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**Notre Dame announces commitment to WRC**

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

At the urging of the task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives, University President Father Edward Malloy announced Tuesday that Notre Dame will become the 74th school to join the Workers Rights Consortium.

The decision follows almost a year of task force work on the issue and a major anti-sweatshop campaign by student activists.

The task force offered its then-confidential recommendation to Malloy on Friday and did not expect him to make a determination until Wednesday.

On Tuesday, task force member Brian Donoghue expressed satisfaction with Malloy’s decision to join the watchdog organization.

“I’m ecstatic that Notre Dame is joining the WRC,” said Donoghue, student body president. “This represents an important social justice action on behalf of the University.”

The WRC was created last year by anti-sweatshop activists to pressure corporate working conditions and empower laborers.

Saint Mary’s joined the WRC last April, shortly after the University announced that it would not seek membership in the group due to a lack of information.

Nearly a year later, University officials said they have eased at least some qualms about joining the WRC.

In a letter to Scott Nova, WRC executive director, Saint Mary’s task force chair Bill Hoye wrote, “I think the University is joining the WRC in light of our shared commitment and our collective experience in the fight against unacceptable labor practices.”

“It is our hope that a partnership between the WRC and Notre Dame will improve conditions for workers while helping to focus attention on this important issue,” Hoye wrote.

On Tuesday Hoye was pleased with Malloy’s acceptance of the task force’s recommendation, saying it demonstrated the University president’s confidence in the body.

But perhaps no one was more pleased with Tuesday’s announcement than members of Notre Dame’s Progressive Student Alliance, who over the course of the past year have created a big push for University membership.

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| Created code of Conduct | Task force on anti-sweatshop initiatives | Requested that corporations disclose factory locations | Joint Fair Labor Assoc., ND opted not to join WRC | Required disclosure of factory addresses by licensees | PSA held rally to urge ND to join WRC | Task Force makes recommendation to President Malloy | ND joins WRC
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**Diversity Board’s accomplishments in question**

By MYRA MGRIFF
News Writer

As elections for the Student Diversity Board approach, the Board’s accomplishments are in the spotlight.

The Student Diversity Board set out to bring a cultural awareness on campus when it began in the fall of 2000, but people on campus have different ideas as to whether the Board accomplished as much as it could have and what it needs to do in the future.

Through co-sponsorship, doing events we want to educate people, to tell them that there is more to Saint Mary’s campus,” said Akrumar Ovaroma, president of the Student Diversity Board.

But some students believe the Board has not been educating people on Saint Mary’s campus. They do not see the Board focusing on the cultural issues and broadening how students view each other.

“They focus on other issues but seem to be ignoring the racial part that is already here. I see members of the Board on campus that pass me and still don’t talk to me,” said Deon Thompson, member of Sisters of Notre Dame.

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**TONY FLOYD/The Observer**

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INSIDE COLUMN

Who's at your table?

When you visualize Christ's Last Supper with the apostles, do you picture Christ and the apostles as white males? When Renee Cox, an African-American artist, she visualized Christ at the Last Supper as a nude black woman. Apparently, this is unacceptable to some individuals. According to the New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

And how did Giuliani describe the work by Cox entitled "Yo Mama's Last Supper" which was displayed at the Brooklyn Museum of Art? His take on the artwork was, "disgusting," "anti-Catholic" and "outrageous." He also proposed setting up a "committee to set "standards of decency.""

It's the race, sex, or perhaps both of Christ that disturbs Giuliani. It is clear that he and others upset over Cox's work have one goal and that is the American Church which is a black woman challenges the white male discourse that pervades our society. The anti-Catholicism complaint is an attempt to disguise the sexism in these comments.

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**Police find alum football player stabbed in burning home**

*By MARIBEL MOREY*

Assistant News Editor

As a football player at Notre Dame in the late 1940s, Richard Cotter was a hot commodity. "He was quiet and modest and according to all the women the best looking. All the Saint Mary’s girls flocked him," said Terese Amazi, law partner and friend since the first grade.

After graduating from Notre Dame, he led a quiet life as a pilot and then later as a law partner and father of 10. Now 60 years later, Cotter and his friend, Mary McIntyre, were found murdered in his Austin, Minnesota home Feb. 17. Stacey Cotter, one of Cotter’s adopted sons, has been charged with the killings.

"Stacey had been involved in other criminal acts," Terese Amazi, Austin chief deputy sheriff, said. "Family members are active as a personal representative for probate matters," said Meany.

Cotter was actually still working a day before he was found dead. "I saw him [in the office] the day before he was murdered. He came into the office and he was talking how well he was doing with his artificial hip he had replaced," said Meany.

But Meany stresses that Cotter was a quiet man and preferred to be at home rather than socializing and playing golf. "While I spent a large part of my life with Dick, he was very quiet," Meany said. "He was a good friend, a good partner and he took care of his family." In Notre Dame, Cotter was a reserve halfback/fullback who earned three monograms, one each in 1948, 1949 and 1950. He carried 16 times for 64 yards for the 1949 national championship team, said John Heisler, associate athletic director. "He was also a four-time finalist in the Bengal Bouts." The case is still under investigation, and Amazi stresses that it is up to Stacey whether the trial will drag on. "Right now it's up to Stacey if he wants to talk," Amazi said.

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Undergraduate members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community are invited to apply for membership on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

Applications are now available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Standing Committee web site: http://www.nd.edu/~scglsn/

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2001, and can be submitted at the Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

Cuba demands end to sanctions: Cuba's chief economic planner says his country wants to trade with the United States but insists the communist nation won't buy a single aspirin until all U.S. sanctions are lifted unconditionally. "If the blockade is lifted, yes, we will buy. Not only aspirin, but many other products," Vice President Carlos Lage told The Associated Press on Monday night in an exclusive interview.

Railway crash was unavoidable: Railway companies cannot be faulted for a fatal chain-reaction collision in which a Land Rover barreled down an embankment and onto the tracks, derailing two trains, a government report said Tuesday. The Feb. 28 incident in northeast England in which 10 people were killed was "wholly exceptional."

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Courts stop execution: The Georgia Supreme Court halted the execution of a convicted killer four hours before he was scheduled to die Tuesday. In a 4-3 ruling, the court said it was delaying Ronald Keith Spivey's execution until he addressed whether electrocution violates the Constitution's ban on "cruel and unusual" punishment.

Army recovers remains from crash: A somber procession of military vehicles delivered the remains of 21 guardsmen to a central-Georgia air base as Army investigators scrambled over the site where their plane crashed, mapping and videotaping the charred wreckage. Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman, said it was delaying Ronald Keith Spivey's execution until he addressed whether electrocution violates the Constitution's ban on "cruel and unusual" punishment.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Man blames voodoo for murder: A Gary man has pleaded guilty to killing a woman whose husband suspected she was cursing him with voodoo. Anthony Gooden, 31, pleaded guilty to murder Monday for the September 1997 beating death of Alysia Hobson, Lake County prosecutors said. Hobson's husband, Jentry Hobson Jr., 55, was sentenced in November to 25 years in prison for arranging to have her killed. Hobson pleaded guilty but mentally ill in the charge of conspiracy to murder his 50-year-old wife, a counselor at Pulaski Middle School in Gary.

**SAUDI ARABIA**

Hajj continues despite stampede

Associated Press

Nearly 2 million pilgrims threw pebbles at pillars in a symbolic stoning of the devil Tuesday at a site where a day earlier 35 Muslims performing the ritual were crushed and trampled to death.

The tragedy during the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, or hajj, was the main topic of discussion among participants Tuesday, with many blaming overzealous pilgrims as well as bad organization.

On Tuesday, crowds of pilgrims moved patiently along the giant ramps surrounding the three stone pillars symbolizing the devil at which the faithful cast seven pebbles.

Pilgrims who had completed the ritual changed from their traditional hajj garbs — seamless white robes for men and modest head-to-toe costumes for women — and put on their usual clothes, their heads shaved in the tradition for those finishing the pilgrimage.

Many recalled the chaos from the day before.

"It was a very tough day. Our group passed it unhurt, thank God," said a Qurtai pilgrim who wanted to be identified only by his first name, Jaber.

The government said in a statement that the deaths occurred when some pilgrims in the massive crowds dropped luggage they were carrying, causing others to trip and fall amid the press of people. Besides the 23 women and 12 men killed, a total 107 people were injured, said the statement, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The crush took three hours to get under control, witnesses said. An Egyptian journalist who was performing the ritual at the time said he saw a few people at a time suffocate or fall and be trampled to death.

**DOW JONES**

Market Watch 3/6

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"It doesn't go against their financial aid, but we would count their earnings against next year's financial aid eligibility," she said. Therefore, for some students, working off-campus could actually hurt them. For someone like Blair, however, that is not the case. She explained that a combination of her hourly wages and tips at Colorado Steakhouse make it worthwhile for her work there. Financial aid is not always a consideration for students with off-campus jobs. Notre Dame senior Yasemin Gadelbak, who works at Lula's, decided to get a job to help cover living expenses when she moved off-campus. "Living off campus gets expensive," she said. Because her father is a faculty member, Gadelbak receives free tuition. Therefore, when she worked on campus at the Rocke Memorial and Rolfs, she was not paid. But working at Lula's has other benefits for Gadelbak as well. She also said that working there is fun, and similar to working on campus because the majority of customers are Notre Dame students or faculty due to Lula's close proximity to campus. "It's great. You get to see everybody," she said.

For Saint Mary's senior Ruth Geis, her job at The Limited in University Park Mall is perfect for the opposite reason. "It was nice to be able to get away from the whole school environment. It's something to do to get off campus," Geis said. Blair finds a similar benefit working at Colorado Steakhouse. "It's nice getting out of Notre Dame and meeting people," said Blair.

"Extra spending money" is another benefit her job offers, according to Gis, who is not a financial aid recipient and has never had an on-campus job. But working off campus does have some drawbacks, according to Blair. One problem she has faced is that unlike her former on-campus bosses, the ones at the restaurant are not always understanding about her homework and tests. "On campus, they're really cool if you have an exam," Blair said. Geis works primarily on weekends to try to avoid that problem. "My classes are my priority, and then I work," she said. Students not receiving financial aid can still work on campus, according to Swift. She said her office posts positions on its job board web site. Salaries of students not on financial aid are not considered work-study, and so their salaries must be fully funded by the University.

Diversity
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the food," said Omarova. Although its cultural event for last semester ran into obstacles, the Board was able to make steps to improve the campus for those students with disabilities. "The Board has given a voice to disabled students. Last semester we were able to propose measures to improve accessibility on campus for disabled students and hopefully money will be set aside to make those changes," said Sara Mahoney, a member of Students with Disabilities and Diversity Board. The Board also plans to pack the month of March with activities. Featuring events ranging from International Women's Week to Hunger Awareness Week, each member of the Board has taken on a cause.

"We are working on getting students to sponsor a child with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Mexico. If this works we want to start sponsoring children around the world," said Virginia Brewer-Delgado. Along with helping the world, the Board is trying to involve the South Bend community in its effort to enrich Saint Mary's students. "For Disabilities Week we want to bring in the Logan center. We want people to see that Saint Mary's is not just one homogenous community," said Omarova. Even though the Board is planning events for March, some students think the Board can play an even bigger role on campus. Some students, like campus activist senior Maureen Capillo, are concerned because they want a Board that is visibly active.

"They haven't done much and they have a lot of work ahead of them," said Capillo. Utilizing its resources is key, said Jamie Newcomb, Board member. "Having all these people in one place is an incredible amount of power only if we use it," said Newcomb.

"It is an ongoing challenge and daily struggle. The more we talk the more we open and I think by next year we will be in a different place," said Terri Johnson, advisor and director of Multicultural Affairs at Saint Mary's.
Ameritech awards Tarara to create lab

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Virtual laboratories are on the horizon at Saint Mary's. Rick Tarara, professor of physics at Saint Mary's, was awarded a $10,000 grant from Ameritech to develop virtual physics laboratory experiences. Tarara hopes that the experiences, which will be video sequences and animated simulations, will enhance students' experience in the lab and allow schools with limited equipment to offer more varied experiences to students.

"The whole project is about providing a software tool that is a pre and post-lab exercise for physics labs to familiarize students with equipment," Tarara said.

Tarara explained that a major problem with physics labs is the limited time allowed students. Within the limited time slot, students are expected to become familiar with equipment, perform experiments, and analyze the results.

A virtual lab that allows students to become comfortable with the equipment before lab time and return to the equipment once the lab is complete will offer students a more complete lab experience.

"Time is a problem in many labs," Tarara said. "You have a certain amount of time in lab, and once you leave, you don't have access to the equipment. If you can be familiar with the equipment when you come in, you won't have to waste the first half-hour of lab." The grant allows Tarara to expand on a rougher, initial version of animated computer simulations that he began several years ago. He has initial work done on an air track simulation already completed.

Once the entire lab is completed, he will offer it free on the internet to interested faculty at both the high school and college level.

"The first thing I hope to do is release this experiment on the web and get some feedback before going on to the next experiment," Tarara said. "I will offer it free on the internet for download through my website. Tarara will be presenting his virtual laboratory to both a meeting of the Indiana Association of Physics teachers and at the National Association of Physics teachers meeting. Ameritech has a history of supporting ideas that enhance technology available to students and skills students learn.

"Ameritech is committed to supporting educational initiatives that utilize technology to enhance learning," said George Powell, president of Ameritech Indiana. "We are proud to support Saint Mary's College as it expands the opportunities high school and college students have to learn."
Parents praise Notre Dame family

Learn for learning's sake

A week ago my husband Harry and I had the privilege of being a part of Notre Dame's wonderful Junior Parents' Weekend. It was a fun and memorable experience that we both enjoyed immensely.

Along with our daughter Hyland we also did what most Domers do everyday: ate in the dining hall, visited your beautiful bookstore and listened to Father Edward Malloy, Father Joseph Walker and other faculty members and profs as they enlightened us on various matters concerning our daughter's studies at Notre Dame.

As parents we felt our eyes open in fright. Whether it's a short story in a particular author's style or a first-person anecdote in a foreign language, the class will grow nervous and inevitably hands will begin to shake up across the classroom.

How will this be graded? Is this what you want us to do? Can I show you a draft? And when the professor fails to provide them with a clear formula, a deliberate recipe for a good grade, they panic.

Notre Dame does not have a creative student body. Its strongest colleges are science and business, which I think sets the tone for the rest of the University. Our alumni are known for their mergers and I.P.O.s, not for their debut novels or feature films. Even the campus seems to lack that philosophical feel to it that you get when you walk through Ann Arbor or one of the Ivy League campuses out east.

No, you'll never confuse South Bend for Oxford, but what we as intellectuals lack in creativity we make up for with an elbow groove.

For a Catholic university there's quite a Protestant work ethic here — weeks like spring break and weekend nights. It's a problem at Notre Dame as the students never flinch to work ethic as a byproduct of academic Rudy's. We may not be the smartest or cleverest or most privileged students, but we certainly get A's, they could do serious harm to our rugged frontier origins — but work ethic shouldn't carry too much significance in academics.

This could be why America has never produced at top of the line intellectuals compared to, say, a working level machinery. Above all things, the effort and toil must result in making a man and think for himself. You didn't come to Notre Dame to fatten your ego on the Golden Coast — but with your work ethic, you are capable of contemplating.
Use membership to improve WRC

Editorial

Trust in promises is necessary

First and foremost I would like to thank the University of Notre Dame for joining the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC).

Secondly, I would like to answer some concerns and miscommunications between the administration and student groups, particularly in regard to Professor Tom Whitmore's comments yesterday in his article, "WRC Decision A Difficult One."

I commend the University for its work on the sweatshop issue. As Whitmore mentioned Monday, some wonderful work. I also agree that the work is not finished, as is defined by its commitment to the Catholic social teachings of solidarity and subsidiarity.

However the question then becomes what this solidarity with workers actually means. In the Kukdong example it meant a number of things.

For one, it meant that the Mexican law had to support and encourage unions (as it should in China) but it also meant that those "governmental" unions had to support the workers' needs. In Puebla, the Home of the Kirk and the WRC, "union" means what this case. Their "union" was a government union and it was not supporting or helping workers which is why on Jan. 6, 25 workers were fired and on Jan. 9, 800 workers participated in a work stoppage.

As the above example shows this reality is a tedious one. Factory conditions and locations vary. These problems are constantly changing and exist at personal and local levels. The conditions in Mexico for apparel workers are dire. They are working in dangerous conditions in Indonesia. Not better or worse, just different.

These differing conditions make "regular monitoring" enormously difficult. Who is doing this "regular monitoring?" How is it being done? What purpose does it serve? What does it mean for the workers or the monitors? When Price WaterhouseCooper, a multi-national auditing firm, does "regular monitoring" they are serving the interests of their customers and not, as the Fair Labor Association likes to claim, the workers in sweatshop conditions. This difficulty (i.e. how one defines "regular monitoring") is the reason why the WRC is concentrating on complaint based procedures at this juncture.

In regard to Whitmore's concern surrounding the pulling out of companies in production areas — I share your concern and fear. This fear gets to the hardest part of solidarity work. How and when do we best throw our weight and privilege around?

There were many universities and colleges at the WRC founding conference last April that had this exact fear. Administrators were afraid that "pulling out" would militate corporations and thus result in devastating and very dramatic measures like pulling out and losing jobs. The response last April was, "We have to start from the same concerns. But we cannot let our fear stop us. We must move forward on this issue and we need your help and support to get this project off the ground. We will inevitably address these concerns as an unified organization when the time comes. We promise. That promise was a profound and important promise to hear. And I believe the Kukdong incident shows how the WRC as an unified organization handled the incident was a perfect example and confirmation of this promise. We, as a community, must identify and give voice to our fears as Whitmore did Monday afternoon. We must address them and sometimes move past them as the University did yesterday morning when they joined the WRC. Thank you.

In closing I suggest — maybe even highly recom mend — that the University consider applying their commitment of solidarity to their interactions with the Notre Dame student body. In regard to sweatshop issues this would mean allowing an undergraduate student or two who are also active in the Progressive Student Alliance to sit in voting rights on the Notre Dame sweatshop task force and advisory committee.

Maureen Capillo

Treasurer

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Collection revives Romero's spirit

In the days before his death on March 24, 1980, Salvadoran Bishop Oscar Romero famously said, "I must tell you, as a Christian, I do not believe in death without resurrection. I'll be killed. I shall arise in the Salvadoran people." Romero was assassinated because he supported the rights of El Salvador about the pover ty of the masses, calling on the people of God to act. Ever since, El Salvador has worked to reduce El Salvador's poverty, suffering and violence. Romero's spirit lives on, and so does that of Al Sondej.

Jim Paladino

For a More Just and Humane World

Al Sondej was a member of the Notre Dame Class of 1974, my class. The class that is able to boast Notre Dame's first astronaut, James Wetherbee, who is scheduled to take off in Space Shuttle Discovery on Thursday of this week. But Al Sondej is also a hero of that class.

Many people to this day remember Al faithfully outside of the North Dining Hall every evening meal, calling on the University for money for poverty. An angel there commemorates his efforts. During the 1970s Al responded to an earthquake in Guatemala by traveling there to help in relief efforts. Al has since passed away but friends of his from the class of 1974 have established a fund in his name here at Notre Dame to assist in poverty relief efforts.

This past week members of that group approached the University with the hope that a fitting memorial for Al's years here at Notre Dame would be to send the proceeds (amounting to several thousand dollars) from Al's fund to El Salvador through Catholic Relief Services.

As we remember Oscar Romero we can all take this opportunity to remember his spirit that lives in Al Sondej and to make sure to be present in our lives on this campus. In Al's memory students will be taking collections outside of both the North and South Dining halls and at the Monday Romero lec ture at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Please remember our sisters and brothers in El Salvador as they raise money for earthquake relief and rebuilding efforts through the Catholic Relief Services.

Keep the spirit of Romero and Sondej alive in our midst!
Man triumphs over technology as CBS game show loses

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

Assistant Scene Editor

Game shows attract die-hard followers of all ages, fans who live to hear Bob Barker yell, "Come on down!" or hear Regis ask, "Is that your final answer?"

From the earliest days of quiz shows, these armchair players have competed right along with the contestants on their TV screens. Game show addicts are found across the country, and Notre Dame is no exception. Sophomore Sean Milligan, reigning champion of Playstation "Jeopardy!" in Fisher Hall, considers himself a game show guru.

"I think game shows are the best thing that ever happened to TV," said Milligan. "Where else can you do absolutely nothing and still be a hero for a day?"

Like many of his hall mates, Milligan enjoys his daily fix of game shows. His favorites include "Jeopardy!," "The Price is Right," "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" and "Temptation Island."

Milligan is confident in his game show stratagems. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" I rule that game," he said. "I'd win at 'Temptation Island' and 'Survivor' at the same time."

Since his childhood, Milligan has been watching game shows and planning his shot at the million dollar question. Of course, the jackpot was not always $1 million.

In fact, the first game show had no prize money and was not even aired on television. Proving just how far the genre has come since its conception.

History

Today it is almost impossible not to recognize the phrases "Is that your final answer?" or "I'd like to buy a vowel." The catchy theme music from "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune" is impossible to get out of your head. You're humming it right now, aren't you?

Yet while these programs have become a staple in American popular culture, the game show as we know it today is surprisingly young. In 1923, only 13 years after the first public radio broadcast, two ambitious young men — "Time" magazine co-founder Britton Hadden and his circulation manager Roy Larsen — made world history. With the strike of a chime, the two men premiered "The Pop Question Game" in an attempt to increase the readership of the fledgling news journal.

"The Pop Question Game" consisted of a selected guest answering one question, or "skull test," before the chime's last note sounded.

No prize money was offered on "The Pop Question Game." No fancy cars or dream vacations were won with the correct answer. Moreover, the creators of the game show concept had no idea how big their publicity stunt would become.
ents to be a millionaire?

The first radio show to have a real game show format was the "Professor Quiz" show, which debuted in March 1937. The show boasted a host, an announcer, a studio audience and prizes. "Professor Quiz," aired on CBS, at that time a radio station like all the other major networks. By the next year, other networks had taken notice of the successful idea, and soon there were over 200 programs with a similar format.

Shortly after the first for-profit television broadcast, games shows made the transition to the little screen. The first commercial television game show, The Picture," was hosted by Jackie Gleason. In this program, two contestants faced each other in a way unlike other earlier quiz games. In "Greed," contestants must play cooperatively and against each other at the same time. Again, the show focuses on the participants themselves rather than the game.

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While the phrase may not be as catchy as the famous "Jeopardy!" category "potent potables," "Dr. I.Q." set the standard for pompous and overly boisterous hosts. Each night an assistant would announce with great gusto, "I have a lady in the balcony, Doctor.

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It is easy to sit back and watch faceless contestants match their wits against the masters, but does everyone have the chutzpa to actually apply? The selection process is not as hard as one might think. "Jeopardy!" offers contestants interviews year-round. The interview consists of a 50 question test. Those who pass the test go on to a videotaped mock session of the game filmed by none other than host Alex Trebek. The lucky hopefuls who make it past the taping will then have their names put in an active file for a year, during which they may be called upon to attend a real "Jeopardy!" round.

The selection process for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" is less exclusive. Interested parties may call in and play a telephone version of the game during announced hours.

Winners of the round are entered into a random computerized drawing to play a second qualifying round. If successful, the parties will again be placed in a computerized random pool and may then be called as contestants for the show.

Strategies to win at the games are widely varied. A brief look at the games section of any large bookstore reveals numerous titles on how to succeed in each show. Some books recommend systems for managing time while others claim to have advanced knowledge of what questions the quiz will pose.

These are strategies too involved for connoisseurs like Milligan.

"The trick to winning at 'Jeopardy!' is being fast on the buzzer and knowing way too much useless trivia," Milligan said. "In 'Survivor' you have to make friends, but not really be their friends."

It may be a while before you see Milligan's face in the hot seat of a quiz show, but he is confident that if anyone is brave enough to step up to the buzzer, he will soundly show them what it means to be a true game show guru.

Contestants spin for big money and ask to buy vowels on CBS's "Wheel of Fortune," now in its 18th season starring Pat Sajak and Vanna White.
Coaches who have their points down are the ones who twice have torn the anterior cruciate ligament in their knee are the ligaments examined, it says. "My strong clinical practice in great or playing great, I jinx them," Auriemma said. "I think the crowd was definitely a factor," McGraw said. "She played so well, Ivey doesn't play well," Auriemma said. "No, they all look just as dopey as before the ball bounced off her head against Riley."

"Forget that Bird sat out the second half," the Irish still had a chance to win over then No. 1 Connecticut. McGraw had the same reaction, "that the top of the key. Riley coun- tered with a three-point basket and nine rebounds. Ivey hit 60.7 percent of their field goals in the first half, while limiting the Huskies to 52.5 percent from the floor.

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Colin Campbell
NHL Director of Operations

"Everyone likes to see a game with one continuous flow. The players like to play in the game, the coaches like to coach it, the fans like to see it."

The idea isn't to shorten the game, but to keep it flowing. "Commercially, we're not going to change that."

The length of the intermissions, we're not going to change that. The puck will move, not just stop the play? That's what we discussed," said Campbell.

Studies have shown that goalsies freezing the puck is the most frequent cause of the game being stopped. If the league does decide to enforce some of the rules to speed up the game, it obviously will take some getting used to.

"You let the players and officials know in training camp, in exhibition, and that's it. Then I don't think you'll see it happening much," Campbell said.

He also said that the league was, at the behest of the players' union, going to look again at how the fight-instigator rule might be modified to make it clearer.

Also at Tuesday's session, the first of three days the general managers are meeting in this desert resort, Anaheim GM Pierre Gauthier said the Mighty Ducks were still trying to help Guy Hebert, the team's goalie since it came into the league in 1993. Hebert became expendable Monday when the Ducks swapped Tremie Selanne to San Jose for goalie Steve Shields and left wing Jeff Friesen.

"I think you saw in the big trade we made yesterday that we got a draft choice, a 19-year-old and a 21-year-old," Fletcher said.
RAMIREZ SWINGS PIRATES TO VICTORY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aramis Ramirez continued his hot hitting and the Boston Red Sox kept up their poor fielding as the Pittsburgh Pirates won 7-3 Tuesday with six unearned runs.

Ramirez went 2-for-3 with a single, double and two RBIs. He is 7-for-11 with seven runs, 17 total bases and five RBIs in four spring training games.

The Red Sox made three errors, giving them 11 in five games, four of them losses. Of the 39 runs they’ve allowed, 19 were unearned.

“It’s early,” Boston manager Jimy Williams said. “We have people out there who we know can catch the ball.”

Mike Lansing, filling in for injured shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, committed an error with one out and no runners on in the first inning that led to two unearned runs. Brian Giles’ double put runners at second and third.

A wild pitch by loser Rolando Arrojo let in one run and another scored on Dante Bichette’s RBI single off Terry Mulholland.

Twins 8, Rangers 5

Corey Koskie had three hits and three RBIs, making his 7-for-10 at the plate this spring, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers.

Scott Sheldon’s two-run homer for Texas off Willie Martinez tied the score 4-all in the fifth.

Minnesota went ahead in the sixth against Brian Sikorski on an RBI single by Mike Moriaty and a two-run homer by Michael Restovich. Both are non-roster players.

Koskie had run-scoring singles in the first and in a three-run fourth. He added an RBI double in the ninth.

Dodgers 8, Braves 4

Chris Donnels hit a two-run homer off John Smoltz, making his first appearance since elbow surgery last spring, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves.

Smoltz, who had a ligament in his right elbow replaced last March 23, threw 25 pitches, struck out two and walked two. He didn’t feel any pain.

“It felt great,” he said. “There’s a sense of joy and relief that this is step one of five games to get me ready for the season. And I want to be as ready as everyone else. I don’t want to be looked upon like whatever happens is bonus. I’m excited about the way I threw the ball.”

Braves manager Bobby Cox called Donnels’ home run a “popup” that was swept out by strong winds.

“I thought he threw free and easy and was just outstanding,” Cox said. “He looked poised and comfortable. Smoltzie made the whole day. I’ll give up a win any time to see that.”

Los Angeles starter Darren Dreifort and Chan Ho Park combined for five hitless innings.

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Boston College from a 3-13 Big East record a year ago, the
worst in the conference to 11-5 this season. The Irish have
improved by 4-12 in the
league a year ago to 11-5 this season.

Syracuse's Preston Shumpert
and West Virginia's Calvin
Bowman shared the award for
Most Improved Players, with the
voting slighting Notre Dame
senior point guard Martin
Ingelsby.

Ingelsby, who played a limited
reserve role a year ago, now
averages 37.9 minutes per game
as a team captain. He has posted
the best assist-to-turnover ratio
in the Big East at 3.49, while
finishing near the top of the league
in assists.

"I thought Martin was so
deserving," Brey said. "I wanted
it so bad for him — something,
maybe most improved, maybe
team goals." Ingelsby seemed more inter-
ested in getting more team wins
than individual honors. The
same goes for junior forward
Ryan Humphrey, who was
named to the third team All-Big
East, but could have made a
case for being a second team
selection. Humphrey scored 14.3
points and pulled down nine
rebounds per game in his first
season as a transfer from
Oklahoma.

"I've just got to take it as it
comes," Humphrey said. "The
only thing that matters are the
team goals. As long as we win
the championship, that's all that
matters."

While Brey thought Humphrey
could have been picked a bit
higher, he also thought Ingelsby
or sophomore shooting guard
Matt Carroll had the types of
seasons worthy of all-conference
selection. Then again, the Irish
coach recognized that their
snubs indicated the quality of Big
East players.

"There's a lot of good players
in our league," Brey said.
"They've really grasped winning
and chasing a championship and
going back to the NCAA
Tournament. So the individual
things have been brushed off
pretty quickly, and they're going
for the team goals."

Big East Tournament play
begins today. The Irish have a
first-round bye, and will face the
winner of tonight's Miami-
Pittsburgh face off Thursday at 7
p.m.
Associated Press

PHOENIX

Not even a month has passed in the Wayne Gretzky era, yet the Phoenix Coyotes have already fired and hired a general manager and traded the team’s goaltending icon.

On Monday night, Phoenix sent goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin and defenseman Stan Neckar to the Tampa Bay Lightning for defenseman Mike Johnson and Ruslan Zainullin and a second-round draft choice.

The first major player move made on the watch of managing partner Gretzky may just have been a way to unload one of the two All-Star goalies in Phoenix.

But speculation also remains that this could be the beginning of a number of deals the team will make to reduce its payroll before next Tuesday’s NHL trading deadline.

Coyotes GM Cliff Fletcher said Tuesday he will "absolutely" make additional moves but hedged as to whether they would occur before the deadline.

He has spoken with several general managers concerning Phoenix captain Jeremy Roenick and leading scorer Keith Tkachuk, both of whom Fletcher believes will still be members of the Coyotes on Wednesday night.

"We’re looking at it with an open mind," he said of the possibility of trading Tkachuk.

Fletcher said the offer would have to be perfect to let go of a player who’s on pace to score 40 goals for the fourth straight season.

"I don’t know if that deal’s there. If not, he’s a very good hockey player and we’re happy to have him."

Fletcher was more definitive about the immediate future of Roenick, who becomes an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season and has been negotiating with the Coyotes.

"You know nothing’s going to happen before the trading deadline," Fletcher said from a GM meeting in La Quinta, Calif. "There’s no situation here where we would say: ‘If you don’t sign before the trading deadline, we’re trading you. That’s not an issue.’"

Trading Roenick and Tkachuk has been mentioned as a way to offset a financial burden incurred by the new owners.

Principal owner Steve Ellman said the Coyotes will lose $20 million by year’s end while playing in an arena with many limited-view seats.

He also went through a series of deadline extensions to secure the $90 million needed for last month’s purchase.

Tkachuk commands $8.3 million this season, but Gretzky said last month he wants him to stay.

"I hope to build a team around Keith Tkachuk," he said. "I’ve said that from Day 1."

Gretzky also made a commitment last year to keep Khabibulin, the second-winningest goalie in franchise history.

But with Khabibulin’s high salary demands and the stellar play of Sean Burke — who has almost single-handedly kept Phoenix in the playoff hunt — the five-year starting netminder became expendable.

"The numbers Nik was throwing out were respectable, but we couldn’t bite the bullet," Gretzky said. "It’s good for him, but we had to improve our hockey team, and we’re getting some young guns to help."

Youth has become a top priority for the Coyotes, who recently lost 31-year-old forward Claude Lemieux to an ankle injury and are getting some young guns to help.

The Canucks had several chances to get even after they pulled goalie Dan Cloutier, and went on a power play.

Red Wings topple Canucks 4-3

Associated Press

VANCOUVER

Steve Yzerman scored twice as the Detroit Red Wings continued their dominance of the Vancouver Canucks with a 4-3 victory Tuesday night.

Yzerman made it 3-1 on the power play at 15:43 of the second period, then added the eventual game-winner 4:25 into the third on a one-timer from the slot.

Martin Lapeonte added a goal and an assist, and Mike Johnson also scored for the Red Wings, who haven’t lost to Vancouver in more than three years.

Markus Naslund scored a 38th goal, and Ed Jovanovski and Daniel Sedin added power-play goals for the Canucks, who fell to 0-13-3 against Detroit since Feb. 6, 1997.

Naslund made it 4-3 with 5:30 left to play.

The Canucks had several chances to get even after they pulled goalie Dan Cloutier, and went on a power play. But Vancouver couldn’t get the tying goal past Manny Legace.

Legace finished with 20 saves to improve to 19-5-4.

The Red Wings, who have lost just once in 14 games (11-1-3-0), moved one point ahead of St. Louis for first place in the Central Division.

Detroit finished 1-for-7 on the power play, but scored twice just after an underhand advantage expired.

Jovanovski staked the Canucks to a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, but Lapointe tied it at 14:59, just two seconds after Naslund stepped out of the penalty box.

Dandenault gave the Red Wings the lead for good with a wrist shot from the slot 7:31 into the second period, six seconds after a Vancouver penalty expired.

Daniel Sedin made it 3-2 and moved into a tie for the rookie goal-scoring lead when he tipped twin brother Henrik’s point shot past Legace with 1:30 left in the second period for his 18th goal.

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Hockey

Freshman Lebda named to CCHA all-rookie team

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame freshman defenseman Brett Lebda has been selected to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's all-rookie team for the 2000-01 season. Two teammates, freshman center Aaron Gill and freshman Rob Globke were awarded honorable mentions.

Lebda finished the season as the CCHA's highest scoring rookie defenseman with seven goals and 19 assists for 26 points. Those numbers also rank Lebda second among all CCHA defensemen in the scoring column trailing only Michigan's Jeff Jillson (10-18-28).

Among Lebda's seven goals two were power play goals, two were shorthanded goals and one was a game-winning goal. The offensive-minded defenseman finished third on the team with 112 shots on goal.

In December, the 5-10, 195-pound blueliner became the first Notre Dame player since 1994 to score five points in a game when he had a goal and four assists in a 7-3 Irish win at Nebraska-Omaha.

A product of the U.S. Under-18 developmental team, Lebda is the fifth Notre Dame player to be named to the CCHA all-rookie team. He joins current teammate, David Inman (1998-99) along with Mark Eaton (1997-98), Joe Dusbabek (1996-97) and Jamie Ling (1992-93) to receive the honor. He is the second Notre Dame defenseman named to the team, joining Eaton who is currently playing for the Nashville Predators in the National Hockey League.

Lebda was selected as a CCHA rookie of the week on Feb. 25 for his play in Notre Dame's games at Alaska-Fairbanks when he had a goal and three assists, helping the Irish to a tie and a victory.

Gill scored 11 goals with 15 assists for 26 points while Globke scored 17 goals and added nine assists for 26 points. His 17 goals were second among CCHA rooks behind Jeff Campbell's 23.

All three Notre Dame freshmen finished the year with 26 points to tie for third in team scoring. This marks the first time since the 1978-79 season that three freshmen finished the year with 25 or more points in one season.

The CCHA rookie-of-the-year Award will be announced on Thursday, March 15 at the CCHA Awards Banquet in Detroit, Mich.

The 2000-01 CCHA all-rookie team:


Honorable Mention:

Forwards — Derek Edwardson (Miami), Aaron Gill (Notre Dame), Rob Globke (Notre Dame), Defense — Doug Andress (Ohio State), Andy Burnes (Michigan), Mike Gabinet (Nebraska-Omaha), Mike Jarmuth (Western Michigan), Felipe Larrañaga (Alaska-Fairbanks), Goaltender — Craig Kowalski (Northern Michigan), Preston McKay (Alaska-Fairbanks)
Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior righthander Aaron Heilman has received his ninth career Big East Conference pitcher-of-the-week award, after tossing the first nine-inning shutout of his career in Friday's 3-0 win over Florida Atlantic, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Since the Big East awards began in 1985, Heilman is the only individual to amass more than four player or pitcher of the week awards in his career (including one in 1998, three in 1999 and four in 2000). With plenty of professional scouts in attendance for last week's swing through spring training territory and with Florida Atlantic ace Petersen Benjamin going for the Blue Wave-Heilman fashioned the March 1 shutout in often dominating fashion, blanking FAU at Florida Power Park during the Devil Rays College Invitational.

Heilman scattered five hits and one walk over the nine innings while striking out nine batters in his economical 110-pitch outing, versus a Blue Wave offense that already had posted wins this season over the Miami Hurricanes and Oklahoma State. He faced just five batters over the minimum (32), thanks to a double play in the fifth inning and an earlier rundown play.

After working out of a fifth-inning jam, the 6-5, 225-pounder retired 13 of the next 14 batters before second baseman Steve Sollmann's fielding error with two outs in the ninth.

The next batter recorded the fifth hit off Heilman, who then ended the game with his ninth K.

Heilman kept his pitches down in the zone for most of the day, as just six balls left the infield. His 27 outs included the nine Ks, 11 groundball outs (two on a double play) and just two flyouts, plus two infield popups, two infield lineouts and the rundown play (one of FAU's five hits was an infield single).

SOFTBALL

Schmidt earns first Big East award

Special to the Observer

Freshman righthander Kristin Schmidt has earned her first career BIG EAST weekly pitching award. The Irish freshman was named co-pitcher of the week on Monday, March 5, by the Big East Conference for her performance versus Jacksonville State and UAB last weekend. Schmidt shares this week's award with Clarissa Crowell from Virginia Tech.

Schmidt improved to 5-1 this season with two victories at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 2-3. She struck out 15 batters in 11 innings pitched, yielding just one run and scattering 10 hits. Her two impressive victories lowered her season-ERA to 1.46.

Against Jacksonville State on Friday, March 2, Schmidt pitched 6.1 innings, striking out eight and giving up just one run. Facing UAB on Saturday, March 3, (the Blazers entered the game 2-0 in the tournament) Schmidt used her change-up to baffle hitters all afternoon. She struck out seven in the first four innings and gave up just three hits.

Schmidt has combined with Jen Sharron (Agoura Hills, Calif.) to post an 11-1 record and 1.06 team ERA as Notre Dame's two top starting pitchers. Both hurlers also have combined to post 91 strikeouts this season.

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Bird flies over Irish

Last second shot hands Huskies Big East Tourney

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

So they said Sue Bird was injured.

On Monday, Connecticut's point guard sat out her team's Big East semifinal win over Rutgers with a sore back. Tuesday, the junior made a last-second lay-up to give the Huskies (28-2, 15-1) their ninth consecutive Big East Tournament championship, topping the Irish (28-2, 15-1) 76-74.

The Huskies' victory avenged a Jan. 15 loss to the Irish in the Joyce Center, the only time the Irish have ever beaten the Huskies.

With 5.3 seconds remaining, Ruth Riley hit a free throw to tie the game at 74. Bird took the inbound pass and sprinted the length of the court. She took the ball right at Riley in the lane, letting it fly high above the rim.

Nothing but net.

"I saw Ruth stepping up with her hand up and I thought she was going to get a piece and it was going to be an airball," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said.

"Said Bird: "I definitely have a lot of confidence in that type of situation. I caught the ball and I just went.'" the inbounds pass and sprinted the length of the court. She took the ball right at Riley in the lane, letting it fly high above the rim.

The shot provided the perfect climax in an exciting game that featured six lead changes and four ties. Connecticut twice led by as many as eight points, but Notre Dame kept returning All-American would need me to rebound the ball, I just tried to do that. If they needed me to make the pass, I tried to do that. I did whatever the team needed from me, rather than last year, when I just tried to score a lot."

Murphy said. "Even every time we would hit just a similar mark, it seemed to just fall in."

Troy Murphy filled all the sites for Big East player of the year with Boston College's point guard Troy Bell. "This year was really a team effort," Murphy said. "If they needed me to rebound the ball, I tried to do that. If they needed me to make the pass, I tried to do that. I did whatever the team needed from me, rather than last year, when I just tried to score a lot."

Many thought Murphy, a returning All-American would get the nod over Bell, particular- ly after Notre Dame beat Boston College in head-to-head competition, but the two players shared the wealth.

"Troy Bell had a great year," Murphy said. "He's definitely deserving of being player of the year. I was maybe surprised that they didn't have three guys. Michael Bradley [Villanova] had a heck of a year."

Murphy, a 6-foot-11 junior, became one of just four players to win the award multiple times, as he was the sole selection a year ago. None of the previous repeat-winners won more than one outright award. St. John's Chris Mullin was the lone selection in 1983, but shared it with Georgetown's Patrick Iwung in 1984 and 1985. Connecticut's Richard Hamilton, who captured the honor in '98 and '99, shared it with Miami's Tim James in '98. "Everybody wants to kind of give it to another person," Murphy said of winning multiple times. "You have a higher standard held to you. They say you were player of the year last year. People are gunning for you; you have a bull's-eye on your back. It does make it more satisfying." The winner needed to lead his team to an NCAA Tournament berth in order to be eligible for the award. Murphy, who has averaged 24.1 points and 9.7 rebounds per game, has also pushed the Irish to win their first ever conference title, as they won the Big East West Division with an 11-5 division record.

"I think this one means more than last year, even though you shared it, because we're part of a championship run," Irish coach Mike Brey said Murphy.

Murphy, whose parents Jim and Christie, were both in attendance, has yet to go home empty-handed from a Big East tournament. The New Jersey native won Rookie of the Year his freshman season. The senior guard Niele Ivey pulls past Connecticut's Swin Cash during Notre Dame's Big East Championship loss Tuesday.
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Sizing up the competition

Connecticut Huskies
The Huskies earn two Big East victories this weekend, the East's No. 6 team could deliver head coach Jim Calhoun his 500th-career win. But that will be a formidable task as it faces stiff conference competition. The Huskies lost a close one to Seton Hall last weekend and are 3-2 in their last five outings. Connecticut will face Syracuse in Wednesday's opening round.

Georgetown Hoyas
Winning four out of their last six outings, the Hoyas are primed for tournament action. Georgetown will face the winner of the St. John's-Seton Hall game Thursday.

Miami Hurricanes
With 80 wins in the last four seasons, the Hurricanes are always a team to reckon with. Split with an 8-8 conference record, Miami has had its share of ups and downs this season. The East's No. 4 seeded Hurricanes will face Pittsburgh, the fifth seed in the West in round one action. Miami graded the regular season strong, winning four of its last five games down the stretch. If the Hurricanes win they will face the Irish in round two.

Providence Friars
With a 21-8 (11-5) record, the Friars earned the No. 2 spot in the East division and a first-round bye after a 23-6 (10-6) season record. Winning four out of their last six outings, the Hoyas are primed for tournament action. Georgetown will face the winner of the St. John's-Seton Hall game Thursday.

West Virginia Mountaineers
The No. 8 seed in the East, the Mountaineers, are smarting after their 31-point loss Saturday to the top seed in the East — Boston College. But West Virginia's first round competition, Villanova, could prove to be just as tough. The two teams battled it out in a double-overtime brawl Feb. 20 in Morgantown. The Mountaineers came out on top then and will look to do it again.

Boston College Eagles
The Eagles are one of the teams to beat this week as they faced the Eastern division title with a 13-3 conference record. Boston College stormed through West Virginia last weekend as a solid ending to the regular season. Guard Troy Bell is of the best in the league and has spearheaded the Eagles' turnaround this season. The team finished 3-13 in the Big East last year.

Pittsburgh Panthers
The Panthers, the No. 5 seed in the West division, have put their season back together with three wins in four games after suffering a season-worst four-game slide with a losing record in the Big East, the Panthers could set themselves up for a huge upset win in the second round against the Irish if they can dispose of the Hurricanes in round one.

Seton Hall Pirates
The No. 6 seed in the West has struggled in the Big East all year. Dropping 11 games to conference foes, the Pirates have stagnated at the bottom of the Big East rankings all season long. Facing St. John's in the first round, Seton Hall will need an outstanding performance all around and especially from freshman forward Eddie Griffin to pull off an upset.

St. John's Red Storm
The East's No. 3 seed, the Red Storm, gave Boston College a scare last week as it almost upset the No. 9 Eagles before falling 67-62. St. John's suffered another heartbreaker Sunday when it fell to Syracuse in double overtime. Two close conference losses could have the 14-13 team more hungry than usual for a big win. The Red Storm is the favorite against Seton Hall.

Villanova Wildcats
With only two wins in their last five outings, the Wildcats are hungry for a win. Their first round competition West Virginia makes them even hungrier for victory. The Wildcats gave the Mountaineers a run for their money in Morgantown two weeks ago, but couldn't come up with enough points when the buzzer sounded. The East's No. 5 seed, Villanova, holds a 3-3 edge in Big East competition against West Virginia.

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Hungry Irish storm into New York looking for title

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The trophy had already switched positions in the locker room. The markings on the banner had been earned and the T-shirts had already been printed up. Notre Dame was just waiting for the final buzzer of Sunday's game against Georgetown to sound to officially step into the limelight with its first Big East division title.

Motivation was lacking — and the No. 13 Irish played like it in their 79-72 loss to the No. 20 Hoyas.

"We won [the division] a week ago by 30 points," Irish power forward Troy Murphy said. "The trophy was here three or four days ago. We should have definitely focused more on this."

But regardless of an end-of-the-season slide with two straight conference losses, the Irish will turn their focus to something they have not earned yet — a trophy they want, but need to play for — The Big East Tournament.

Heading to New York this week, the Irish have earned a bye in the tournament's first round and will first step on the court Thursday against the winner of today's Miami/Pittsburgh matchup.

And the Irish are confident that they have not lost any momentum heading into the postseason.

"We're No. 1 in our division," Irish forward David Graves said. "You can say it's wide open — but we believe that we can win the Big East Tournament. We have every intention of adding another banner in the Joyce Center."

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That confidence in ability and excitement about the possibilities the postseason offers for his squad is what head coach Mike Brey expects from his 19-8 team.

"The guys don't feel as tired and the bumps and bruises don't hurt as much in March," Brey said. "They'll tell you that. There's a bounce in their step even though they've logged so many miles."

The miles the Irish have logged have been tough ones. Brey's squad turned up the heat in the season's early going, amassing a 9-2 record before entering into the conference schedule. The team hit some stumbling blocks, however, when they lost three out of four on the road in the midseason to Syracuse, Seton Hall and Kentucky.

The Irish looked on par to finish the regular season on a roll with eight consecutive wins in the Big East, but have dropped three of their last five to Seton Hall, Connecticut and Georgetown.

Despite the setbacks of late, the Irish are convinced they are as sharp as ever.

"I don't think we've lost an edge," Murphy said. "We won 19 games this year. This is where we should be. Nineteen wins. I think we're all right."

But Brey and the Irish are hungry for another banner to hang up in the Joyce Center and ready to earn it this weekend.

"I think we'll be ready to play," Brey said. "I'm glad we're playing on Thursday because the team could use a little bit of rest. It will give us an advantage to be rested and get in the right mood. We'll go to the banquet, get into the atmosphere and be ready."

Hungry Irish storm into New York looking for title
Ingelsby makes good on senior season

By KATHLEEN O' BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Martin Ingelsby's transformation from forgotten to indispensable took just three days. Somewhere between Matt Doherty's decision to pit him against North Carolina on July 11 and Mike Brey signing on with Notre Dame on July 14, Ingelsby became the point man for the Fighting Irish.

The full transition would take a bit longer. Ingelsby had plenty of people to convince of his ability to lead a top-25 team, but with Brey as coach, the ball and the team were in Ingelsby's hands once more.

Less than eight months later, Ingelsby has proved himself quite capable of standing up to Big East competition. The senior point guard has proved himself very capable of standing up to Big East competition. The senior point guard has proved himself very capable of standing up to Big East competition.

Ingelsby's not quite done refuting his detractors. While winning eight consecutive Big East games and capturing a division banner estimated at the season's start and so close to Notre Dame, he's stayed competitive, and then there and stayed competitive, and then there and stayed competitive, and then there and stayed competitive, and then there and stayed competitive, and then there and stayed competitive, and then there and stayed competitive.

"It's Ingelsby," Ingelsby said. "I went out to dinner and just talked basketball. He said, 'I couldn't have been more happy to hear that I have a senior point guard.'" He gave me a lot of confidence in myself, and he gave me the ball from day one. From day one. I knew that this was my team and I was going to be the point guard.

Brey and Ingelsby clicked from the start. Their personalities were similar, both calm and collected, laid-back yet focused.

"I think our demeanors are similar," Brey said. "He's the perfect point guard for me, that's all I know. I have the utmost confidence in him."

While Brey trusted Ingelsby's abilities from the start, many others were not as upbeat.

Fans and preseason magazines alike raved about Notre Dame's team captain, knocking him as the one week link in an otherwise strong Irish team. They questioned his speed, his defensive ability, his capacity to counter former high school All-Americans in the Big East.

But even if Ingelsby hadn't given up on himself, he saw no reason to start now.

"I took that as a challenge to go out and prove myself, that I could play at this level and play at this level well," Ingelsby said. "I think I've done that so far this season, and I think those people are quiet now.

"If playing professionally doesn't work out, coaching is surely in Ingelsby's future, possibly at Notre Dame.

"I would like to, definitely, especially coming back under Coach Brey," Ingelsby said of returning to the Irish in a different role. "I feel like he's the one that recruited me, he's having a great relationship on and off the court. He's the type of guy I'd like to be."