Exclusive off-campus housing offered

By TESS CVANTOS
News Writer

Students looking to move off campus have a plethora of options for housing, most of which cluster students together in all-student neighborhoods.

Options include Clover Ridge, Irish Crossings and Irish Row and the wide variety of Kramper Properties rentals.

The amenities offered at these complexes vary.

Clover Ridge provides its 300 residents with a swimming pool, exercise room, tennis court, tanning bed and courts for tennis, basketball and sand volleyball. Free cable, internet, water utility and parking are included.

Kristie Nasykowicz, property manager for Clover Ridge, said, "The thing that students really like about Clover Ridge is that we try to put their friends close by." Irish Crossings, with 84 residents, and Irish Row, with 112, are the newest of the properties. They include all utilities except gas and electric, and offer full furnishings with each unit.

Recession affects potential jobs

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

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Wozniak also cited non-profit organizations as being affected by the recession. "Funding isn't flowing into non-profits as much," Vander Heyden said.

Wozniak views the legal sector as another industry that will be hit by the recession because of its close relation to the financial sector.

"I think the financial sector is going to be different long-term," she said. "The legal profession is somewhat tied to that. When you're undertaking a lot of acquisitions, you need a lot of lawyers to help you with that. If you're really on the fence and never real sure where you're going to law school, you shouldn't go because you can't get a job," she said.

Franks discusses Sanger, eugenics

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Angela Franks, author and Ph.D. of theology, linked the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, to the eugenics movement of the first half of the 20th century, while arguing that elements of eugenics—which attempts to improve the quality of the gene pool through selective fertility—are still present in today's organizations.

"We know Margaret Sanger because she established an institution and gave eugenics staying power inside an institution," Franks said.

Franks lectured on "Margaret Sanger and Planned Parenthood: The Eugenics Connection," Wednesday night in DeBartolo Hall. According to Franks, Sanger, who is popularly known for her efforts to provide women with contraception, was also a prominent figure in the eugenics movement, which sought to eliminate "defective" persons and saw overpopulation as a problem on the horizon.

"Sanger is a eugenicist," she said. "Basically she believed that birth control limits the bad genes and basically protects the good genes."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Bulls Extravaganza**

This past weekend I had the pleasure of spending an evening with a lovely young lady at a Chicago Bulls extravaganza. I don't want to call it a game, because that was far and away the least interesting part.

The Bulls won, beating the red hot Denver Nuggets. The scoreboard was 116-99, with 60 miles west of the Utah line, when the eagle came crashing into the cab of his truck.

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**OFFBEAT**

Eagle survives crash through truck windshield

BENO — The eagle has landed — with a thud — after crashing through the windshield of a tractor-trailer on a Nevada highway.

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Matthew Roberto Gonzalez of Opa Locka, Fla., drove his small truck onto a Phoenix street near 26th Avenue and Union Hills Drive.

The eagle was in town to promote Saturday night's rodeo at the United Center. Rumor has it Kerk Heinrich volunteered to wear a red shirt and an empty barrel so he could get some attention.

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

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What movie will best describe your Spring Break?

- Leon Zhou
  - freshman
  - Stanford

- Colin Sullivan
  - freshman
  - O'Neill

- LeLe
  - freshman
  - Bradin

- Theresa Nguyen
  - Junior
  - Keenan

- Grayson Duren
  - freshman

- Andrew Diaz
  - freshman

- "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle.*
- "It's a Wonderful Life. I'm not going to leave my couch."
- "Catch Me If You Can."
- "Rush Hour 2."
- "Dances With Wolves."
- "Animal House."

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**IN BRIEF**

Notre Dame faculty members will give a presentation titled "In the Wake of the Beagles: Darwin in Latin America 1831-1836." The presentation is offered as an academic investigation of Darwin's "On the Origin of Species," to mark the 150th anniversary of its publication. The event is free and open to the public.

The ND/SMC Ballroom Dance Club will hold a beginner dance class in room 202 of the Rocke Memorial Building tonight from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The class costs $4 per lesson.

The film "Slamdug Millionaire" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Student Stand-ups of Notre Dame will be performed at 10:00 p.m. at Legends. Performers include Bill Ehrlich, Ryan McCane, Patrick Hernandez, Michael Mikuska and Danny Cox.

Narovic Institute for European Studies will be sponsoring the keynote speaker for the Graduate Student Conference, Paul Franks, who will give his lecture Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Mckenna Hall Auditorium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Next week, while their classmates jet off to exotic locales, spend time at home or remain on campus, some Notre Dame students will spend their spring breaks serving others by participating in one of the many service programs offered by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns.

According to Connie Snyder Mick, the assistant director of the Center of Social Concerns, a total of 240 students will be participating in spring break service programs. The Appalachia seminar focuses on the problems facing the people who reside in the Appalachian Mountains. Each site offers a different slate of activities for the week — students can help with anything from home repair to teaching children about environmental conservation.

The Child Care and Poverty Seminar takes place in New York City. The seminar focuses on the lives of youth affected by poverty, with a focus on community outreach, education and prevention.

The Environmental Justice and Human Rights in the Americas seminar examines how provider students — themselves members of communities that are affected by the hurricane from a political and environmental standpoint.

The Cultivating Faith, Family and Work seminar sends students to Coachella, Calif., to work with the Holy Cross Priests of the Diocese of San Diego to nourish the community. Students will meet at the site and be housed in a home in the area.

The Community Action Program in the Mountains seminar will send students to the mountains to work with the Appalachian Community Action Organization.

“After having a really fun fall break when I was abroad, I felt like I should do something productive for this break.”

Michelle Romeo
Junior

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**Student Senate**

**Senate debates new library renovation**

Student leaders discuss possible updates to Hesburgh facade, concerned with lighting, new cafe and added noise

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
Assistant News Editor

Student Senate discussed possible improvements and concerns regarding the renovation of the first and second floors of the Hesburgh Library at Wednesday’s meeting.

A committee is currently examining the best way for renovations to utilize the library as a study space for students, according to sophomores chair, president Cynthia Weber.

Webber, the only undergraduate student on the committee, said the renovation is slated for completion sometime during the 2019-20 school year.

“The key theme in the renovation is that we want the Hesburgh Library to be a hub of academic life,” Weber said.

There will be a cafe in the library and the first floor will be more centrally oriented, Weber said. The committee has also discussed putting a new books and popular magazines section near the cafe to draw students in, she said.

O’Neill Hall senator Kevin Kimberly said aesthetics should play a major role in the renovations.

“Basically, the library is ugly and doesn’t give me any incentive to go there, especially when I live in O’Neill. There are also no windows. I feel like I’m not even living in the world,” Kimberly said.

Several senators said a lack of proper lighting is a problem many study areas in the library currently face, and they suggested the committee look into the issue.

“Lighting is huge,” Lyons Hall senator Catherine Flynn said. “I need bright lighting to keep me awake.”

Morrissey Hall senator Austin Hohler suggested installing individual lights at study desks to remedy the lighting problem.

Several senators voiced a concern that the addition of a cafe in the library would create a problem with noise. Weber said the cafe is supposed to draw students into the library, but an increase in noise level is a concern.

She said the plan includes study areas in the library that are designated for both quiet study and group study.

Student body president Bob Reish said he believes the committee should make this concern a priority and some how make it clear which areas of the library are designated for group study and which are for quiet study when renovating.

Weber said the committee is currently in the phase of mapping out the physical library and looking at different concepts that fit with the available space.

“Whenever you walk into the library, it will be completely different,” she said.

Baslin Hall senator Katie McCarron asked if the first floor would be under construction all at once time, and if so, how much study space would be lost in the process.

Webber said she does not know when or how the construction would happen.

Ryan Brellenthin, chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, asked about the possibility of a 24-hour space in the library.

“There should be a 24-hour study space,” he said.

“There’s nothing worse than being kicked out of the library at two in the morning,” Weber said.

In other Senate news

**Student body vote president Grant Schmidt said despite the demand from students that there be a change the price of Subway footlongs will be lowered to $5 because the budget is already fixed for next year.**

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**Housing**
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Karrie Miller, property manager for Irish Crossings and Row, said, "Our location is great, you’re just one block east of the Notre Dame sports field.”

The Kramer properties, which serve 3,500 student residents, include apartments, townhomes and houses in all sizes and at varying distances from campus.

Kramer-owned Lafayette apartments provide water utility, but most Kramer properties, the houses specifically, leave residents responsible for their own utilities, Kramer said.

Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, said, "What's unique to Kramer Properties is that the houses are the houses. Not many have the options we have, with the number of houses and the different sizes available.”

One feature all the rental companies share is that students in these properties will get to know other students as neighbors.

"Catherine Flynn is an example. She allows students to cluster together and have their own neighborhood. Our townhomes and apartments are 100 percent student occupied,” Kramer said.

The reasons for this are obvious, Kramer said. "Students typically study late, they stay up late, they party late. They can be disturbing to residents that are not students,” Kramer said.

"There's less potential for problems if they're with like-minded people on the same schedule," Kramer said.

Junior Jacqueline Livaudais will live off campus next year with two of her friends. Instead of renting until one of these complexes, however, she will live in an independent owned house. "Finances are a major reason for her decision to move off. It's significantly cheaper to live off campus. It’s about half the price, at least for us,” Livaudais said.

"We also wanted to live in a house as opposed to an apartment,” Livaudais said. "We found the house for a friend who lived there last year.”

Sophomore Octavia Ratiu has already begun looking at housing options for her senior year.

"I think living off campus can give a little bit of what it's like to live in the real world," Ratiu said. "The Notre Dame campus is a bubble, and while that is great for some students, it disconnects from reality that makes the transition to life after college more jarring than it should be. I'm not saying living on campus senior year would be a mistake, but it's an experience I want to try.”

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**Upcoming Shows**

**Gordon Lightfoot Concert**
March 12, Thursday, at 8 p.m.

**South Bend Symphony Orchestra Concert**
March 21, Saturday, at 8 p.m.

**Styx Concert with Kansas**
March 27, Friday, at 8 p.m.
The Netherlands

OMAR AL-BASHIR CHARGES PRESIDENT OF SUDAN

Omar al-Bashir's government removes 10 humanitarian groups from Darfur

Associated Press

The Hague - The president of Sudan became a wanted man Wednesday when the International Criminal Court charged him with war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur - for actions that included sitting head of state and one that could set the stage for more formal proceedings.

President Omar al-Bashir's government was expelled by 10 prominent humanitarian groups from Darfur and seizing their assets, threatening livesaving operations, a spokesperson said.

"What we are saying is the country won't be safe enough or strong enough for the Japanese," he added. "This is a resurgent Taliban militia that is taking the lead on the issue in the region."

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Afghan election to stay in August

KABUL - Afghanistan's election commission Wednesday rejected President Hamid Karzai's request to move the presidential elections to the spring, saying the election couldn't be held because of bad spring weather, lack of funds, security issues and its two sets of indigenous syllabaries.

Karzai had asked the commission to move the elections from Aug. 20 to spring, but the commission said it couldn't because of bad spring weather, lack of funds, security issues and its two sets of indigenous syllabaries.

The commission, which was founded by international donors, is seen as a resurgent Taliban militia increases its activities.

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Violence leads to precautions

SAN ANTONIO - The drug violence in Mexico has gotten so bad that booming numbers of Mexican and American truckers are having their cars fired at with armor plates, bulletproof glass and James Bond-style gadgets such as electrified door handles and push-button smoke screens.

Until recently, it was mostly movie stars, business chiefs and politicians who took precautions. But now, industry officials say, the customers who have been paying millions of dollars more in benefits are demanding the very same protection as a resurgent Taliban militia increases its activities.

The customers "don't have to be very big," said Mark Burton, CEO of International Armoring Corp. of Ogden, Utah.

One San Antonio company said it expects a 50 percent increase in business this year.

Judge overturns conviction

NEW HAVEN - A federal judge on Wednesday threw out a conviction against a former Navy sailor accused of passing along information about ship movements, dealing a post-mortem blow to a Bush administration that had praised the case as an example.

U.S. District Judge Mark Kravitz overturned last year's conviction of Hassan Abu-Jhaud, of Phoenix, on a charge of providing material support to terrorists, citing the language of the law. He upheld his conviction for disclosing classified national defense information.

Local News

Senator develops proposal for fund

ALBANY - A state senator is developing a proposal that would provide a state-funded job training and employment insurance fund that he said Tuesday is likely to win backing from union leaders and cutting benefits paid out to the jobless.

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growing sectors, even if they wouldn’t have considered those options two years ago, Vander Heyden said.

"Students should look to apply their education to these growing sectors: healthcare, energy and the federal government. "You can become an accountant for a hospital, instead of an accounting firm," she said.

Long-term outlook

Wozniak views the recession as being relevant for years to come.

"In terms of getting back to ... where we were two years ago, that might take 10 years," she said. "A 10-year recession would be extremely long, but a 10-year recovery won’t at all unrealis-
tic."

Despite the pessimistic estimates, Wozniak said the current recession is not as bad as the recession of the early 1980s, at its peak going from unemployment numbers. "We have seen serious downturns in the past and we still have not reached those numbers," she said.

"There are a number of rea-
sons to expect that growth won’t come back in the same way as in the 1980s, but the present still isn’t entirely unprecedented."

While the current recession is often compared to the Great Depression, Wozniak said recovery will not need to be as severe as it was in the 1930s. "This is a lot from the Great Depression," she said. "Even if the downturn does become more severe, the recov-
ery will be a lot faster."

What can I do?

Wozniak said current juniors looking to graduate in May 2010 will be the most affected by this recession. "They should think about a long-term stra-
tegy for themselves," she said. "They should be thinking of a challenging labor market for the next five years and should ask: What can I do now to get on some sort of career trajec-
tory?"

The job market no longer has a focus on high-paying, short-
term careers, according to Wozniak.

"Any student who is thinking of going into a high-paying career temporarily should probably start thinking about how to get into what they really want to do right now," she said. "I don’t think that’s going to ever come back. If stu-
dents really want to go into teaching or something else, they should just start looking for jobs in those industries."

Vander Heyden urges stu-
dents to make sure they are putting a good effort into their job searches.

"Positions are still out there for students with the time and energy to find them," she said. "The economy is having an impact and it takes more time and energy."

Notre Dame graduates have a leg up on graduates from other institutions, Vander Heyden said.

"Our graduates are more well-rounded than their peers due to our method of educa-
tion," she said.

Notre Dame students are often more hard working than their peers and have "reasonable expectations," according to Vander Heyden.

"They apply themselves and are quick learn-
ers," he said.

Vander Heyden cited a survey of employers con-
ducted about two and a half years ago as the source for claims about Notre Dame graduates.

Wozniak agrees that Notre Dame graduates must keep look-
ting for jobs before finding jobs than other college graduates. "A Notre Dame candidate is potentially going to displace another can-
didate," she said. "I wouldn’t say it’s the time to completely stop looking, especially for stu-
dents coming out of a place like Notre Dame."

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By BECKY HOGAN

Chicago may host Olympics

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**Ford offers to exchange other debt**

Company takes step as an effort to stay cost-competitive with other automakers

**Associated Press**

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. took another step Wednesday to stay cost-competitive with other automakers by receiving offers to help when it offered to exchange more than 40 percent of its debt for cash.

The company and its financial institutions have about $4.9 billion in convertible notes issued in 2006. Every $1,000 in notes is already convertible into about 108.7 shares of common stock, but Ford will offer an additional $80 in cash to sweeten the deal.

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The Observer.
Overbudget NASA gets more

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — NASA can land a spacecraft on a peanut-sized asteroid 150 million miles away, but it doesn’t come close to hitting the budget target for building its spacecraft, according to congressional auditors. NASA’s top officials know it and even joke about it.

This week auditors found that on nine projects alone NASA is nearly $1.1 billion over cost estimates that were set in the last couple of years. Congress’ financial watchdog, the Government Accountability Office, reviewed NASA’s newest high-money projects and found most were either over budget, late or both. That doesn’t include two of NASA’s largest spending projects whose costs have wildly fluctuated and still aren’t firm — replacements for the space shuttle fleet and Hubble Space Telescope.

Historically, overruns have caused NASA to low on money, forcing it to settle or delay other projects. Often, the agency just asks taxpayers for more money.

In fact, NASA got $1 billion from the new shuttle package. It’s to be spent on climate-watching satellites and exploration among other things.

“Getting an extra infusion of money doesn’t necessarily mean you have a capability to spend it well,” said Cristina Chaplain, GAO’s acquisitions chief who wrote the study.

A second GAO report used NASA as one of its leading poster children for bad practices in estimating costs. The space agency, which has a budget of about $18 billion, needs “a more disciplined approach” if it wants to succeed, GAO said. NASA spending has been on GAO’s “high risk” list since 1990. Its cost overrun problems will be the subject of a House Science Committee hearing Thursday.

“Cost overruns are becoming routine in space agency operations, resulting in cost increases that are impossible to track,” the report said.

“NASA’s program to build the space shuttle fleet, for example, had $1 billion over its 1977 cost estimate.”

NASA’s spending problems are so predictable and big that two years ago Congress put into law under the same tough budgeting rules as the space agency, according to House Science Committee Chairman Ralph Hall, R-Texas.

In a statement to The Associated Press, NASA said it plans to respond in a “timely, frank and complex, which always makes estimating challenging. We do believe NASA is a good investment of federal funds and strive to provide the best value.”

The agency said cost estimates evolve as work progresses and delays and cost increases. The agency says it has improved its cost estimating.

Last December, NASA administrator Michael Griffin tried to come up withaverages on $400 million extra needed for the Mars Science Laboratory — what do-it-yourself projects that keep requiring extra trips to the hardware store. When a reporter quipped that he do­

Bilding NASA gets more

Associated Press

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — Good statement. Rushing quarterback A;sn`ng hurts. By this count, 11-year-old Jordan Krause was just boy in rural Pennsylvania community, business, agreed mostly by his father after he was shot dead and killed him up on Thursday.

So it baffles Jordan’s friends and family to think that he was accused of taking a 20-gauge shotgun he got from his father, the 17-year-old’s father and finally shooting his father’s pregnant fiancee, the woman who tried hardest to be a mother to him.

“Middle schools are in trouble when there were no indications that they should have done something differently,” said Timothy McNamee, superintendent of the Mohawk Area School District.

Authorities say the Feb. 20 killing of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk in Wampum, a small community about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, where normally everyone knows everyone, was an accidental killing. Jordan threw the spent shell casing in the woods, on the basis of a witness who said he heard the shot.

But they say it was

NASA's Chaplain. Those include poor cost estimating at the beginning, trying to do cutting-edge science, constantly changing designs and poor contractor performance.

Six of the projects had problems with contractors, including lack of experience, that led to delays or higher costs.

In his December news conference, Griffin said there would have been delays or estimates at the front end of a mission what it’s going to take to achieve scientific pri­

COUNCIL OF FOR GAY & LESBIAN STUDENTS

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In 304 CoMo, discussion and support)
Contact: Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, at 1-7800
University Counseling Center (individual counseling)
Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafler at mlafler@nd.edu
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The Observer
The Observer, and other good things

The funniest thing I’ve ever seen in
The Observer was published a few months ago. On the page typically
dedicated to national and international
al news, the full-page-width headline
said this.

“9/11
Masterminds
Prepared to
Confront.”

Don’t worry, we’re not to the
funky part yet.
The headline was right — 9/11
masterminds were, in fact,
prepared to con­
less. And the article was com­
plete, and didn’t contain
the wrong page or anything.

Beneath the headline, though, was a
picture. Unfortunately, as far as I
know, the people pictured were not, in
fact, 9/11 masterminds. No, they were
a lesbian couple from Iowa City, Iowa,
and their three lovely young children.

And you thought not having a recog­
nized Gay-Straight Student Alliance
as bad as Notre Dame got.

Newspapers have long been known
to navel-gaze, a bit. It’s not unusual to see from the
newspaper stories about the decline of the newsaper, as
if these sudden the paper cared as
much about the solvency of the
Sacramento Bee as they do about
Iraq, Obama and other front page
news.

But this is not an example of gazng
at my own navel. To be clear, I’m not
really part of The Observer. I mean,
yes, I get invited to the parties, and
more than that, the paper’s budget for a
delicious dinner at The Vine each
semester. But other than that, all I do
is send in an e-mail once every other
week.

Until there was free Heavenly Ham
in The Observer offices at the end of
last semester. I had never met then-Editor in Chief Chris Ilene. I only
knew Kaitlinn Riely, another editor, from class and her embarrassing
spam-post to a new nown on my
Facebook wall about a cool new Web
site I could go to find about all of my
crushes. And I only knew Deirdre
Krausl, yet another editor, because
she was a mediocre defensive back on
the Badin interhall football team that
I helped coach. Last week, they all left
office, leaving the keys and responsi­
bility to a whole new set of budding
liberal media elites.

So all of that aside, there’s some­
thing most people on this campus
don’t realize about The Observer.

These people work damn hard everyday
and night to get out a full paper. That’s not something that most
school newspapers even dream of
doing — once a week, maybe three
times, that’s more than enough.
And 99% of them are pretty good company.

They catch a lot of flack on this cam­
pus for their faults. I’ve had at least three professors who have shared with
the class that they avoid The
Observer as much as possible.

Another suggested that reliable
source of news would be to read
The Observer, and believe the opposite.
And wanted, nay expected, that campus
would be perfect if, instead of a full newspaper, The
Observer just printed a word jumble,
crossword puzzle and horoscopes
every day.

The hyperbole aside, I understand
all of that. And importantly, from my
impression, so does The Observer.

Yes, sometimes they make hysteri­
cally funny mistakes.

And yes, sometimes, their articles are
incomplete. Sometimes their
quotes are basically fabricated.

Sometimes their pictures imply that
lesbian women were the masterminds
of the 9/11 attacks.

But not, they don’t always — or ever —
do the hardest-hitting, investigative
journalism.

But compared to many school news-
papers, they do an incredible amount
of hard work to make it all happen,
and it’s really impressive.

At the risk of sounding remarkably
ignorant, this is something that it’s
taken me until my senior year to real­
ize: by and large, we don’t give stu­
dent leaders on this campus enough
day-to-day credit for the remarkable
amount of work they do. Within their
organizations and groups, of course,
that credit is due. But from the outside,
that’s often ignored.

It’s not just Chris, Kaitllyn, Deirdre,
and countless others at The Observer.
It’s Bob, Grant, Cynthia and countless
others in Student Government. It’s even
Andrew, Greer, Brandon, and
countless others at The Irish Rover.

Whatever we think of the content of
their work or their attitude towards it,
these people all do remarkable things
around this campus. They work hard
so that we can all be part of a more
engaging, interesting, worthwhile
campus community. Do they miss the
ball sometimes? Of course. And it’s
time to make fun of them when they
do.

But I owe them a thank you, too, and
an apology for not saying it sooner.

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Studies major from Fairfield, Conn. As
you can tell from this column, he
probably doesn’t read The Observer —
not always do the same remarkable
amount of work. He can be reached at
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The views expressed in this column
are those of the author and not
necessarily those of The Observer.

Editors' Poll Results
What are you doing for Spring Break?
Going home 35%
Partying somewhere safe 27%
Taking my chances in Mexico 23%
Staying here 16%
The dinner guests were addressed by a town. Because of your tuitions, then we are well on the way. Jesus' Transfiguration, this year from Lent always proclaims the story of James and John to come up Mount Transfiguration peel away layer upon layer from the cloud says, "This doesn't mean they got it right. Abuses, it does not matter how much the second statistic is less then the first statistic, which was five out of four college athletes who had been sexually abused. If the statistic was correct, we would have been increases yearly totalling 327 percent, for an average of 14 percent of tuition, or reduce it to the cost of state universities. I would not raise this if I did not believe that the issue of sexual abuse is not a "female issue" or a "male issue." This is a problem of our own making, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors. The Notre Dame sexual awareness movement is important, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors. The Notre Dame sexual awareness movement is important, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors. The Notre Dame sexual awareness movement is important, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors. The Notre Dame sexual awareness movement is important, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors. The Notre Dame sexual awareness movement is important, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors.

Michael Clemente of campus Mar. 2

Coach Jackson thanks students

Dear Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College Students: This past week was sexual assault awareness week, an annual event that has become a much needed event. The surprising low amount of reported cases of sexual abuse at Notre Dame is due to a lack of sexual abuse but rather a lack of reporting. Women and men are raped and sexually assaulted but it is not even reported. It is a multiplicity of factors that deter abuse vic­ tims from speaking out.

I attended the awareness dinner "A Time to Heal" at Legends this past Friday night. It is truly a remarkable event. The dinner guests were addressed by a panel of experts, including the director of the Emmaus program in D.C., Dr. Jeff Cavadini. The bravery and courage of the two young women who spoke about their experiences stunned the audience. They spoke poignantly and articulately, announcing that they would not be silent anymore.

The dinner, "A Time to Heal" was an important event that at least 360 people attended. Even though this move­ ment will result in more reported rapes and abuses, and therefore a smudged public image, the University must push this initiative forward. Thankfully, this is what our students want. The 2nd statistic, their experiences stunned the audience. At Notre Dame, there are those who are in the cloud says, "This doesn't mean they got it right. It just means they should just stay there up on a per­ manent basis. A cloud shadows the scene, which for a few would instantly signify the presence of God. A voice from the cloud says, "My beloved Son. Listen to him."

Now this story doesn't mean a whole lot to me. It is an admittedly high "wow" factor unless we realize that it's not about a change in how Jesus looks or acts. After all, he looks just like himself again, and he orders them not to tell anyone about the incident (a command he repeates on the Mount of Jesus' Transfiguration, this year from Mark's Gospel (Mark 9:2-10), go ahead, look up it. It's a delicious story. In each of the three "eyewitness" Gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke — there is either a record of this event reported, and it always follows Jesus' prediction that he will suffer and be murdered. The last thing the disciples go as follows: Jesus has invited Peter, James and John to come up to Mount Tabor with him. Suddenly the disciples see what seems to be a vision: Jesus looks dazzlingly different, brilliantly lit, dressed in eye-popping white and con­ versing with two men whom the disci­ ples would have thought was potential­ ly: Moses and the prophet Elijah. Peter, before, suggests that maybe they should just stay there up on a per­ manent basis. A cloud shadows the scene, which for a few would instantly signify the presence of God. A voice from the cloud says, "My beloved Son. Listen to him."

Firstly, the sentence structure is com­ plex. The second statistic is less then the first statistic, which was five out of four college athletes who had been sexually abused. If the statistic was correct, we would have been increases yearly totalling 327 percent, for an average of 14 percent of tuition, or reduce it to the cost of state universities. I would not raise this if I did not believe that the issue of sexual abuse is not a "female issue" or a "male issue." This is a problem of our own making, absolutely needed, and making a good start. It must be attended to, not just to marginalize the male minority group of sexual abuse sur- vivors.
Rises from the Ashes

By J.J. REES

In the fall of 1997, Frank and Rebecca Polito opened a restaurant on Grape Road to moderate success, especially considering their national chain competition on the main drag of Mishawaka. On Aug. 8, the Politos woke up to find that their restaurant of almost 11 years had caught fire, along with the adjacent business.

Fortunately for the Politos, they had been planning on opening up a new branch of their restaurant on Hickory Road, just off McKinley Avenue, in the former home of Rathskeller Pizza. That morning, the family decided to sign the lease and begin immediately on building up their replacement restaurant. By Sept. 5, the new Polito's was open for business.

It is difficult to see how exactly Polito's has changed. Beyond the unpretentious front room, the standard back room seems like a place for more of a bar-restaurant feel, but it isn't. There's certainly an atmosphere of establishment; servers and chefs seem to have been doing their jobs for years, or at least have watched their parents do theirs. The décor is hackneyed, with posters of The Three Stooges, football teams, Miller, Coors and "Hoosiers." Three TVs sit in the corners, playing programs from sports and news to "America's Funniest Videos." Despite the sports posters and beer pitcher specials (Miller Lite $6, Killian's and Blue Moon $7), things like families with young children and a games/arcade keep the restaurant from achieving sports bar status.

Getting past these incongruities, Polito's affirms itself as famous for its "secret family vodka sauce," and with good reason. Our waitress offered this creamy, peppery oil as a sample with rigatoni, and our small taste did not disappoint. Thick as alfredo, enough of the sauce leaves a peppery after-kick in the back of the throat. However, loaded onto the penne graciella with chicken, the sauce becomes the main element of the dish. Although the chicken was a bit dry, it was a fitting addition to the pasta, sun-dried tomatoes, broccoli and mushrooms.

A friend was quick to tell me that while Polito's serves the best chicken parmesan sandwich he's ever had, so my selection was predefined. And to his credit, the sub was most satisfying part of the meal. Served with the bread-like roll, the massive amount of chicken and mozzarella cheese are rounded out by a smaller amount of flavorful sauce. Perhaps the best part of the sub is the bread — firm but chewy. I only ate half of this huge sandwich that night, and to my surprise, I enjoyed the second half just as much days later.

The pizza is popular (especially the weighty stuffed pizza), but the thin and thick pizzas were disappointing. The pepperoni was too greasy and the ground sausage was seemingly without effort. To qualify, because the half-sandwich was so quick for our entrees. Otherwise, our server seemed bugged down by a busy section. It was understandable to wait a few minutes on orders, but processing the check caused one of the longest delays.

All things considered, I don't recommend against Polito's. Sure, skip the pizza and head to Bruno's. Maybe get a pitcher of beer and try some pasta or one of the run-of-the-mill specials. Bear in mind the penne graciella, as long as you don't mind shoveling away some of the delicious vodka sauce. But if you've ever enjoyed a chicken parmesan sandwich, do consider Polito's. And make sure the TVs are tuned to something fitting, like "America's Funniest Videos."

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401 N. Hickory Rd. (574-243-5385)
Hours: 11-10 M-Th, 11-10:30 F-S, 10-8:30 Su
Prices: Apps $3-6, Entrées $9-15
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LINDSAY SCHRADER'S INTENSITY—
AND HER FUN-LOVING APPROACH
TO THE GAME—HAVE HER PLAYING
BETTER THAN EVER.
Recipe for success for Irish in tourney: toughness

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

When Irish forward Becca Bruszewski started shooting 3s in this season, it didn't surprise coach Muffet McGraw.

Sure, the sophomore had only taken two shots from beyond the arc during the first nine games (making one of them), so it was a bit out of character for her. If anything, she was more of a creative, quick-fingering point guard than a 3-point shooter. But Bruszewski had been shooting 3s, in practice.

"That surprised me," McGraw said. "In practice, she's been working really hard and shooting a lot. She basically gave me permission to go outside of the offense, and I didn't know I could do that." (or something close to that.)

As for the 3-pointers, that's something she worked on over the summer during pickup games with her teammates and has been with her since she was a freshman.

"I started shooting them in pickup in last summer and my teammates told me I should shoot them and had confidence in me, and they would actually get on me for not shooting them, so I started shooting them," she said.

Bruszewski's ability to shoot the 3 helps Irish offense run.
Fun and games
Lindsay Schrader balances intensity with a positive attitude towards basketball

Lindsay Schrader balances intensity with a positive attitude towards basketball.
No. 5 seed Irish face winner of Syracuse-St. John’s

Team has first-round bye, plays its first game on Saturday

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

The Irish need rest, and they earned an extra day of it. No. 20 Notre Dame enjoys a first-round bye in the Big East championship this weekend at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

Notre Dame (21-7, 10-6 Big East) got the No. 5 seed in the tournament, which in the new 16-team format gives it a bye. On Saturday at noon, the Irish play the winner of Friday’s matchup between No. 12 seed Syracuse and No. 13 seed St. John’s.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she liked the new tournament format.

"I think it’s a good format," she said. "We’ll have to go through it a couple of years before we can really tell, but I think it’s a great idea."

Notre Dame has won four of five heading into the tournament with the only loss coming to top-ranked, No. 1 seed, undefeated Connecticut at home.

"It’s kind of looking at it as we played five good games in a row," McGraw said. "We have a lot of offensive momentum, I think it’s a great idea."

More than that, McGraw said everyone on the team, freshmen to senior, has contributed of late. She said while the senior guard Lindsay Schrader and sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski have gotten most of the attention, everyone else has chipped in.

"I feel like all the starters are playing well, and it’s a really good feeling going into everybody’s contributing," McGraw said.

Freshman forward Kellie Watson, McGraw said, has passed the ball well recently. Watson turned down several open looks in Notre Dame’s last game, a 72-66 win over West Virginia at home Monday, to pass to teammates.

"She’s a fantastic passer, and that’s something that I thought when I saw her in high school is really her greatest strength," McGraw said. "She has great vision and can get the ball out of her hands so quickly."

Watson had three assists in each of the last two games. She also broke a four-game stretch without hitting a 3-pointer when she sank one against the Mountaineers.

Williamson has surged in the past few games. Against Syracuse, how­ever, she scored 18 and had 11 rebounds, and she scored 13 against West Virginia.

The Irish have faced both the Red Storm and the Orange recently, and won both times. They beat St. John’s 70-67 at home on Jan. 17, and the Orange 90-79 at home on Feb. 24.

"They were both really good games," McGraw said. "The St. John’s game we had to defend the 3-point line to win, and then the Syracuse game was very close throughout."

That defense, McGraw said, still leaves something to be desired. The team worked on it during practice Wednesday, McGraw said. She did say, how­ever, that she was happy with where the offense was.

Both teams present similar challenges to the Irish, McGraw said.

"They’re both really athletic, they both have quickness — they’re a little bit quicker than we are," McGraw said. "They’ll both play some zone and some man. We’re trying to find some new wrinkles and new things to do coming into the tournament, but it’s nice that we’ve played them both recently so we have some film on them."

Note: McGraw said the team needed rest, so they took practice off on Tuesday and will take practice off again today.

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2009 Big East Women’s Basketball Championship

First Round

Friday, March 6

Syracuse (12)

St. John’s (13)

Marquette (9)

Cincinnati (16)

Georgetown (10)

Seton Hall (15)

West Virginia (11)

Providence (14)

Second Round

Saturday, March 7

Notre Dame (5)

Villanova (4)

USF (8)

Connecticut (1)

Rutgers (7)

Louisville (2)

DePaul (6)

Quarterfinals

Sunday, March 8

Semifinals

Monday, March 9

Championship

Tuesday, March 10

Note: provided by Mary Cecilia Mitsch/ The Observer.

Irish freshman guard Natalie Novosel jumps to save a ball from going out of bounds, scoring her teammates in the process, during Notre Dame’s 96-61 win over Evansville on Nov. 19, 2008.
**WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR**

**THUR.**

“Slumdog Millionaire” (2008), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

If for some odd reason you have been living on the other side of the planet (which is not an excuse because we’re practically in India) and have missed the chance to see the fabulous film “Slumdog Millionaire,” here’s your chance! Jamal Malik, a poor Indian orphan, lands a spot on “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” in hopes of reuniting with his true love and winning enough money to pull both of them out of poverty. This story is packed full with enough adventure, excitement, romance and the necessary heart-warming ingredient to ensure this movie is worth your time.

Riely O Connor’s Songwriters Spotlight, 8:30 p.m., The Beanery Gourmet Coffee and Cafe

Known for his powerfully thematic and insightful songs, Riely O Connor will be taking the stage at The Beanery restaurant for an all-original performance that will have audience members humming along to both his energetic rock songs and his heart-felt ballads. O Connor is a native of South Bend, and released his first album, “Working on a Memory,” in 2004. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere of this coffee house as you snuggle in for a relaxing and entertaining Saturday night. Tickets are $5.

**FRI.**

Organissimo at Trio’s Restaurant & Jazz Club, 9 p.m.

With minimal partying taking place on Notre Dame’s campus this weekend, take advantage of the opportunity to venture into the unknown corners of South Bend and visit Trio’s Restaurant & Jazz Club. Don’t miss out on this chance to relax after a tough week of midterms with Organissimo, a band that incorporates the tradition of classic 1960s jazz with modern twists. The event is free, but bring a few extra bucks to indulge in the upscale, casual dining experience Trio’s promises to provide.

Feel the Spirit! Presented by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, 2:30 p.m., Leighton Concert Hall

Wind your weekend down with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. Not only will you get to see the show for the extremely low student price of $5, but you will also get to listen to the beautiful pieces of The South Bend Chamber Singers. Pieces performed will range from Benjamin Britten’s “Serenade for Tenor, Oboe and Irish Harp” to a unique take on the American spiritual in John Rutter’s “Feel the Spirit.” Tickets are $25 for faculty and staff, $23 for seniors and $5 for all students.

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**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE, Assistant Scene Editor

Lent brings certain challenges to the student who frequents the Notre Dame dining hall. What to do on those meatless Fridays? You have two choices. Embrace it or work around it. This week’s column is geared towards giving you tips about what to make on those meatless Fridays for the next couple of weeks (without simply abandoning the dining hall). What to do on those meatless Fridays?

1. Know your proteins. Without the obvious choice — meat — you may be looking for another option. Other foods high in protein are: fish, and especially tuna, eggs, nuts and seeds (try peanut butter or add sunflower seeds and nuts to your salads), beans (try tofu or the various beans available at the salad and Mexican bars), cheese, and yogurt.

2. Think up new ways to serve the above protein-packed items with these ideas. Mash up black beans and mix with olive oil in order to make a great spread to add to your sandwich. Take a sweet or a baked potato and add a mixture of black beans, tomatoes and a little bit of sour cream and cheese. For an even quicker meal, just pour a little chili over a baked potato. Don’t stick with plain tuna, kick it up. Try taking either the salad bar tuna or the sandwich bar tuna spread and mixing in ingredients like olives and even corn. Then layer on cheese and spinach and give it a good toast in the Panini maker to make it into a great tuna melt. If you’re not a tuna fan, you can take the same idea and apply it to egg salad. Instead of adding meatballs to your spaghetti, look for other options. Try adding in some cooked vegetables and extra cheese to make it a little heartier.

3. Make an excellent salad. Salad is so much more than just a bunch of green stuff. Try out all the various beans available at the salad bar (You can even request it to be a Meatless Monday). Take the above protein-packed items and add a mixture of black beans, tomatoes and a little bit of sour cream and cheese. For an even quicker meal, just pour a little chili over a baked potato. Don’t stick with plain tuna, kick it up. Try taking either the salad bar tuna or the sandwich bar tuna spread and mixing in ingredients like olives and even corn. Then layer on cheese and spinach and give it a good toast in the Panini maker to make it into a great tuna melt. If you’re not a tuna fan, you can take the same idea and apply it to egg salad. Instead of adding meatballs to your spaghetti, look for other options. Try adding in some cooked vegetables and extra cheese to make it a little heartier.

4. Take advantage of the new things in the dining hall. The North pizza bar usually offers pesto sauce more often, both dining halls try out sushi and usually crab meats appears at the stir fry bar. You can even request it to be a Meatless Monday. It would make a great addition to a salad or pasta. Keep an eye out and you might find something really worth the try.

5. Deal. It might be annoying sometimes, but hey, it’s only one day a week. Listen to your mom’s good advice and eat your vegetables instead.

*Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu*
Wanted gives Cardinals hometown discount

TEMPE, Ariz. — Kurt Warner wound up where he wanted to be, with a hefty pay raise to return to the Arizona team he led to the Super Bowl.

The 37-year-old quarterback agreed to terms Wednesday on a two-year, $23 million contract with the Cardinals. The deal initially had offered two years and $20 million.

The deal was essentially reached on Tuesday, Cardinals general manager Steve Breaston said, with only a few details to be ironed out on Wednesday. "We've worked patiently with a number that was fair to Kurt, and to be able to finalize within the context of other team objectives," Graves said.

The Cardinals now turn their attention to possible free agent signings for positions for some of their current players, including safety Adrian Wilson and linebacker Karlos Dansby.

Initially in the negotiations, Warner had offered to give $1 million a year of his contract toward a new deal for Boldin, but that provision wasn't in the final agreement.

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**MLB**

Manny Ramirez resigned with Los Angeles on Wednesday. Ramirez and the Dodgers had been involved in negotiations for over four months before the slugger finally agreed to a $45 million deal.

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES —** The winter of discontent in Mannywood is over.

Manny Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers officially agreed Wednesday on a two-year, $25 million contract that keeps him with the NL West champions. The slugger can void the second season of the deal and again become a free agent.

The stalemate was broken during a 6 a.m. meeting that brought the sides face-to-face at owner Frank McCourt's Malibu home. The gathering came after weeks of protracted negotiations that led to starts, stops, offers and subsequent rejections.

At times, McCourt's frustration with Ramirez's agent Scott Boras surfaced, with the owner describing the agent as "challenging to work with."

All that was forgotten on a rainy late-winter morning when Ramirez surfaced in the Malibu mist to rejoin the team and city that embraced him after he left Boston at the July 31 trade deadline.

"We got a great meeting," Ramirez told KCAL-TV as he emerged from a mandatory physical in suburban Inglewood. "I'm happy to be here. We got some unfinished business, and that's why I'm here."

The Dodgers confirmed the deal shortly after Ramirez passed the physical, and gave the team the ability to maintain control of Ramirez through 2012. It also did not include the no-trade provision.

Ramirez will make a $1 million commitment to the Dodgers Dream Foundation as part of the deal.

"We are thrilled that Manny wants to be a Dodger and that he has made such a tremendous commitment to the Los Angeles community," McCourt said in a statement. "We witnessed something very special last year in the way that our fans connected with him and the manner in which the team came together. Now, we focus our complete and undivided attention on our primary goal, winning a world championship."

**IN BRIEF**

Alex Rodriguez gets hip checked by doctor

**NEW YORK —** Alex Rodriguez has a new problem.

Hours after Rodriguez played Tuesday for the Dominican Republic in a tuneup for the World Baseball Classic, the New York Yankees announced he would get his ailing hip checked by a specialist.

An exam Saturday revealed a cyst in Rodriguez's right hip. The 33-year-old slugger is scheduled to visit Dr. Marc Philippon on Wednesday in Vail, Colo.

"He has proven his durability throughout his career, and we will take every precaution and step necessary to ensure his health as we near the start of the 2009 regular season and beyond," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said in a statement.

Rodriguez's status for the WBC was uncertain. The Dominican's first game is Saturday against the Netherlands in Puerto Rico.

NL's Cooper and Smith still missing

**TAMPA, Fla. —** Family and friends of slain Florida players Scott Cooper and Marquis Smith have accused the NFL of mishandling the case.

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**Penguins' Sheri signs for two seasons**

**PITTSBURGH —** This is becoming a recurring theme: The Pittsburgh Penguins, badly in need of a line mate for Sidney Crosby, add one of the best forwards available at the trading deadline.

General manager Ray Shero made a second significant deadline move in two seasons, picking up forward Bill Guerin from the New York Islanders on Wednesday for a conditional draft pick. Guerin, 38, once was one of the NHL's top power forwards and was the Islanders' second-leading scorer with 16 goals and 20 assists in 61 games.

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**NCAA Basketball**

Prividence at No. 16 Villanova 7 p.m., ESPN

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White Sox at Cubs 4:05 p.m., WGN
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10:00 PM
STRAIGHT-LACED
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Irish Idol

AUDITIONS
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TIME: 7pm - 9pm
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INFO: Please prepare 2+ minutes of vocal performance, with or without CD accompaniment. CASH PRIZES FOR CONTEST WINNERS.

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NBA

Cavs’ win earns them playoff spot

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 23 points, in the last game before a career-high eight steals and the Cleveland Cavaliers became the first team to clinch a spot in the NBA playoffs by beating the Milwaukee Bucks 91-73 on Wednesday night in a potential first-round series preview.

At 48-12, the Cavaliers wrapped up their fourth straight postseason berth with more than one month left in the regular season. But Cleveland has been doing everything at an accelerated rate. The Cavs moved 36 games over .500 for the first time and improved their league-best record to home to 27-1.

Mo Williams scored 15 against his former team and Zydrunas Iliuskas added 14 for Cleveland, which lowered its magic number for winning the Central Division to six.

Richard Jefferson scored 29 for the Bucks, currently clinging to the No. 8 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Cleveland swept the four-game series between the teams, who could meet again in April with more at stake.

Milwaukee was still within striking distance late in the third quarter, but Wally Szczerbiak hit a 3-pointer and James followed with one of his own as the Cavs, who seemed disinterested for much of the night, took a 14-point lead into the fourth.

The Bucks fought back and were within 10 when James, who scored 55 in the last meeting between the clubs, dropped a step-back 3-pointer over Luc Mbah a Moute in the deep corner and made it 81-68 with 6:45 left. James passed to admit his face before heading down the floor.

Cleveland was back home following a grueling, four-games-in-five-nights road trip during which the Cavs went 3-1 against Houston, San Antonio, Atlanta and Miami — all likely playoff teams. Cleveland had to rally to win the last two games, and overcame lengthy travel delays on route to South Florida.

The Cavs didn’t have to work nearly as hard against the Bucks.

As he was being switched to a trainer on the locker room floor before tipoff, James, Williams and teammate Tone Kinsey watched the video of James’ 55-point performance against the Bucks on Feb. 20. James seemed to recall every dribble, pass and shot and was most impressed by his 24-point, third-quarter explosion.

“That’s the best quarter I’ve ever seen,” he said.

There would be no encore for James, who attempted just 11 shots and sat out the final four minutes.

Ahead by just three points in the second quarter, the Cavaliers went on a 9-0 run capped by a 3-pointer from James and opened a 48-30 halftime lead.

Jefferson kept the Bucks close all by himself as he scored 27 points in the opening half.

Cavalier J.J. Hickson dunks over Milwaukee’s Francisco Elson during Cleveland’s victory Wednesday to clinch a playoff spot.

Pittsburgh outlasts Eagles’ strong second half run

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Not many teams are capable of hitting No. 3 Pittsburgh with a 21-5 run like No. 13 Marquette did to start the second half, the kind of can-you-answer-this surge that shifts momentum and leads to upset.

There probably aren’t many teams in the country that can respond to the Panthers did, with a 10-minute stretch so overwhelming that it left opposing teams in the dark as Williams’ shaking his head in admiration.

DeJuan Blair scored 23 points and was dominating inside, but the defending champions decided 21-2 after they fell behind and shooting nine points early in the second half, and rallied for a 90-75 victory Wednesday night.

Pitt set up a Big East showdown against No. 1 Connecticut on Saturday that eventually might decide one — or two — of the four of the top seeds in the NCAA tournament.

The Golden Eagles (23-7, 12-5) started Pitt by surging to a 57-48 lead with 15:36 remaining. However, the Panthers (27-3, 14-3) weren’t flustered by the kind of turn-around they may see in postseason play, quickly answering with a 9-0 run finished off by Blair’s dunk to tie it at 57.

“We realized that even when they made that run and went ahead, that we were executing and doing things right,” Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. “We took good shots and didn’t make them and, eventually, those two good shots became makes and we were able to pull away.”

Marquette couldn’t find an answer to Pitt’s inside-out game, with point guard Levance Fields pulling up for jumpers or making outlet passes to Blair and Sam Young for quick baskets before the Panthers made Marquette work for points at the other end.

“I thought we were never where we needed to be,” Williams said. “For that 10-minute stretch, we could not make a basket and everything they made, we seemed to miss. I think it’s a testament to our team’s game. We’ve got a team that’s very good at making baskets and making you work for it. That’s how they’re built, that’s how they’re coached.”

Fields had 17 points and 10 assists, Young scored 18 points, Jermaine Dixon had 13 points and Gilbert Brown added 11 as Pitt won its 20th in a row at home and moved to 14-0 at the Petersen Events Center this season.

Jerel McNeal scored 23 points and Lazar Hayward had 22, but Marquette lost its third straight to a team ranked in the top six, all since senior point guard Dominique Johnson broke a home in his fist. Wesley Matthews added 16 points but Maurice Acker, filling in for James, was held to six in 29 minutes.

“Just mind-set is fine. We might not have beaten UConn with ‘Nic’, we might not have beaten Louisville with ‘Nic’, we might not have beaten Pitt with ‘Nic,’ said Williams, refusing to blame the losses on the injury.

McNeal was 8-of-24 from the field after going 3-of-19 while scoring 10 points in the 62-58 loss to No. 6 Louisville on Sunday.

Tyrell Biggs put Pitt ahead to stay by scoring inside with 11:04 remaining, making it 63-61, and Fields converted a three-point play ahead of another close-range basket by Blair to make it 69-63. After that, Brown hit 3 and added two long jumpers, Hill hit a fallaway and Blair made two free throws as a selhout crowd began chanting, “We Want UConn, We Want UConn!”

“You heard the crowd, they want UConn. We want them, too,” Blair said.

The Panthers will get the Buckeyes, again, the second time they have had a chance to knock off UConn while top seeded.

Pitt ascended to the No. 1 ranking after beating Connecticut 76-68 behind Blair’s 22 points and 23 rebounds on Feb. 16 — the first win in school history over a No. 1 team — but fell out of the top spot this week after losing at Providence eight days later.

The Panthers led by as many as 10 points in the first half against Marquette and were up 43-36 at halftime before Marquette’s big run.

“Basketball is a game of runs, and we know we had it in us to come back,” Brown said. “You’ve just got to know as a team, defensively and offensively, when it comes down to it, we’re going to be back in the game and have a chance to win it.”

The surge briefly quieted a loud, sign-waving sellout crowd that was revved up by the surprise prep game announcement that Pitt assistant coach Brandin Knight’s No. 20 jersey would become one of only four retirled by the school.
Carmelo vows to coach's policies

After blatantly ignoring Nuggets head coach George Karl, Anthony was suspended one game this week

DENVER — Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony says he wishes George Karl would have kept his insubordination a secret but promises next time his coach tries to sub for him, he’ll sprint right back to the bench like a kid lunging for an empty seat at musical chairs.

"I’m not going to run. I’m going to run to the bench. I’m going to run hard to the bench," Anthony pledged Wednesday after practicing with the team for the first time since his one-game suspension for refusing to come out of Denver’s game at Indiana on Sunday night.

Anthony, who had been mired in a shooting funk, had just hit a couple of shots late in the third quarter against the Pacers and said he felt his hot hand merited his staying in the game, so he refused to be subbed for Linas Kleiza.

Karl was incredulous.

"There was not much anger there. It was more of a shock when it happened," Karl said Wednesday. "We sat down and decided that was kind of the mantra of our season, to be more focused, more disciplined, more professional.

"And that crossed the line."

So, after conferring with the team’s brain trust, Karl suspended Anthony for the Nuggets’ game Tuesday night at Detroit.

Anthony watched the Pistons’ 100-95 win from the team hotel and rejoined his teammates afterward for the flight home, then met with Karl before Wednesday’s workout.

"It was just me wanting to be in there, wanting to play, wanting to finish that run that we just had," Anthony explained in his first public comments about the incident. "If it was wrong, I was wrong. I don’t think I can be wrong for wanting to win a basketball game and trying to help my team win."

Karl said there was a thin line between passionate play and insubordination and his star crossed it by crossing the coach.

"I didn’t want to come out," Anthony said. "If you look at it that deeply, then yeah, I maybe was wrong. I should have come out of the game, but if you’re a basketball player, you know how you feel when you get something going finally and you’re about to sit, your competitiveness all comes out."

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What Karl wanted was for Anthony to come out.

"I think it was a combination of different feelings, he wasn’t playing very well and he finally made some shots and his reaction was overboard," Karl said.

"And I get to play policeman," Anthony said he should have gotten off with a warning.

"Well, I mean, when somebody comes to sub you out, I guess you’re supposed to go out. Like I said, it was one of those things where I felt like I wanted to stay in the game and make a run and try to win that game," Anthony said.

"In my eyes I thought the situation was minute," he added. "Nobody knows what happened. Some of my teammates didn’t even know what happened. The only people who knew me, George and the person that was coming to sub me in."

That’s not the point, Karl said.

To understand Karl’s reaction, it helps to remember that he found himself in a somewhat similar situation in Milwaukee several years ago when he was coaching the Bucks and Tim Thomas refused to return to the court in the final minute of a blowout at Denver.

Karl wanted to suspend Thomas, but team owner Herb Kohl wouldn’t go along with it, reasoning that nobody had seen him refusing Karl’s instructions, so it was best to keep a lid on it. Karl lost that argument and his relationship with both Thomas and Kohl cooled after that.

This time, the Nuggets backed Karl 100 percent, and Karl made his point loud and clear.

"As an organization, we talked about it and we had to... come down in a strong way," Karl said.

"I’m not a big believer in suspensions. I don’t necessarily like them. I think they’re probably more uncomfortable to me than anybody," Karl said. "But I think there’s certain situations where they are necessary."

Interestingly, Anthony never apologized for his actions, either in his chat with the media or his 20-minute meeting with Karl.

"I think there was just a moving on kind of conversation," Karl said. "I don’t know if the word ‘apology’ was there, but I think we all feel that we’re in a good place. We’re excited about the challenge and it’s best right now to forget about it and move on."

Anthony, who will return to action Thursday night against Portland, and Karl both said there was no rift between them.

"I never had any words with George. We never had an argument. It was just, you know, he took a stance on what happened and the result was a suspension," Anthony said.

And he said he understands Karl’s position.

"He’s got to do his job. He’s got to coach. We’ve got to play. I mean, at all times during the 82-game season, everybody’s not going to always agree, and that was just one of those times I didn’t agree," Anthony said. "I didn’t want to come out of the game."

Anthony said it won’t happen again, and Karl said he believes him.

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BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tyler Hansbrough had 22 points and 15 rebounds and No. 2 North Carolina stayed on track to win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title with an 86-78 victory over Virginia Tech on Wednesday night.

The Tar Heels (26-3, 12-3), who lead Duke by one game heading into their regular season finale on Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C., led almost throughout and took command with a 10-0 run that started with 5:03 to play — after the Hokies closed within one.

Virginia Tech (17-12, 7-8) lost for the fifth time in six games, and once again saw their hopes of an at-large NCAA tournament bid dashed.

The Hokies have lost seven of their last 10 games and they finish the regular season at Florida State on Sunday.

A.D. Vassallo led Virginia Tech with 25 points, while Malcolm Delaney had 19 and JaJuan Johnson added 11 for the Boilermakers (22-8, 11-6).

Purdue had won five of its past six games, and had won five straight in the series with Northwestern.

Purdue overcame a 14-point deficit to beat North Carolina 63-61 in Evanston, Ill. on Jan. 18, then won at Michigan State Jan. 21.

The Boilermakers were eliminated in the Big Ten tournament and the NCAA tournament.

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Izzo believes the Spartans can make it to the Final Four if they continue to play well.

"They're not going to be easy," Izzo said. "The Spartans are going to have to work hard and they have to be ready for the next game."
Women’s Swimming and Diving

Athletes tune up before nationals

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Coming off of its unprecedented 13th consecutive Big East championship, Notre Dame traveled to West Lafayette, Ind. for the Purdue Boiler-Make-It Invitational, a final qualifier and tune-up before the NCAA Zone Diving and Swimming Championships.

“We went out there to try and improve times in order to possibly make the NCAA Championships,” Irish coach Brian Barnes said. “The 200 relay team accomplished that.”

Early in the Boiler-Make-It Invitational, Irish seniors Megan Farrell and Ashley Edgell made an impact, finishing first and second, respectively, in the 200-meter individual medley. But their times were short of a qualifying time.

“I think we were really close,” Farrell said. “We really needed that.”

Irish junior Maggie Behrens, who placed fourth in the 200-meter individual medley, also came just short of the qualifying time.

Senior Colleen Bulfin leads the way for the Irish and will be competing in the Zone Diving Championships for the fourth consecutive year. Bulfin is coming off a strong performance at last month’s Big East championships, where she placed fifth in the 1-meter and seventh in the 3-meter diving events.

Last season, the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native finished in sixth place in the 1-meter at the NCAA Zone Championships and later moved on to become the first diver in Notre Dame history to score points at the NCAA championships.

Sophomore Eric Lox, Wesley Villafior and Nathan Geary will each return to the event for the second consecutive season. Each diver performed well in Notre Dame’s first-place finish at the Big East championships.

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Men’s Swimming and Diving

Divers prepare for Zone C competition

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s divers will look to continue their strong season at the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships in Minneapolis on March 13.

The Irish will boast a good deal of experience in the meet, as four of their five participants competed in the event last year.

Senior captain Michael Bulfin leads the way for the Irish and will be competing in the Zone Diving Championships for the fourth consecutive year. Bulfin is coming off a strong performance at last month’s Big East championships, in which the All-American finished second in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

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Wade’s Heat beat Phoenix

MIAMI — Shaquille O’Neal knocked Dwyane Wade to the ground, then stood over him for a few seconds, seeming almost unsure of what to do.

Didn’t matter. Wade was great once again — and his teammates picked him up when he needed the lift.

Wade scored 35 points and tied his career high with 16 assists, Michael Beasley and Daequan Cook both had career highs on the way to a combined 55 points off Miami’s bench.

The Heat spoiled O’Neal’s first trip back to South Florida since last year’s trade with a 135-129 win over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night.

“It wasn’t about the story line of Shaq coming back for us,” Wade said. “We really needed this win.”

Beasley scored 28 points — the most by a Heat player besides Wade this season — and nine rebounds. Cook added 27 points and Miami led for all but a portion of the opening minutes on the way to the second-highest point total in franchise history.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish look ahead to end of indoor season

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will finish up the indoor season with two meets over break. This weekend, the Irish will compete in the Alex Wilson Invitational, held at Notre Dame's Meyo Field. Although the Big East Championships have already been completed, the Invitational still has major ramifications for some athletes.

"The Alex Wilson meet provides Notre Dame athletes a last chance to qualify for nationals. It is an essential meet for those looking to secure a provisional or automatic mark that will advance them to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships," junior pole vaulter Matt Schipper said.

Those who succeed in qualifying for nationals will take a trip down to Texas in two weeks. So far, senior pole vaulter Mary Saxer is the only Irish athlete to officially punch her ticket to the meet. Schipper, with his performance in the Big East Championships, also qualified, but will have to await until the Invitational to know whether or not he will be taken.

"The rankings change so frequently each week that it is difficult to tell exactly who will be making the trip down to Texas as of this moment. ... A lot can change this coming weekend," Saxer said.

The Invitational will begin at 5 p.m. Friday and continue through Saturday. The national championships will take place at Texas A&M University the next weekend.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers set to hit the road

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 11 Irish (3-1) start out on the road this break as they take on No. 13 Dartmouth (2-1) in Hanover, N.H., this Saturday — Notre Dame's second away game of the season. The Irish went 2-1 in their recent three-game homestand losing to No.1 Northwestern and defeating Ohio State and No. 16 Stanford.

The Irish won 17-8 over Stanford last Saturday, with five goals from senior captain Jillian Byers, four goals and an assist from junior attack Gina Sciosia and three goals from sophomore midfielder/attack Shaylen Blaney. Senior goal-keeper Erin Goodman made 13 saves.

Byers' five points gave her a career total of 238 points, breaking the previous Notre Dame record that was set by Janusz Bednarski said.

The Indiana native's performance in the finals in late April was the best of her career, Bednarski said.

"She exhibits the best form and technique on the field," Bednarski said.

According to NCAA regulations, the Irish can send twelve men and twelve women as a team to the regional if they qualify the maximum number of fighters. According to NCAA regulations, the Irish can send twelve men and twelve women as a team to the regional if they qualify the maximum number of fighters. According to NCAA regulations, the Irish can send twelve men and twelve women as a team to the regional if they qualify the maximum number of fighters. According to NCAA regulations, the Irish can send twelve men and twelve women as a team to the regional if they qualify the maximum number of fighters.

"You always hear people talk about Cristy and the incredible player that she is, so to be recognized with the best of the best is an incredible feeling," Blaney said.

Notre Dame hopes to keep up its winning streak over the break as they will play three games, two of them away and against ranked teams. After facing Dartmouth, the Irish will travel to Disney World to take on No. 18 Florida State on Wednesday. They finish up the week back home with a match against Hofstra next Saturday.

"Notre Dame has won its only road game, Duquesne 22-7 in the season opener. The only loss this season was against No. 1 Northwestern, who beat the Irish 21-5 in Notre Dame's home opener. The Irish came back that same weekend against Ohio State, winning 14-11.

The Irish have had an overall strong showing on the field this season, both offensively and defensively. Sciosia leads the team in points with 15-10 goals and five assists. She's followed by Byers (13), Blaney (11) and sophomore midfielder Kalline Abt (10). In the net, Goodman has made 33 saves in over 260 minutes of playing time this year.

"The younger brother, pole vaulter Shaylyn Blaney, said. "It's always hard here for a few weeks, get down to Texas in two weeks, get ready to compete in the meet."

Byers, who will try to keep its winning streak going, will face Dartmouth this Saturday at 12 p.m. to start off spring break play.

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FENCING

Team faces reigning NCAA champs

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The NCAA Midwest regional meet is the make-or-break event for the Notre Dame fencing teams this weekend as they head into the final qualifying event before the NCAA championships. The only thing standing between the Irish and a full qualifying squad is reigning national champion Ohio State, who will be hosting the regional at Columbus, Ohio.

"The problem is the difference between us and them is so low that one day victory will be for them and another day it will be for us," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It was this way the whole year; our victories were minimal and their victories were minimal."

Bednarski believes the outcome will once again be very close this weekend, but he said the team that exhibits the best form and the best technique on the strip will finish the regional on top.

Both the Irish male and female squads will send full teams to the event after qualifying the maximum number of fighters.

According to NCAA regulations, the Irish can send twelve men and twelve women as a team to the regional if they qualify the maximum number of fighters.

"The Buckeyes are very good in every event," Bednarski said. "I believe we can get our rivals one day and win a big event, but they have to grow. They have to learn and get more experience in how to behave in the stressful moments in our sport."

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allure of Florida sunlight. "We're looking forward to their place last year," senior Kelly Tefft said. "And they have a lot of depth, back to back."
All first the match against the Hawkeyes, the Fighting Irish will play South Florida Wednesday.
"South Florida is always tough for us," Tefft said. "We go down to their place and it's usually pretty hot and humid, when the temperature is outside at all." In the last two or more top-ten teams within a week, after just defeating the past two top-ten teams last week. Irish haven't receive much of a break, despite the nice weather. Duke in playing especially well, having won at No. 1 Northwestern this past Saturday.
"Duke is always great," Tefft said. "And they are very, very good." Leading the Irish into this match will be Tefft, ranked No. 31 in singles play and ranked second in doubles, along with freshman Krisztina Zollar. While four matches in eight days over a one weekend seem excessive, the Irish are accustomed to such tests. "We just try to get outside and play some matches. Everyone's going to have to play over break," Tefft said.
But while the trip south could carry heavy implications for the team in the immediate, a break will not be all competition experience. "It is really good for us to get in three outdoor matches over the break to see the sun and it is warmer than twenty degrees." Tefft said.
Notre Dame begins spring break Friday, but for the tennis, the break will be only from the academic.
"The team's touchy when it hosts Iowa at 3 p.m.

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Senior Duncan Swezey was the opening faceoff is set for 1 p.m. Frazier said. "Our pitching is off, so we can be successful in as many pitches as we can," Frazier said.
Last time the team played, Irish the hot beat Sacramento State and Stanford's Nick Frey in Palo Alto, Calif. Frey said that tournament boosted Notre Dame. "Our pitching and the fact that we improved so much from the first weekend makes us say," Frey said.
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Going out in style?**

Hoopsters hope to win Senior Night contest against SJU

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sport Writer

After Monday's demoralizing loss to Villanova, many have accepted that Notre Dame's hopes of making the NCAA Tournament are slim, but the Irish players haven't. At the very least, that's the team's party line as it prepares for the final game of the regular season Friday against St. John's.

"I don't think we're accepting anything," senior Ryan Ayers said about the team's postseason possibilities. "Anything could happen from here, so why would we give up now. We're not going to come out with a lot of pride and play with a lot of heart against Friday."

Besides the fact that their postseason lives will be on life support, emotions will be high as it prepares for the final game of the regular season. "We're going to have the high rankings and the support, emotions will be high as it prepares for the final game of the regular season."

**BASEBALL**

Notre Dame heads south to take on No. 7 Rice and others

By BILL BRINK
Sport Editor

The Irish will get a tough test this weekend when they face No. 7 Rice, one of three teams Notre Dame will play in Houston, Texas, but Irish coach Dave Schrage said he's not concerned about who his team faces.

"Right now, we're concerned more about how we're playing than who we're playing," he said. "We only really get three days of practice and then we're on the road again traveling."

Notre Dame (3-3) will play Oral Roberts Friday, Rice Saturday and Washington State Sunday. Because of warmer weather, the Irish have practiced outside more this season than in the past, but sporadic indoor practices prevent the team from practicing fly balls. When indoor on the football field at the Loftus Sports Center, the team practices fundamentals and footwork.

"We can take a lot of ground balls, and I think that's shown in our infield defense," Schrage said.

Despite the fact that the team hasn't spent much time outside, some players have started the season hot at the plate. Sophomore infielders Mick Doyle and Greg Sherry lead the team in hitting with averages of .438 through the first six games. "[Doyle] didn't play much last year as a freshman but he's off to a great start," Schrage said.

Junior A.J. Pollock and sophomore Golden Tate have also had success at the plate. Tate is batting .385 with a .429 on-base percentage from the lead-off spot. "I think Golden has matured as a player," Schrage said. "Very similar to football, where he had a little better second

**ND SOFTBALL**

Squad set for return to action

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sport Writer

With spring break approaching, Notre Dame anticipates a long week of play in the southeastern portion of the country, playing a group of teams with different abilities. The Irish traveled to North Carolina State for the Wolfpack Invitational last weekend, only to later find out all games were cancelled due to excessive rain.

"Not being able to play was really boring," said sophomore shortstop Katie Fleury. "You can't do any form of activity at all."

The first stop for the team next week will be the University of Nevada-Las Vegas's invitational tourna-

**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Irish set for tough stretch

Squad will face No. 4 Duke in Orlando, Fla.

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sport Writer

Before Notre Dame heads south to Florida and Georgia for spring break, the No. Irish will host Iowa (6-5) Friday at 3 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Starting with this match, the Irish (11-1) will have four matches in eight days during spring break. The team will also face South Florida (1-5) in Tampa, No. 4 Duke (9-1) in Orlando, and Finally, No. 8 Georgia Tech (5-4) in Atlanta. But first and foremost, the team must face Iowa, a match not to be over-looked amidst the high rankings and the