SMC, HCC not represented at CCAC

Kirsits says colleges were notified; officials there say they never received invitations.

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

When the Community Campus Action Coalition met for the first time last Wednesday, both Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College did not join the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend (IUS) and the City of South Bend in attendance.

Both colleges insist that they did not receive invitations or notifications about the meeting. "CCAC Chairman and Councillman-at-large Al "Buddy" Kirsits said that invitations were sent to both institutions. "They did not respond to our letters," Kirsits said.

Tina Holland, the Holy Cross College vice president of student life, disagreed with Kirsits, saying the letters weren't sent to Holy Cross.

"Nobody at the College received an invitation for the CCAC," she said. "I received a message from my contact at Saint Mary's, and she said that she did not receive one either."

Furthermore, Holland said that Notre Dame's Liz Brown talks to Mark Kramer at the CCAC meeting last week. SMC and HCC were not represented.

Perfection a problem for GRC

Rakoczys speaks about lifestyle problems

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Heather Rakoczys, the director of the Gender Relations Center, led a discussion Wednesday on how competitiveness and perfectionism affect men and women on campus as part of the "Notre Dating" series about relationships at Notre Dame.

"Students sometimes think that partisals and single-sex halls are the biggest factors affecting gender relations here, or that if we got rid of the Catholic character of Notre Dame then it would be more like other schools," she said. "But I think the factor is competitiveness and perfectionism. Those create obstacles to friendly relations with the other sex."

One obstacle caused by competitiveness is "compartmentalization," a work-hard-play-hard lifestyle where students pull all-nighters from Monday to Thursday and then drink and hook up on the weekends," Rakoczys said.

Compartmentalization is dangerous because "it creates unrealistic expectations," she said.

"Even if you could sustain that for four years, you can't for the rest of your life. And I don't know if you would want to," Rakoczys said.

Senior Sarah Waller said that high-pressure, compart-

Students welcome break

Week offers short vacation, service opportunities, respite from work

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Whether it's a week-long respite from the Indiana tunnel in the tropical climates of Florida and Mexico or participating in one of the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) service seminars or Campus Ministry retreats, many Notre Dame students will leave campus during the spring break, which begins Saturday.

The CSC offers diverse service opportunities for students during spring break. From community-based learning in several Southeastern states as part of the CSC's Appalachia seminar locations to exploring American health care problems in Washington, D.C., students are able to move out of the classroom and into the real world.

Jesse Jenkins, a Lewis sophomore, plans to attend an Appalachia Seminar in Harlan County, Va., during the week off from school. While she admits that it is tempting to relax on a beach, she says she looks forward to the service opportunity.

"This is a good opportunity to get involved with the CSC," Jenkins said. "I think this will be a new experience that will broaden my outlook on life."

The CSC is also sponsoring an Ignatian Spirituality Silent Retreat from March 2-7 in Donaldson, Ind.

Other students are looking forward to unwinding at home.

McGilln sophomore Sarah Rodts plans to return home to Oak Park, Ill., where she looks forward to catching up on sleep, shopping in Chicago and even doing some lagging schoolwork.

"I am looking forward to my best friend being home also," Rodts said.

Other students will take to the hopefully sunny beaches.

Brian Price, a sophomore from Zahn, plans on escaping the cold weather of Indiana with a trip to Cancun with his friends over break.

"I'm looking forward to the nice weather, the sunshine and the mamacitas," Price said, referencing a slang word that harksen on the Spanish term for women.

Some students, however, choose to stay on campus during the break.

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Theology on Fire lecture focuses on friends

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

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Richard Egan, the president of the North America Carmelite Institute in Washington, D.C., quoted classic Beatles song "With a Little Help From My Friends" as he spoke on the importance of friendship during Wednesday's Theology on Fire lecture in the Saint Mary's Student Center.

With biblical allusions and references to ancient philosophers and theologians, Egan stressed the importance of friends in students' lives. Friendship is a sacrament because Christ is a partner in the friendships we form, he said.

He said our friends not only help us through hard times, but also teach us goodness and provide a purpose to our lives. He said that when we have a good friend, "when we need that that person is willing to give of oneself as a gift to others."

"A gift to others," Egan said, "is a mutual relationship. That is the quality of life because mutual presence is the only thing that brings about commitment." Egan said.

If we cannot commit to each other, "the willingness to give all of ourselves to it," Egan said, "is a true gift to others and a true friend to ourselves."
INSIDE COLUMN

Headlines & deadlines

Early this morning — after the past-deadline stories trickled in, after an editor checked the headlines line by line, even as the presses ran — my term as news editor ended. For as long as I can remember, unexpected spring break events conspire to myager savings, my time at The Observer is through.

I signed the paper freshman year, eager to find my place on a campus that still intimidated me. Two friends from my classes and dorms had begun writing news stories, and it seemed to be working for them.

It continued to work for them. Maddie Hanna and Mary Kate Malone just completed their terms as Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Managing Editor and are head­ed off to internships at top papers.

Somewhere between writing my first story about campus Mlk Day celebrat­ions and reporting on theCommon Council’s attempts to make students register par­ties, I learned there was a lot more to the craft than finding that perfect lede and that defining ge­o.

The adrenaline rush may have drawn me to this craft, but it was in the tension of applying the loftiest ideals of reporting to messy reality that I became committed.

As my colleagues in the sports depart­ment often remind me, many of the news stories we cover can seem a bit trivial. But that’s OK. The Observer may have a tiny coverage area, but the world of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s is fascinating and — to many people — immensely important.

After graduation, I’m going to try and give real-world, big­city reporting a chance. Or, given the journalism job market, I think I’m going to give it a chance.

For now, my biggest concern is how I’ll fill these hours each week, with only 10 more weeks to live by my best friends. I don’t think filling time will be hard. Without the weekly 6 a.m. editing nights, my body may finally return to its natural sleep cycle, and my friends can finally stop wondering whether their theories on my dreams make any sense.

How I’ll live with that. I’ll forever know I’ve found more than a pastime.

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

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INSIDE COLUMN QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR SPRING BREAK PLANS?

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"Sleeping on my couch at home." "Going to Houston, Texas, with Lauren and Angie!" "Spending quality time in Club Hesburgh." "Going to a chalet, if you know what I mean..." "Going to Glenmary Farms for Appalachia."

Karen Langley

News Editor

Notice

This is The Observer’s final issue before Spring Break. The Observer will re-publish on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

We hope all students enjoy the week free of classes.

OFFBEAT

Python eats Australian family dog

BRISBANE, Australia — A 16-foot python stalked a family dog for days before swallowing the pet whole in front of horrified children in the Australian tropics, animal experts said Wednesday.

The boy and girl, ages 5 and 7, watched as the scrub python devoured their silky terrier-Chihuahua cross­breed Monday at their home near Kuranda in Queensland state.

Stuart Douglas, owner of the Australian Venom Zoo in Kuranda, said scrub pythons typically eat wild animals such as wallabies, a smaller relative of the kangaroo, but sometimes turn to pets in urban areas.

"It actively stalked the dog for a number of days," Douglas said.

NYC man pays hundreds for squirrel homes

NEW YORK — What may be the cheapest rooms in Manhattan are made espe­cially for squirrels. A self-­appointed protector of squirrels has paid to have soft­­ pine boxes at the critters and had them placed in trees at City Hall Park.

Mark Garvin said he paid a "couple hundred dollars" to have each of the boxes made. The Parks Department installed three at the park.

Garvin, a biologist, said he and his wife appointed themselves caretakers of about 60 or so squirrels at the park after 9/11. The whole park was coated in white dust, he said. "The animals were dying over there, so that’s when we really got deter­mined."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Bengal Bouts quarter­finals will be held tonight at 6:30 at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets are available at the Ticket Office.

The film "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" will be shown at the Cartier Performing Arts Center on tonight at 7.

University President Father John Jenkins will appear on "Offshore Hours," hosted by senior Bob Costa, tonight at 9:30 on NTtv. channel 53 on campus cable. The episode will also be available online at www.ndtv.net shortly after it airs.

"Basquiat" a film detailing the life and struggles of graffiti artist Jean Michel Basquiat will be shown tonight at 8 in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The film "I’m Not There," which tells the story of legendary singer Bob Dylan at different stages of his life and with differ­ent actors in the lead role, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday at 7 p.m.

Students will perform "1,001 Black Inventors" a play in which a family lives without the inven­tions of Africans and African-Americans on Friday at 7 p.m. in Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library.

TO submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to

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St. Louis 43 / 37

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**Groody looks at globalization**

**Theology professor co-edits a collection of essays concerning migration**

Special to The Observer

Father Daniel Groody, assistant professor of theology at Notre Dame, is co-editor of "A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration," released this month by Notre Dame Press.

A collection of essays by scholars, pastors and lay people involved in immigration aid work, the book presents an interdisciplinary treatment of the subject of migration, focusing on the theology of migration and the ethics of migration policy.

The authors recognize that one characteristic of globalization is the movement, not only of goods and ideas, but also of people. The crossing of geographical borders confronts Christians, as well as all citizens, with choices: between national security and human insecurity; sovereign national rights and human rights; citizenship and discipleship. The essays focus on the particular problems of immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Father Groody, director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, also is the author of "Globalization, Spirituality and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace" and "Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit" and editor of "The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology," which won the 2007 Pax Christi USA Book Award.

Father Groody has been studying Mexican immigration for some 20 years and has produced two film documentaries, "Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey," which aired on PBS, and "Strangers No Longer," which was created for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and their Justice for Immigrants Campaign. Both seek to present the "human face" of the immigrant and Catholic social teaching on migration.

A forthcoming film titled "One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist" highlights a Mass held at the U.S.-Mexico border with half the community in the U.S., the other half in Mexico, and the altar joined at the fence.

Currently, Father Groody is conducting research on theology and immigration at the Refugee Centre at Oxford University.

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**Cassel: Musharraf should resign**

Special to The Observer

With Pakistan's recent parliamentary elections swept by opposition candidates, President Pervez Musharraf should resign, according to Douglas Cassel, director of the Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Sen. Joseph Biden, who recently traveled to Afghanistan and Pakistan, said that he thought Musharraf would quit his job peacefully and "go gently into that good night," but Rashid Qureshi, a spokesman for Musharraf, yesterday dismissed Biden's remarks, adding, "It's very clear that the president has been elected for a period of five years by the representative assemblies who had been elected by the Pakistani people and not by any senator from the United States."

The threat of President Musharraf's party in the parliamentary elections is an important first step," Cassel said. It means that the prime minister and the government will now come from the opposition. We must hope that Mr. Musharraf will now take the next responsible step—to resign from the presidency, which he unlawfully usurped after firing most of the Supreme Court."

Cassel, a specialist in international human rights and international criminal law, has been a consultant to the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the U.S. State Department, and the Ford Foundation. From 1992 to 1993, he served as legal advisor to the U.N. Commission on the Truth for El Salvador, supervising its investigations, and acting as principle editor of its report.

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**Alumni Association apprises new executive director**

**84 grad appointed associate executive director**

Special to The Observer

Elizabeth "Dolly" Duffy, president of Atchison Products and a 1984 gradu­ate of Notre Dame, has been appointed associate vice president for university relations and associate executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. "I am excited to have a person of Dolly's experi­ence and integrity joining our team," said Charles F. Lennon, associate vice president for university relations and executive director of the Alumni Association. "She possesses a strong work ethic, a wide range of skills and a deep sense of commitment to Notre Dame. I look forward to working with her in fulfilling the Alumni Association's mission of facilitating active involvement with the university, nurturing the lifelong learning and spiritual development of our graduates and fostering connections among alumni.

Duffy will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Alumni Association, including communications, major gifts, development, finance, technology, alumni affinity groups and professional, academic, spiritual and service programs.

"Dolly's role in the Alumni Association is very important to Notre Dame and our worldwide alumni base," said University President John Jenkins. "Her business background and exceptional leadership ability will be invaluable to the Alumni Association, and we are blessed to have her returning to Notre Dame." Duffy earned a bachelor's degree in history from Notre Dame. She and her husband, Dan Fangman, who earned his master of business administration degree from Notre Dame in 1984, purchased Atchison Products in 1990 and grew it substantially for 17 years. The company posted $15 million in sales in 2008 and was acquired by BIC Graphic USA.

Prior to purchasing Atchison Products, Duffy spent 21 years as an account executive for public relations firms in St. Louis and Kansas City. She began her career as the press secretary for a U.S. congressman and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the University of Missouri Alumni Association. She will be such a joy to return to Notre Dame as a place to work, worship and raise our family," Duffy said. Duffy and Fangman will be relocating to the South Bend area with their five children.

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**Call for Presentations**

**The 1st Annual University of Notre Dame Undergraduate Scholars Conference**

Friday, May 2, 2008

To accommodate students conducting research during spring break, the submission deadline has been extended to MONDAY, MARCH 17

Students from ALL COLLEGES are invited to submit abstracts of proposed presentation of their Research, Critical Analysis, and Creative Endeavors

Students wishing to participate in the College of Science 2nd Joint Annual Meeting should submit their abstracts to the Undergraduate Scholars Conference

Guidelines and application are available on-line at: www.nd.edu/~urnd

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Kirsch confirmed Poorman's statement that positions are reserved on the CCAC for Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, saying that each of the four institutions can have one student and one administrator or representative on the committee. Kirsch said he did not personally send or deliver the invitations for the Feb. 20 meeting to Holy Cross and Saint Mary's, but he said Wednesday he is positive that they were invited.

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Poorman said there is no way the invitation was misdirected to Holy Cross.

"We're a pretty small place," she said. "If somebody calls, you're going to know. You're not going to get lost in any bureaucracy here."

Poorman said he offered to provide contact information for Saint Mary's and Holy Cross to the CCAC last week. "They had a hard time getting hold of them, so I said I'd be happy to provide contact information, so at least they'd have a place to start," she said.

Both Saint Mary's and Holy Cross intend to send representatives to the next meeting, following a formal invitation.

"Holy Cross College has always stepped up to work with council members," Holland said. "We are very interested in our relationships with the city, in town, and certainly have no reason to ignore any opportunities to go involved in something as important as this."

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"All four schools have a stake in the discussion. These are common concerns of the various schools and the local community," Poorman said.

Kirsch also stressed the importance of the CCAC to make the city more comfortable for everybody.

"We need to iron out problems with parties and make sure students are respectful of their neighbors and make the neighborhood safer for the students," he said. "People are looking for ideas and communication."

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American history*
Out of 429 students who participated in the survey, 22.4 percent were "very interested," 57.5 percent were "somewhat interested" and 20.0 percent reported they were "not interested at all" in having this area studied in the curriculum. Cross in institutions for the next meeting, following a formal invitation.

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The Senate also presented a resolution on including sexual orientation in Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause.

Currently, the clause prohibits discrimination on the basis of "race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age," according to the Office of Institutional Equity's Web site.

The resolution cites the Catechism of the Catholic Church's teachings to accept homosexual persons, as well as examples of American Catholic colleges that include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination clauses. The Faculty and Student Senates passed similar resolutions in 1998. However, they were not able to achieve the desired results, O'Neil added.

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"It's not just how people used to live in the past. It's what we can learn from the traditions and the cultures of these people and how it can shape our future attitudes towards things like the environment. That's what we're trying to do — not just relive the past."

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In other Senate News:

- Student body vice president Marcia Brown said the second annual Community Summit will take place on March 28. City officials, business leaders and students will gather to discuss community relations issues.

- Karen Koski, the chair of the Social Concerns Committee, discussed a "student service or social action fund." Such a fund would allow students to apply for grants after service projects, so they can continue to contribute to the community they served.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Beijing suffers low water levels

Beijing — When 16,000 athletes and officials showed up this summer, they will be able to turn the taps and get drinkable water — something few Beijing residents ever have enjoyed.

But to keep those taps flowing for the Olympics, the city is draining surrounding regions, depriving poor farmers of water. Those regions contain China’s capital city’s main water source, the Yongding and Haihe rivers, which make headwaters, water may be its most desperate environmental challenge. Explosive growth combined with a persistent drought means the city of 17 million people is fast running out of water.

Meanwhile, rainfall has been below average since 1999. The result: Water resources per person are among the lowest of the world’s average, lower even than Israel.

Colombian rebels free four hostages

CARACAS, Venezuela — Colombian rebels freed four hostages Wednesday after five years of captivity, the guerrillas’ second hostage release this year as they seek to persuade the international community to strike them from lists of terrorist groups.

The four former Colombian politicians were reunited with relatives amid tears, hugs and flowers at Caracas’ international airport.

“Fourth hostage released this year, and he is alive,” Colombian Foreign Minister Xavier Becerra said. "You’ve given me the opportunity to live again," freed hostage Gustavo Palencia said when she was freed in a Colombian jungle clearing, thanking Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for making the release possible.

National News

Conservative editor and author dead

NEW YORK — William F. Buckley Jr. died at work, in his study Wednesday. The word "liberal" had been shunned like an ill-mannered guest.

He founded a magazine, wrote over 50 books, influenced the course of political history, had a following, fearing Israeli assassination attempts.

Palestinian health officials said a 6-month-old baby was killed by shrapnel in the late-night airstrike in Gaza City and at least 30 residents of nearby buildings suffered wounds. A few minutes later, Israeli aircraft hit two metal workshops.

Then Israeli military said the targets were command posts at the government building and sites where weapons are made and stored. Israeli military blamed Hamas for setting up such operations in populated areas, and said injuries to Palestinian civilians were unintentional.

In all, militants fired at least 40 rockets at Israel on Wednesday, the military said, many more than the average of daily barrages that have disrupted life in the region. Associated Press pictures showed rockets streaking into the sky from a densely populated area of northern Gaza.

One rocket exploded in a parking lot at Sapir College. Israeli officials said a student, 47-year-old father of four, was killed by shrapnel that struck his heart. Israeli TV stations showed a second man being carried on a stretcher with wounds to his legs.

The student was the first Israeli killed by a rocket since May, when two people died in separate attacks.

At nightfall, four rockets exploded in the Israeli coastal city of Ashkelon, including one near the city’s main hospital, police said. No one was hurt in Ashkelon is 6 miles north of the Gaza Strip.

The fatal attack on Sderot intensified calls in Israel for a large-scale ground offensive in Gaza aimed at clearing the border area of rocket squads, though previous incursions have halted such attacks only briefly.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who is visiting Japan, has ruled out such an invasion for now. But during a visit to Sderot later Wednesday, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak vowed to "get those responsible" for the rocket attack. In a statement to Associated Press Television News, he dismissed arguments that Israel "cannot or will not carry out a wide-ranging operation in Gaza." Battered residents were both angry and resigned. "We knew this was coming. It’s a shame that it happened. This is a difficult time," Sderot’s mayor, Eli Moyal, told Army Radio.

David Baran, head of the college’s students association, said he was shocked by what he saw. "I can’t put it into words," he told Army Radio.

He rose to demand that the government carry out its pledges to reinforce buildings at the college.

Gaza Strip

Israel, Hamas exchange rocket fire

Bloodshed intensifies between rival forces following deadly attacks on college offices

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israeli aircraft blasted Hamas government offices and metal shops late Wednesday, killing a baby and wounding many of 30 people in a retaliatory strike after a mortar rocket killed an Israeli college student.

The bloodshed fed worries about a deadly rocket attack on the college in the southern Israeli town of Sderot, which came a few hours after two Israeli airstrikes killed seven people in Gaza, including two senior commanders in the Hamas rocket operation.

After nightfall, a third Israeli strike aimed at a rocket squad in northern Gaza killed two youths leaving a mosque, Palestinians said. The Israeli military said it carried out the airstrike but had no knowledge of civilians being hit.

Then Israeli planes attacked the office of Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh and the nearby home of Hamas officials, both of which were empty. Haniyeh and other Hamas leaders have been out of hiding, fearing Israeli assassination attempts.

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Associated Press

A Palestinian man runs with an injured boy after an Israeli missile strike Wednesday. Israel’s policy of "targeted killings" has reshaped the battlefield in Gaza.

LOCAL NEWS

Execution date set for murderer

FLORENCE, Tenn. — A man killed his ex-girlfriend’s current boyfriend, her mother and two other people, then killed himself after police caught up with him in a rural area, authorities said.

In a written statement, Lewis said a 6-month-old baby was killed by shrapnel in the late-night airstrike in Gaza City and at least 30 residents of nearby buildings suffered wounds. A few minutes later, Israeli aircraft hit two metal workshops.

Then Israeli military said the targets were command posts at the government building and sites where weapons are made and stored. Israeli military blamed Hamas for setting up such operations in populated areas, and said injuries to Palestinian civilians were unintentional.

In all, militants fired at least 40 rockets at Israel on Wednesday, the military said, many more than the average of daily barrages that have disrupted life in the region. Associated Press pictures showed rockets streaking into the sky from a densely populated area of northern Gaza.

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Clinton loses key endorsement to Obama

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Civil rights leader John Lewis, who won a seat in Congress by defeating incumbent Billy Nodine in his Georgia district in 1986, said that he was under tremendous pressure to endorse either Barack Obama or Hillary Rodham Clinton, the president’s two main rivals. Lewis, a Democratic congressman from Atlanta, is the most prominent black leader known to be in play for Hillary Rodham Clinton’s presidential bid.

"I was under tremendous pressure," said Lewis, a Democrat from Georgia. "At the end of the day it’s not about who is supporting us, it’s about what we’re presenting, what our qualifications are, what our experiences and qualifications are and I think that voters are going to decide."

Lewis first announced his Clinton endorsement in October and has appeared on her behalf on television and at events across the country, at one point accusing Obama supporters of trying to fan the flames of race against her. Clinton has frequently cited his support in trying to establish her credentials among minority voters, saying she saw him on her campaign as a continuation of his work.
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other, then we are not ful-
filling our duty as a friend, he said.
"Friends also constitute a basis for creating a moral life," Egan said.
God plays a significant role in our relationships, Egan said, but we often view these bonds as secular. Instead, he argued, just as love is a gift from God, so is friendship.
"God gives us himself through the seven sacraments," Egan said. "They are gifts of God's self, and God manifests himself in our friendship.
God lives in each person, so we learn about God's love from our friends, he said.
"We love the other for some good of our self, but love is genuinely love when I effectively do good to bring about the good of the other," Egan said.
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mentalized relationships encourage a "hook-up cul-
ture" on campus.
"Hook-ups are a way to avoid a spectacle where everyone knows that you're trying to get married," she said.
Patrick Tighe, the co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee of the Student Senate, said that hook-ups are sometimes expected, particularly of male stu-
dents.
"There's just this expectation that you'll have a hot girl with you to impress your friends," he said. "That's the goal for a lot of guys."
Sophomore Patrick Bears said that goal-driven rela-
tionships turn lovers into commodities.
"You don't think of them as another human being, someone you really care about being with, but something that can get you where you're going," Bears said.
Tighe said that it was logistically difficult to have meaningful friendships with women in the dorms.
"It's a little hard, a bit weird to just hang out with a girl in the dorm," he said. "All your guy friends will wonder what's going on. But I don't have a car to go off-campus. What are going to do?"
Senior Gina Torres said that relationships at Notre Dame are complicated by the potential for mispercep-
tion.
"People generally think that there's something sexually charged when people go to dinner together," she said. "It's just dinner."
Senior Katie Smith said that the potential for misperception worries her.
"How does a question like, 'Would you like to have dinner tonight?', translate? I'm not trying to trap him into marriage. Eating at the dining hall should be normal," she said. "It's not much more loaded to say more forward things at a bar."
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p.m. during the weekdays of break. Health Services, while still open during the break, will also have shortened hours.
Those hoping to catch up on work while staying on campus can rest easy, knowing that the Hesburgh Library will maintain its usual hours during the weekend vacation.
Both North and South Dining Halls will be closed, but students staying on campus can use the Huddle Mart and the restaurants in LaForunte Hall.
Students looking for some entertainment can take advantage of the shows and performances at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC).
Showing in DPAC's Browning Cinema Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights will be the Bob Dylan biopic "I'm Not There."
Two other movies playing at DPAC will be the docu-
m entary "Shokwater" and the 1949 classic "Third Man."
Other perform-
ances at the DPAC will include a French program by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and a performance by the Hubbard Street Dance Company of Chicago.
All DPAC performances and show tickets are available for purchase online.
Briana Bowers, a sophomore from Lyons who plans to stay on campus over the break, looks forward to relaxing in her dorm with her roommate over break.
"I cannot wait for catching up on sleep and not doing homework," Bowers said.
She said that she and her room-
mate, aware of the dining halls' closing, have been stocking up on food for their room.
"We also plan on ven-
turing out to LaFun and Beakers," Bower said.
Another student staying on campus is Notre senior Danny Nolan, who looks forward to not being busy for once.
"I will be staying here doing a lot of nothing," Nolan said. "And I plan on eating a lot of Subway."
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Markets finish mixed on seesaw day
Bernanke says central bank will remain vigilant against weak economy

In Brief
New House bill targets oil companies
WASHINGTON — The House approved $18 billion in new taxes on the largest oil companies Wednesday as Democrats cited record oil prices and rising gasoline costs in a time of economic troubles.
The money collected over 10 years would provide tax breaks for wind, solar and other alternative energy sources and for energy conservation. The legislation, approved 236-182, would cost the five largest oil companies an average of $1.8 billion a year over that period, according to an analysis by the House Ways and Means Committee. Those companies would lose in 2007 $2.12 billion last year.

Senate Democratic leaders said they would put the bill on a fast track and try to avoid a Republican filibuster. The White House has said the bill unfairly targets at an oil industry. President Bush is estimated to veto the legislation if it passes Congress.

Sales of new homes hit 13-year low
WASHINGTON — In more bad news for the beleaguered housing industry, sales of new homes fell in January for a third straight month, pushing activity down to the slowest pace in nearly 13 years. The median price of a new home dropped to its lowest level in more than three years.
The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that new home sales fell by 2.8 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 850,000 units, the slowest pace since February 1995.

The median price of a new home dropped to $216,000 in January, down 4.3 percent from the December median sales price, the point where half the homes sold for more and half for less. That was the lowest median price since September 2004 and underscored that the deep slide in housing is still under way.

Analysts believe that housing activity has further to fall as a tidal wave of mortgage foreclosures is dumping more unsold homes on an already glutted market. For January, the inventory of unsold homes dropped but since the pace of sales activity slowed as well, the number of months it would take to exhaust the current inventory rose to 9.9 months, the longest period in more than 26 years.

NEW YORK — Wall Street finished mixed in another seesaw session Wednesday after regulators allowed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to buy more mortgages and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank will remain vigilant against the weakening economy.
Investors pared the market's gains after both developments had initially boosted confidence amid increasing signs of a slowing economy. Wall Street has in recent months grappled with concerns about rising prices and weaker dollar and continued turmoil in the credit markets.

Bernanke indicated the Fed is more concerned about the sagging economy than the immediate risks of inflation. In testimony on Capitol Hill, he told lawmakers the Fed will "act in a timely manner as needed to support growth and to provide adequate insurance against downside risks".
The remarks came as the dollar plunged to a record low against the 15-nation euro. That sent already inflated oil and gold prices further into record high territory and raised the prospect of accelerating inflation.

Meanwhile, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the biggest sources of financing for U.S. home loans — helped give the market some ballast after the government removed restrictions on the size of their portfolios. That offered a chance for a turning of the extremely tight mortgage market that has been battered by the subprime loan crisis.

"The government is trying to do their part," said Todd Leland, a senior analyst at equity trading at Cowen & Co. "Together, this helps put a little more faith in the economy."

Major indexes initially moved higher before investors cashed in profits, following a pattern set in recent weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average — now up four straight sessions — rose 936, or 0.07 percent, to 12,694.28.

Broader indexes were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.27, or 0.05 percent, to 1,300.02, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 8.79, or 0.37 percent, to 2,333.28.

Stocks were somewhat under pressure after the euro climbed to a record high of $1.3077 as sentiment increased that the Fed would continue its rate cut campaigns. The U.S. currency was mixed against other major currencies.

The dollar's continued slide drove money into commodities — especially into oil and gold.

Oil prices broke through a new intraday high of $102 a barrel in overnight trading, then fell $1.24 to settle at $99.64 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Meanwhile, gold futures set a new high of $961.30 an ounce.

Bond prices rose slightly. The yield on the benchmark 10-year note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.85 percent from 3.86 percent late Tuesday. It then rose back up to 3.86 percent in after-hours trading.

The moves followed a government report showing business investment in durable goods weakened more than forecast at the start of the year, playing into the nervousness about economic slowing. The Commerce Department reported durable goods orders dropped 5.3 percent in January, exceeding forecasts.

Markets may reduce Exxon Valdez damages
WASHINGTON — Nearly 33,000 Alaskan victims of the Exxon Valdez disaster will see their jury-awarded punitive damages cut by more than half — to about $30,000 each — if the Supreme Court upholds a 1996 decision that the punitive damages verdict by a jury in Alaska was excessive.

The justices reached no firm conclusions in court Wednesday, but they agreed with Exxon that the $2.5 billion — or $75,000 a person — ordered by a federal court is excessive punishment for the 1989 oil spill.

Two justices, who could hold the balance of power in this case, suggested a payout of about $1 million might be appropriate.

There was little talk in court of the plight of Alaskans who depend on the area environment for their paycheck or of Exxon's run of record profits.

Neither has much to do with the legal principles that underlie the case.

The award represents less than three weeks' worth of Exxon profit, which was $11.7 billion in the last three months of 2007.

Still, Exxon has vigorously fought to knock down or erase the punitive damages verdict by a jury in Alaska in 1994 for the accident that dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. The environmental disaster fouled 1.2 million miles of Alaskan coastline and led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of seabirds and marine animals.

The verdict has been cut in half once since the state Supreme Court ordered by a federal court is excessive punishment for the 1989 oil spill.

What principles do you have to suggest, if any, for creating a fair system that isn't just arbitrary?"
Navy official testifies against former sailor

Classified info may have leaked to terrorists

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Navy was preparing to extensively change plans had it known that details of ship movements had been leaked to suspected terrorism supporters, a former top Navy official testified Wednesday at the trial of a former sailor on terrorism charges.

Hussan Abu-Jihaad, 32, of Phoenix, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges alleging he provided material support to terrorists and disclosed classified national defense information. If convicted, he faces as many as 25 years in prison.

Abu-Jihaad, an American-born Muslim convert formerly known as Paul R. Hall, is accused of leaking information that could have doomed his own ship. He was a Navy signalman and received an honorable discharge in 2002.

He is accused of leaking details that included the makeup of his Navy battle group, its plans for movements and its drawing of the group’s formation when it was to pass through the Straits of Hormuz.

Hart also said that sailors were typically very vulnerable to a small craft attack. But he said he was still concerned because even if the allegedly leaked details were not precisely accurate, they would have given away the key tactical element of surprise.

Defense attorneys introduced a ship log indicating that the battle group passed through the Strait of Hormuz on April 29, 2001. Hall said a hand on a computer disk recovered by authorities from a suspected terrorism supporter’s home also included the number and type of personnel on each ship and the ships’ capabilities and ended with instructions to destroy the message, according to testimony.

Navy Senior Chief Adm. David Hart Jr., who was involved in planning the deployment of the battle group and was the commander, testified Wednesday that he would have immediately alerted his supervisor if he knew that a battle group document was in the hands of suspected terrorism supporters. He said he would have sought an opportunity to change the time and nature of the operation.

“...it’s a very vulnerable period of time for us,” Hart said. He noted earlier that naval officials had taken steps to protect sailors after 17 of them were killed in the 2000 terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Hart also said that sailors were typically in a heightened state of readiness through Strait of Hormuz, a busy, narrow Persian Gulf waterway where they are frequently challenged by foreign officials.

Hart confirmed that the information Abu-Jihaad is accused of leaking was sensitive and classified.

But on cross-examination, Abu-Jihaad’s attorney, Dan Labelle, said the Navy wasn’t shy about letting the world know when it was deploying ships to the Persian Gulf because it wanted to project strength and deter a crisis.

“I think that’s fair to say,” Hart responded.

Hart testified that some other information in the leaked documents was incorrect, including a claim related to the vulnerability to a small craft attack. But he said he was still concerned because even if the allegedly leaked details were not precisely accurate, they would have given away the key tactical element of surprise.

Defense attorneys introduced a ship log indicating that the battle group passed through the Strait of Hormuz on May 2, 2001, not April 29. But Hart testified that the plan did call for passing on April 29 into an area sometimes confused with the Strait of Hormuz.

The documents indicated that ships would pass through the Strait in a dual formation, which did not happen, Hart said. He also called a diagram that showed a submarine on each side of the ships “tactically unsound.”

Prosecutors noted that a title on the document appeared on only one column of the ships, suggesting a single formation.

Prosecutors also acknowledged that they don’t have direct proof that Abu-Jihaad leaked details of ship movements. But they introduced e-mails he exchanged with a Web site operated by suspected terrorism supporters.

Prosecutors also introduced a document showing Abu-Jihaad had a secret security clearance, saying that could have given him access to the ship movements.
Barracks open for Katrina homeless

New Orleans still sees huge amounts of people living in camps

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Since Hurricane Katrina flooded his home 30 months ago, Donald Collins says, he has fled to an evacuation center, huddled in an abandoned house and lived in a tent outside City Hall. Eventually the former sanitation worker migrated to a downtown underpass where crack sales and clothing donations seem equally common.

Mayor Ray Nagin has another step in mind for Collins and about 200 other people who have been squatting there for months: a military-style barracks that critics say is short on long-term solutions to a homeland epidemic.

"I’m not going," Collins, 52, said as he gulped a beer at 10:30 a.m. on a Monday, describing himself as a Katrina-inspired alcoholic on a waiting list for subsidized housing. "Something else will turn up.

Nagin vowed to use health and safety codes to move the men and women living under the stretch of Interstate 10 known as the Claiborne Avenue bridge to the tar-covered facility as soon as possible to await fire inspections. Aware of the camp’s proximity to the French Quarter and other tourist destinations, the mayor wants the move done by the end of the week.

The barracks, 120-feet long and 30-feet wide, is air-conditioned, filled with double-decker bunk beds and stands on the grounds of a mission in the city’s Central Business District that has worked with the homeless for 20 years.

But even its administrator says there is no guarantee the city that offers only meals and overnight stays to about 120 people can really help a homeless population that has doubled to 12,000 since Katrina struck in August 2005.

"We’ll do what we can," said Lou Banfalvi, project director at the New Orleans Mission. "We can offer them shelter. We cannot offer them a place to go.

Nagin spokeswoman Cece Quiet said state and federal governments continue to wrap their housing assistance in red tape, while the mayor has been unfairly cast as an advocate of get-tough measures against the homeless.

The city’s public advocacy unit, unarmored officers with the New Orleans Police Department Homeless Assistance Collaborative, city housing department workers, and mission staff will usher people into the barracks early as Thursday, Quiet said. It is unsure how to go elsewhere will face citations, and arrests could take place if drugs are found, city officials said.

The encampment attracted former Sen. John Edwards, who stopped there the day he ended his presidential bid and pledged to "never forget" the downtrodden. Visiting pro athletes have handed out food and water there on the way to the New Orleans to build a hot Louisiana Superdome a few blocks away.

Camped tourists also have passed the spectacle of curb-side panhandlers, frayed ramping tents, scattered sleeping bags, discarded home furnishings that stretches for about five city blocks not a half-mile from the French Quarter.

Steve Wheeler, 52, was part of a group called Homeless Pride that formed in the City Hall plaza, where 250 people lived until pending demolition of an adjacent building prompted city officials and homeless advocates to clear the plaza.

"We’re actually accused Nagin of trying to force people back into abandoned houses, back into the business district, and back into the Quarter.

On a local morning news show last month, Nagin said his frustration with the squatting was first-person.

"I mean I pass underneath the bridge all the time, the Claiborne Avenue bridge. Yesterday I passed there, some guy was drinking beer and just flipping the bird to the citizens," the mayor said.

The camp has grown increasingly feild and danger­ous and now is on his predecessor in front of City Hall.

On Monday, a man appar­ently seeking to smoke crack shuffled by asking anyone about drugs. "You got a pipe? You got a pipe?" Another stormed through the grounds and pounded his hand against the tent of a rival he believed slept with his girlfriend. The other man showed up later at Varner Collins' place to warn him away.

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Exchange student returns underd

Associated Press

HALLOWELL, Maine — Jonathan McCullum was to reflect health at 155 pounds when he left last summer to spend the school year at an exchange student program in Egypt.

But when he returned home to Maine just four months later, the 5-foot-9 teenager weighed a more 97 pounds, said his parents, who struggled to carry his baggage or climb a flight of stairs. Doctors said his physical condition was so bad he couldn’t return to class.

McCullum says he was denied sufficient food while staying with a family of Coptic Christians, who fast for more than 200 days a year, a regimen unmatched by other Christians.

But he does not view the experi­ence as a cultural clash. Rather, he said, it reflected mean and stingy guard­ians and his English broken English made it difficult to communicate.

"The weight loss concerned me, but I wanted to stick out the whole year," he said in an interview at his family’s home outside Augusta. "The kids were being told people back home thought I was drunk, a drug user."

"With my weight loss, I felt like more people were giving off the aura that I was down, was sick, was weak," McCullum said.

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Panel says kids need flu vaccines

Associated Press

TYLER, Texas — All children — not just those under 5 — should get vaccinated against the flu, the nation’s advisory panel said Wednesday.

The panel voted to expand annual shots to virtually all children except infants younger than 6 months and those with serious egg allergies.

That means about 30 million more children could be getting shots this season, if the vaccine is approved. It would be one of the largest expansions in flu vaccination coverage in U.S. history. The flu vaccine has been available only since 1945.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices said all children should start getting vaccinated as soon as possible, acknowledging that many doctors have already ordered their vaccine for the 2008-2009 season and may not be able to give the shots until 2009-2010. The flu season generally starts in the fall and continues through spring.

The panel’s advice is routinely adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issues vaccine guidelines to doctors and hospitals.

Flu shots were already recommended for those considered to be at highest risk of death or serious illness from the flu, including children ages 6 months to 5 years, adults 50 and older, and people with weakened immune systems.

The panel said that should be expanded to include children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Children ages 5 to 18 get flu at higher rates than other age groups, but they don’t tend to get as sick. Of the 36,000 estimated annual deaths attributed to the flu, including children ages 6 months to 5 years, adults 50 and older, and people with weakened immune systems, the panel said that should be expanded to include children ages 6 months to 4 years.

But children who stay home sick from school cause parents to stay home, so reducing the illness in this group should cut down days of lost work, some experts said.

Experts believe giving flu shots to more children may also prevent the illness from spreading to adults and the elderly, although studies haven’t clearly established that will happen.

Shots are not the only option. A nasal spray vaccine, FluMist, is approved for healthy people ages 2 to 49. Children younger than 2 have not yet received a flu vaccine.

Some public health professionals pushed the shots to make the clearest endorsement possible of the flu vaccine, concerned that they could be losing sales in flu shots because this year’s vaccine was not well matched to circulating viruses.

Indeed, a few argued that the committee should recommend flu shots for every healthy person, rather than adding another set of children now and maybe young adults in a few years.
Ex-cop sentenced to 57 years
Ohio resident murdered pregnant wife, disposed of body in rug in park

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — A former police officer was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison with a chance of parole after 57 years for killing his pregnant lover and their unborn child.

Jurors spared Bobby Cuts Jr. the death penalty on the most serious charge, an aggravated murder count in the death of the fetus.

Cuts, 30, had sobbed on the witness stand when he claimed the death of 26-year-old Jessie Davis from an elbow to the throat last June was an accident during an argument. He said he dumped her body in a park in a panic. He returned to the stand after his conviction to ask jurors to spare his life.

Prosecutors argued that Cuts killed Davis and the nearly full-term baby in her womb in a rage.

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"It is not unusual to see a fire department that is still just prepared to deal with traditional flammable liquid, said Ed Plaugher, director of national programs for the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

The victim's father, Patty Porter, wept as she told the judge she was risking her life in prison for 30 years.

The additional years without parole that were tacked on to Cuts' sentence were for charges of murder in Davis' death, abuse of a corpse, burglary and child endangering for leaving Blake Davis alone.

"He violently murdered my daughter and granddaughter. What would you do?" Davis asked.

"I'm sorry, I do not believe the stories he's told us," he said, tears streaming down his face.

"I did forgo you," she said, drawing tears from members of his family.

Outside the courthouse, Davis' father, Ned Davis, said he hadn't forgiven Cuts.

"He violently murdered my daughter and granddaughter. What would you do?" Davis said.

"Mr. and Mrs. Cuts did not raise him to do this, of that I'm sure. Everybody lost today," he added.

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Fighting ethanol fires also requires specialized training. Brent Gaspard, marketing director for Williams Fire & Hazard Control Inc., an industrial firefighting company in Texas, said firefighters cannot just charge ahead and attack an ethanol fire with foam.

"If you just plunge the foam into the fuel, it's going to be less effective. You have to let the foam gently run across the surface to smother it," he said.

Industry officials said fire departments in just the past few months have become more knowledgeable about ethanol blazes after additional training on special foam.

The problem is that water doesn't put out ethanol fires, and the foam that has been used since the 1960s to smother ordinary gasoline blazes doesn't work well against the grain-alcohol fuel.

"It is 100 percent accurate that ethanol and gasoline are not the same, and require a special type of firefighting foam," said Ed Plaugher, director of national programs for the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

"Now, the most common hazardous material has a new twist to it," said Mike Schultz, a firefighter who has attended the annual conference in Orlando, Fla., a member of a leading ethanol trade group that is leading a session this week on safety for ethanol employers, emergency workers, and communities.

Fire officials in Iowa and Missouri also want to offer firefighters there ethanol training.
How to judge people effectively

Despite being routinely complimented on all facets of my personality, there is still one characteristic of mine that I never tire of hearing lauded. People often tell me that I am one of their just friends and that character they have ever known. I mention the praise of others not because I needed it to recognize my own worth, but because I can see why some among my scant readership might harbor doubt. Doesn’t everyone think they are good judges of character? However, when I say that I am great at judging character, I do not merely mean, like the majority of claimants, that I can tell whether a person is good or bad, trustworthy or dishonest. No, I can do far more than simply put people into one of two categories. You see, folks, humanity is not binary; there is variation. What is necessary is a level of comparative judgment. Yes, we can all recognize that the platitudinous repeater in the first row of our philosophy class is not someone with whom we would like to associate, but say an evil billionaire said you had to either be stuck on an island with him or your shrowid ex-girlfriend, which scenario would you be more likely to accept? I’ve decided to help out should this nightmare scenario ever come to fruition. My own breakthrough on this came when I realized that the best way to judge people on this Earth, since we can never really know what secret motives they might possess or what lurking terrors roam their consciences, is to evaluate them based solely on how much you enjoy their company. Using religious, moral or ethical standards, or any standard which does not come from within, is insincere. We all like some fairly awful people, and there are saints who try our patience. I have determined that there are nine basic circles of how much I appreciate someone. The model sounds very much like Dante’s, and I will admit to some influence from that great source, though a crucial difference is that there are positive as well as negative circles contained within this model.

The first four circles are all enjoyable people, however, the levels serve as an indicator of degree. Circle 1 is the select collection of people whose presence would always be enjoyable to you. This is a distinction indeed. Placing a person here means that it would not upset you to have them knock at the door on your wedding night. I mean, who wants that oh-so-special Scahibi game interrupted?

Circle 2 is where most friends will end up, as nearly everyone can be gratifying occasionally. Circle 3 is people you like, but not that much. It is handy to keep this level in terms of favors. These people are you wouldn’t want to pick up at the airport.

Circle 4 is reserved for bad people whom you still enjoy. Basically, these people are funny, or brilliant, while possessing debilitating flaws. Perhaps you might say someone in Circle 4, “I wish Grosner would cut down on the drinking, but he makes me laugh.”

Circle 5 is the waiting station. This is the collection of people on whom there is insufficient information on which to judge. In my case this boils down to people I have never seen. If you’ve been in my line of sight for longer than 5 chances, chances are you are not in Circle 5.

Circle 6 is the reverse of Circle 4, the home for the saints we can not stand. Maybe they’re too squaky-clean, or oddly nice, or any of 100 things that sound crazy when you try to explain them in print. I’m going to guess you get what I mean and move on.

The last three levels are where it starts to become difficult, as this is where you seriously dislike someone who is going to wind up. Now, most people I dislike I dislike nearly equally, however, it is important again to remember that we are not looking at this through any socially constructed code, so you are not judging people as worse.

What you must ask is whether there is any part of your dislike that might be considered unreasonable. It is possible that all of these people deserve to burn in Circle 9 today all, if you dislike them, they must be unamusing characters, not? But if there is any doubt in your mind, then you must allow them to rise to Circles 7 or 8, depending on the magnitude of your dislike.

Don’t fret too much though, once you get more evidence on how bad someone is, you can slide them down without reservation. Imaginary vengeance is always more enjoyable when backed by certitude.

So there you have it, a handy guide to ranking the people you encounter everyday, be they friends, classmates or uninviting acquaintances. Now you’ll be ready that island-owning bil­lionaire comes to call.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“...You haven’t won the race, if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors.”

Paul Elvström

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Bandwagon fan’s guide to Irish basketball

I am a junior and a third-year boxer in the Notre Dame Boxing Club, otherwise known as the Bengal Bouts. Exactly a week before Monday’s preliminary fights, my nose was broken by a friend and fellow boxer in a sparring match. Although immediately that became known of the injury, I would not be allowed to participate in this year’s Bouts, and doctors eventually confirmed my speculation. I was frustrated and sorely disappointed over the prospect of missing my third consecutive Bouts, but I knew immediately that because I can cheer on the team as a spectator, I can still enjoy watching this tournament despite not being able to fight in it. I can cheer on these fighters whether I know them or not, and shake their hands backstage, tell them they had a hard fight no matter how they did.

Most important of all, the members of the Notre Dame Boxing Club fight for something far beyond themselves. They are part of a team that has helped the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, money that helps create schools, build health clinics, build shelters, and other such necessities of life that most of us take for granted. Many people cringe at the idea of being in a fight. They are afraid of being hit, of the pain. But if you ask any of the fighters they can smile and laugh with their opponent even if they are bloody and broken. It is why some boxers cringe at their weight bracket, because they see they might have to fight a friend they have been training with for two or three hours a day for a whole semester.

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That’s precisely why we work together — to help each other. We suffer and grow as a team. This is why some boxers cringe at their weight bracket, because they see they might have to fight a friend they have been training with for two or three hours a day for a whole semester.

While most think of February as the shortest month of the year, in the world of college basketball it seems like the longest. The endless cram between the Super Bowl and Selection Sunday can be difficult to get through in most years. Despite this, February has been a great month for this university, and I’m not talking about the proliferation of waffles in the dorms. February has been lit up under the bright lights of the basketball court. The Irish basketball team continuing a home win streak that has lasted since 2005. It’s pretty amazing looking back: two years ago (when we last lost to the JACC, to Marquette) nobody would have expected that we would witness our football team lose more games in the next two years than we have the past two. Even for people who have been to every game (I could drop that away) of both teams since Chris Quinn went pro, Brey’s team only has one match that they lost this year.

Our miserable year on the gridiron can almost be forgotten because of the team that has finally made us restore our pride on the hardwood. Noise levels in the JACC during recent games are almost unreal. It is a testament to what Notre Dame Stadium hasn’t heard since Oct. 15, 2005, and with much more favorable weather. As the team continues, students are starting to attend games earlier and earlier and the bandwagon is growing bigger and bigger. This has been a very visible sign to Irish basketball, or who don’t see the games from a student’s perspective have not been turned on to the second-best student section in the country, the following is a brief guide to Notre Dame basketball.

Our team this year is built on senior leadership and youthful excitement. I could never say enough about Rob Kurz. He’s gone through thick and thin with our team ever since he got away from here, and he’s still my man. We suffered and grew as a team. This is why you can’t put a price on a ticket, feel free to pitch in a few extra dollars. This is my team and I hope you enjoy it. A week before Monday’s preliminary fights, my nose was broken by a friend and fellow boxer in a sparring match. Although immediately that became known of the injury, I would not be allowed to participate in this year’s Bouts, and doctors eventually confirmed my speculation. I was frustrated and sorely disappointed over the prospect of missing my third consecutive Bouts, but I knew immediately that because I can cheer on the team as a spectator, I can still enjoy watching this tournament despite not being able to fight in it. I can cheer on these fighters whether I know them or not, and shake their hands backstage, tell them they had a hard fight no matter how they did.

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I recently read Liz Froehlke’s Viewpoint letter regarding yet another comic strip poking fun at poor Saint Mary’s College. I was absolutely appalled when I read Monday’s comic strip that was poking fun at our sister school. This instigated several of my friends to make some jokes, like referring to the trolleys that runs from main circle to SM as the ‘sluttle.’ I reminded them that SM is full of very respectable women that certainly do not live up to the stereotypes of being sexually promiscuous or complaining about every SM joke in the Observer.

I am sure that Ms. Froehlke was enraged as well, seeing as though she took the time to write a response to a comic mocking SM midterms in the beginning of SM midterms week. It is very prestigious to attend a school that is ranked first in its category (the top Roman Catholic, all women, liberal arts college located in Notre Dame, Indiana according to US News and World Report).

Froehlke labels ND students as “arrogant bobby-soxers” and I reluctantly agree that I am surrounded by 8,000 of the rudest people on the planet. Notre Dame has such disrespect for SM with the exception of allowing them to attend our football games, join some of our clubs, come at here on the weekends, participate in ND/SM co-op programs, and write in our newspaper. I don’t think that’s very fair.

The Observer demanding the removal of the comic strip and the expulsion of its author, besides the fact that the Belles are not all uptight and unable to see the irony in the situation and the Belles are not all uptight and unable to see the irony in the situation.

This is a national crisis. After all, everyone knows that student-run newspapers set the moral standards for the rest of the country.
SCENE AND HEARD

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Hope springs eternal every February and March, and for the New York Mets, it couldn't come soon enough this year after the disastrous end to last year's season. In the wake of last season's September debacle, in which the Metropolitan imploded like a dying dwarf star, the future once again looks bright for the star-studded team.

The names of the boys in orange and blue go something like this: Pedro Martinez, John Maine, Carlos Beltran, Jose Reyes, David Wright and Moises Alou.

And, after a Feb. 1 trade-and-sign with the Minnesota Twins, we got Santana. As in, Johan Santana, the Venezuelan southpaw and strikeout machine good for over 200 plus strikeouts per season.

As a friend of mine likes to say, the team is stacked like blueberry pancakes. After the trade, my Facebook wall filled with comments about the deal, including one from a grieving Twins fan saying, "Have fun with Santana." I feel for your loss, my friend (competitive balance in MLB is a joke, but I will). Santana turns 29 on March 13. He's still entering his prime. Pairing Santana with Martinez at the top of the rotation is like landing pocket rockets. Let's just hope the team doesn't flap like last season, when they blew a seven-game lead with a mere 17 games left, a collapse of epic proportions. Looking at the roster, the Mets are at least paper champions with Santana, Martinez and Maine holding down the top spots, the rotation looks to be strong, with the aging opener at the Florida Marlins, which incidentally happens to be the club that Martinez the sole spot of happens to be the club that

What makes the Santana acquisition even sweeter is that we (and I say "we" because I am actually a part of the team, not just a mere fan) managed to pick up our ace by beating the Yankees at their own game. In off-seasons past, our cross-town and pin-striped rivals often stole the show by making splashy signings during the winter months, including sluggers Jason Giambi and Alex Rodriguez. Contestants in this past off-season's Santana sweepstakes included both the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox, two other high-spending teams. Mets owner Fred Wilpon has put his money where his mouth is, opening up the coffers so that general manager Omar Minaya could put together a championship-caliber ball club.

Earring injury that terrible force of darkness which snatches seasons away like thieves in the night there are no more excuses for anything less than greatness. Beyond just the Santana deal and our loaded lineup, Mets fans had the pleasure of watching that dirty cheating sounder Roger Clemens publicly embarrass himself with his far-fetched tales of suspicious syringes andRanges of BAL.

Now that Congress has launched a federal investigation of Roger Clemens for perjury (serves him right for those beanballs and broken bats at Mets hero and the greatest hitting catcher of all time, Mike Piazza), life is good for Mets fans right now. Let's hope that doesn't change after the March 30 spring opener at the Florida Marlins, which incidentally happens to be the club that KO'd the swooning Mets to put them out of their misery and finish their historic meltdown last season. Can you say, "revenge series?"

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NY Mets: World Series-bound in 2008

area with his boyish good looks and Jose Reyes, who has stolen bases galore (78 swipes last season) and the hearts of fantasy baseball team owners across the nation. He's also good for about a million goofy Soulja Boy-esque celebration dances in and around the dugout steps.

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**Fall fashion weeks inspire new trends around the globe**

By KELLY O'SULLIVAN

Fashionistas all over the world look forward to the twice-yearly shows that make up fashion weeks across the globe. The weeklong festivities are composed of showcases of the newest designs from both up-and-coming and well-established designers. The shows in the fall of 2008 brought more color and excitement into the lives of fashion followers everywhere, during what would otherwise be a dreary February. Designers in New York sent their newest creations down the runways Feb. 1-8 during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week. Highlights included Marc Jacobs' Paul Revere-inspired collection, which focused on the blouson and showcased a quiet and muted Revolutionary War esque style against a louder background.

Models walked down the runway in front of a Sonic Youth rock concert and images in a video installation by Tony Oursler that included crashing waves and one blinking eye. Finalists for the fourth season of Bravo's "Project Runway" presented their collections at Bryant Park, the results of which will be broadcast on March 5, naming a winner and providing them with the means to start his or her own fashion line. Other designers who presented in New York this year included icons Anna Sui, Badgley Mischka, Zac Posen, Ralph Lauren and Bill Blass.

London held its Fall 2008 shows Feb. 10-15, showing off the edgy and individualistic British style. Pollock & Walsh showed a collection that featured the color blocking of chocolate and jewel tones. Emilio de la Morena ended the double feature at London's Science Museum with innovative tweed looks.

In Milan, the "Fashion Capital" of Italy, shows concluded even more recently. The end of the week's festivities included a strong show created by Donatella Versace for the Gianni Versace line. The silhouettes of the collection were a far cry from flashier looks of past seasons for the designer. Characterized by clean, architectural lines, Versace presented the look of a strong, independent woman. The industrial elements of individual pieces included the concealment of buttons along seams to avoid a cluttered look. The geometric feel was further shown in angular dress straps, pencil-thin pants and metal pin heels on shoes.

In contrast to the highly structured constructional elements of the garments, many pieces featured prints that were echoed in the venue's decor as models walked down the rounded runway. Compiled from historic Versace images, Berlin-based Dutch artist Timothy Roelefs interpreted iconic elements of the brand using bold colors and graphic designs. The Missoni show also presented some unique creations. Angela Missoni used fur in a playful and innovative way, while keeping the traditionally more mature material looking young by pairing it with floral prints and silk blouses and dresses.

Iconic Italian fashion brand Emilio Pucci showed a palette of icy pastels and trademark graphic designs to inspire the feel of an Alps vacation. From fur-lined parkas to skinny leggings meant to be tucked into ski boots, the designs looked ready to be worn either on the slopes or by the fire in the lodge. Burberry's show, set to soulful music by Billy Bragg, showed off clothes in rich and delightful fall colors. Of particular significance were the collection's coats. Whether they were wool or leather, olive or plum, double-breasted or cocoon, there was a coat for everyone paraded down the runway in Milan.

Of other interest, Roberto Cavalli's new collection was reminiscent of Machu Picchu, Peru. The pieces included an alpine vest, a woven straw hat and many pieces with rose embellishments, bringing attention to the details featured on dress skirts and bodices alike. With reports in from New York, London and Milan, and Paris's shows wrapping up at the end of this week, the fall 2008 collections are presenting many interesting new styles and ideas for the looks that will hit the streets at the end of the summer.

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**Passion for Fashion: Designs from New York, London and Milan hit the runway**
**NBA**

**New Bulls spark team to first win since big trade**

**Sixers’ Miller, Green combine for 52 to drop Magic; Raptors trump Timberwolves for eighth straight time**

Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Hughes and Drew Gooden went to being to adapting to their new roles just fine.** Hughes had 29 points and Gooden added 10 points and 15 rebounds, helping the Chicago Bulls beat the Indiana Pacers 113-107 on Wednesday night. It was the Bulls’ first victory since the duo was acquired from Cleveland on Feb. 21 as part of a three-team trade.

The Bulls lost their first two games — at Houston and Dallas — following the trade. “Our chemistry is starting to come together a little bit,” Chicago coach Jim Boylan said. “There’s a lot of things that go into changing a team … but at the end of the day, it’s basket- ball and you do what they do out there.”

Hughes, who scored 10 points in the third quarter to keep the Bulls close, believes the trade will help further his career.

“Larry was excited, but for me, I didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “I’m getting along with these guys — they’re a great group of guys — and I know we have a chance to make a good run at the playoffs.”

With the score tied at 82, the Bulls scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter, including five by Andres Nocioni, to open a seven-point lead.

Indiana cut the deficit to 97-94 following seven straight points by Dunleavy with 6 minutes left. The Bulls answered with the next six points, capped by Hughes’ 3-pointer, to regain a 103-94 edge.

The Pacers got within 110-105 with 57 seconds left, but Gooden’s free throw and Hughes’ layup sealed the victory.

“Tonight was a good win for us,” Boylan said. “We missed a lot of free throws and we’re still able to win. That shows a lot of grit.”

Hughes said Travis Diener wasn’t surprised by Hughes’ big night.

**76er 101, Magic 89**

This is how it went: Philadelphia 76ers wanted to enter their West Coast road trip.

Horace Grant during 22 of his 26 points in the first half and Williams had a season-high 26 to lead the Sixers to a victory over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday.

The Sixers have won seven straight at home with their last loss at the Wachovia Center coming to Orlando on Feb. 1. — and eight of 10 overall. Their next three games are at Golden State, Phoenix and Los Angeles to face the Clippers.

“This is a good confidence booster,” Green said. “Especially going into the games on the West Coast have coming up, and we played the way we wanted to play we ran, we just find and do, and we got a win. It was big for us.”

Miller and Green, the Sixers’ starting backcourt, outscored Orlando starting guards, Jameer Nelson and Maurice Evans, 52-2. Miller was 11-for-16 from the floor and added nine assists and six rebounds. Evans played 10 minutes in the first half and did not return.

The Sixers had lost their first two meetings to Orlando earlier this month, four straight overall and six of the last seven to the Magic. Orlando also had won the last four meetings in Philadelphia.

Andray Blatche added 24 points, and the Sixers held Orlando to 40.5 percent shooting, forced 20 turnovers and had 12 steals. Despite hitting 11 of 23 from 3-point range, the Magic failed to reach 100 points for the first time in 10 games.

“I thought a lot of it was due to our pick-and-roll defense,” Foye said.

The Sixers scored 26 points in the first quarter and 31 in the second, their highest output of the season.

Before the game, Magic coach Stan Van Gundy called the Sixers “the best running team in the league.” The Sixers outscored Orlando on the break, 21-9.

“Twenty-plus fast-break points is the way we’re trying to play,” Cheeks said.

The Sixers also constantly harassed Orlando All-Star Dwight Howard, who managed 14 points on 6-for-13 shooting and 16 rebounds. He also went just 2-for-7 from the free-throw line.

**Raptors 107**

**Timberwolves 85**

After another frustrating loss, Minnesota Timberwolves coach Randy Wittman warned his players to show more consistency — or start looking for work elsewhere.

Chris Bosh scored 28 points, T.J. Ford had 16 and the Toronto Raptors beat the Timberwolves for the eighth straight time on Wednesday night.

Still buzzing from a 111-101 home win over Utah the night before, Minnesota looked good early, taking a 10-point lead midway through the first quarter. Six minutes later, the lead was all but gone and the Timberwolves were headed for another disappointing defeat.

Wittman scolded his team for failing to match the effort it showed against Utah.

“If you want to get to the position of being a playoff team, a team like you have to back up with an effort like that next night,” Wittman said. “That’s what we’re trying to find out here, who are we moving forward with while we’re rebuilding this? If you can’t understand that for 82 games, we’ll find someone who can.”

All Jefferson scored 23 points and Rashad McCants hit 19 for the Timberwolves, who have lost eight of their past 10. Randy Foye added 18 points as Minnesota dropped to 2-24 on the road and 1-11 in the second game of back-to-backs.

“We’ve only won 12 games,” Foye said. “You can’t be satisfied with one night. You’ve got to keep trying to win every night.”

Andrea Bargnani had 12 and Landry Fields added 11 for Toronto, which has won five of six overall and four straight at home. The Raptors have won their past eight by an average margin of 22.3 points.

**Bulls center Joakim Noah dunks in front of Pacers forward Danny Granger during Chicago’s 113-107 win Wednesday.**

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They have guys nicknamed Big Papi and Dice-K and Bones. They have a star pitcher who famously danced in his underwear and a left fielder who is such a sublime hitter that he gets away with being loopy.

So when the Boston Red Sox, World Series champions, showed up at the White House on Wednesday, President Bush had a blast.

"I love the fact that you've got some of the game's biggest stars," Bush said, honoring the team on a chilly day on the South Lawn. "I mean, Big Papi. The guy lights up the screen."

That would be David Ortiz, the lumbering lefthanded slugger and team leader who proudly held the World Series trophy.

Then, in a line that even surprised the players, Bush sent a zinger toward absent left fielder Manny Ramirez.

"I guess my grandmother died again," Bush said to prolonged laughter. "Just kidding."

Ramirez says his various antics are just a matter of "Manny being Manny." He also missed the Red Sox 2005 World Series ceremony at the White House.

Visiting a sick grandmother, he said.

Bush said he did not mean to poke fun at Ramirez, then did so again.

"I do want to quote him," Bush said. "He said, 'When you don't feel good, and you still get hits, that's when you know you're a bad man.' I don't know what that means. But if bad men mean good hitter, he's a really bad man, because he was clutch in the World Series."

With their second World Series title in four years, the Red Sox looked comfortable as returning guests on the South Lawn.

Boston had not won the title for 86 years until the 2004 squad captured the St. Louis Cardinals.

Bush noted the pitching of Japanese player Daisuke Matsuzaka, known as Dice-K. His presence drew a huge number of Japanese reporters.

"His press corps is bigger than mine," Bush said. "And we both have trouble answering questions in English." Then there was Jonathan Papelbon, the relief pitcher who danced in the Fenway Park infield in his underwear when the Red Sox won the pennant.

"Thanks for wearing pants," Bush told him.

White House honors champion Red Sox

IN BRIEF

Judge refuses request to postpone Simpson trial

LAS VEGAS — The judge in O.J. Simpson's armed robbery case on Wednesday refused defense lawyers' requests to postpone his trial.

"I'm here to tell you all that the April 7 trial date is going to be preserved," Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass told defense lawyers and prosecutors, noting that lawyers agreed on the date in November.

"There have been months to be able to prepare for this case," the judge said. "This is, despite what you've told me, not a complicated case."

Simpson and co-defendants Clarence "C.J." Stewart of North Las Vegas and Charles Ehrlich of Miami weren't required to be in court for the brief hearing. They are accused of robbing two sports collectibles dealers peddling Simpson memorabilia at a Las Vegas casino hotel in September.

Major League coaches don helmets after 2007 tragedy

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Glenn Hubbard trosted on the field Wednesday wearing a helmet — and feeling downright ridiculous.

"You know what it feels like?" he asked before a spring training game. "Look at that kid over there."

Hubbard pointed toward a young batboy standing at the edge of the Atlanta Braves dugout. His head dutifully covered by a helmet.

"That's what I feel like," Hubbard said, not bothering to hide the disgust in his voice. "A batboy."

Actually, Hubbard is the first base coach of the Braves, a job he's already done with nothing more than a cap on his head. But last year's tragic death of minor league coach Mike Coolbaugh — the victim of a line drive to the neck — prompted the major leagues to take action.

Jewish team may be forced to forfeit game on Sabbath

DENVER — State senators have taken up the cause of a Jewish boys basketball team whose playoff run may be halted because its players can't play on the Jewish Sabbath.

The Herzl/Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy team could be headed for a regional championship on Saturday, March 8, if it wins one more game. But the Denver team's religious beliefs prohibit students from playing on the Jewish Sabbath between sundown Friday and sundown Saturday.

If the school makes it to the championship round but refuses to play the Saturday game, it would lose by forfeit.

Earlier this month, the Colorado High School Activities Association, which governs sports and other high school activities, rejected the team's request for a schedule change.
Arthur leads No. 7 KU to victory over Iowa State

Kemp key as Memphis runs over Tulsa; Georgetown tops St. John’s to take first place in Big East

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Kansas didn’t place itself in the Big Eight conference limelight with a win or two last week.

The Jayhawks knew the problem stemmed from a lack of energy from the bench, something they finally found that extra bounce against Iowa State.

Darrell Arthur had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Mario Chalmers and Darnell Jackson added each 15 points and Kansas (No. 7 ESPN/USA Today, No. 6 AP) moved past Iowa State 64-55 on Wednesday night to snap a two-game road losing streak.

The Jayhawks (25-3, 10-4 Big 12) played with added intensity from the opening tip, jumping ahead by 15 early and leading by as much as 22 midway through the second half. But Kansas had to hold off the pesky Cyclones (14-14, 5-9 Big 12) down the stretch.

The Jayhawks led 57-35 lead wide to 64-55 with 4:04 to go thanks to a 20-7 run by Iowa State.

The Jayhawks were too deep for the Cyclones, though. Chalmers hit a 3 that effectively killed Iowa State’s momentum and Arzi added a layup to make it 69-57 with 2:08 left.

The win helped the Jayhawks erase the sting of a 61-60 loss at Oklahoma State last Saturday. Their previous road defeat came at No. 5 Texas back on Feb. 11.

“When you’re 24-3, you shouldn’t be able to say the ship needs righting. But our players all know that it did,” Kansas coach Bill Self said. “We were a better team tonight than we were the last two to three weeks. Our guys had more energy and they seemed to be more focused and played with more of a purpose.”

Wesley Johnson had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Chalmers added 14 for Iowa State, which has lost eight of its last 10 and appears headed for its second consecutive losing season.

The Jayhawks also shot better from the outside than they had in recent games. Chalmers and Russell each went 3-of-6 from the arc.

“We were a lot better at halftime. And it (the win) was huge,” Iowa State coach Greg McDermott said.

Iowa State got as close as six early in the second half, but the Jayhawks responded with a 21-5 run to go up 57-35.

The Cyclones ran off seven quick points after the break, cutting Kansas’s lead to 36-30. Arthur then hit a long jumper, and Darnell Jackson’s layup pushed the Jayhawks back ahead 42-30. The three-pointers were.

Chalmers hit it and went up for a layup that gave Kansas a 44-30 lead.

Memphis 82, Tulsa 67

The Memphis Tigers went to work early to get rid of the bitter taste from the end of their perfect season.

Willie Kemp scored 14 points and keyed a first-half rally, leading a list of other sources.

Kemp was 5-of-10 from the field, including 4-for-7 outside the 3-point arc as five Tigers scored in double figures.

“It helps our inside game a lot,” Kemp said of his outside production. “If I’m making that shot, our big men are going to have a good game.”

Donnell Mark matched Taggart’s 12 points, while Robert Dozier added 11 points and eight rebounds. Antonio Anderson finished with 10 points, all in the first half as Memphis built a 43-19 lead at intermission.

Kemp was 5-of-10 from the field, including 4-for-7 outside the 3-point arc as five Tigers scored in double figures. Specifically, first-half dunks.

Less than eight minutes into the game, Summers was on a fast break and tried to throw down a dunk. Instead, the ball bounced off the rim of the court and the court seats. A few moments later, Summers had the ball on the baseline and went up for a dunk that again missed the mark.

“It happens sometimes. You can’t dwell on it,” Summers said. “I was worried about the dunks. I probably would have taken myself out of the game completely.”

Summers had trouble with the jams, but his 3-point shooting helped Georgetown to a win in a game that was closer than expected until late in the second half.

The first half was one of those halves, we missed a bunch of easy chippies,” Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. “I feel like our bench had a lot better at halftime. And it happens sometimes when you’re frustrated at offense, you’re not as attentive on defense.”

With the win, Georgetown (23-4, 13-3 Big East) moved a half game ahead of Louisville for sole possession of first place in the Big East. The lead may be short-lived. Louisville plays third-place Notre Dame on Thursday night.

The Tigers improved to 15-0 at home this season with their fifth-straight win against St. John’s (10-17, 4-11).

When these two teams met in New York on Jan. 30, Georgetown led by 27 points at halftime and ended up with a 74-42 win. This time, Georgetown held a narrow 27-23 lead at halftime, and the lead evaporated early in the second half.

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**NHL**

**Sharks ride three-goal second period past Jackets**

Sabres goalie Miller stops 24 shots despite midgame nose injury, leads team to victory over Nashville

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brian Campbell couldn’t let go of everything from his past. A day after he was traded by Buffalo to San Jose, Campbell had an assist in the Sharks’ 4-2 win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Wednesday night. Then he packed away his equipment — in his old Sabres bag.

“I had fun out there tonight. It was nice. I’m always looking for the puck. I thought we worked it pretty good,” Campbell said. “I’m just kind of sitting back a little and reading plays and seeing what I can and can’t do in the system here.”

Campbell had his first point in a Sharks sweater, Jonathan Cheechoo in a Sharks sweater, Jonathan goal and an assist and Torrey Mitchell and Jeremy Roenick also scored for the Sharks, who won their third in a row and improved to 20-8-3 on the road. Joe Thornton added two assists, and Evgeni Nabokov had 37 saves.

Sharks coach Ron Wilson liked what he saw from Campbell, who put in 16 solid minutes and was on the ice for Cheechoo’s power-play goal and assisted on Pavelski’s. “He showed that he’s a player, that he wants to be on the ice all the time. He’s generally always in attack mode,” Wilson said. “You can see he’s a sneaky hitter, too. He moves pucks really well. You can see his speed. I think he will really help our power play, obviously.”

Campbell was playing his first game for San Jose, which solidified its hold on fifth in the Western Conference. He was picked up along with a seventh-round draft pick on Tuesday from Buffalo for forward Steve Bernier and a second-round pick this summer.

Columbus took the ice for the first time since trading captain Adam Foote and center Sergei Fedorov. They were dealt before Tuesday’s NHL trade deadline for two draft picks and a top-six player.

David Vyborny ended a 24-game goal drought, the longest of his NHL career, and enjoyed his fifth multipoint game. The teams traded first-period goals, and Campbell was heaving his goal streak to four games, Joe Pavelski had a goal and an assist and Evgeni Nabokov made 24 saves to preserve the victory.

“Campbell was playing his best game of the season with an almost identical shot in the second period, backhanding another rebound high and hard past Campbell as he dived to block it. Sabres 8, Predators 4

Steve Bernier can stop worrying. The pressure is off now that he made his Sabres debut memorable.

Bernier scored goals on his first two shots and added an assist in sparking a win over the Nashville Predators on Monday night, a day after being acquired in a deal that sent All-Star defenseman Brian Campbell to San Jose.

“When your confidence is not where you want it to be and the first shot you make you score, it helps,” said Bernier, labeled an underachiever during three seasons with the Sabres, including the game when he sent the puck high and hard past Campbell as he dived to block it.

It was an important statement by a Sabres team that had won potential of surging after losing Campbell, a key player and leader.

“From our first Game 2 to now, it’s almost a dream come true,” Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said of Bernier.

Jason Arnott scored twice for the Predators, 0-2-1 in their past three games, and added a 6-3 loss to Dallas on Saturday. David Legwand of the Predators coach Barry Trotz said. “We blew a chance to get points. By the time we get home, we might be out of the playoffs. We might be in.”

The Sabres broke the game open late in the second period when Nashville’s Scott Nichol missed his second consecutive penalty shot.

As blowouts go, it certainly proved entertaining, with Bernier’s performance one of numerous highlights in a game between teams in different conferences.

It was a game in which all four goalies played, featured a seven-goal second period, had the Sabres nearly squandering a three-goal lead for the second straight game, featured a chippy third period with numerous fights, and had a penalty shot. Nashville’s Scott Nichol missed his second consecutive attempt this season.

The scariest moment came three minutes into the second period when Sabres goalie Ryan Miller was knocked woozy and had his nose bloodied after being struck in the mask by Nashville’s Zidlicky’s shot.

With the tip of his nose swollen but not broken, Miller returned to the bench missing all 8 minutes. He made 24 saves to preserve the victory.

“It was entertaining, no doubt,” said Miller, who wasn’t aware that Nabokov had converted the rebound.
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Recycle The Observer.
By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to California during spring break to participate in the USC Collegiate Invitational, hosted by the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village, Calif.

The Irish will look to improve upon their 15th-place finish at the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational and hope to gain some momentum going into the second half of the spring season. The relatively young team — eight out of 12 players are underclassmen — will gain valuable experience in California. When they return, only three tournaments will remain before the Big East Championship.

The underclassmen combo of sophomore Doug Fortner and freshman standout Tyler Ick will need to step up on Monday if the Irish hope to compete with the top teams of USC and Oregon State. Fortner and Ick currently lead the team with the lowest scoring averages (72.77 and 73.20, respectively) and will look to continue their recent streak of strong play.

The most important factor this week, however, will be the play of junior Josh Sandman. Sandman had a strong showing at the Hayt Invitational with a 73.20 average, but he needs to step up and compete on Monday. The team will need Ick and Fortner to be at their best, and Sandman to improve and give the team a chance at victory.

The Irish will then take a short one-day break before getting right back on the horse and competing in the five-game Long Beach State Invitational from March 7-9. The Irish will face three teams from the Big West Conference, and the Irish expect to face a strong lineup and a solid pitching staff.

"The Big West is known for its hitting," Gumpf said. "But we also expect to see some decent pitching. So we need to hit the ball well one through nine to compete."

After the Worth Invitational, the Irish will take a day off before traveling to Riverside, Calif., to take on UC Riverside (4-9), another Big West team. The Irish will then travel to the Los Angeles area for a series of games against USC (14-10), Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Northridge (5-10). The Bruins have won their last eight games and will provide the most difficult test for the Irish during the trip.

"We need to jump on good pitchers early," Gumpf said. "If we take an aggressive approach we will be very good."

"If he plays with poise and confidence and stays in the present, handling the emotions that all players must deal with, Josh will do great things," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how Josh will take the reins of our No. 1 spot and anchoring our lineup. He has the talent to mix it up with the top players."
ND faces major road test against No. 9 Illini

Last season’s national runner-up, Illinois is just 5-4 this season

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Despite No. 12 Notre Dame’s recent victories, it will be tested again this weekend on the road by No. 9 Illinois.

The Irish are coming off a 7-0 win over Purdue last weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“We played very solid matches top to bottom against Purdue,” coach Bobby Bayliss said. “I had my apprehensions about some matches, but we won the challenge.”

The Irish have a lofty ranking, but they are only 5-4 this season. They lost badly to No. 12 Florida last weekend, 6-1.

“They are the NCAA runner-up and also in the top-10,” Bayliss said. “They went to Florida and played a great match. They lost many three-setters.”

Four of the Irish’s singles matches went three sets, with the Irish dropping all but one of them.

Illinois has two strong players at the top of their lineup, similar to the Irish.

The Irish are led at No. 1 singles by junior Luke Bryan, who do not qualify for nationals.

Notre Dame is just 5-4 this season, but the Irish are expected to be tied with rival Ohio State for the lead in the Big Ten.

“They have a tough competition,” Bayliss said. “It’s hard to get the medal position. They are very good.”

Bayliss said the Irish will work on their outdoor play.

“We will work on our transition to the outdoors,” Bayliss said. “We will use those outdoor practice days to get more accustomed and relaxed for the competition.”

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FENCING

23 fencers head to Regional

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame qualified 23 of a maximum 24 fencers for the crucial March 2 NCAA Midwest Regional in Detroit.

The Irish are expected to be tied with rival Ohio State for the lead in the Big Ten.

“Tis a tough competition, and I think we were successful to qualify that many fencers,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

In fact, 23 Irish fencers accumulated enough points during the season to make the field, but an NCAA rule limiting teams to a maximum of four fencers per event will force some to miss.

Tied with rival Irish are the Midwest Regional in Columbus, Ohio. Results from the Regional will account for 60 percent of each fencer’s rating, and the remaining 40 percent will come from results from the regular season.

After officials calculate post-Regional rankings, the top-five fencers from the Midwest in five of the six weapons will automatically qualify for the national competition.

Only four men’s fencers from the Midwest Regional will earn spots at the national competition.

Fencers who do not qualify after the results from the Midwest Regional are calculated have one chance to earn a spot at the NCAA Championships. Two non-qualifying fencers in each weapon will earn at-large berths to the national tournament.

But schools are limited at the NCAA Championships to a maximum of two fencers per event and 12 overall. Last season, 11 Notre Dame fencers qualified for nationals, which was held at Drew University in Madison, N.J.

“We will try to qualify as many as we can to be on the medal position (at nationals),” Bednarski said. “Below 10, it’s hard to get the medal position.”

Bednarski is optimistic about Notre Dame’s chances.

“If they confirm what they did during the whole season,” Bednarski said, “then we will have done good.”

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

**No. 10 Irish face Albany**

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI

Spurs Wire

Notre Dame will hope to rekindle some of last week's first-quarter magic when it takes on No. 13 Albany at home Saturday at 1 p.m.

In their first home game of the season, the Irish leapt out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter against Penn State before settling down to a comfortable 15-9 win over the Nittany Lions. Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said he was happy with his team's performance in the first home game of the season. He only hopes they can repeat their early dominance in the coming games.

"We'd like to bottle that and see if we could do it every week," Corrigan said. "We were handling the ball really well and we won a lot of face-offs. I think we were up 3-0 before they had the ball at the offensive end of the field ... and when you're playing make it take it it's a way." Corrigan said of Queener.

"He's all over the field," Corrigan said of Queener. "He carries the ball up the field to create transitions and will even come out and double-team people."

Still, Corrigan said, the one of the biggest challenges the Irish will face against the Great Danes is not having to be prepared to counter Albany's game plan, but rather being able to implement their own.

"The trick is to [prepare] while not losing your own identity," he said. "It's not just trying to go up against somebody else, it's remembering what you do and doing what you want to do. If we're doing things right in preparing for people we're really not trying to [prepare] and what they're good at and we're learning to execute our stuff."

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**Irish attack Brian Hubschmann chases a ground ball in Notre Dame's 14-6 win over Denver on April 15, 2007.**

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

**ND hits West Coast for three big contests**

By MATT GAMBER

Spurs Wire

No. 11 Notre Dame won't get much of a break while classes aren't in session next week, but don't feel too sorry for them - the Irish get to take a trip to California.

The Irish (3-0) will play at Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif., on Sunday before flying to San Diego to take on California on Wednesday. Notre Dame's spring break action will conclude with a game against California in Pasadena, Calif.

The West-Coast trip will give the Irish exposure not only to the California sun, but also to a wider audience. The Stanford game will be broadcast on CSTV, while Notre Dame's match-up with California will be played in the historic Rose Bowl.

"It's a really important road swing because we're playing three Pac-10 games, and I think playing three games in a week is going to be a challenge for us," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "Plus playing Thursday night and Saturday too, it's going to be a good test to see where we are."

Notre Dame began its road schedule with a 14-11 victory Sunday over Ohio State. The Irish saw a healthy advantage in the second half, and while they were able to hold off the Buckeyes, Coyne hasn't forgotten what she saw.

"There were definitely things in that game exposed some of our weaknesses, and we've been addressing those in practice," Coyne said. "We've been putting some extra pressure on our defenders to bring the ball out of the defensive unit, but I think in preparing for Stanford, because they have one of the best goalies in the country, we're going to have to focus on doing some things differently on the offensive side as well." The Irish have gotten the production they expected from a pair of preseason All-Big East picks in senior captain Caitlin McGinney, whose 42-game point streak in a school record, and junior attack Jillian Byers, who leads the team with 15 goals through three games.

But what has given Notre Dame the opportunity to achieve its early season success, Coyne said, are the contributions of some of the team's younger players, including freshmen Shaylyn Bailey (10 goals, three assists) and Caitlin Keena (four goals, four assists).

"The freshmen have obviously been great, and I think it's our sophomores, too, because we have things like Gina Scioscia, Rachel Guerrero and Maggie Zentgraf who are getting a lot of minutes," Coyne said. "The leadership of the juniors and seniors with a combination of the youth movement is giving us some good looks and some different things we can do. Tactically, even in the Ohio State game, we were trying some different things, so it's exciting."

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Saint Mary’s opens season in No. Carolina

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s opens its 10th season this spring break as it travels to Florida, Ga., for seven non-conference matches.

The Belles, who went 13-13, 5-3 MIAA last spring, finished their season tied for fourth in the conference with three losses on their final standing since placing first in 2004.

The approach to this season is head coach Chuck Hubino and eight freshman members, who join the two returning team members, sophomores Camille Gerbett and Lisa Rubino.

“We’re going to have a relatively young team, starting four freshmen and two sophomores,” Hubino said. “We have a lot of potential that’s untapped, and spring break will be a good time to get our feet wet and get in some good competition.”

The Belles will play all non-conference teams over break and are looking forward to the matches as a chance to prepare for this season’s MIAA competition.

“Spring break is going to give the coaches a real chance to see the girls play under fire,” Rubino said. “They are tired of playing each other and are ready to take it out on other players. The coaches especially want to see how the girls compete under pressure.”

Having only two returning members does put Saint Mary’s in a different position than other MIAA competitors, but Gerbett sees it as an advantage.

“I think that it is such a positive in our situation, having eight new freshman, and only two returners leading the team this year,” Gerbett said. “It will put us ahead of other teams, because we have much talent this year, and even more depth.”

Along with new members, a new coach and a new season come new goals for this young Belles team. Hubino said.

“One of the goals is to improve on our dual meet record and compete for the MIAA championship,” Rubino said. “We’d like to improve on fourth place from last year, and I think we have the potential to do that. We want to improve team chemistry and the chemistry of the team, and we have a lot of new players. Our doubles haven’t played with one another, and to improve as a team overall is a goal we strive for daily.”

The Belles start competing March 2 in Orlando, where they will play seven times — against Methodist, Martin Methodist, Grand Valley State, Kings, Ursuline, Saint Scholastica and Wayne State — throughout the week, and they will begin conference play on March 18 against Hiram.

“We’re all anxious to go down south and start competing,” Rubino said. “All the girls and the coaching staff want to see where this potential will go.”

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish take on No. 2 Jackets

Ramblin’ Wreck took down Notre Dame 2 times last season

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Come this Saturday, No. 16 Notre Dame will know exactly where it stands among the best in the nation. That’s because the Irish will host No. 2 Georgia Tech at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Yellow Jackets defeated the Irish twice last year, both times by the score of 4-2.

The first loss to the Yellow Jackets came last February in the ITA National Women’s Indoor championship game, and the second also ended hopes for some hardware, occurring last May in the NCAA quarterfinals.

Despite the previous losses to the Yellow Jackets, Irish coach Jay Louderback doesn’t feel as though there are any hard feelings between the teams — he simply wants his team to play well and come out with a win.

“I don’t think there is any bad blood,” Louderback said. “They won the NCAA’s last year, so they were a very good team. They have great depth all around so we are going to have to play our best. We have one player who is the sixth-best in the nation. They’re very good.”

One aspect that the Irish will need to execute in is doubles play. After winning six straight doubles points in as many matches, Notre Dame dropped the crucial point against North Carolina.

Coach Louderback is looking to regain the doubles momentum and said of this in practice all week.

“Doubles play is going to be very big against them,” he said. “If we can’t get the point, winning four singles matches against (Georgia Tech) is going to be really tough. We’ve been playing really well in doubles. Against North Carolina we were just playing tired. We had a couple of tough matches before that so we were a little fatigued,” he said. “I’m happy where we’re at with our doubles.”

The No. 3 doubles tandem of junior Kelcy Tefft and senior Buck have been on a hot streak. With a Tefft-Buck win early on in the match, the Irish could build confidence and begin a possible upset.

When Louderback thinks of the pair, he is reminded of another storied Notre Dame duo before them. Caterina and Christian Thompson both graduated in 2007, and twice in their careers held the No. 1 ranking in the nation as a doubles team.

“They’re excellent for us,” Louderback said. “They just understand each other very well. They actually remind me of when we had the Thompson’s. We had them over here, they liked they could go out and get us a point any time and Kelly and Brook are the same. They have stepped it up every time we go out, and the other girls really look to them to get things started.”

Tefft has also been impressive in singles play, amassing an 11-2 overall record in the dual match season thus far.

Coupled with the notable play of sophomore Kali Kristiak, who has 12 dual match wins to lead the Irish, the Yellow Jackets could be in for a tough competition this weekend.

After the Georgia Tech match, Notre Dame must shift its focus to Hawaii. The Irish have a long trip ahead of them to face the Rainbow Warriors at the University of Hawaii Tennis Complex on March 6.

The complex is outdoors and will mark the first time this season the Irish will play outdoors all season. “If we’re good at the top but they don’t handle the best depth,” Louderback said.

“We haven’t seen them play at all, just their scores. The one thing they do have going for them is that they play outdoors. Since it’s our first outdoor match, we’re flying in early and getting in five days of practice.”

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Tannehill's key late 3-pointer gives No. 1 FSU

Bulls double their lead in Big East tourney

By BOBBY MAJERUS

Thursday, February 28, 2008

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Bulls

doubled their lead in the Big East Tournament coming around, and the NCAA Tournament," Schrader said. "I thought we were two more games really, really hard, and we'll see where we go from there.

Schrader had 17 points and 10 rebounds in his second double-double of the season. Senior guard Charel Allen had 14 points and three assists and sophomore forwards Jonquel Jones and Alecia DeRussy added 12 points each.

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right there in the hunt for the Big East title.

The Irish are on a three-game winning streak after beating Rutgers on the road and notching home wins over Pittsburgh and Syracuse.

But Irish coach Mike Brey said he expects the crowd at Louisville to most closely resemble what Notre Dame saw in its last loss, an 84-78 defeat at Connecticut on Feb. 13.

“We’re going into a similar atmosphere as Storrs,” Brey said. “And we played really well there. Let’s see if we can be a little smarter down the stretch and a little more poised down the stretch because that’s an area where we can improve from Storrs to Freedom Hall.”

In the loss to the Huskies, Notre Dame led most of the game before missing its last seven field-goal attempts. In their 94-87 win over Syracuse on Sunday, the Irish were out-rebounded 51-33.

Notre Dame still leads the Big East with a plus-7.5 average rebounding margin and will look to regain its form on the glass tonight. Louisville is fifth in the conference with a plus-3.4 rebounding margin.

“We’ll be tested again. Our backboard will be tested big time (tonight),” Brey said. “Louisville just climbs it as good as (Syracuse).”

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“I think our backboard will be the X-factor tonight,” Irish forward Luke Harangody Irish forward

Louisville just climbs it better than (Syracuse).”

“arangody said the Irish should not have trouble bouncing back after the poor showing under the basket Sunday.

“We’re out-rebounded teams that are more or as athletic as us,” Harangody said. “We just have to think about getting a body on somebody.”

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney was named the Big East player of the week after scoring 30 points and knocking down a school-record nine 3-pointers against Syracuse, who began the game in a 2-3 zone.

McAlarney joined Harangody as the only two-time winners of the award in the entire conference this season. Brey said the team is trying not to look too far ahead, but it does understand that it is among the elite squads in the conference.

“I framed it this way with them the other day. I said, ‘Hey [pointing position for one of the byes, and we know that’s good for us because we did it last year … and maybe more.’ Brey said. ‘And that’s how I ended it. They know what I’m talking about because this is going to be an interesting stretch, and we can dream big dreams and keep working for that.’

The Irish are 1-6 all-time against Louisville in Freedom Hall. The game will be televised at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

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Saint Mary’s does have two key advantages over Hope, however — senior guard Alison Kessler and junior forward Erin Newsom.

Averaging 20.8 points per game, Kessler is a powerhouse scorer. She leads the MIAA in points this season and is ranked 10th in all of Division III for average points per game. Kessler holds numerous school records, including most career points with 1694 to date, as well as the MIAA record for most free throws made in a game with 22.

Newsom leads the Belles’ rebounding effort and is the top MIAA rebounder. Averaging 8.8 rebounds per game, with 221 this season, Newsom has been Saint Mary’s go-to player under the basket.

Her contributions from the floor have helped the Belles win their effort as well. She is second on the team in scoring with 286 points, placing her third in the MIAA, as well as leading the MIAA in free-throw percentage with 92.9 percent.

The game will tip off tonight at 7:30 in Holland, Mich. — our team has played very well down the stretch. To get into the semifinals is a great accomplishment and doing so two years in a row says a lot about our players,” Henley said.

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Celebrities Born on This Day: Rosalind "Child" Thomas, 77; Adam Baldwin, 49; Jake Gyllenhaal, 33; Elizabeth Banks, 34; Cliff Gorman, 77

Happy Birthday: Your unique way of helping others will bring special rewards this year. The more you can do from your home, the better. Work on a tight budget this year. You will face financial and emotional decisions that will have you in a precarious position. Don’t feel pressed to make a move if you aren’t ready. You should stay busy. 3 stars

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be totally stressed out if you take the people around you too seriously. Separate and sort through the issues as they arise. The action you take now will determine what happens down the road. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Taking on more than you can handle will lead to emotional burnout. Assume full responsibility for your actions, and take the steps necessary to clean up your past. 3 stars

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check out what others have to say and make contributions. Once you know where you stand, you can make a clear decision. An opportunity must be judged carefully as a chance to expand or enrich your circle of friends. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Organization will help you get what you want. A love relationship is taking an interesting turn. Don’t get emotional, but do let your true feelings be known. A creative endeavor will be well received and have the potential to make you rich. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You won’t be seeing things clearly today. Someone you are close to may try to involve you in their plan. Be a little secretive about your own plans, and you will accomplish far more in the next three days. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lean toward people who have a serious attitude and don’t jump on, especially when emotional issues are involved. A change will be as good as a cure. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a little time to talk with someone who has a serious attitude and don’t jump on, especially when emotional issues are involved. A change will be as good as a cure. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to what someone close to you has to say. You may not like what you hear but there will be a certain amount of validity to the situation given. Use this insight with your own strategy and you will find your way. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don’t be fooled by a get-rich-quick idea. Instead, invest your money in a sure thing. The wrong choice will lead to arguments with family. An older or experienced individual will help you out. 4 stars

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**Men's Basketball**

**Fracas at Freedom Hall**

Contest at Louisville has major implications for conference title race

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sport Writer

No. 17 Notre Dame has lurked in second or third place for most of the Big East season, but the Irish can take a major step toward finishing in the top spot tonight when they take on No. 13 Louisville at the Cardinals' Freedom Hall.

Louisville (22-6, 12-3 Big East) is half a game behind top-ranked Pitt for first place in the conference, but the Irish (21-5, 11-3) are nipping at the leaders' heels and can leapfrog the Cardinals with a win tonight.

"It's gonna be a tough atmosphere down there in Freedom Hall," Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody said. "It should be crazy with them."  
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**Hockey**

Irish to finish regular season against Broncos

By MATT GAMBER  
Sport Writer

Coming off another disappointing weekend conference series, time is running out for No. 11 Notre Dame (21-11-4, 14-8-4 CCHA) as the Fighting Irish (24-12-1, 14-3-0 CCHA) visit the Beardsley Center tomorrow night.

The schedule couldn't have worked out much better for the Irish, though, who are 5-7-4 in the months of January and February but catch a break by closing out the regular season with a home-and-home against conference basement-dweller Western Michigan (7-24-3, 3-21-2 CCHA).

That's no guarantee of success, however, as Notre Dame has managed only one win in its last six games -- all against unranked conference foes.

"It just feels like we're running on a treadmill," junior goalie Jordan Pearce said. "We're working hard, working hard, and we're just not getting any goals. I think everyone knows they'll come, so we just need to keep our heads up and remain confident even though we've been struggling as of late."

Notre Dame will honor its five seniors following Saturday night's 7:05 p.m. game, a day after Friday night's 7:35 p.m. contest at Western Michigan's Lawson Arena, recognized as one of college hockey's loudest.

"One of our focuses is to come out and have a strong first period, a strong first 10 minutes, just to weather the storm [of the Broncos' student section]," Pearce said. "Especially it being their senior night, we just need to let the game settle down and allow ourselves to take over from there."

For that to happen, an offense that hasn't scored more than twice in a game since a 5-3 loss to Ferris State on Feb. 8 needs to pick itself up.

Pearce leads the CCHA with a 1.82 goals-against average and in conference games, and he has performed admirably throughout the team's two-month free-

**Baseball**

Team hopes to recover from last week's losses

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sport Writer

Notre Dame will spend spring break in the warmth of Florida and Texas -- but there will be little time for rest and relaxation.

Notre Dame will play eight games in nine days as it participates in the Papa John's Challenge and the Wichita Invitational the next two weekends.

The Irish (11-2) return to the state of Florida for the Papa John's Classic hoping for better results than their last visit there. Notre Dame dropped two of three games in the Clearwater Invitational last weekend, beating Iowa but falling to Liberty and Albany.

**ND Women's Basketball**

**ND massacres Bulls, 92-49**

McGraw's players call blowout Big East victory 'fun'

By BILL BRINK  
Sport Writer

On a night when its offense dominated and its defense smothered, Notre Dame was all smiles.

"Basketball is fun. It should be fun, right?" junior guard Lindsay Schrader said after the game. "Why would you play if it wasn't fun?"

It would be hard for the Irish not to enjoy themselves when they're winning in convincing fashion, like they did Wednesday in a 92-49 victory over South Florida. Notre Dame polished off the Bulls (9-16, 2-13 Big East) for the 47th time in program history.

"We played very well defensively, and we're further along hitting-wise than we were last week," coach Muffet McGraw said.

Irish forward Zach Hillesland drives to the basket in No. 17 Notre Dame's 94-87 win over Syracuse Sunday at the Joyce Center. The Irish travel to No. 13 Louisville tonight.

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