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Saint Mary’s officials approve reading day

Student government succeeds after ten years of proposals

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s student government 10-year struggle to implement study days into the academic calendar culminated Tuesday afternoon when the Academic Affairs Committee voted to approve the reading day proposal.

“They estimate a total of six people, including her five housemates, have had contact with her since her contraction of a bacterial form of the disease. ‘We assume because the symptoms began three days after she went out of town, she might have caught it from somewhere else,’ Brubaker said. Brubaker said it was likely that the student had contracted one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis, Neisseria meningitis, which has no vaccine. Doctors have treated the student with antibiotics, according to Brubaker.

Health Services alerted the Notre Dame campus in an e-mail Monday. Brubaker said about 50 students have called the office with concerns about whether they could get the disease if they knew one of the six people who had immediate contact with the student. ‘This is not one of those germs that can be passed from a secondary contact,’ Brubaker said, adding that those who had contact with her received a different type of antibiotic than the student.

Brubaker encouraged all students to get immunized against the strains of meningitis that do have vaccines, pointing out that incidents of meningitis are high among babies and college freshmen. ‘It’s best to catch it early,’ she said.

The last reported local college case of meningitis occurred two years ago when Jenny Nemeth, a Holy Cross student, died of bacterial meningitis. Brubaker said the current case has caused less panic on campus than in previous years of proposals.

‘I’m glad that it got passed for the people who will be here next year, but I wish it would have been passed for this semester [so seniors could benefit],’ Evelyn Gonzales, senior, said.

The Academic Affairs Committee voted to approve it, although not unanimously, and it was passed forward to the Academic Committee, which gives the final approval before implementation.

Now that the reading day proposal has been approved, the study days will be included in the 2003-04 academic calendar and a separate committee will be formed to review the reading day and the campus’s reaction. Jensen said the committee will be made up of an equal number of students and faculty, and will also include several administrators.

The reading day proposal, previously known as the study day proposal, has been a study day government initiative since 1992. The reading day will allow students to have Monday, F r i d a y before final exams, which gives students an opportunity to study, meet with professors or work on projects.

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The hood

It was always a beautiful day in his neighborhood, but in most places, people barely notice at the family next door. The recent death of Fred Rogers signaled a close in the chapter of the American community, but by practicing the same morals, "Mr. Rogers" held, we can turn the page and write a new story that revives his neighborhood.

In the world of Mr. Rogers, every one was special from Mr. McFeely, the mailman, to the neighborhood, but in most places, people rarely have time to sit back and appreciate their communities. Recently, people rarely have time to sit back and appreciate their communities. How to get to Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood today and ask if more parts of communities of the world and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Helena Payne at place306nd.edu

DIRECTOR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF Make-Believe. Fred Rogers, who was 74, was a mild- mannered Presbyterian minister from Pittsburgh, who taught his young viewers to respect individuals and how to deal with life’s tragedies.

His neighborhood was a small utopia, but today, people rarely have time to sit back and appreciate their communities. When is the last time most Americans have even smiled at the person who delivers their mail or invited him or her in for hot chocolate in the winter or lemonade in the summer? Unfortunately, it’s hard to trust the mailman when sometimes you can’t even trust the person sending the package.

From 1963 until 2000, "Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood" welcomed children to a designated time span. Also, it would be defeat­istic to think that Mr. Rogers was never too busy for the random locals who would visit him. At least Sesame Street had a Gremlin.

Even so, I compare Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood with American communities today and ask if more parts of American society will be able to develop into such a place. Will the family of three living out of a car be able to park on the streets of that neighborhood? Will the working teenage mother be able to get a loan to move into the home next door? And how will the old grandfather who lives alone in an apartment building be able to find out how to get to Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood if he has no one to accompany him there?

The more I hear about the global issues of war, racial and ethnic conflict and poverty, I wonder if we can aspire to such an ideal as the Mr. Roger’s neighborhood at the local level. Soon, we will go on spring break. Some will return home, some will go on trips and some will remain in the area. Wherever we spend that week free of classes, we should reflect on what we can do to make our communities — "our," meaning communities of the world and not exclusively one’s own — better. Maybe with a collective effort, we will no longer look to the television for an ideal model of community. Rather, we can build our own beautiful neighborhoods.

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

Helena Payne
News Editor

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ND

♦ Ash Wednesday Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Basilica
♦ Student Senate, 6 p.m., LaFortuné Ballroom
♦ The Vagina Monologues, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall
♦ Last Lecture Series with Professor Asma Afsaruddin, 8 p.m., Siegfried Hall

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMC

♦ NDSMC Tax-Assistance Program, 3 p.m., Haggar College Center, room 201
♦ Irish Dance Lessons, 5:30 p.m., Madeleva Hall, room 231NE/NW
♦ Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting, Madeleva Hall, room 317N

WHAT’S GOING DOWN

NDSP finds cell phone in Lyons Hall
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A cellular phone was found Monday in Lyons Hall.

Police return license, money to owner
A license and money were found Monday in the $1 parking lot and returned to the owner.

Student illegally parks in faculty lot
A student’s vehicle was towed Monday for parking in the B1 faculty staff south lot.

Student falls and goes to hospital
Notre Dame Security/Police took a student to St. Joseph Medical Center Monday to treat injuries after a fall.

NDSP investigates hacker accusations
A visitor reported Monday that a hacker入侵ed his computer. NDSP is investigating the case.

Worker suffers from injuries
NDSP took a student Monday to the University Health Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall at a Food Service Support Facility.

WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, beans, pizza, honey-garlic pork chops, white beans with ham, brown sauce, pork gravy, cherry crisp, baked lemon perch, sauteed julienne vegetables, maypo, scrambled eggs, breakfast ham, butter milk pancakes, Szechuan vegan noodles, beef roll, quesadilla.

Today Dinner: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, cioppino sauce, beans, pizza, chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cherry crisp, tofu jerky, lentil and barley stew, baked sweet potatoes, Oriental vegetables, vegetable potato casserole, BBQ chicken

WHAT’S WEATHER

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**Speaker recalls drunk driving experience**

By MATT BRAMANTI

The tragic aftermath of drunk driving was the topic of Tuesday’s presentation entitled "DRJ: A Powerful Lesson."

Mark Sterner recalled his spring break trip in 1994, when he was behind the wheel in a drunk-driving accident that left three of his friends dead and one injured.

Sterner, then a 21-year-old senior at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, was seriously injured in the crash. His blood alcohol level was at .17, more than twice the legal limit of .08.

Sterner showed a home video of the friends made the night of the accident. The five, all members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, had spent their spring break week on Sanibel Island, Fla. For the first five days of the trip, the students took turns acting as designated driver. But on the last night, they decided that "whoever the least drunk person was, that would be who drove us home," Sterner said.

The video showed the friends laughing and drinking. "We were just guys dancing with 3 percent and no moves," Sterner said.

The tape goes on to show the group driving erratically, reaching speeds of 100 miles per hour. Sterner left the room during the video, and reappeared in an orange prison-issue jumpsuit with the County Jail printed on the back.

Following the video, which ends about 15 minutes before the accident, Sterner discussed the accident. Later that night, as the group was leaving home from a bar, their rented Lincoln went off the road and struck a tree at about 60 miles per hour. Four of the vehicle’s occupants — including Sterner — were ejected. One passenger was crushed to death in the mangled car, and two were instantly killed when they struck a tree.

Sterner recalled waking up in the hospital, nearly two weeks after the accident.

"I didn’t know where I was or how I got there,” he said. He soon received the news of his friends’ deaths. While still recovering in the hospital, he was charged with three counts of manslaughter, carrying a possible maximum sentence of 45 years in prison.

"It was the only time in my life I’ve seen my father cry," Sterner said.

He was found guilty and sentenced to two years in prison and twelve years probation. He recalled his daily prayers for safety during his incarceration.

"Prison is over, probation will be over, but...my nightmares will never go away," Sterner said.

Sterner urged students not to make his mistake.

"You’ve heard the saying ‘time heals all wounds.’ If you’ve just lost anyone close to you, you know that’s not true," he said.

"When you go away on spring break, come back," PILLARS and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education sponsored this presentation.

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**Study reveals freshman views**

**ND students are more politically aware, less social**

By WILL PUCKETT

Freshmen at Notre Dame are more interested in politics and other academic pursuits, while being less interested in partying, smoking and drinking, as compared to national averages.

The survey, headed by the American Council on Education and the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, attempts to take stock of many different areas of student life, academically, socially, economically and morally.

While various elements of the University may look at the results and evaluate them as they see fit, there is evidently no further use of the survey's report at Notre Dame.

"While the First Year program and other various groups do keep an eye on the trends and where students stand on issues, there’s really nothing more to it than that," said Dennis Brown, associate director of news and information.

Brown did note that Notre Dame has participated in the survey and received results each year since the survey's inception in 1966, and that it is a widely recognized survey.

Notre Dame first-year students indicated a level of interest in politics higher than the national average. Fifty percent of Notre Dame’s class of 2006 said they consider following politics "essential," or "very important," compared with 33 percent of freshmen at other schools.

The national statistic in this category rose two percent last year, and Notre Dame freshmen have shown an increase of percent over the last five years.

Overall political activism has also risen, according to the survey. The figure of Notre Dame students who think it is highly important to influence the political structure has jumped, with 21 percent of the freshman class agreeing this year, compared with only 19 percent in 1997.

Senior political science major Chuck Lamphier said the figures were consistent with the current political mood of the nation.

"I keep up to date on politics... and I’m not surprised. I think with war looming, students are being more politically conscious," he said.

The survey also indicated Notre Dame freshmen as being more interested in national avaiations in a variety of other categories involving goals, interests, and student pursuits, while being less interested in partying, smoking, and drinking, as compared to national averages.

Brown noted that most of the changes could be ascribed to shifting interest or attention on the part of the population as a whole.

"Society changes over time, and people’s day are more attuned to politics," he said, adding that there are several factors that change public opinion, such as the possible war with Iraq, the ongoing war on terrorism, global economic problems and only contested national elections.

Brown also advised that people should take the results within its context.

"The survey is specific and very well done, but it’s still only a survey," he said. The ACE survey is designed to profile the political and social views — and the socioeconomic backgrounds — of America’s college freshmen. This year's survey is based on the responses of 282,549 first-year, full-scholarship students at 437 four-year colleges and universities, in addition to more than 1,700 members of Notre Dame’s 2002-2003 freshman class.

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Graduate Student Union

Members approve gala charity event

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The Graduate Student Union moved forward with plans to host an end-of-the-year gala in support of the charity the event would benefit during their meeting Tuesday.

Representatives considered six possible charities researched by Eugene Walls, human diversity committee chairperson, including La Casa de Amistad, Reins of Life, Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend, the YWCA Women’s Shelter, Sex Offense Services and the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

After minimal debate, representatives selected Refugee and Immigration Services of South Bend. The YWCA Women’s Shelter came in a close second.

The event is scheduled to take place April 25 at the downtown South Bend Marriott’s grand ballroom. GSU anticipates that 400 people will attend and it will raise $2,000 for the charity from ticket sales and a raffle with prizes donated from area merchants. GSU has also signed a contract with the Cardinal Bus Company to provide transportation to and from the event.

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Representatives also agreed to reiterate GSU’s policy, which requires that applicants request reimbursement from their departments before filing an application. In the past, several departments encouraged graduate students to approach GSU first.

By GSU Co-Vice President Misty Schieberle updated the Council on Grad-Tax Lobbying Day, a nationwide event held in Washington, D.C. last month to encourage Congress to reinstate tax exemption status for graduate student stipends.

Currently, graduate students are forced to pay about $500 instead of $500, but if five people [are reimbursed] $100 of their travel expenses. The new amount is $500.

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FILMMAKER VISITS SAINT MARY’S

By SARAH NESTOR
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Freelance filmmaker Hope Hall visited Saint Mary’s Tuesday, showing three of her short documentary films and discussing her craft and life.

Hall’s presentation, "The Craft of Creative Nonfiction Filmmaking," featured her films, "This is for Betsy Hall," "10 Seconds in Our Life," and the "Art of the Motorcycle."

Although Hall focuses on creating documentaries she said that a line could not be drawn between what is considered fiction and what is nonfiction. According to Hall, all films are subjective.

"You can’t ever really get anything (that’s) real when the camera is there," Hall said.

Hall began her professional film career at VH1, working on the one-hour "Behind the Music" segments but found that she did not enjoy this.

"It was disastrous for me to work in a place where no one cared about what they were making and were just following a formula," Hall said.

Hall’s most recognized work is the short film "This is for Betsy Hall," which received Honorable Mentions at the Sundance Film Festival. The film is about Hall’s biological mother’s struggle with anorexia and bulimia. The film gives only a glimpse of the painful impact that her mother’s disease has had on her family and daughter, which she abandoned and how this has affected the daughter and family she left behind years before.

Hall is based in New York City and has worked with the Guggenheim Museum and MTV on recent projects.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2003

Bush administration softens on resolution stance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With other nations’ opposition hardening, the Bush administra-
tion left open the possibility Tuesday that it would not seek a
United Nations vote on its war-
making resolution if the measure
was clearly headed for defeat.

U.S. troop strength in the Persian Gulf near 300,000, and
President Bush and his advisers were reportedly considering a
military showdown in the U.N. to
make plans for a public relations buildup to potential war with Iraq.

One option under serious con-
sideration was Bush giving Iraqi
leader Saddam Hussein a final ultimatum, perhaps with a short-
term deadline, in an address next
week, two senior White House
officials said.

The officials, who spoke on con-
dition of anonymity, stressed that a variety of options are on the
table and all depend on the out-
come of a U.N. Security Council debate on the U.S.-backed war
resolution. In a new blow, Russia’s top diplomat said Monday
Moscow may use its veto against the measure.

Even without a veto from Russia, China or France, the United States
couldn’t have the five votes needed to win approval of the resolution, according to both supporters and opponents. Many undecided council members are looking for a way out.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in an interview with RTL televi-
sion of Germany, said that early
next week, U.S. leaders would
"make a judgment on whether it’s
time to put the resolution up to a
vote." But he also said the United
States was inclined to push for a
"vote in the absence of compli-
ance on the part of Saddam
Hussein."

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "The vote is
clearly headed for defeat."

Once the vote is resolved one
way or another, Bush will intensi-
fy his case, officials said, barring unforeseen events such as
Saddam suddenly disarming or
going into exile.

In addition to a possible
vote, they have discussed a presiden
tial news conference and a Cabinet meeting as ways for Bush to communicate his plans to the nation next week. He may
drop short of a specific ultimatum,
officials said, but would make it
clear that war is imminent in
other ways, such as warning jour-
nalists and humanitarian workers
to get out of Iraq.

Meanwhile, Bush telephoned leaders of India and Egypt to dis-
cuss his plans. And officials said
Powell had had two telephone
conversations and a one-on-one
meeting in recent days with Mexican Foreign Minister Luis
Ernesto Derbez in his search for
Mexican support.

The Asian and South American allies have been among the
most important to the White
House, and it is in addition to a possible
U.S.-South Korean military exercises that began

Molten aluminum found on shuttle tiles: Molten aluminum was found on Columbia’s thermal tiles and inside the leading edge of the left wing, bolstering the theory that the shuttle was destroyed by hot gases that penetrated a damaged spot on the wing, the acci-
dent investigation board said. Roger Tentrault, a board member, said he suspects the melting occurred because of the penetrating gases and also because of the intense heat of falling through the atmosphere.

Panel calls on Pa. governor for moratorium: Executions should be stopped in Pennsylvania until the state can study how race affects death penalty cases, a committee appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said in a report released Tuesday. The 550-page report by the Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System calls on Gov. Ed Rendell and the court to order the moratorium. Blacks make up 62 percent of Pennsylvania’s 242 death row inmates but only 10 percent of the state’s general population.
Saint Mary's vigil encourages healing after rape

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
News Writer

In honor of Women's Month, several Saint Mary's student groups sponsored "Take Back the Night," an annual event to raise awareness of sexual violence.

"It's basically reclaiming ground that we should be allowed to do what we want without repercussions or fearing sexual assault," said junior Jackie Zins, primary organizer of the event. "It helps raise awareness on our campus and shows that we won't tolerate it."

Take Back the Night marches and similar events have occurred since the 1970's, said Catherine Pittman, faculty advisor to Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination.

"They are an active way to protest the fact that women don't feel safe and a way of expressing their resentment of having to give up their freedom," she said. "Women want the night back, and they join together with men to try to reclaim it during these marches.

Tuesday's march began at 6:45 p.m. outside of LeMans Hall. A group of approximately 20 women visited areas on campus to pray and share readings. During the walk, participants chanted, sang and lit candles to display their encouragement.

A rally and bonfire were held at 7:45 p.m. at the Saint Mary's soccer field. Patrick Drury, advocate and coordinator from Sex Offense Services of Madison Center and Hospital, spoke at that time.

Drury talked about the problem of sexual assault and the effect it has on everyone. "It happens to us, to loved ones and to people we care about," he said. "It's not just a women's issue, it's a human's issue. If men aren't involved as part of the solution, then the problem will never truly be solved."

Although Drury had participated in other Take Back the Night events, this was his first at Saint Mary's.

"I think it's a wonderful program. It's a great way to give survivors a chance to be supported," he said.

Following the speech, anyone who had been targeted with sexual violence was invited to share her experience. Trained SOS volunteers were available for additional support.

Based on the success of the past two years, Pittman is optimistic that the event will continue to be a tool helping women safely fight against sexual violence.

"Women who have been assaulted often show up at these marches without telling anyone what has happened to them," she said. "I have had students tell me that it is a very healing experience."

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Lecture focuses on Catholic scandals

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, former editor of Commonweal and current member of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, focused on the recent problems the Catholic Church has had with sexual abuse in her opening lecture for the Center for Spirituality's Lenten Lecture Series on "The Suffering from Self-Inflicted Wounds: Church Concerns."

"Over the past year we have become aware of the suffering that the Church inflicts upon its members," O'Brien Steinfels said. "Including the children who were abused, the parents of the victims and the priests who suffer from guilt and remorse."

O'Brien Steinfels reported having experienced a keen sense of loss and stinging regret as a betrayal in the audiences she has spoken with about this topic. "Faith is distinc tly Catholic," she said. "And our confidence in this has been deeply shaken."

O'Brien Steinfels wanted to bring an awareness and understanding to the current situation of the Church. "It is hard to grasp how naive we have been about Church leaders," she said. "Our confidence was displaced."

This speech came one year after the Boston Globe began to expose the scandal. "This crisis was not caused by the media, victims or anti-Catholics," she said. "It was caused by Vatican appointees."

O'Brien Steinfels placed most of the blame on the bishops. She called all Catholics to support efforts of thorough investigation and documentation of every incident, to implement a checks-and-balances system within the Church structure and to lobby for better bishops.

"Bad bishops undermined and destroyed the fundamental ideals of the church," she said. "Bishops cannot say bishops are the successors of the apostles and then appoint those who cannot fill their sandals."

"The lack of Vatican involvement in the crisis concerned O'Brien Steinfels. "I continue to believe that the Vatican has not fully absorbed their role in this crisis," she said. "This scandal is as much about the abuse of children as it is about the abuse of power."

"If one of the solutions O'Brien Steinfels suggested is to give people to make their opinions heard. "Make an effort to inform the Vatican of the seriousness of this problem," she said.

This was the first of three lectures the Sisters of the Holy Cross will sponsor this Lent. The next Lenten Lecture will be March 18 at 12:15 p.m. Pauline Viviano, theology professor at Loyola University Chicago, will speak on the topic "From Punishment to Redemption: Suffering in the Bible."

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NEW YORK
The insider trading investigation surrounding Martha Stewart is taking a toll on her namesake company, contributing to the media and retailing company's first-quarter loss and projections of larger losses ahead.

Among the fallout at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia: an expected 25 percent decline in advertising pages at the company's flagship Martha Stewart Living magazine during the first three months of this year.

"Certain advertisers are opting to wait until they see the resolution of the investigations involving Martha before committing to running pages," company president and chief operating officer Sharon Patrick said Tuesday during a conference call to discuss the company's fourth-quarter earnings and outlook for the first quarter.

For three months ending Dec. 31, the company reported a $2.0 million, or 3 cents per share, loss in contrast to a profit of $5.7 million, or 13 cents per share, in 2001. The results reflect the first time the company has reported a net loss for any quarter since it went public in 1999.

Excluding a $7.7 million restructuring charge related to its Internet/direct commerce division, the company earned 6 cents per share in the fourth quarter, putting it ahead of the 3 cents per share that analysts surveyed by First Call had forecast on a comparable basis.

But the company warned of more difficulties ahead, saying it expects a first-quarter loss of 6 cents to 8 cents per share, in contrast to a profit of 3 cents in the first quarter of last year. Operating expenses are predicted to be 20 percent higher than in the fourth quarter last year, the company said.

Enron Corp. that helped the failed energy-trading company emerge from bankruptcy has agreed to pay $100 million under a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission over charges the company made in the last five years. Lache said in a research report.

Auto stocks slide in demand slump Shares of the world's largest automakers and their suppliers slumped Tuesday after U.S. vehicle sales for February came in below expectations a day earlier and a top industry analyst said vehicle demand may slump in the United States for several years. Deutsche Bank Securities analyst Rod Lache said in a research report.

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SEC asked to probe bankers trust Two House lawmakers have asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate tax schemes designed by Bankers Trust, one of several outside advisers to Enron Corp. that helped the failed energy merchant inflate its reported income by millions. Bankers Trust was among the investment banks, accounting firms and law firms that advised the now-bankrupt energy-trading company on the complex transactions that stretched the legal boundaries of the tax code.

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War is horrific and unpredictable. Military force should be used only after reasonable alternatives have been exhausted. Yet war is sometimes the least bad option. History offers tragic examples of what happens when good people avoid necessary wars. European appeasement of Hitler in 1938 might be an ancient history, but the last decade witnessed the reckless futility of the international community in both the Balkans (where Serb aggression left 200,000 Bosnians dead) and Rwanda (where 800,000 civilians were slaughtered).

The strategic need to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) is twofold. First, a nuclear-armed Saddam Hussein would pose huge risks to regional and global stability. Specifically, Saddam believes WMD would give him a freer hand to conquer his neighbors (as tried with Iran and Kuwait) and control the region’s vast oil reserves. He might be deterred from using WMD directly against the U.S. but Saddam’s record of reckless miscalculation is not encouraging.

The second strategic danger is that al Qaeda and other terrorists will acquire WMD in cooperation with Iraq and then use these weapons in a catastrophic attack. Deterrence does not apply to suicidal terrorism bent on murdering millions.

Critics dismiss the possibility of an al Qaeda-Iraq link on the grounds that Islamic extremists would not ally with a secular despot like Saddam. However, Osama bin Laden called for cooperation with Iraq in his “open letter of support” against America, and Colin Powell presented concrete evidence of an active al Qaeda cell in Baghdad. Given Saddam’s history of supporting terrorists, a growing al Qaeda-Iraq link is likely and troubling.

For the people no amount of evidence justifies war on strategic grounds. The West must identify a tipping point where the risks of inaction outweigh the costs of preventive war.

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Quote of the Day

"You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war." - Albert Einstein, scientist.
Azteca Foods employees deserve better conditions

On Sept. 30, 2002, 63 (out of 90) Azteca Foods workers went on strike to protest poor working conditions, company mistreatment, along with Art Velasquez’s refusal to negotiate with them. Mr. Velasquez is the president and CEO of Azteca and is an alumnus on the Board of Directors for the University of Notre Dame and for the Institute for Latino Studies. He is a well-respected philanthropist who has made positive contributions in Chicago and done much for the Notre Dame community, which is why when he is at his own factory is all the more shocking.

The workers organized and overwhelmingly voted to form United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) Local 1159 last April. For 20 years preceding this, they were represented by the Distillery Workers Local 3. This union was corrupt and is now under federal investigation. John Duff Jr., their UE negotiator, served 17 months in prison for embezzlement of union funds. It is now popularly known that Velasquez referred to Local 3 as “his union.” This puppet union organized on April 25 topany than workers, which resulted in poor working conditions, pay, benefits and more.

In 2000, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the inspection agency, cited Azteca for 12 violations of safety code. Last fall, the company was cited for over 3 weeks. When they were finally allowed into the factory, they still found two violations.

On Feb. 20, 2003, a temporary worker crushed his wrist and hands on a machine and had to be rushed to Loyola Medical Center. Neither this worker nor any of the other workers knew how to shut the machine off.

To keep up with the company, employees must maintain a rigid work pace, and accidents have become all too common. The company claims that they make more than 3 million tortilla wraps a day. These machines are not only dangerous and lack safety guards, but also create intense heat. Josefina Bonilla told an audience of more than 50 Notre Dame students in February, “In the factory, the floors are very sweaty. Some faint because they can not leave to pe­ wate,” There are frequent burns from getting too close to hot equipment and inadequate kit. Many of the workers are forced to work in these conditions 12 hours a day, 6 days a week.

In addition to these conditions, the company does not recognize the seniority of its workers. Most of the employees have worked there for more than 12 years, and 1/3 of them have been with the company for more than 20 years. Despite the seniority, the terms under which most the workers, 2/3 make only $9 an hour and 1/3 make $10.75.

Azteca is not a struggling company: its annual revenues are around $33 million. The company can afford to improve conditions and pay. The workers helped build the company into what it is today. They have worked long hours at low wages and Mr. Velasquez has reaped massive profits. Yet despite their hard labor and commitment, the workers were planning a rally at a bank where he sits on the Board of Directors.

The bank essentially gave him two options: Accept mediation or forfeit his position on the Board. It is this type of positive influence that the Notre Dame community can have with Mr. Velasquez. Mediations begin today. Ask Mr. Velasquez to negotiate with his workers and to bargain with the workers in good faith. Sign the petition asking Mr. Velasquez to negotiate fairly, available at http://www.nd.edu/~psa/aztecaPSA.html. We can also send a message by boycotting his products on campus until he negotiates a fair deal with his workers. For information on the strike or the boycott, go to http://www.rankfile-ue.org/1159/azteca_home.html. The workers need our help.

Paul Graham
Another Perspective

As Catholics begin their Lenten journey, and as people in the Los Angeles County and across the United States prepare for Ash Wednesday, let us begin our journey with the words of St. John Henry Newman: “This is a season of penance, of fasting, of mortification in word and in deed, and of prayer and of contemplation.”

For Catholics, Lent is a time of serious reflection and penance. It is a time when we renew our commitment to the values that define our faith. Lent is a time when we reflect on our own actions and seek to improve ourselves.

As we begin this Lenten journey, let us remember the words of Pope Francis: “We are called to be instruments of God’s love to the poor, the outcasts, the suffering, the discarded.”

Let us reflect on our lives and our actions and ask ourselves: What can I do to help those in need? How can I live a life of charity and compassion?

Let us also remember the words of St. Thomas Aquinas: “Charity is the best remedy for all diseases.”

Let us pray for those in need and for those who work to help them. Let us also pray for the courage and strength to live a life of charity and compassion.

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Audioslave rocks the Riviera

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Scene Writer

Audioslave has been destroying venues around the country. Opening with "Gasoline," the band ripped through the first three songs of the set, stopping for air only when some over-excitement had fans recovered from their fall into the gap between the barrier and the stage. The band played extremely well together, firing on all cylinders at a frenzied pace that the crowd could barely keep up with.

One of the highlights of the evening was Tom Morello's guitar solo on "Like a Stone." Morello showed why he has even more fame than any Soundgarden or Rage Against the Machine cover. Audioslave seems to be extremely happy with their new material. Commerford alone has integrated their song into their set, and will likely give a repeat performance for their fans and touring with each other. For anyone who owns Rage Against the Machine or Superunknown, seeing Audioslave combine members of Soundgarden and Rage Against the Machine, two of the '90s top hard rock bands.

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Audioslave combines members of Soundgarden and Rage Against the Machine, two of the '90s top hard rock bands.

A surprise song was a cover of Funkadelic's "Super Stupid." Their group has integrated their song into their set, and will likely give a repeat performance at future shows. This cover was much better than any Soundgarden or Rage cover the band could have performed. Furthermore, it was evidence that the band is moving forward, not backward.

Audioslave's best songs of the night, though, have not reached any ears on the radio. "Set It Off" and "Explode" set the tone for the night as alternately heavy then melodic efforts. These two songs illustrate the breadth that Chris Cornell has brought to these groups of musicians, complementing their heavy styles with his harmonious tenor. Commerford alone has improved greatly, learning to align his baseline to a melody line, something he didn't have to do when backing up Zach de la Rocha.

With an upcoming slot on this summer's Lollapalooza, Audioslave will be able to bring their sound to those tens of thousands again. The band will be as big as a hit in front of 80,000 fans as they were in front of a mere 1,500 at the Riviera in Chicago. All the members of Audioslave seem to be extremely happy with their current musical situation, making innovative rock for their fans and touring with each other. For anyone who owns Rage Against the Machine or Superunknown, seeing Audioslave live is something to look into. And if you missed them this time around, don't worry. You'll get a chance to see them again this summer.
ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia put aside all the distractions of a nine-game losing streak to vault into the SEC tournament to celebrate.

Jarvis Hayes banked in a 12-foot er with 14 seconds remaining and the Bulldogs beat No. 3 Florida 82-81.

Florida coach Billy Donovan, 4-12 Southeastern Conference, had a chance at a final upset but David Lee couldn’t get the ball off before the buzzer.

Georgia (18-8, 10-5) was playing its second game against a top three team in three days. On Sunday, the Bulldogs lost to No. 2 Kentucky 74-66.

More troubling, Georgia’s program is under NCAA investigation because of charges made by a former player.

Tony Cole claims assistant Jim Harrick Jr. paid some of his bills and committed academic fraud. The son of head coach Jim Harrick was suspended with pay last week, but was cleared because of the NCAA’s technicality.

Earlier Tuesday, the elderly Harrick denied all of Cole’s allegations, calling him “a vindictive young man.” Cole is the school’s investigation, casting a pall over the Bulldogs with tournament time approaching.

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Wells says he won't waive no-trade clause

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — David Wells won't waive the no-trade clause in his contract if the New York Yankees attempt to deal him after embarrassing revelations in his new book.

"I can say yes, but I'm not a fool. I'm not waiving it," he said at the Yankees' spring training camp before the team left to play Boston at Fort Myers. "I don't want to go anywhere else, obviously." Wells has a complete no-trade clause in the two-year, $7 million contract he agreed to with the Yankees before the 2002 season. The New York Post had reported that Wells, after details of his book became known, had told the team he would waive the no-trade clause if the team wanted to get rid of him.

The 39-year-old left-hander could be punished by the team for writing an autobiography that general manager Brian Cashman said "tarnishes the Yankees' image." Wells apologized to Cashman on Saturday and addressed his teammates Sunday about the book, Perfect I'm Not! Boom on Beer, Brawls, Backaches & Baseball.

"Wells would not say if the no-trade clause came up in recent conversations with manager Joe Torre or Cashman," Associated Press reported.

"What we talked about was our business," Wells said. Cashman would not say if Wells approached the team about waiving the clause. The general manager did say the Yankees haven't asked Wells to do it.

Wells said he hasn't spoken with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner about the book.

"I wrote in there. I'm accountable for everything that I've written," Cashman said.

Cashman started reading the galleys of Wells' book and hopes to finish shortly.

"Instead of being swift, I'd rather be right," Cashman said. "In 1998 and takes digs at teammates. In the actual book, the figure is 10 to 25 percent. "I didn't think it was going to get to this stage," Wells said. "I'm not going to deny anything I wrote in there. I'm accountable for everything that I've written." Wells wishes he would have kept the issue of steroids out of his book, scheduled for publication March 14. In galleys of the book distributed by publisher William Morrow, Wells said 25 to 40 percent of major leaguers used steroids.

"All I can do is apologize for the pain it caused to the organization, my teammates and whoever," Wells said. "It was probably the biggest mistake I ever did by putting something in there. I wish I didn't, but I can't do anything about it. It was a bad choice putting it in the book. I can't change anything. It's already done."

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"We did that way back," said Wells of the change. "Months and months back. It wasn't anything recent."

Also in the galleys, Wells claims he was "half drunk" when he pitched a perfect game in 1998 and takes digs at teammates Roger Clemens and Mike Mussina. Wells earlier backed off the half drunk statement, saying he was hung over.

He doesn't feel the matter has become a distraction for his teammates.

"I don't think these guys are being distracted," Wells said. "They're focusing on one thing: that's spring training and the season. They could care less. They're trying to work on stuff and get into season form and go out and try to win a pennant. That's what I'm trying to do."

University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students

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Office of Campus Ministry

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Contact: Fr. J. Steele, CSC, at Steele.31@nd.edu

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)
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For more information, check out our web site: http://www.ad.edu/~scglsn/

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The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering kindergarten age children for the 2003-04 School Year. 2004 Summer Day Camp registration for children ages 2-5 will occur in early March. 2003-04 School Year registration of preschool age children will take place in early April. For more information and ECDC Parent Meeting & Tour dates, please call one of the numbers below.

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**Today**

- **Ash Wednesday**
  - 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart
  - Make this Lent more meaningful. Pickup Lenten prayer booklets, rosaries and other resources at the CoMo throughout the season.

- **Graduate Student Christian Fellowship**
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons

- **Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**
  - Special Mid-Terms
  - All-Music Edition
  - 10:00
  - Morrissey Hall Chapel

- **Weekly Spanish Mass**
  - 10:30 p.m.
  - St. Edward's Hall

**Monday**

- **Mass for Peace and Justice**
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Tuesday**

- **Confirmation Session #12**
  - 7:00-8:45 p.m.
  - Siegfried Hall Chapel

- **Weekly Spanish Mass**
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons

- **Night Prayer**
  - 10:00
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**Wednesday**

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#### Mass Schedule

**Basilica of the Sacred Heart**

**First Sunday of Lent**

- **Saturday**
  - 5:00 p.m.

- **Sunday**
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Rev. Pat M. Neany, C.S.C.
  - 11:45 a.m.

**Sunday's Scripture Readings**

- **1st:** Gen 9: 9 - 15
- **2nd:** 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22
- **Gospel:** Mark 1: 12- 15

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**Lent**

**Pray for peace:**

**Inner and Global**

by Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C.

Director of Campus Ministry & Counselor to the President

On Sunday, Pope John Paul II reminded pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent when "we undertake a penitential path towards Easter with a stronger commitment to prayer and fasting for peace, which has been put in doubt by growing threats of war." He urged fervent prayer to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, "...because peace is a gift of God we must invoke with humble and insistent trust."

Ash Wednesday, that is, today, is the beginning of the Lenten Season, when we imitate the forty days Jesus spent in the desert before beginning His public ministry, fasting and in prayer.

We begin Lent surrounding by ever-growing signs that our country and the world are at the brink of a war we have been preparing for over so many months now. Every sign of progress towards a possible peaceful solution is dismissed by our government as game-playing by Iraq.

We understand Lent as a time of conversion, when we heed in a sustained way, our longing for God and for a deeper relationship with God through prayer and service of brothers and sisters who are weak or poor or marginalized.

Our country, and the leaders of other countries, have not only the right but the obligation to protect their citizens through judicious use of the courageous service of the armed forces to promote and defend the democratic values we enjoy and treasure. But as Pope John Paul II stated in his encyclical letter The Gospel of Life, the defense and promotion of all life issues are based and developed on the defense of the right to life itself, upon which the inalienable rights of individuals are derived. We understand Lent as a time of conversion, when we heed in a sustained way, our longing for God and for a deeper relationship with God through prayer and service of brothers and sisters who are weak or poor or marginalized.

Ash Wednesday comes to us this year in an especially timely way. May our increased prayer, our fasting and our generous service and gifts to the poor bring us a deep sense of inner peace, so that we might radiate in big and small ways, the light of Christ’s peace which will be the result of our forty days. As His time in the desert prepared Jesus for his ministry, may our Lenten observance enable us to serve as understand our lives as intimately connected to the life of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

**Special Note:** In the event of war, there will be a candlelight prayer service in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 9pm in the evening of the day war is declared.
around the dial

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech at Virginia 7 p.m., ESPN
North Carolina State at Clemson 7 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Timberwolves at Kings 9 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Blackhawks at Stars 9 p.m., FOXCH

NBA

ALAMEDA, Calif.

Jerry Rice has signed a six-year, $30 million contract extension to remain with the Oakland Raiders, a salary-cap-friendly deal that theoretically could keep the star receiver playing until he's 46.

Tim Brown, the longest-tenured Raider with all 15 of his seasons in Oakland, also signed an extension — which means the NFL's oldest-receiving tandem will stay together for now.

"They coupled with Jerry Porter were as productive as any receiver trio in recent memory," Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said. "We're happy to have them back, and I'm sure Rich Gannon is as well.

The AFC champions were more than $30 million over the salary cap heading into the offseason, with some estimates as high as $50 million.

Rice received a signing bonus, and the deal is "back-end loaded," his agent, Jim Steiner, said, meaning much of his salary would be paid out in those final years.

"We're happy with the deal," said Steiner, who has reworked Rice's contract almost every season. "Jerry's happy with the deal. They appreciate Jerry's contributions. Since he left the 49ers, it has worked out perfectly well.

Rice, 40, joked during last season's playoffs that he might play until he's 45.

Brown, 36, "signed a very similar deal" to Rice's, according to Steiner. Brown's agent, Marvin Demoff, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Brown reached his first Super Bowl last season, after finishing with 81 catches for 930 yards and two touchdowns to help the Raiders win their third consecutive AFC West crown.

FSU quarterback charged with gambling

Former Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson was charged with one misdemeanor count of gambling, including on games in which he played.

McPherson, who started four games for Florida State last season, placed bets over the Internet on college and pro games during the 2002 football season, the school said Saturday.

He bet on every Seminoles' game last season, always wagering that they would win, according to Florida State police chief Carey Drayton.

Sources told investigators McPherson bet large amounts and owed a Tallahassee man, identified as Derrick Delach, a total of $8,000, police said.

Delach and Florida State football team equipment manager Jeffrey Inderhees were charged Tuesday with one felony count of bookmaking.

McPherson was kicked off Florida State's team in November, after police said he was connected to the theft of an official check later cashed for $3,500.

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AROUND THE NATION

Womens College Basketball

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Northeastern and we needed to limit them to one shot," Severe said. "But we knew who the shooters were and got out on them." Although the Irish headed into halftime with a 10-6 Big East record, Notre Dame will take a No. 6 place in the Big East. However, since the Hokies defeated the Irish during the regular season, Notre Dame will take No. 6 seed into the Big East Tournament, where they will face Pittsburgh.

Announcing the Year 2003 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

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Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

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3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

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The practice of feasting, first used by the Swiss, is derived from the word "Feier," which means "to seat.

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needed to get back into the game.

With 7:19 left in the first half, desperation finally kicked in for the Irish. They needed a hang onto it for the rest of the season.

In Notre Dame's last three games, they've playedteams with a lot more at stake than the Irish, who had their ticket punched to the NCAA Tournament back in December. Connecticut badly needed a win to improve their tournament resume. Rutgers badly needed a win to make the Big East resume. They need to hang onto it for the rest of the season.

Orangemen quickly proceeded to make those shots.

"You're at a point now," Irish coach Brey said, "where if they don't understand it now, then our season will end quick­ly.

"The thing is, there isn't exactly a magic button the Irish can push, "I don't know," Carroll said. "There's no question about it," Brey said. "It's going back to the basics. A guard and a shooter: I told him at halftime, 'Just be disciplined.'"

"I thought in the second half, he was very disciplined," Brey said. "He needs to be more focused on that, no question about it," Brey said. "I don't think we are thinking about the second half with 3:04 remaining."

After the game and after a couple of mine had rimmed out. I'm supposed to make those shots."

Syracuse missed three more games. That's a magic button the Irish can

"I told Chris Thomas that I'll live with that look from up top every night out. I have no problem with the look he get there," Brey said. "That was how we were going to have to win the game—with that quick 3 to shock them. Maybe they don't get a shot off on the other end or it gets chaotically."

Orangemen came out and gave the ball to freshman Carmelo Anthony who drove to the basket and scored easily. Syracuse forward Kaeth Duany fouled Torrian Jones, who connected on two free throws to tie the game at 88.

The Irish couldn't get the rebound of a Karl Hickam miss next time down and Anthony tipped it in, putting Syracuse up two.

Here we go again," Carroll said. Orangemen quickly proceeded to jump out to a 21-point lead as Irish players seemed more interested in discovering how many points Syracuse could score rather than trying to stop them.

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Irish fell behind by double-digits in the first half.

But this time, they battled back to tie the game. After Carroll's 3-pointer brought the score to 56-55, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim called a time-out.

"I thought it was in," Thomas said. "A couple of mine had rimmed out. I'm supposed to make those shots."

The Irish responded with a 13-4 run keyed by 3-pointers from Carroll, Thomas and Chris Quinn, who took advantage of 25 turnovers off the bench by scoring eight points.

Finally, a feeling of urgency, the Irish came out of the locker room playing aggressive defense and started the half on a 6-2 run. For most of the half, the Irish couldn't cut the deficit to less than four. They finally get two within 58-54 on one of the many easy baskets Francis got in the second half with 3:04 remaining.

"I thought the game was over," Carroll said. "We did a good job dropping it off in to him getting. Basketball is tough and every one of me, "I don't really care if they win or lose. Basketball is tough and every one of us has to fight but I don't get into a little bit of a rhythm. He is very important for us."

The Irish closed the gap a minute later on Carroll's trey, but were never able to get over the hurdle and grab the lead.

Syracuse badly needed a win to make the Big East.

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Happy Birthday: Balance will be the most important lesson you learn this year. Take it easy and be diplomatic in all your dealings. Your kindness, understanding and willingness to do what you can will be remembered when you need to be on the receiving end. Your numbers are 5, 8, 12, 35, 42, 46.

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Elevated for a slam dunk over Toronto were Syracuse's Hakim Warrick and Notre Dame's Torrian Jones.

**MENS BASKETBALL**

**Beaten to a pulp**

**Orangemen jump out to 21-point lead, then hold off Irish comeback**

*By MATT LOZAR*  
Sports Editor

When his sixth 3-pointer of the half and school-record tying eighth of the game tied the game at 86, Orange guard Matt Carroll thought the Irish were going to complete a 21-point comeback on Senior Day at the Joyce Center.

"I thought that was the time," the senior tri-captain said. "I thought we were going to pull ahead because we were at home, and we were going to get a stop, and it sure didn't happen."

But the one thing his basket didn't do was give the Irish the lead, as the Irish lost 92-88 to Syracuse Tuesday. The loss puts the Irish on a three-game losing streak for the first time since January of last season.

"You are most disappointed because you couldn't get it for Matt Carroll," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. That's why I'm most disappointed.

Forget 10 league wins, or [that] you didn't do was give the Irish the one-point lead, and it looked like the Irish might lose the momentum they had picked up from their last two victories. But a 13-4 run, including three consecutive 3-pointers from Alicia Ratay in the final minutes guaranteed the Irish a win.

"When [Diop] was out, we had the second Notre Dame timeout in two minutes, Irish coach Brey not so nicely told his team to dig their heels in and start playing basketball.

At that point, Syracuse had a 19 point lead and seemed well on their way to handling the Irish another embarrassing loss. Like Drew Carey and food, Syracuse was doing anything it wanted to.

But in that timeout, during that lecture, something kicked in for the Irish. They started shutting down Syracuse's potent scorers, began limiting them to ugly looks and started making the defensive stops.

"We wanted to have momentum going into the tournament, and a win does that, especially a close one on the road," said Le'Tania Severe as the Irish learned how to play defense.

**Irish wrap up regular season with win at Syracuse**

*By KATIE McVOY*  
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It looked close for a while, but the Irish ended the season how they wanted to.

With Tuesday night's 62-54 victory against Syracuse, the Irish have now won seven of their last nine and head into the Big East Tournament with the momentum they need.

"This win was huge," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think that if we had lost, it would have been devastating. Nine games ago we said we had to win seven of the next nine. I'm feeling good about where we are."

With 4:55 left, a basket by the Orangewomen's April Jean gave Syracuse a one-point lead, and it looked like the Irish might lose the momentum they had picked up from their last two victories. But a 13-4 run, including three consecutive 3-pointers from Alicia Ratay in the final minutes guaranteed the Irish a win.

"Nine games ago, we said we had to win seven of the last nine. I'm feeling good about where we are," McGraw said in the aftermath of the win.

Although the Orangewomen tried to stymie the Irish height advantage by starting 6-foot-4 Awa Diop, her inexperience did not do as the Irish height advantage we needed," said Severe.

"When [Diop] was out, we had the height advantage we needed," said Severe, who recorded a season-high eight assists. "Regardless of where the ball came from, we knew we needed the rebound and, on their way to handing the Irish another embarrassing loss. Like Drew Carey and food, Syracuse was doing anything it wanted to.

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