**Witness of Rockne crash remembered**

By MEG MIRSHAK  
News Writer

James "Easter" Heathman, who was 13 when he rushed to a pasture near his family's home in Chase County, Kan., to find the plane crash that killed Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne, died Jan. 29. He was 90.

"Heathman died at an Emporia, Kan., hospital of complications from pneumonia, his son, Tom Heathman, said.

On a cold, foggy March morning in 1931, Easter Heathman heard the sound of engines roaring, his son said. Seeing nothing outside, Easter Heathman had thought it was a car racing along the highway.

Shortly after, the phone rang and a telephone operator from Bazaar, Kan., informed the Heathman household that a plane had crashed near their home.

"Dad, his dad and a few of his brothers jumped in their Model-T and drove up there," Tom Heathman said. "They saw the crash site, which is on a cattle pasture located three miles south of Bazaar, Heathman saw five bodies thrown from the plane and three more still inside. Just a week shy of his 14th birthday, Heathman was one of the first people to arrive at the scene.

A few days later, newspapers reported that Rockne was among the victims but even then, Heathman said, "I didn't mean anything to Easter." Tom Heathman said.

"I was at the time of his death, led Notre Dame to consecutive undefeated seasons in his last two years, and in his 13 years at Notre Dame, Rockne's team won six national championships.

"He loved taking people up there and enjoyed the people he met who made an effort to come to Chase County from everywhere," Easter Heathman's daughter, Sue Ann Brown, said.

A monument was erected in 1934 on the site by the Chase County Chamber of Commerce to honor the eight victims of the accident.

"Dad took it upon himself to show people the monument because he didn't want the guys who died in the crash to be forgotten," Tom Heathman said.

"I didn't become more interested in Notre Dame than talking to people," he said.

After he retired, Easter Heathman got permission to take people to the crash site, which is located on private property. He took people on free tours to the site for about 20 years, Tom Heathman said.

"Dad built eight wooden crosses because he wanted people to know that there were eight people, not just Knute Rockne," Tom Heathman said.

**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Members discuss a possible taxi flat rate

By JOSEPH McMahan  
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) met Tuesday to discuss a plan to make taxi services in South Bend cheaper and more reliable for students.

"We'd like something where we can involve cab companies and different parts of the administration to get something where students get charged a flat rate," Gari said.

Many COR members voiced concerns that cab companies charge students more than other South Bend residents. Gari said the implementation of a flat rate would help fix

**'Peru Days’ to aid quake victims**

By DENNIS SLATER  
News Writer

On Aug. 15, 2007, a powerful earthquake killed more than 300 people in the region just south of Lima, Peru. Today, the Kellogg Center for International Studies will start promoting the work of internationally acclaimed Peruvian photographer Guillermo Rivas to benefit the tragedy of the victims.

In exhibition at the Great Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies since Jan. 29, Rivas' photographs focus on the colorful Feast of the Virgin of Candelaria, which is going on now in the Andean town of Puno, near Lake Titicaca. The artist's daughter, twin Andrea Rivas Dreyfus, said the photos, which are being auctioned for charity at the Hesburgh Center, are a testament to the healing power of art and culture.
INSIDE COLUMN

Rooting and recruiting

Today is perhaps the most exciting day in college sports. At least in the off-season. Sorry, Mr. Mora, I'm not talking about playoffs, and no, Mr. Iveson, I'm not talking about prac-

ices. I'm talking about National Signing Day.

On a day more exciting to some than Super

bowl Sunday, grown men across the coun-

try will check their Internet browsers to see if very large and highly athletic young men across the country have signed on the dotted line with their college of choice.

Notre Dame has been to be one such college.

After suffering through the worst season of football in Notre Dame histo-

ry, Irish fans, media and recruiting acolytes turn to the future, as names such as quarterback Dane Crist and receiver Mike Floyd have the potential to become the Brady Quinn and Jeff Samardzija of the future.

The 11iews expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

The Feb. 1 article, "NO looks to boost financial aid," said that over the past 16 years, spending on financial aid has risen from $55 million to $72 million. The 1996 figure, however, is actually $63.5 million. The article also said the University's spending on financial aid has increased by 73 percent since 1996. The figure, however, is actually 65.5 percent. Growth of University aid revenues from 1995-2008. Finally, the article said tuition has only increased about five to six percent over the last 16 years. Tuition has actually meen ten percent every year since 1995.

The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?

Peter Toohoo senior

Megan Dunne freshman Pasquerella East

Kelly Sciacca freshman Pangborn

Elizabeth Dillon freshman Breen-Phillips

Catherine Dunne senior off campus

Brian Boll freshman Dillon

"Warm showers."

"Peanut butter."

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"Starbucks."

"Taking classes at DePellato."

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OFFBEAT

Beer gets seatbelt, child doesn't

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**BOARDS OF GOVERNANCE**

**Committee seeks funds for Midnight Madness**

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

News Writer

The head of the committee for Saint Mary's annual Midnight Madness, senior Noreen Sherred, sought funds for the event at Tuesday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

Midnight Madness, co-sponsored by the athletic department, is an annual night of games, food and door prizes inside the Angela Athletic Facility.

"The event brings the Saint Mary's community together and builds Saint Mary's pride," said Sherred, who is also the athletic commissioner.

This year, the event will be run by students more than in the past, she said.

"Midnight Madness is put on to reward the women for all of the service they give the community," Sherred said.

And it's only fair that they are rewarded, she said.

"This year, the event will be run by students more than in the past, she said." Sherred, who is also the athletic commissioner.

The committee for the event has sent out letters and is currently receiving donations for prizes, Sherred said. However, it still needs more funding for food and decorations. The usual stipend from the athletic department has been cut because the department believes it shouldn't spend too much resources on events that aren't specifically for Saint Mary's athletes, she said.

In other BOG news:

- Student body president Kim Hodges announced there will be a birthday party for Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, on Feb. 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the dining hall.
- Sister Pusupa Teresa Gomes will be speaking at the first leadership lunch of the semester on Feb. 11 at noon in the Student Center, chief of staff Sarita Frizter said.
- President of the Student Diversity Board, Abby Henchy, said the Diversity Student Leadership Conference (DSLC) will be held Feb. 13-15. Issues such as immigration, women in business and socio-economic injustices, among other topics, will be covered.
- Elections for the new leadership of the Student Diversity Board and the Residence Hall Association will be held Feb. 11, said Maggie Siebert, elections commissioner. Sarah Barnes and Andriana Rodriguez are running for president of the Student Diversity Board and Maura Clougherty and Shannon Egan for the Residence Hall Association. There will be a chance to meet the candidates on Thursday at 6:30 in the west wing of the dining hall.

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**Mass, penance scheduled**

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's offer services for Ash Wednesday

By NIKKI TAYLOR

News Writer

With the start of the Lenten season today, both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will be offering prayer services and Masses to observe Ash Wednesday.

Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart today at 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. At Saint Mary's, Mass will be celebrated at 7 and 11 a.m. at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto and at 9 p.m. in the Regina Chapel. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes at 12:15 and 6 p.m. in the Regina Chapel.

"Ash Wednesday services will be standing room only in the chapel," Judy Fean, director of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's, said.

Father Joe Carey, assistant director of Campus Ministry (CM) at Notre Dame, said he expects students to fill the Ash Wednesday services.

"The Masses in the Basilica and the residence halls are well attended every year," Carey said.

Since one of the main focuses of Lent is penance, CM will host a campus-wide Lenten Penance service Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

After the prayer service there will be 10 priests available for individual confessions, Carey said.

For a deeper spiritual experience, both schools also will be offering retreats during the Lenten season. The Four:7 Catholic fellowship is sponsoring a Lenten retreat, "The Journey Through the Desert," this weekend. At Saint Mary's, there will be a Busy Person's Retreat, designed to fit the hectic schedules of students.

Running from Feb. 10-14, this type of retreat takes up one hour every day. Participants spend 30 minutes per day in prayer and then another 30 minutes talking with a spiritual guide, Fean said.

Father John Pearson will host a three-part analysis on Catholicism and Lent entitled "Sin, Grace, and Reconciliation." He will discuss these topics during the next three Tuesdays.

The Lenten tradition of Stations of the Cross will be observed at both campuses. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. In addition, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame will both be hosting campus-wide Stations of the Cross in March.

Notre Dame's Cross Cultural Ministries will also be hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection at Creek House on Feb. 24.

Fean said she hopes the variety of events and services available to students will allow them to fit some of them into their schedules.

"We have different events from last year. We are looking forward to offering opportunities throughout the six weeks so students can take advantage and grow spiritually," Fean said.

This is a season when everyone in this community is encouraged to examine his or her life and see how they can live holier lives," Carey said.

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He also repaired the wood-post and barred-wire fence that surrounds the site. "He felt almost a moral obligation to do it for the people who happened to reside at the site," Notre Dame Assistant Registrar David Kil, who first visited the Kansu site in 1973, said. "I think the people who decided to build the fence were especially interested in making sure that people in the community knew who was at the site."

But not everyone was fireside to the site. Kil said he and a group of student organizers from the Student Body met with Notre Dame's Campus Security to decide whether to put up a large barbed-wire fence around the site. Kil decided to put up the fence after being assured that it would be covered by multiple family members, was funded as an honorary member of the Notre Dame Monogram Club, Kil said.

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This problem is "a legitimate concern among some of the major reasons for exploring a flat rate," said vice president Liz Brown.

The task force, Gari said, is currently doing extensive research on the issue by talking to students in the various groups of the Notre Dame administration, including Poorner, Notre Dame Security/Police and Card Services. The task force has also contacted other universities, including the University of Notre Dame at South Bend and Vanderbilt, to learn about the possibilities that they currently have in place.

"The list of schools we're researching is growing, and this report is certainly an expansion of a range of city sizes," student body president Liz Brown said.

Gari said Virginia's system "is an interesting one because it allows students to swipe their student ID inside the cab and charge the fare to their university account."

In other news... The Council also discussed the possibility of making the Student Government a general assembly. The proposal, which was put forth by Chief Executive Assistant Sheena Plamot said she wasn't sure of any of the issues discussed in COR would include the following:

- The Student Government Board would be vested with the power to hold a town-hall meeting on the University's policy of hiring Catholic students. The meeting must be held in Washington Hall in late February.
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ative in Florida told them the University would not accept one unless it also accepted the other. "I never had to worry about whether or not I would come to Notre Dame if Coleman didn't get in. They told us that they wouldn't split up twins if they had comparable or borderline scores and application, "Kennedy Collins said.

Just as legacies, ethnic minorities, athletes and the children of faculty members are given particular weight in the admissions office, "some special consideration is given to twin students applying to Notre Dame," Saracino said.

If one of the twins is borderline admissions material, the University may admit him or her to avoid breaking up the pair. "But they have to be close in terms of academic performance," Saracino said.

Currently, there are approximately 24 sets of twins enrolled at Notre Dame, Saracino said.

The admissions office always hopes to be able to give good news if possible to both twins applying for admission -- but never at the expense of lowering admissions standards, Saracino said. And in cases like the Hollands', where twins are indeed split up, he suggested the option of transferring into Notre Dame later on.

"Each student ends up where they are supposed to be, whether it is Notre Dame or some other school," Saracino said.

And that also applies to the twins they may end up living in.

"We do not encourage twins to live in the same dorm together, but rather we try to put them in the same housing lottery as every other student," Saracino said.

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obtained his permission to organize the exhibit and auction the prints. The display and the silent auction -- which starts today and ends Feb. 13 -- are part of Peru Days, a celebration of the country's culture put on by the Kellogg Institute and a group of Peruvian students.

Peru Days expands on last year's Peru Day -- also organized by the Kellogg Institute -- to educate the campus community about "the richness of Peruvian culture and, of course, about its delicious and varied cuisine," Ilvias Dreyfuss said.

"Very few people know much about Peru and its three totally different regions in the Andes, the Andes and the Amazon jungle so we wanted to teach people," she said.

She and fellow student coordinator Claudia Barbanes helped plan tonight's Peta Criolla, an event with free food, music and demonstrations on Afro-Peruvian dancing. The areas most affected by August's earthquake -- the cities of Chiclayo and Piura -- are also the birthplaces of this form of dance and music, Ilvias Dreyfuss said.

The U.S. Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center said 80 percent of Piura was destroyed during the two-minute earthquake.
"When I visited the areas hit hard after the earthquake, people were sleeping on the streets and plazas because even if their houses had survived, they could crumble at any moment," Ilvias Dreyfuss said.

She hopes the silent auction raises money for the victims.

"We are hoping people will begin to bid on [Ilvias' photographs] for this charity," Ilvias Dreyfuss said.

Her father's photographs had previously been displayed in Lima's National Museum and during China's world-famous Peking international photography festival in 2006.

"So whatever the photos end up going for it will be a steal," Ilvias Dreyfuss said.

Peta Criolla will begin at 6 p.m. today at the Hesburgh Center Main Hall. Peru Days will run until Feb. 13 when the silent auction ends. That same day, there will be a screening of the film "Días de Santiago" in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. Filmmaker Josue Mendez will present the movie and answer questions.

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SRI LANKA

Rebels killed in major military offensive

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - Government troops launched an offensive Wednesday against rebel fortifications in northern Sri Lanka, destroying 30 bunkers and killing 12 Tamil Tiger fighters, while air force jets bombed a meeting of separatist group's leaders, the military said.

The attacks were part of an escalating operation against the rebels' de facto state in the north. President Mahinda Rajapaksa's government has promised to destroy the group by the end of the year and end the long-running war in this Indian Ocean island nation.

In the fighting Wednesday morning, troops backed by artillery, mortar fire and tanks crossed over the front lines south of rebel-held territory about 5:15 a.m. and attacked a string of Tamil Tiger bunkers, said military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara.

After about an hour of fighting that killed 12 rebels, the troops returned to their positions, he said.

"We don't want the Tamil Tigers) to get organized in the first line of defense so they would start troubling us," he said.

"We wanted to give them the maximum damage and maximum destruction,"

Two hours later, air force jets bombed a meeting of rebel leaders northwest of Kilinochchi, the main town controlled by the Tamil Tigers, Nanayakkara said.

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NEW YORK — For the first time in almost five years, the nation's service sector failed to grow, reflecting a cooling in such areas as retail, travel, banking, construction, and wholesale trade as well as in professional services. The December reading of the ISM's non-manufacturing business survey fell to 43.5 from December's 43.9. Employment fell to 43.1 while new orders fell to 43.3.

"That's a very bad report," said on the December reading of the ISM's non-manufacturing business survey. "It gives me a dose of reality that this sector, which has been resilient for some time, now has become susceptible to all the influences in the economy," said the economist.

Price increases have slowed while costs are up, said Nieves, who also serves as vice president for supply management at Hilton Hotels Corp. Survey respondents cited recession fears taking hold, high energy prices, and worries over inflation and the housing market.

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Support the bolts

Are they nuts? 237 students returned from Christmas to go training for the Bengal Bolts. In addition to endless push-ups, sit-ups, running, etc., they invite the rearrangement of their facial rock-scapes. No, they are not crazy. Let me tell you why. A family of four among the ultra-people served by the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh would live for at least a week on the $3.87 we usually drop for a latte at Starbucks. In 2007, the Bolts contributed $60,000 to those missions. The Holy Cross Brothers had a boxing program at Notre Dame in the mid-1930s, but the Bengal Bolts began in 1931, with all proceeds going to the missions as they have every year since then. Bangladesh has 140 million people in a country the size of Iowa. It is 88.3 percent Muslim, 10.5 percent Hindu and 0.5 percent Christian. The per capita annual income is $1,470. Holy Cross missions existed there in 1854. There are 145 Holy Cross priests, seminarians and brothers (133 of them Bangladeshis) and 70 Holy Cross sisters there. They run two colleges, eight high schools and 10 parishes as well as other apostolates. In addition to political violence and corruption, they have to deal with the effects of Cyclone Sidr last November 15, which killed at least 5,000 people, injured 40,000, destroyed or damaged 1.2 million homes and 1.6 million acres of cropland and killed 1 million livestock.

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Vote for bears

The incredible story of 2008 thus far and not likely to be dethroned in terms of newsworthiness unless an event of overwhelming importance transpires in the next 11 months, presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton hugged. Politicians rarely hug. As we know, they are not normal people. And normal people hug a bit. Appropriately in church.

As we move from reason to reason, I will evaluate whether these are plausible explanations for the warm display of these two politicians.

First, bears have reported in several surveys that they hug to crush the bones of humans. One researcher, Frances Skalayehw, probed a community of bears on why its members dismantle human anatomy in this way. The reason given? Unfocused anger.

I suppose this theory is somewhat credible. We have seen both Hillary and Barack deface the other in recent news. Perhaps they wanted to crush human bones because of unfocused anger. Neither was strong enough — or unfocusedly angry enough — to do this, so scratch that possibility.

Second, researchers have discovered at least 25 bear religions (as opposed to more religions, such as the Christian Nudists). In seven of these religions, hugging is a ritual believed to build kind and informative doctrine. For a bear, kind habit is spraying insecticide for the community. Informed doctrine is defeating a river.

I doubt this possibility, frankly. Neither candidate could ever be privy to the technique involved in poison spraying. I also doubt either would be willing to defecate in a river or able to recognize one, whichever comes first. Third, research has established a theory where bears hug each other to display affection. This affection can be genuine or pageantry, planned or spontaneous, heartwarming or awkward. In this way, bears are like humans. Having established politicians are not normal people and as this final reason links the behavior of bears to that of normal people, I reject this notion.

So unfortunately, despite promise and a well-oiled theoretical engine, I cannot say the obvious connection between politicians and bears can illustrate why Hillary and Barack wrapped their suit-clad bodies around each other.

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A compelling argument for McCain

After eight long years under President Bush, there's hardly a face in the Republican field that wouldn't represent a welcome departure from the status quo. Among these candidates, however, Sen. John McCain stands out for his pragmatism and political courage.

In years of public service, McCain has repeatedly taken bold stances unpopular within his own party, reaching across the aisle to like-minded Democrats in the process. His work on campaign finance reform demonstrated real bipartisan leadership, and we applaud his unequivocal opposition to the use of torture on terror suspects.

In calling for the closure of the facilities at Guantanamo Bay, he takes a position even many Democrats find too hard to market, giving us some hope that he has the backbone to salvage the rotting remains of U.S. moral authority abroad.

The senator's staunch defense of the war in Iraq — occasionally bordering on outright enthusiasm — is unsettling to those who found the venture misguided from the get-go. That said, his position is typical of the Republican candidates, and we can at least trust McCain as a veteran and former POW to prioritize the best interests of U.S. troops when formulating military strategy.

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We are wary of the some of the senator's policy preferences, but deeply respect his character and record of principled argument.

Vote McCain for Republican nominee for president.

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By CASSIE BELEK  
Assistant Scene Editor

Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte and Samantha are the women of the past as "Sex and the City" grew up in Wendy, Nico and Victory of "Lipstick Jungle" — the new hour-long NBC series based off of Candace Bushnell's book of the same name. The show's premise says it all: They're not looking for Mr. Big. They are Mr. Big.

"Lipstick Jungle," which premieres Thursday at 10 p.m., follows three high-powered New York City women as they balance family, friendship and careers. It goes beyond "Sex and the City" as it focuses less on the politics of sex and more on the everyday struggles of working women. Brooke Shields stars as movie executive Victoria Rowley's wedding. They just won't fit that come with and also the challenges that come with.

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"The women are a little older, a little wiser but sort of equally as flawed." NBC development executive and Notre Dame alumna Katie O'Connell said by phone Monday. O'Connell, who developed recent dramas "Chuck" and "Bionic Woman," convinced Bushnell to bring "Lipstick Jungle" to NBC. "I knew Candace and I had read her book over the summer and I loved it and I thought that it lent itself so cleanly to a television series," O'Connell says.

O'Connell got the ball rolling on the series two and half years ago when she started a development department for NBC in New York City. After hearing that Bushnell had almost closed a deal with another network for the show, O'Connell convinced Bushnell that NBC was the network for "Lipstick Jungle.

Bushnell isn't the only big name attached to the project. The most notable leading lady is Shields, the popular star who had another series with Shields in the late 1990s — "Suddenly Susan." O'Connell first met with the actress about "Lipstick Jungle" when she was starring as Roxie Hart in "Chicago" on Broadway. By the time the show was ready to cast for the pilot, Shields was pregnant, but thanks to the pushing hurk of production, she was able to do the series after all.

"She's always loved the book and she's always been kind of the prototype for us for the Wendy character," O'Connell says of Shields.

O'Connell also praises executive producer Timothy Busfield, who has acted in series such as "30-Something" and "The West Wing" and as a co-executive producer of both "Without a Trace" and "Ed." "I think he's really captured a tone that I haven't seen in television in a long time," she says. It's a tone that Busfield has said he brings from "30-Something" and it's a tone that, according to O'Connell, sets "Lipstick Jungle" apart from new ABC rival "Cashmere Mafia.

The two series have already drawn endless comparisons even as they try to set themselves apart from one another. "Cashmere Mafia" comes from the creative mind of Darren Star, who created a cultural juggernaut with Bushnell in HBO's "Sex and the City." O'Connell recognizes that the shows are rather similar on the surface, but she adds: "Our cast is completely different. Our tone is a little bit more grounded and it feels a little bit more relatable."

As an NBC executive, O'Connell says that she relates to the struggles of the characters in the show, which she says is one of the reasons that she has been so involved in the development of the series.

What we've endeavored to do is really explore for each character a robust personal life and a robust professional life," she says. Wendy, Nico and Victory get through their professional and personal lives in each episode through the strength of their friendship. "It's really a celebration of successful women and the benefits that come with and also the challenges that come with that," O'Connell says.

Starting tomorrow, three new fashionistas will navigate the jungle of New York City with careers, friends and family, and they'll do it wearing perfect lipstick and stiletto heels. They just won't need Mr. Big.

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NEW SPRING TELEVISION

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The writers’ strike may have extended into the cold winter months, but that doesn’t mean the networks don’t have any new scripted programming left. The following are the mid-season replacements offering a break from game shows and reality programming.

“Cashmere Mafia,” Wednesday, 10 p.m. (ABC)
Premiere Date: Jan. 6
Starring: Lucy Liu, Frances O’Connor, Miranda Otto and Bonnie Somerville
Summary: Four high-powered female executives living in New York City balance their careers with their family and love lives. In the pilot, Mia (Liu) loses her fiancé after beating him out for a job, Juliet (Otto) decides to take a lover after discovering her husband’s affair, Caitlin (Somerville) thinks that she is a lesbian, and Zoe (O’Connor) searches for a new nanny.

“Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles,” Monday, 9 p.m. (FOX)
Premiere Date: Jan. 13
Starring: Lena Headey, Thomas Dekker and Summer Glau
Summary: A continuation of the “Terminator” movie franchise, “The Sarah Connor Chronicles” begins where “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” left off. As Sarah (Headey) and John (Dekker) concentrate on stopping the creation of Skynet, a new Terminator (Glau) poses as a female high school student to protect John at his school.

“Welcome to the Captain,” Monday, 8:30 p.m. (CBS)
Premiere Date: Feb. 4
Starring: Fran Kranz, Chris Klein, Jeffrey Tambor and Raquel Welch
Summary: The new sitcom focuses on a group of friends who find themselves newly single and starting over in their 30s. Familiar faces Jones (Karen of “The Office”) is the divorce lawyer of the three guys in the show who moves into the brownstone next to Gator (Berko) when she herself gets dumped.

“Cashmere Mafia,” Wednesday, 10 p.m. (ABC)
Premiere Date: Jan. 31
Starring: Johnny Lee Miller, Victor Garber and Loretta Devine
Summary: Eli Stone (Miller) has it all. He works for a top San Francisco law firm and he’s engaged to the boss’ beautiful daughter. But when he begins to have visions of George Michael singing “Faith” in his living room and is diagnosed with a brain aneurysm, he has to figure out if he’s sick or if he’s a prophet being guided to take certain cases.

“Welcome to the Captain,” Thursday, 10 p.m. (FOX)
Premiere Date: March 14
Starring: Parker Posey and Lauren Ambrose
Summary: In this sitcom, Sarah (Posey) is a successful children’s book author who decides she wants to have a child. When she discovers that she cannot carry her own baby, she turns to sister Goo (Ambrose) to carry it for her. The estranged sisters move in together and Sarah turns Goo’s child, a boy, into a new children’s book.

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NBA

Newcomer Gasol leads Lakers to easy victory

Williams pushes Bucks to comeback win over Grizzlies; 17-0 fourth quarter run helps 76ers snap losing streak

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Kobe Bryant was hurtling and coming off his worst scoring night in more than a year, and yet kept his hand on the same word easy.

Thanks to Pau Gasol, the Lakers no longer need Bryant to be great every night anymore.

Gasol had 24 points and 12 rebounds in his Los Angeles debut, and the Lakers beat the New Jersey Nets 95-83 on Tuesday night despite a season-low six points from Bryant, his first single-digit effort in more than a year.

"He played extremely well," Bryant said. "Defenses are used to playing a certain way. You know, screen-and-roll, where I come off the pick, they're used to playing a certain way. Now they have to figure out how they play that. It's going to be a little bit more for defenses to kind of try to come up with a scheme."

Derek Fisher matched a season high with 28 points to lead the Nets, who improved to 3-1 on their six-game road trip. Bryant shot 3-of-13 from the floor but had eight assists in his lowest-scoring fourth quarter before Gasol keyed the decisive surge.

Consecutive baskets by Richard Jefferson cut the Lakers' lead to 84-81 with 6:13 remaining before Gasol pulled down the rebound of Bryant's missed hook shot and put back, while being fouled. His three-point play made it a six-point game and kicked off an 11-2 spurt, and he added another bucket off afed dunk before Fisher capped it with a layup to make 93-83 with under 3 minutes to play.

Despite having just one practice and one shootaround with the Lakers, Gasol was in the starting lineup and received a loud ovation when he was announced during introductions.

Bucks 102, Grizzlies 97

Mo Williams made sure the short-handed Milwaukee Bucks didn't fall to the new-look Memphis Grizzlies.

Williams scored 32 points and led a fourth quarter rally to help the Bucks snap a three- losing streak with a victory over the Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

"A lot of people were shooting, and Mo was really on a mission," Bucks coach Larry Krueger noted. "I think he got it revved up and got his flow going.

Williams, who was 14-of-22 from the field, scored all 10 of his fourth quarter points to overtake a five-point deficit in the final 2 minutes.

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Arkansas asks NCAA to let Mallett play in '08

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas will ask the NCAA to allow transfer quarterback Ryan Mallett to play immediately for the Razorbacks without sitting out a year.

Mallett transferred from Michigan after Rich Rodriguez replaced retiring coach Lloyd Carr.

"After visiting with Ryan and his parents, we feel that it is appropriate to file a waiver in this case based on extenuating circumstances," Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long said in a release. "While the outcome of the waiver request is uncertain, we feel strongly that as an institution we should offer our full support to Ryan and his family in this process."

The 6-foot-7 Mallett, who played in 11 games for the Wolverines last year, has three years of eligibility remaining. Mallett appears well suited to a pro-style offense, but Rodriguez’s offense works well with a more mobile quarterback.

Packers sign McCarthy to five-year contract

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers signed coach Mike McCarthy to a five-year contract that runs through the 2012 season.

"We have accomplished some of our goals over the past two seasons, but there remains much left to be done," McCarthy said in a statement. "I am excited by the opportunity to meet those challenges and someday return another Lombardi Trophy home to Green Bay."

McCarthy, who had a year left on his original three-year deal, reportedly agreed in principle last month to the new contract, which is worth about $4 million per season.

"Mike brings tremendous passion, work ethic and structure to his position," general manager Ted Thompson said. "These are the traits we saw in him when he was hired, and we're very happy for the success we have had under his guidance."

Pats’ Anderson pleads not guilty to possession

LOWELL, Mass. — New England Patriots defensive back Willie Andrews pleaded not guilty to drug possession Tuesday, hours after authorities said he had $6,800 in cash, three bags of marijuana, and no means to smoke the drugs.

According to authorities, Lowell police responded to an anonymous caller who reported possible drug activity in a black motor vehicle. Police later pulled over the car, and when they approached it, detectives smelled a strong odor they believed to be marijuana, District Attorney Gerry Leone said.

Andrews was released on personal recognizance after entering not guilty pleas during his arraignment in Lowell District Court.

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MLB

Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens walks on Capitol Hill Tuesday after being deposed before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which is investigating steroid and HGH use in professional baseball.

Clemens denies steroid use in testimony

WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens spoke under oath for about five hours to congressional lawyers Tuesday, and said afterward that he told them he did not use performance-enhancing drugs.

"I just want to thank the committee, the staff that I just met with. They were very courteous," Clemens said after emerging from the offices of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

"It was great to be able to tell them what I’ve been saying all along — that I’ve never used steroids or growth hormone," the seven-time Cy Young Award winner and former New York Yankee said.

Clemens, wearing a pin-striped gray suit, did not take questions from reporters, carrying a black briefcase and accompanied by two attorneys. Clemens headed to an elevator to exit the building.

"Someone down the marble hallway at the Rayburn House Office Building yelled out the pitcher’s nickname, ‘Rocket!’ That drew a quick wave of a hand from Clemens as he stepped into the wood-paneled elevator.

Clemens, 45, ranks eighth in major league history with 354 career wins. He put off retirement yet again in 2007, returning to the Yankees in June and going 6-6 with a 4.18 ERA.

His closed-door, sworn testimony on Capitol Hill came one day after his Yankees teammate and workout partner, Andy Pettitte, gave a deposition to committee staff for 27 hours.

Both players’ interviews are part of preparation for a Feb. 12 hearing, a public session expected to focus on allegations made in the Mitchell report by their former trainer, Brian McNamee. McNamee said that he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with human growth hormone and steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

"I look forward to being here, I guess in this room, next week," Clemens said in his 25-second statement after the deposition.

He has chosen various ways to strongly deny what McNamee said, including a taped TV interview, a live news conference and, repeatedly, through his lawyers.

Tuesday’s deposition was the first time Clemens addressed the allegations under oath — meaning it also was the first time he faced legal risk if he were to make false statements.
Giants celebrate Super Bowl win with parade

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a day for jumping and whooping it up, Michael Strahan showed the throngs of jubilant fans just how it's done, New York Giants style.

The star defensive end fires up his team — a wildly improbable NFL champion — with a leap that he calls "stomping you out." And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, tilting his knees to his shoulders.

"We would like to extend this to every other team in the NFL and particularly for the last team we defeated, the New England Patriots," he said, his teammates standing behind him. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

Two days after the Giants won the title with a 17-14 victory that ended the New England Patriots' perfect season, fans gathered at City Hall Park after a ticker-tape parade to watch their team get the keys to the city.

And those fans, umbrellas raised in a light rain, made a plea to Strahan, who is contemplating retirement. "One more year?" came the chant as soon as he got to the podium.

"One more year?" Strahan said. "Well see.

Eli Manning, the MVP of the Super Bowl, said the team was proud to "bring the championship back to New York City.

"It's been an unbelievable journey," he said.

Manning and Strahan were joined by the entire Giants organization in a parade through the "Canyon of Heroes" before hundreds of thousands of fans, many decked out in Giants blue, to celebrate one of the city's greatest sports triumphs.

After the Manhattan lovefest, the team took buses back to New Jersey, where it was met by a crowd of more than 20,000 fans at Giants Stadium. The crowd saved its loudest cheers for coach Tom Coughlin, who emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree was introduced and pressed a football to his head, simulating his astonishing catch in the final minutes of Sunday's game.

State Senate President Richard J. Codey took a jab at the Patriots when he referred to their videotaping scandal at Giants Stadium against the Jets in September.

"If the Patriots were here today, they could film all they want," Codey said.

Earlier, across the Hudson River, the Giants rode in floats and many players carried video cameras to record the moment. A huge cheer went up when Manning joined Strahan at the front of a float. The float also carried Mayor Michael Bloomberg as well as the Vince Lombardi Trophy, which was cradled like a baby in Strahan's massive arms.

"I've never ever played with a bigger group of football fans than this group here," Strahan said. "And you know what? We won the Super Bowl!"

Bloomberg gave team officials and players keys to the city after the festivities. Gov. Eliot Spitzer and Sen. Charles Schumer were among the politicians joining Bloomberg at City Hall.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

Schumer said, "Now the Giants aren't just New York's team, they're America's team."

Coughlin thanked the city for the outpouring of enthusiasm.

"That parade and that show of loyalty and the response to our championship season is just something we'll remember for the rest of our lives," he said.

While it clearly was a day for a parade, it was also a day for politics: New York and the 23 other Super Tuesday states were holding primaries.

Near City Hall, signs for Democratic candidate Barack Obama were surrounded by fans wearing Giants red, white and blue. Spitzer told the crowd he had written in Coughlin for his presidential pick, with Manning for vice president.
Irish edge BYU in first home match

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Irish (2-2) opened their home schedule with a 4-3 win over BYU (2-5) Tuesday in front of a large crowd at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame got the ball rolling by taking the doubles point. "We knew they were going to try to win the doubles points," Irish captain Brook Buck said. "So that point was crucial, and it got our momentum going."

After the pair of Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielly took their match 8-3, Buck and doubles teammate Kelcy Tefft sealed the doubles point for Notre Dame with an 8-5 victory. Buck and Tefft are now 4-0 for the dual season.

No. 89 Kali Krisik and Tefft kept the momentum going as each won handily in two-set singles victories to put the Irish ahead 3-0 for the match. BYU appeared to be mounting a comeback as the Cougars' Anastasia Surkova upset No. 62 Ciobanu 6-2, 6-3, but Notre Dame responded.

The chance to seal the match fell to No. 88 Colleen Rielly, and the sophomore delivered with a hard-fought victory, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). "Colleen was the clincher," Buck said. "She had a close match, and she fought off five set points. She did well under pressure knowing we needed one more win to clinch the victory."

No. 64 Buck and No. 82 Katie Potts were both upset in long, three-set matches after the Irish already had the match wrapped up. Buck said playing at home will be "a huge advantage" as the season goes on.

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The Irish were pleased with their overall effort but have no time to rest on their laurels. "It was a good start to an intense week of tennis," Buck said.

The Irish now look to the National Team Indoors in Madison, Wis., at the end of the week.

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Cavs continue hot play with win over Celtics

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 33 points and barely missed a triple-double as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat Boston for the second time this season, downing the Celtics 114-113 on Tuesday night.

James added 12 assists, nine rebounds and five steals to pace the Cavaliers, who improved to 15-4 since Dec. 25, and handed the NBA's best road team just its fifth loss away from home. Cleveland also beat the Celtics in overtime on Nov. 27.

For a change, James, who leads the league in fourth-quarter scoring, didn't have to do it all by himself down the stretch. Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 21 points, Larry Hughes had 18 and seldom-used Ira Newble had 15 for Cleveland. Also, guard Daniel Gibson made a big steal in the final minute to help the Cavs hang on.

Ray Allen scored 24 points and Paul Pierce 19 for the Celtics, who were again without Kevin Garnett. The All-Star center missed his fourth straight game with an abdominal strain sustained on Jan. 25, and is likely to sit out Friday's game in Minnesota, his first visit back there since the Timberwolves traded him to Boston last summer.

For three quarters, a matchup between two of the East's top teams looked more like one between two up-and-down teams as defense was scarce. But with the game on the line in the fourth quarter, both teams tightened things up.

The Celtics pulled to 97-96 before James drained a 3-pointer and drove the lane before feeding Ilgauskas for a dunk. Gibson then scored on a circus-like scoop shot in the lane and James hit a jumper to give the North Carolina coach reason for concern.

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Lawson likely out for UNC

Speedy sophomore on crutches with sprained ankle for Duke game

Associated Press

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No. 5 Belles set to host rival Alma
Team hopes to pick up second straight conference victory

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's broked MIAA losing streak Saturday with a 10-point victory over Adrian College. The Belles will look to continue their success against conference rival Alma tonight. The Belles defeated the Scots at 7:30 in the Angela Athletic Center.

Looking at three consecutive conference games wasn't the statement Saint Mary's wanted to make to the rest of the MIAA during the last three weeks. After losses to third-place Calvin and the nation's No. 1 Division III team, Hope, Saint Mary's lost its third contest in a row to Olivet Jan. 30.

Against Adrian, the Belles came back in the second period after being down 31-28 at the half. The Belles shot 42.3 percent for the half, with junior Erin Newson scoring 10 points in the first seven minutes of play. Katie Rashid, another junior, chipped in eight points in the half and 14 overall.

"I thought our team played a great second half against Adrian on Saturday," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "And I am expecting to build upon that performance as we face Alma."

The Belles' concentration is on enhancing their defense.

"We continue to focus on improving our overall team defense while controlling the boards," Henley said. Saint Mary's has been out-rebounding opponents by an average margin of 41-37.4 per game. But Adrian pulled down just as many rebounds as Saint Mary's on Saturday. Looking ahead to its game against Alma, Henley has outlined additional goals for her team.

"We have been working on ways to score on the inside to prepare for Alma," Henley said. "They are a strong team that will show us a lot of different looks defensively."

This season, Saint Mary's has been scoring an average of 67.2 points per game while Alma has been averaging 58.5 points per contest.

Alma stands at seventh place in the MIAA, two spots behind Saint Mary's. In their three meetings last season, the Belles defeated the Scots by scores of 72-60, 66-58 and 66-54.

"The game against Alma will be another great MIAA matchup," Henley said.

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Notre Dame verbal commitment Anthony McDonald walks back to the huddle during a game in his senior season.

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Jackson has returned the
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Buck. A second-round NHL pick and one of Notre Dame's budding stars.

"We've become pretty good friends off the ice, which is interesting for a guy five years younger than me," Sheahan said. "It's pretty unique having a relationship with a guy who I think is going to be in the NHL some day."

"He can be a leader for years to come on this team, even as a sophomore (next year), and that's something I'll tell him as I'm moving on—just make sure he keeps working and carrying on the Notre Dame tradition."

All the Irish won only five games in his freshman season. Sheahan has seen his squad's win totals more than double in each of the past two years, from five to 13 as a sophomore, to a school record 32 last season.

"We were here in that transition period, so we definitely got to see the program transform into more of a powerhouse, nationally-prominent program," said Sheahan, one of Notre Dame's five seniors. "Our class, along with the senior class from last year, had a big part in changing the culture of the program and the expectations of the players, and that's my biggest memory."

Those with whom he shared that memory realize both the impact Sheahan makes on a daily basis and the imprint he's put on the team and program.

"He's fired up every day, and he brings it in practice every single day," senior forward Evan Rankin said. "When you have a guy who's one of your leaders, a captain, and he's coming out every single day in practice like that, it makes you want to give that extra effort, too.

As much of an impact Sheahan has had on the Notre Dame program, Jackson has returned the favor to the defenseman.

"Ever since Coach Jackson has been here, it's been about doing all the little things to be the best of your ability—little things in practice like doing push-ups after you miss the net," Sheahan said. "I hope to carry that over into every aspect of life, and hopefully that helps me as a person—just doing the right things and good things will happen."

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Saturday

The Irish, who lead the conference in rebounding margin, will have an advantage in the frontcourt against Seton Hall—mostly because of leading scorer Luke Harangody.

The sophomore forward is averaging 21.8 points per game, including 28 per contest during Notre Dame's current three-game winning streak.

Harangody has also pulled down double-digit rebounds in six of eight conference games.

Although the sophomore, who is the reigning Big East player of the week, has been Notre Dame's offensive leader, he doesn't feel an obligation to score all the time.

"I wouldn't say I feel pressure at all," Harangody said. "There are other guys on the team that will pick it up."

What Seton Hall lacks in frontcourt play, the Pirates make up for with shooting from their guards. Guard Brian Laing leads the Pirates with 19.3 points per game; he scored 24 against the Hoyas to keep the game competitive.

Three other guards—Eugene Harvey, Jeremy Hazell and Jamar Nutter—average double-figure points per game. Against Louisville on Jan. 19, Hazell scored 29 points and hit eight 3-pointers.

Last time Notre Dame played a team that could shoot as well as Seton Hall from the outside—a 90-80 win over Villanova on Jan. 26—the Irish used a 1-2-2 zone to try to keep the Wildcats from getting good looks.

Harangody said the team is practicing several defenses to use against the Pirates, but he wouldn't go into specifics.

"We went over a couple things yesterday at practice," he said. "We'll probably start off in man and see what happens.

Notre Dame is 1-2 in true road games this season, although the atmosphere in Newark's Prudential Center probably won't reach the animosity the Irish saw in games at Marquette, Georgetown and Villanova.

The Prudential Center is five miles from Seton Hall's campus and is not known for being an intimidating venue. However, the game is sold out, something that rarely happened when the Pirates played at the larger Continental Airlines Arena, 14 miles from their campus.

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Horoscope

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**FOOTBALL**

**Good news, bad news**

Irish prepare for National Signing Day

By CHRIS HINE
Sport Editor

National Signing Day — the day die-hard fans have longed for since Notre Dame's season of record-setting futility began — is finally here.

During a season that saw the Irish start 0-4 for the first time in school history and finish 3-9, the prospect of nabbing a top-tier recruiting class buoyed fans weighted down by depressing performances on the field.

And barring a rush of last-minute defections, fans should get their wish.

Notre Dame has the second best class lined up, according to scout.com. It has third-best according to rivals.com and No. 1 according to Tom Lemming of CSTV.

Irish coach Charlie Weis, doing his best impersonation of Illinois coach Ron Zook, managed to recruit well in a year when his team failed to perform. Luckily for the Irish, they received 18 of their 22 verbal commitments before the regular season began and managed to prevent all their prospects, aside from defensive tackle Jason Hunter, from backing out of their commitments.

Over the course of the season, the Irish coaching staff

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Reports: Yeatman arrested for DWI

By KEN FOWLER
Sport Writer

Irish tight end and lacrosse player Will Yeatman has been suspended indefinitely from both teams.

The South Bend Tribune reported Thursday that Yeatman had been arrested on Jan. 28 for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. In 2005, the University suspended fullback Rashon Powers-Neal from extracurricular activities after he was arrested for a similar crime in his home state of Minnesota.

Yeatman, a rising junior, was the football team’s No. 2 tight end in 2007, behind senior John Carlson. With Carlson’s graduation, Yeatman was expected to take over the top spot at his position.

Rising sophomore Mike Bagone and non-scholarship rising senior Kevin Brooks are the only other returning tight ends on the Irish.

Notre Dame is expected to sign two top-rated high school senior tight ends today, which is the first day seniors can sign binding scholarship offers with schools. Cincinnati prospect Kyle Rudolph — ranked by analysts as the No. 1 tight end in his class — and Joseph Fauria, of Escondido, Calif., are considered solid Irish commitments.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish get set to battle Pirates

Squad looks to snag away win against Seton Hall in N.J.

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sport Editor

Life in the Big East doesn’t allow for much downtime.

After two wins in three days over Providence and DePaul last weekend, No. 21 Notre Dame travels to Newark, N.J., to take on Seton Hall tonight at 7:15.

The Irish (16-4, 6-2 Big East) sit in second place in the conference, 1 1/2 games behind first-place Georgetown. But with Louisville (7-3) and Connecticut (16-3) on Notre Dame’s tail, the team can’t afford to slip up.

The Pirates (15-7, 5-4) enter tonight’s contest in a three-way tie with Pittsburgh and West Virginia for seventh place in the conference after losing 73-64 to the Hoyas on

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Hockey

Jackson calls Sheahan a ‘warrior’ on the ice

By SAM WERNER
Sport Writer

As the old saying goes, you don’t get a second chance to make a first impression.

When he met Irish coach Jeff Jackson for the first time in May 2005, current senior defenseman and alternate captain Brock Sheahan didn’t need one.

“When I first came in here, it wasn’t difficult to pick out the guys who I thought could help us build our identity as a program, and Brock was one of those guys from day one,” said Jackson, who took over after Sheahan’s freshman season when former coach Dave Poulin resigned. “That’s because he has great intensity, a great work ethic, a great desire to become a great player; and I could tell immediately that he’d be one of the guys to try to build the culture around.”

Sheahan, a native of Alberta, Canada, has lived up to Jackson’s lofty expectations, emerging as a vocal leader, an elite blue-line defender and a gritty, hard-nosed player for the Irish.

“He’s a warrior,” Jackson said. “He’s not the biggest man, but he plays extremely big. He has no fear, he consistently will physically pay the price, and he’s smart with the puck.”

“I’m extremely proud of Brock and what he’s done, and I don’t know if there’s a better defensive player in the CCHA.”

Sheahan’s tenacious, hard-hitting style stems in part from what he calls being a “late bloomer” — the trait that led him to Notre Dame in the first place.

“My goal was to play college hockey — I wasn’t going to be playing major junior hockey back home because I was too small,” Sheahan said. “I’ve learned how to play a hard-nosed game to be successful.