to Western Michigan’s drive in the eighth with
two runs in the bottom of the
inning. Schrage noted the team’s
ability to respond from behind
the plate every time Western
Michigan drove closer.

Even though the Broncos
responded with strong offensive
innings, Pollock said the Irish were confident they would respond.

“We kept battling. We didn’t put up
runs in just one inning, so that
always keeps you into the game
more,” he said. “I think that
carried toward overday defense too —
a game like [Western Michigan]
keep everybody on their toes and
ready for the next pitch.”

Notre Dame sealed the win with
a two-run ninth-inning. Schrage said
the team hopes to stay strong
from behind the plate and turn up
defensively as it prepares for its
weekend series against South
Florida. The Irish will look for
strong showings from Lilly and
Pollock again as they face tougher
competition from the mound.

“I think we’ll be able to as long as
we keep it that way,” Pollock said.

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Cheerleading & Leprechaun Information Meeting
5:30 p.m. March 26, 2007 — Gym 2 — Joyce Center (above Gate 10)

Thursday, March 22, 2007
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Regional. Former Irish standout Alicia Kryczko won the women’s foil competition and then-senior
more Patrick Ghattas collected the men’s saber crown. Two weeks ago, two new Notre Dame fencers
— freshman epeeist Kelley Hurley and sophomore foilist, Adi Nott — captured titles in the regional
competition at the Joyce Center.
“I know there’s going to be a lot of different competitors,” Nott said, comparing her expectations of this
weekend’s event to the Midwest Regional. “I want to fence better than I have this year!’”
Ghattas, now a senior and three­time
All­American, will compete at the NCAAs after a third­place fin­ish in the Regional March 10. Ghattas has finished second at Nationals two years in a row.
The competition begins today with round­robin competition on the men’s side. Further men’s rounds and direct elimination fol­
low on Friday. The women start fencing Saturday before finish­
ing Sunday, when the NCAAs awards one national championship for a team’s combined men’s and
women’s performances. Notre Dame finished fourth in 2006.
Irish senior Valerie Provandza
will look to become the first Notre Dame women’s saberist ever to
earn All­American status four straight seasons. She won the indi­
nual crown as a freshman before finishing fourth in 2005 and ninth in 2006.
Provandza will be joined in her
weapon by sophomore Ashley
Serrette, who is making a home­
coming of sorts. The sophomore
native of Orange, N.J., earned a bid in the NCAAs with a sixth­place finish at the regional competition.
Ohio State had three fencers in the
top five, but NCAAs rules limit teams to two entries in each
weapon per gender.
This weekend’s competition
will be the first NCAA Championship
action for five of Notre Dame’s 11
fencers. Serrette, Hurley, junior
epeeist Greg Howard, sophomore
foilist Emilie Prot and sophomore
sabreist Bill Thanhouser will be
making their championship debut.
Hurley, who has dropped only
four bouts all season, represents
Notre Dame’s best chance at a vic­
tory from the first­timers.
Among the returning competi­
tors, Nott finished sixth in the
NCAAs as a freshman, while junior
foilist Jakub Jekowski placed seventh in 2005 and eighth in 2006. Last season, sophomore
sabreist Koral Kostka and sophomore
foilist Mark Kubik finished 18th and 21st, respectively.
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day. It’ll be (No. 4 seniors) Christian and Catrina Thompson, and after that we
still don’t know,” Loudonback said. “Katie Potts will step into the doubles ... but we
don’t know the combinations yet.”
Loudonback said Tefft, Potts and freshmen Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik
would be in the doubles mix.
No. 19 Catrina Thompson
will lead the Irish out of the No. 1 singles slot. She has a 13­3 dual­match record and
has won her last four, including a 6-0, 6-3 win Saturday over No. 31 Blakeley Griffith
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Irish in the NCAA's

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won all six matches in straight sets.
Saint Mary’s now boasts a 3-4 overall record, alongside its lone win in the MIAA in its first match. Olivia Van<br>velt不用自己now owns it at 12-2 and</br>
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Wisconsin

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"Coming into spring we all know the expectations on the field as well as off the field," he said. "There's not any hidden secrets about the responsibility we're going to have to take on, there's not any secrets period."

But then there's the question of to whom will the new quarterback be throwing.

Weis said rising junior David Grimes, the No. 3 wideout last fall, would be the top receiver to start the spring. Grimes, a 6-foot, 174-pound speedster, underwent an undisclosed surgery after the Sugar Bowl in January.

"A couple days before spring break, when I said, 'If I don't see him go full-speed, he's not going on spring break,' he ran around great," Weis said with a laugh. "So from what I saw right before spring break, I have very high expectations.

Weis said he talked to Grimes about successful wideouts in the NFL, whose heights were shorter than the prototypical receiver frame, including former New England Jet Wayne Chrebet and current New England Patriot Troy Brown.

"I've talked to him about a bunch of stuff that I've coached in the past that have not been the biggest in stature that have been very, very, very productive and productive as in the lead receiver," Weis said.

But after Grimes, even more questions remain.

Behind Grimes are rising junior D.J. Hord, who is fully healed from a torn Achilles tendon, rising sophomores Jet Wayne, Prince, and Matt Carufel likely will battle for the two open spots at offensive guard, while rising sophomores Harley Webb and rising juniors Mike Turkovich and Paul Duncan will fight for the open left tackle position.

"We'll start off on the offensive line, Weis said. "This will be a battle for the third quarter of the lineup but Weis said overall the switch in personnel will be switching positions. Rising sophomore Armando Allen will battle with rising sophomores James Aldridge and Munir Aldridge for 81 yards and two touchdowns on limited offensive action last season. Aldridge carried 37 times for 149 yards, while Prince had 24 yards on 15 attempts.

On the defensive line, Weis said rising sophomores Dan Wenger, Eric Olsen and Matt Carufel likely would battle for the two open spots at offensive guard, while rising sophomores Harley Webb and rising juniors Mike Turkovich and Paul Duncan will fight for the open left tackle position."

Despite the changes, Weis refuses to allow excuses to lower his team's expectations for the upcoming season.

"All you do give a scrapeout and say, 'You only have three guys coming back on offense, you only have a few more coming back on defense.'" Weis said. "I don't think that's what good teams do.

To accommodate the switch to a 3-4 from a 4-3, some Irish personnel will be switching positions. Rising sophomore Chris Stewart will join the defensive line this season after spending his freshman campaign at left guard, but Weis left open the possibility that Stewart could return to the offense.

Weis said overall the switch in defenses will benefit both the players he has now and any recruits looking to come to Notre Dame because the outside linebackers slots on the 3-4 accommodate players who are too small to be defensive linemen, but too slow to play linebacker in a 4-3 set.

"This gives you a lot more flexibility because now both those guys, both the guys on the outside are capable of being either a defensive end or a linebacker on every play," Weis said. "And this way the defense and the offense really never knows which one is which. Is this guy a linebacker in this play or is he a defensive end on this play? By natural view of that, it causes confusion."

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3. The grid is filled with the letters that form the words that match the clues.

CROSSWORD TIPS

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ND travels to Jersey for NCAA meet

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame may not be the favorite, but the Irish plan on putting some sabres starting today as the four-day NCAA Fencing Championships kicks off at Drew University in Madison, N.J. Notre Dame, two perennial powers who failed to qualify a full squad, have shown an ability to overcome a numbers disadvantage in the past.

Last season the Buckeyes qualified just nine fencers yet finished third with 155 points — only 10 behind champion Harvard. For the Irish, Notre Dame's 2005 championship marked the only time a squad ever captured the title with a full allotment of fencers.

"I think we have a shot," Irish coach Jamie Bednarski said of his team's chances this weekend.

He and Irish assistant coach John Weis say expectations have been raised due to a strong series of results.

"There's been a great influx of new people coming in," Weis said. "Our identity on offense is going to be more personnel-related than it is schematically because we changed people."

Weis added that the Irish are improving at the starting quarterback position and that "every runner is a different type of runner than Darius [Walker]." He added that the Irish plan to play their kids right away. The Belles, however, will have a lot of depth, and it will be up to their kids to prove which doubles team they want to be.

The Irish are suffering from injury problems of their own. Louderback said junior Brook Buck will not play today due to an undisclosed injury. Her injury will affect the combinations Notre Dame sends out to play doubles. Buck, along with sophomore Kelly Toft, is currently ranked No. 15 in the ITA Tennis rankings with an 8-5 record.

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