Gay marriage rulings may affect ND housing

By DOLORES DIAZ

The University Office of Residence Life and Housing could face allowing same-sex marriage partners to reside in campus housing residents if Massachusetts' ruling allowing same-sex marriages becomes a national trend.

The university also could change its graduate family housing contracts, which limit lodging to degree-seeking students and their spouses pending proof of marriage, but does not specify that the couples must be male and female, which would create a loophole if Indiana acknowledged gay civil unions.

However Mary Gude, assistant vice president of student affairs and standing committee chair for gay and lesbian student needs, said she was not concerned about the Massachusetts ruling having any immediate effect on the Indiana marriage law, nor did she consider the contract inflexible.

"Indiana would be at the end of the line on changing the marriage law," Gude said. "If and when the day ever came ... the contract would probably change to specify that the marriage must be between a heterosexual couple.

As a Catholic institution, the University is required to uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church that does not grant or acknowledge gay marriage. This extends to University housing as well.

The official doctrine of the Church is that marriage is between a man and a woman," said Gude. "The wording of the contract would have to be changed.

According to the mission statement of the Office of Resident Life and Housing, 'The University encourages a way of living consistent with a Christian community and manifests in prayer, liturgy and service, residential life endeavors to develop that sense of community that is at once more human and more divine.'

Because homosexual couples could potentially live off campus together and keep their sexuality a secret from the University quite well.

The University also could allow a campus development boundary to be created, so that new buildings are constructed within the current footprint, rather than expanding the campus, which officials say they have no desire to do.

ND starts dialogue program

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG

The signs began to go up in September: "Had enough talk? Engage in sustained dialogue." Others asked: "What do Princeton and Brown have in common?" "What is the one thing Notre Dame doesn't have?" Sustained Dialogue. Students wondered what they might discuss on campus. The idea was born.

The concept of the town hall meeting commemorating Martin Luther King Jr., Tosen Garcia, student government's diversity chairperson, stood up to address the implications of the institutional change.

Turan Burnett and Pete Shaw, network engineers for the OIT, rewired Morissey Hall's switch closet over winter break.

OIT completes massive network upgrade over break

By WILL PUCKETT

While students were vacationing over winter break, the Office of Information Technology was busy hard at work on the largest network upgrade ever at the University. A team of engineers visited each residence hall and replaced the approximately 220 switches that connect students to the network, in addition to other improvements.

The upgrade was implemented not only to quicken the speed of the network, but to improve the reliability and manageability of the network, as well. Officials said.

While the network received a tenfold improvement in raw speed, from 10 megapixels to 100 megapixels for each student's computer, Dewitt Latimer, Notre Dame's chief technology officer, emphasized other advantages.

"This upgrade replaced 5 year-old equipment that was costing us a lot of money to maintain and repair," Latimer said. "The switches we put in are easier to maintain, can be managed remotely, and overall will cost us less money to run.

The switch closets — 75 of them in 62 buildings — were upgraded, as well. Many air conditioning units were not adequate, and some buildings had no air conditioning, potentially allowing equipment to overheat and suffer damage. Where necessary, those systems were replaced or new ones were installed, Latimer said.

Unreliable power supplies, or battery backups, were also installed in each switch closet, allowing the campus network to continue to function for some time should the power go out. Dust and dirt were cleaned out of the closets that had accumulated over the years, as well, reducing the possibility of it causing problems.

The most obvious thing OIT has been doing, Latimer said. During the fall semester, network equipment was replaced in DeBartolo, Grace and Planner halls, and toward the end of the break, wireless network connectivity continued to be expanded, Latimer said.

"We obviously have more desires than we have dollars, and we're trying to get the most cost-effective improvements to the network. This major upgrade to ResNet kept coming up, and so we did that over break — but that's not all we're doing," he said. "We're hoping to make more upgrades to the campus network in order to improve overall bandwidth and more flexibility for everyone who uses the network."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Til death do us part**

"Father of the Bride" it wasn't. But the worst part about Britney Spears' double-dare schlagm Lee Vegas wedding last week wasn't that the bride wore the now infamous "jeans and a baseball cap," nor that only one of the shoes was white. It wasn't the media frenzy that followed, which rocketed even greater promise Alexander's spot-light-crawling high school ex-girlfriend onto prime time entertainment news.

The worst part was what the 55-hour debate inadvertently pointed out: While Britney's celebrity was enough to merit a legal annulment, her heterosexuality was enough to merit an equally legal marriage.

The debate over whether Britney's or any other marriage should be labeled "holy matrimony," "civil union" or something in between reached its boiling point during the holidays, when the release of a New York Times/CBS News poll showed 55 percent of Americans to be in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment to restrict marriage to a union between a man and a woman.

While most supporters acknowledge that an amendment won't automatically make the "straight lightbulb" go off in heterosexuals' heads, the promise that the gay lifestyle will remain in the shadows instead of on the altar is enough to win their support. Most of the 55 percent likely feel guilty about outright intolerance but have no qualms telling gays to keep their "confused" hands off a "sacred institution" and thus their commitment out of sight.

President Bush has publicly endorsed the idea of an amendment and plans to announce that love for all to hear? Is it the President, Congress, the Supreme Court? Or is it the two people whose job is it to decide?

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**CORRECTIONS**

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and stores for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact Claire Heininger, and we can correct our errors.
The competition attracted a variety of individuals from different majors, although contestants were not asked their majors when applying, and roughly 50 percent of the designs exhibited some previous graphic design experience, Crossin said.

This is the 14th year of The Shirt tradition at Notre Dame, which began as an independent student project initiated by Brennan Harvash to cover medical costs for a graduate student injured in a hit-and-run accident. The Shirt's purpose was to unify students as well as raise funds for the unexpected costs.

The 1990 home opener football game versus Michigan featured 85 percent of the student body in The Shirt and 9,500 shirts were sold that season.

After its first two years of production, the Hammes Bookstore, along with other campus stores, picked up The Shirt, which contributed to increased sales.

This year's Shirt continues in its tradition with a student-run focus said Crossin, and much of the decision-making is left to students. Although the Shirt project is now joined by members of the Alumni Association, the Student Senate, the Hammes Bookstore and the Financial Management Board. Proceeds from shirt sales are divided in two. Half of the money supports student clubs and organizations, and the other half goes to the University. The purpose of covering unforeseen medical costs for students, Crossin said. Within the latter half there is also a "rector fund," which is used in order to purchase items like dance tickets and other extras that help them participate in more campus life events.

With The Shirt's continued success, there has been discussion about increasing compensation for the selected designer, which is now $200. However, with the history of the project as a social service and the fact that the President, is completely voluntary, no decision to increase the prize amount has been made, Crossin said.

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Juniper

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to do. The campus master plan calls for residence halls to be constructed on the area where Juniper currently passes between the north side of Pasquerilla East Halls and the B2 and D2 parking lots. Improving the traffic flow around campus is also a reason to close Juniper and improve other roads, officials say. The University projects that 8,100 vehicles pass through part of Juniper each day, but estimates that less than 2,000 of them are through trips. Estimates show that an average trip on Juniper from Cleveland Road to the Five Points intersection currently takes 15 minutes. But estimates show that if no changes were made, in 2025 there would be 12,900 vehicles traveling on Juniper each day and an average trip would take 19 minutes.

Director of Community Relations Jackie Rucker said that the University had made a priority to share its plans for Juniper with the community, who would have a voice in alleviating fears and eliminating rumors. In addition, the University unsealed plans to expand Ivy Road to four lanes at two public meetings. In one plan, called 4g, the road would still run between Edison and Douglas Roads. In a second plan, called 5g, the road would run between Edison but curve after passing through Bulla Road to the 100 block of Juniper Road. These proposals were not popular with residents who said they would lose their houses as a result of construction.

Rucker said that the University is carefully considering feedback from community members, although some suggestions, such as building tunnels for pedestrians under Juniper, are not feasible. "Our goal is to be a good neighbor. We have to consider how to get feedback, but we have to be realistic, too," Rucker said.

On Wednesday night at a meeting at Darden Primary School, the University unveiled new plans that would create a new road through property the University owns east of campus instead of taking it into County ownership. The County Commissioner for Mark Dobson praised for being responsive to the concerns of community members.

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Acquittal sought for 9/11 suspect

Maricopa, Arizona — Lawyers for the second Sept. 11 suspect to go on trial argued Thursday that the Morocan was unaware of the plot by black ringleader Mohamed Atta.

Abdelghani Mzoudi, charged with more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization, knew al-Qaeda cell members but was not part of the plot to attack the United States, lawyers said in closing arguments at the Hamburg state court.

"Abdelghani Mzoudi belonged to the group that advised Atta around Mohamed Atta. He spent time in Afghanistan. The evidence shows that—but no more than that," Pinar argued.

Prosecutors last week sought the maximum 15 years in prison for Mzoudi, 31, arguing evidence showed he assisted the Sept. 11 plotters.

American pilot pays fine for gesture

The Associated Press

An American Airlines pilot paid a fine of nearly $13,000 Thursday after being accused of making an obscene gesture during customs procedures for U.S. citizens.

Brazil authorities charged that Dale Robin Hersh, 53, lifted his middle finger on Wednesday while going through the new security process, imposed in response to similar rules in the United States for citizens of Brazil and many other countries.

Hersh was accused of showing contempt for authorities—a crime in Brazil punishable by up to two years in jail.

But officials said the offense was minor, fining him $12,750 instead of pressing charges.

National News

Press gathers as Jackson arraigned

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The world press descended in full force Thursday on the normally quiet Santa Maria Valley, setting up mini TV studios with satellite dishes to beam news around the globe as pop star Michael Jackson is arraigned on charges of child molestations.

Cable TV was the buzz.

Nearly 10 years after the O.J. Simpson trial brought a media horde to the Los Angeles court, many of the same players have trekked 150 miles northwest to a rural area better known for its vineyards and strawberry fields than its criminal cases.

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Newspaper reporters were misty-eyed and choked-up as the parade passed by.

The feeling of a time warp was intensified by the presence of Simpson prosecutor Robert Shapiro, standing outside the court house doing reports for "Entertainment Tonight."

Man faces double murder charges

Associated Press

MACLEANSPORT, Pa. — A man was charged Thursday with killing two brothers during a fight over a half-ounce of crack, and authorities feared that Spirit might become yet another casualty in the star-crossed mission of the rover on Mars.

"That's why I'm here — to get involved with the faith-based initiative," said David Bositis of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank in Washington, to push his faith-based initiative.

Back in Washington, Rep. Elijah Cummings, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said not one policy decision made by the Bush administration — from the war in Iraq to the economy, from education to the environment — has mirrored King's dream. "The president needs to be more embracing of elected African American officials and the entire African American community every day of the year, not just on January 15th," he said.

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Panel nixes reducing radioactive testing

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department has not done the necessary tests justifying the testing of radioactive waste shipments bound for a New Mexico storage site, a panel of scientists said Thursday. The department has argued that safety checks required on shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M., cost $3.1 billion and create delays. Changing the requirements would save time and money, the department said in petitioning for changes last week.

A report by a panel of scientists appointed by the National Research Council — a division of the National Academies of Science — said Energy has not done adequate studies to support its argument for easing regulations and those analyses should be done before it seeks to modify the state waste disposal permit.

However, a provision backed by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and signed into law last month by President Bush orders the Energy Department to request that New Mexico relax its testing requirements and restricts the state's ability to refuse the request.

"This is another example of DOE putting the cart before the horse..." Ron Curry

New Mexico Environment Secretary

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New Wire

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Woman identifies rapist

Baton Rouge, La. — A nurse who survived a beating and attempted rape in her home in 1994 turned to serial killing suspect Derrick Todd Lee in a courtroom Thursday and said he was the attacker.

"I'm absolutely sure, without a shadow of a doubt," Diane Alexander testified.

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In a hearing that began Wednesday, prosecutors are seeking to introduce the evidence from four of the killings and the assault on Alexander in Pace's trial. The hearing will continue next month.

Lee was arrested in Atlanta, Ga., after an 18-month manhunt that terrified women across Louisiana.

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In Brief

Small cigarette companies sue La.

Three small cigarette makers filed a lawsuit Monday accusing Louisiana of enacting legislation aimed at preserving Big Tobacco's market share. The companies are upholding major producers' settlements payments to the states.

Plaintiffs said the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in New Orleans, asked the court to declare Indiana, have similar laws. Indiana's state government canceled a $15 million contract with an Indian consulting firm.

Yahoo making big comeback

The dot-com bellwether has recovered $21 billion in shareholder wealth by astutely anticipating the habits of Web surfers -- so much so, in fact, that it now outranks MSN and America Online as the Internet's top destination.

After a mortifying two-year slump, the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company made a $138 million profit in 2003, impressing disillusioned investors who had written off Yahoo as another Internet has-been.

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Associated Press

Kroger employees sue for family leave

Three Indiana women file class-action suit

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The latest document to surface is a Corps of Engineers memo to DCAA last week called a "business case" justifying the fuel costs. Halliburton charged the Army more than double the cost for fuel it trucked into Iraq from Kuwait and for fuel it bought in Turkey.

Halliburton has claimed that Altanmia was the only company approved by the Kuwaiti government to sell fuel in Iraq. But the Corps of Engineers document doesn't say that. It says Altanmia had to get Kuwaiti government approval for its sales to Halliburton because it had never sold fuel before.

The Army document does not mention any demand by Kuwait that only Altanmia could be used as a supplier.

Halliburton got a contract to repair Iraq's crumbling oil industry as part of its contract to provide emergency construction and other services to the Army. On May 4, military commanders in Iraq told Halliburton to start supplying gasoline in Iraq because crowds in long lines at gas stations were becoming unruly.

Ashon Kutcher says 'Punk'd!' is really over

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ashton Kutcher knows he's the boy who cried "Punk'd" — but he promises that his MTV practical joke show is really and truly finished.

Despite the understandable public skepticism, Kutcher says he's NOT playing one of his signature pranks on fans.

"I've become the boy who cried wolf," he acknowledged to The Associated Press while offering some assurance that his decision to end the show after two seasons isn't just another hoax.

"Let's put it this way," he said. "I'm getting ready to start shooting two movies. I'm still working on "That '70s Show." I'm producing two other shows for MTV and creating a one-hour drama pilot for Fox... I don't have the time."

That won't leave much time for making monkeys out of his celebrity pals with tricks such as moving fake billywogs relatives onto the grounds of their mansions (like he did to "Newlyweds" star Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson, who helped play the joke on her husband) or stealing a $200,000-plus automobile (the fate that befell "Malcolm in the Middle" star Frankie Muniz).

Fans who feel they will be unable to survive without a fresh dose of "Punk'd" can get their fix Tuesday when the first season of the prank show comes out on DVD.

The two-disc set includes previously unseen footage and extended scenes of pranks on stars including Justin Timberlake, who thought his home and possessions had been seized by the Internal Revenue Service.

Kutcher said he was willing to let him high-light their guiltiness on national television. Then it became a status symbol for young stars to be the victim of a "Punk'd" gag.

"People were really skeptical about this show in its first season and others in the industry as part of its contract to provide emergency construction and other services to the Army. On May 4, military commanders in Iraq told Halliburton to start supplying gasoline in Iraq because crowds in long lines at gas stations were becoming unruly.
Spending bill delayed in Senate

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee chairman has written ten senators seeking their support for a sizable, bipartisan, part-time spending bill and pointedly listing the projects the measure includes for each lawmaker’s home state.

The letter — which falls short of explicitly threatening those projects — underscores the pressure both sides are bringing as the Senate nears a showdown vote over the $573 billion measure on Tuesday, the day Congress returns from its winter recess.

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Notre Dame has traditionally been a pedestrian campus, but as the campus expanded east with the construction of Rush and the new Jordan Hall of Science, Jupiter Road — and its busy traffic — separates parts of campus and threatens that pedestrian nature. The University wants to close Jupiter between Edly Street and Douglas Road and re-route traffic by widening Edly Road and building a new road. Proposals to close Jupiter have surfaced before, but this newest effort differs in two ways. Not only is the University willing to pay for the cost of improving local roads so Jupiter can be closed, but the University is being upfront with its neighbors about the proposal.

The University should be lauded for both of these steps. Explaining the University’s plans to neighbors at town hall meetings might be viewed as a waste of time by some, but community mem­bers’ suggestions have already been incorporated into the planning process, such as creating a new road by rather than expanding by, which will mean no residents will lose their homes in the process. Residents used to Notre Dame’s historical disassociation from the community can be skeptical of the University’s plans, and some have feared that Notre Dame’s decision may mean that they will lose their homes. But involving community members in the process and incorporating their opinions, as Notre Dame has demonstrated it can do, means those affected by a Jupiter closure will likely be in a better situation.

Notre Dame has several reasons for wanting Jupiter closed. Because the University does not want to purchase additional land to expand, closing Jupiter would allow the University to use that space for buildings. Two residence halls have been proposed in the space currently occupied by the road. Students and faculty living in Pasquerilla East Halls and the B2 and D2 parking lots. Safety is also another concern on Jupiter, for both pedestrians and automobiles. And these concerns will only increase in 2006 when the Jordan Hall of Science opens and even more classrooms and laboratories sit on the other side of the road.

Before Jupiter is closed, students should recognize that Notre Dame’s pedestrian campus might not extend to Jupiter Road and cross the street carefully, both as a matter of safety and a gesture of goodwill to the residents who will be inconvenienced when the road closes.

Closing Jupiter may inconvenience some South Bend residents, but it is the right decision for Notre Dame. University officials must continue to work with residents to communicate its plans in order to simultaneously minimize the impact of the closure and to be a good neighbor. Incorporating local opinion and offering to finance future road-building projects are steps in the right direction.

A nice man among mean people

God bless the Republican American patri­ot, former Bush White House Assistant Secretary Paul O’Neill, for having the nerve to go public with documents he used for his book. It is no wonder O’Neill has soft-peddled a bit in recent months. On the one hand, he is the bell­wether of his family’s financial acumen, father of the belt­way­style that alimented White House operations. And he is the man who spun a positive light on the chief’s mistakes, focusing on many embar­rassments, has already been cor­roborated by other Bush insiders.

Moreover, nobody at the White House has denied the content. ’

O’Neill’s book is a must-read for both supporters of the president and those who oppose Bush. While every administration still has its “kiss and tell” books, this one cracks the strict discipline the Bush White House has long invoked as a way to control the flow of information. The book’s content, focusing on many embar­rassing revelations, has already been cor­roborated by other Bush insiders.

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How "Saved by the Bell" prepared me for life

Like so many others of our generation, I would rush home from middle school every day to settle into the couch cushion and watch perhaps one of the most influential shows of my childhood: "Saved by the Bell.

Despite its dearth of realism, its cookie-cutter characters, stereotypes and its overwhelming corniness, "Saved by the Bell" nevertheless provided wisdom that I still carry today. For the small handful of you who never watched the show during your adolescent heyday, it featured six high school students, led by the ineffably cool Zack Morris, who planned their schemes in the principal's office at Bayside High, ate lunch at The Max every day and learned every harsh lesson to emerge as better people and closer friends at the end of each 30-minute installment.

Parents and critics alike panned the show as an unrealistic portrayal of high school life, and they were largely vindicated when we realized that the lines between the jocks, nerds, feminists and cheerleaders were more blurred than "Saved by the Bell's" depiction. I felt particularly disappointed when my high school experience did not include a dance contest refereed by Casey Kasem, but my enlightenment would come in due time. Now that we have grown up since the awkward and ignorant years of junior and senior high school, we can evaluate the show to recognize the latent efforts of its writers to rework amidst its flaws.

I'll start by referencing an old classic, one that forever lingered in the memory for those fortunate enough to have been enthralled "Jessie's Song," the episode features the overarching Jessie Spano, who later dropped out of every university to pursue a career as a stripper, in the midst of a nervous breakdown only amplified by her addiction to caffeine pills. I'm writing this as the only student familiar with the episode recalls the horrendous image of Jessie screaming "I'm so excited! I'm so... scared!" when they contemplate taking a No-Doz pill during finals week. Not only did the episode offer a sentimental lesson on the nature of drug addiction, but the group's intervention after A.C. Slater discovers her secret proves that a friend in need is a friend indeed, and Jessie ultimately recovers from her traumatic experience. When not facing internal adversity, the group's confrontations with societal injustice opened a young generation's eyes to problems ranging from sexism to the destruction of the environment.

Who can watch the tragic moment when Zack's pet duck Becky dies from an oil spill and not be enraged at the greed and utter inhumanity of oil companies with virtually no regard for the environment? Fortunately, the group overcomes the plot of an evil corporation and all other bounds of simple rationality to thwart the attempt to turn Bayside High into a giant oil rig at the expense of a duck pond. Protecting the environment from evil oligarchs was only the beginning of the group's inspirational movement for social justice. When the new girl Kristi tries out for the wrestling team, she faces the institutionalized sexism inherent in the athletic world where females are not encouraged to utilize their physical talents. Her ardent supporters intervene, and she receives her chance to prove her ability on the wrestling mat. All this is set against the backdrop of a television world with the stunning pin of a rival wrestler.

Protecting the environment from evil corporation and all other evilness was only the beginning of the group's inspirational movement for social justice. The episode offered a worthy allegory for the real-life introduction of Title IX, which has benefited countless college students who can look no further than their own Bayside High for internal justification of the controversial provision.

None can forget Zack's encounters with his friendly nemesis, Mr. Belding, the bumbling principal. Despite his ineffectual command against us, we walked the sidewalks of South Bend. My friend wanted nothing more than to convert some hundred-odd pounds into dollars. No, in matters of Midas, no bank can change shining sterling into gold. Not even the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union performs this feat of metamorphosing pounds into dollars. No, in matters of Midas, no bank can change shining sterling into gleaming green. Or will they do it, but it will cost $17-25 U.S. dollars for the exchange and to get the money can take up to 14 days. I inquire of a University begun by Frenchmen, adopted by Irish, offering the Kresso and the Kellogg, boasting the instruction in Chinese, Arabic, and many others, why it can't get its hands on the money.

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By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

"My Eye," an exhibition of paintings by award-winning artist Rick Bartow, will open this Sunday at the Snite Museum of Art. Bartow, who is Yurok in origin, draws on his Native American ancestry in his paintings, which explore mythological themes from all over the world. Originally from northern California, Bartow now lives and works on the coast of Oregon.

Bartow is currently on a two-year national tour, funded by an endowment from The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and by the Oregon Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Oregon Council for the Humanities. An exhibition guide with an introduction by Oregon writer Barry Lopez, an extensive biography of the artist and a critical essay by curator Rebecca Dobkins will accompany the exhibition.

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Open last Sunday, Artist Malaquias Montoya, a leading figure in the political Chicano movement on the west coast, conceived the protest during the 2000 presidential election after the focus on George Bush's home state of Texas brought greater media attention to the issue of the death penalty in the United States. He uses his imagery to protest a practice that he considers an atrocity.

"We have perfected the art of institutional killing to the degree that it has deadened our national, quintessentially human response to death," the Snite Museum Web site quoted the artist as saying. "I want to produce a body of work depicting the horror of this act."

Premeditated: Meditations on Capital Punishment will run through Feb. 22. "My Eye" will run from Jan. 18 to March 14. Both exhibitions are free and open to the public.
band has had incredible success and in the past has performed in the Shabonee Music Series at Saint Mary's College and with champion step dancers Paul Cusick and Caitlin Allen at Notre Dame. This past July brought the release of their self-titled debut album, and the band currently plays regular gigs at both Fiddler's Hearth and Lula's.

One of the essential characteristics of the band is their ability to interact with a crowd in such a way that it erases any distinction between musicians and audience participation, dancing, clapping and singing are encouraged by the band and occur naturally with the nature of the music played. Everyone is part of the show when Kennedy's Kitchen is playing. In fact, all the members of the band originally started out in the band as guest participants in the open Monday night jams at Lula's Cafe learning the ropes of Irish and Scottish music.

Band members include John Kennedy, who is a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist contributing vocals, guitar, tin whistle, bouzouki, bodhran and banjo to the band. Before forming Kennedy's Kitchen, he was the founder of another traditional Irish band, Seasmith, and he continues to work as a producer and promoter for various other projects.

Bob Harke, the oldest member of the band and a science professor for local high school and college students, visited Ireland in 1995 and was immediately taken by the musical atmosphere, rhythms and culture found in local pubs. It didn't take him long to begin composing his own Irish tunes, and upon returning to South Bend he began participating in the Lula's jam sessions with his guitar, bodhrans and vocals.

Rob Weber, bass player and supplier of low vocals, is a South Bend native who lived in Texas for many years performing with many blues, jazz and R&B artists during his time there. Weber is a writer with hundreds of short stories, novellas and a novel to his repertoire, and the story-telling qualities of Irish music is what drew him into playing with Kennedy's Kitchen.

Joel Cooper is currently the Director of Information Technology at Carleton College in Minnesota, but he returns regularly to the Michiana area to perform with Kennedy's Kitchen, contributing bass, guitar and vocals. His singing background includes groups such as the Notre Dame Chorale and the Vesper Chorale, and gigs with the South Bend Symphony. Cooper is also a composer, his song "Land By The Sea" is on the Kitchen's debut album.

Chris O'Brien, who lives in Kilkee, Ireland during the summers with her husband and children, works to restore artwork and antique furniture and also offers her talents on fiddle and vocals to Kennedy's Kitchen, and another band, Tallas.

Jim Bradberry, the owner of Mr. Bradberry's Violin Shop, played guitar with Jericho and TD Davis in the 70's, and now plays a variety of music including country, bluegrass, Bulgarian, and of course, Irish music. In addition to Kennedy's Kitchen, he plays with a bluegrass band along with his wife.

The band also includes two younger members, adding youth, vitality and much talent to the band: Nolan Ladewski, who is 14 and the nephew of founding member Kennedy, plays the tin whistle and the low D whistle with the band. In 1999, he placed first in his age group for tin whistle at the Midwest Fleadh and went to Ireland to compete later that year. Ladewski appears on the CD Notre Dame Experience, and is also a member of the band Mira, which also performs regularly at Fiddler's Hearth.

Sally Joyce, age 16, although relatively new to Irish music, plays fiddle and various whistles with the Kitchen. She is an accomplished pianist and has studied tin whistle and fiddle with local teachers. Along with Ladewski, Joyce is also a member of Mira.

Much is in store for the band in the coming year. March brings the program of several concerts at local venues in Michigan City, St. Joseph, Mich, and Valparaiso. In September the band will be part of Indiana's biggest festival, the Blueberry Festival, held in Plymouth, and in October the band will take part in a weekend festival for Notre Dame's Alumni Bands on campus. Sometime in the full, the band also plans to participate in the IVD Concert Series and will perform at the University of Illinois.

So, even if it isn't possible to fly to Ireland and sit with authentic Irish fiddlers and a creamy Guinness in hand, the closest thing this side of the Atlantic is at Legends this weekend, cooking it up with Kennedy's Kitchen. Come support the band and get your Irish dance growing! The show starts at 10 p.m.
NEW YORK - Matthew Barnaby, who still has 17 days remaining in regulation to lift the New York Rangers into a 3-3 tie with the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

The Devils appeared to be on their way to another win over the Rangers after Sergei Brylin scored his third goal of the game just 1:07 into the third period, but Barnaby salvaged a rare point for New York against New Jersey with 2.17 seconds left.

Mike Dunham made 30 stops for New York, outshot 2-0 in overtime.

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NBA

Wilkens joins Knicks, replacing Chaney as head coach

Lenny Wilkens, a Hall of Famer, speaks about his plans for the Knicks Thursday at the Knicks training facility. Wilkens replaces Don Chaney as the head coach of the Knicks.

Wilkens ran a brief practice in the afternoon, preparing the revamped Knicks to play the Seattle SuperSonics on Friday night. He replaces Don Chaney, fired Wednesday.

The opportunity to come back to New York is just tremendous. It's not anything that I thought could happen," said Wilkens, who had been out of work since being fired by the Toronto Raptors at the end of last season.

The Knicks are the sixth team coached by the 66-year-old Wilkens, who has made the playoffs in 19 of his 30 seasons on the bench. His challenge in New York will be to guide the Knicks (16-24) back to the postseason after a two-year absence.

New York is 2 1/2 games behind Philadelphia for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

"We've got our work cut out for us, but I'm an optimist," Wilkens said. "It's still early enough. We can make the playoffs."

He plans to prod the Knicks to refocus on defense and hopes to tweak their offense— all while growing accustomed to a roster that, until Thursday, he had only seen a handful of times on television.

Wilkens said he welcomes input from Thomas, who drew up a wish list of coaching candidates before settling on the gray-haired gentleman from the Class of '56 at Boys High School in Brooklyn.

"I feel like it's my team right now— or I should say Stephon's team," Wilkens said.

Wilkens, owner of the most coaching victories and losses in NBA history, will have to make adjustments on the fly. The Knicks enter a stretch of six games in nine days that includes a matinee matchup with the Raptors on Monday.

Several Toronto players criticized Wilkens' coaching methods after he was fired in April. Vince Carter said Wilkens doesn't understand today's game.

Wilkens said he was surprised by Carter's comments and defended his tenure in Toronto, citing the team's numerous injuries during his three seasons there.

"I don't pay it any mind because many players will say things to distract from themselves," Wilkens said.

After being fired, Wilkens spent time at home in Seattle playing golf and tennis.

"I never gave much thought to whether my coaching days were over or not. When I left I said I still had a lot of coaching left in me," Wilkens said.

"When the season started, I started missing it. And I started to watch a lot of games. And when this opportunity came, I jumped at it."

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Delhomme brings spirit, enthusiasm to Panthers

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jake Delhomme took what he learned as a football field and into the huddle, words of encouragement tumbling from the mouth of a man far faster than his teammates could comprehend.

The Carolina Panthers trailed 17-0 in their season opener and Delhomme was seen in to turn it around.

He did. That day he carried the Panthers to the biggest comeback in franchise history and has continued to do so, bringing them within one win of a trip to the Super Bowl.

"To me, this game is no different than the first game of the season," Delhomme said. "The goals are still the same: Play your best and win."

So how does a guy in his first year ever get to be the guy in his first start? Put him in the huddle, yell at him, and tell us we were going to win. He really came in with some life into the offense. He'd spent five years as a backup for his hometown, New Orleans Saints with no chance to unseat Aaron Brooks for the starting job. Although he loved being close to his home and family, Delhomme knew he needed to leave if he was ever going to play in the NFL.

He was courted by Carolina and Dallas, and picked the Panthers hoping he'd be starting by opening day.

Although it didn't happen the way he thought it would, his big chance was in front of him and there was no way Delhomme was going to blow it.

"I just told myself 'Don't try to win it all right now. This is what you've wanted to do all your life,'" Delhomme said.

The Panthers fed off of his enthusiasm as Delhomme threw three touchdown passes — the final with 16 seconds to play — to rally them to a 24-23 victory over the Jaguars.

"It was like with the snap of a finger, everything changed," Delhomme said.

But his ability to stay calm in the waning moments of a tight game have earned the 29-year-old some comparisons to the great-four-quarter comeback quarterbacks.

So how does a guy in his first season as a starter not panic with the game — and now the season — on the line?

"In those situations where we need to come back, I just tell myself, 'OK, don't try to do something you can't, don't try to be anybody you're not, don't try to take something that's not there,'" Delhomme said. "The main thing for me is to get the ball into the hands of our playmakers. I know if I get too riled up, if I try to do too much, then I'm not going to be able to help the team."

That's a lesson Delhomme learned the hard way with the Saints.

Given an opportunity to prove himself in 1999, Delhomme couldn't eat or sleep before the preseason game. It was between Delhomme and Danny Wuerffel for the starting job and Delhomme dropped when he got out onto the field.

"I had to play well and then probably, probably, to win that job," Delhomme said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself and came in and stunk it up. I hated the feeling that I had, feeling like, 'Oh, you've got to make a play.'"

"From that point on I swore that I would never, ever do that again."

Instead, Delhomme hits the pads like an oven kid who just got his first pair of shoulder pads. He's passionate and excited, but determined not to make the same mistakes twice.

But it's the intangibles — the spark he brings to the entire team — that make him invaluable.

"Marvin sets the tempo for us in the passing game. We see how people are playing him and how they're going to try and take him away," coach Tony Dungy said. "Then it's a matter of everyone being ready. In our offense, you have to be able to produce when your number is called."

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Marino becomes Dolphins’ VP of football operations

**Associated Press**

MIAMI — He spent 17 years running the huddle for the Dolphins. Now, he’ll run their front office, which means enduring fickle fans, carving out space for his name atop the masthead and sending a message: Marino is serious about football.

Marino, the quarterback who led the Dolphins to their only Super Bowl title 30 years ago, has become Miami’s senior vice president of football operations.

"Dan has a real feel for the game, and I think that’s going to translate to helping our team both on the field and in securing players," team president Eddie Jones said. "It’s going to be a feel thing as we go along, defining exactly what he’s going to be doing.

"There’s no doubt Marino will have the ear of owner Wayne Huizenga. They’re golf buddies and often travel together. But the fuzzy job description reinforces suspicions that Marino is merely a figurehead to appease season-ticket holders unhappy that Miami missed the playoffs the past two years. Reaction to his hiring was enthusiastic from fans, less so among media pundits.

"I wouldn’t have taken the job just to make it look good," Marino says. "It’s not a PR position. ... I think Wayne is looking for another set of eyes that played the game for 17 years that can look at it from a different perspective."

A handful of standout NFL players have moved to the front office, with results ranging from first rate (Ozzie Newsome in Baltimore) to last place (Matt Millen in Detroit). It’s very difficult to go straight from the field without any experience in that role," former Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson says. "But there are enough quality people within the organization that Dan will have time to learn in the job, and I’m sure he’ll do a great job."

Marino’s judgment could prove particularly beneficial regarding the passing game that has been Miami’s weakest area since his retirement. The receiving corps and offensive line need to be upgraded, and the Dolphins must decide whether to stay with inconsistent, injury-prone Jay Fiedler at quarterback.

The presence of Marino also means another year of shaky job security for Wannstedt, who narrowly avoided being fired after this past season. He became coach in January 2000 and is widely perceived to have nudged Marino into retirement two months later.

At the news conference Monday where Marino was introduced as the new boss, Wannstedt stood off to one side, his back turned against the wall, wearing an expression he usually reserves for losses to the New York Jets. He and Marino claim there’s no strain in their relationship.

"Dave told me [in 2000] if I wanted an opportunity to come back, I could," Marino said. "But it didn’t feel right. It was time for me."

He retired reluctantly, and now the master of the fourth-quarter rally has staged another comeback. An hour after his hiring was announced, there were 40 congratulatory messages on his cell phone, reflecting a good vibe that’s sure to last awhile.

The Dolphins seem Marino’s team again, and they’ll remain undefeated until at least September.

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**MLB**

Kerry Wood pitches in Game 7 of the NLCS. The Cubs ace joined sixty-four others in filing for salary arbitration Thursday.

Associated Press

AL Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, 2001 NL Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols and New York Yankees second baseman Alfonso Soriano were among 65 players who filed for salary arbitration Thursday, the fewest in the last 40 years.

Houston pitchers Wade Miller, Roy Oswalt and Octavio Dotel also filed, as did Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood, Anaheim pitcher Jarrod Washburn and Florida pitchers Brad Penny and Carl Pavano.

Two free-agent pitchers who accepted arbitration offers from their former teams also were in the group: Philadelphia's Kevin Millwood and the New York Yankees' Gabe White.

Cubs have made an offer in recent years to force deals with non-star players well before mid-January, threatening not to offer them contracts unless they settled before the deadline.

Seventy-two players filed last year, down from 259-194 since arbitration began in 1974. Just seven cases went to hearings before three-arbitrator panels will be scheduled during the first three weeks of February.

Players have not won a majority of a year's hearings since 1996, but owners complain about arbitration because of the huge raises many players receive in the process, which is largely limited to players with at least six years of major league service.

Three players who had been eligible agreed to contracts Thursday, with San Diego right-hander Adam Eaton getting a $5.25 million, two-year deal, Cubs closer Joe Borowski receiving a $4.3 million, two-year agreement and Seattle catcher Ben Davis getting a $1.4 million, one-year deal.

Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins settled shortly after filing, agreeing to a $2.4 million, one-year contract.

**In Brief**

**MLB hopes to find home for the Expos**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Major league baseball hopes to pick the future home of the Montreal Expos by the All-Star break, vowing to make a decision this season following two years of missed deadlines.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season, and the commissioner's office originally hoped to relocate the team by 2003.

Following a two-day owners meeting, Expos president Tony Tavares said baseball has reached an agreement to move the Expos to Washington, D.C. last year. Owners told the teams they wanted funding for a new ballpark in that city. It was unclear if baseball still holds to that.

"Whoever gets the team is going to have a ballpark situation structured," Selig said.

**Wie two over at Sony Open**

HONOLULU — Michelle Wie hardly looked out of place Thursday at the Sony Open. Give her time, and the 14-year-old might prove she belongs on the PGA Tour.

Still, the ninth-grader from Punahou made quite an impression. Baseball officials have spoken about the Expos with groups from Las Vegas; Monterrey, Mexico; Norfolk, Va.; Northern Virginia; Portland, Ore.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Washington, D.C. Last year, owners told the teams they wanted funding for a new ballpark in that city. It was unclear if baseball still holds to that.

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We, believed to be the youngest player ever on the PGA Tour, made three birdies in a respectable round of 2-over 74 that didn't include a stroke behind early leader Carlos Franco and in need of her best round to make the cut.

"She hits it long enough to play any golf course," said Craig Bowden, her playing partner who posted a 70.

"I looked at her today as another player," Bowden said.

"We don't have a lot in common," Bowden said. "I asked her when she was going to get her driver's license."

They were different in other areas, too.

Wie twice hit drives longer than 300 yards, and routinely knocked it some 20 yards beyond Bowden. Her only weakness was her irons. Despite length that would fit right in among the men, she rarely gave herself good birdie chances.

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At 7 p.m., a week ago this Saturday, Notre Dame hosted the top teams in the country in both basketball and track, and this Saturday, the Belles will play against Alma in basketball for the first time since the 2002-03 season.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles look to regain form against Alma

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

A tough stretch of games over the winter has hurt the Belles’ overall record, but the team looks to rebound Saturday against Alma College.

The Belles (4-10) have lost their last five games and are 0-4 in the MIAA this year. After a close loss Tuesday against Adrian College, the Belles are eager to pull out a win against Alma.

Despite the setbacks faced over the past month, the Belles remain confident about the rest of the season. The team looks to play more aggressively and avoid mistakes.

“We are as hungry as ever to get a win and get things on track,” coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We feel like there are many different individuals that have stepped up at different times throughout the season."

The Belles will be nine of their last ten games against conference teams. With a win against Alma, the Belles can snap their losing streak and gain their first conference win of the year.

The Belles will play at home against Alma Saturday at 3 p.m.

Contact Steve Coyer at scoyer@nd.edu

Kristin Kania passes the ball in a recent game for Saint Mary’s. The Belles hope to snap a five-game losing streak.

**ND TRACK AND FIELD**

Irish travel for indoor opener

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame’s men’s and women’s track and field teams will begin the indoor portion of their 2004 schedule this weekend at the Central Michigan Opener in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., today at 5:30 p.m.

After this weekend’s opener, the Irish will return to the Loftus Sports Center for three consecutive weekends of home meets. Notre Dame will take on Western Michigan and Ball State in a tri­

angular meet on Jan. 23, fol­

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SMC SWIMMING

Petroff looks to veterans to improve team’s times

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Despite facing adversity earlier this season, it is the veterans that have continued to make Saint Mary’s a threat to other teams.

Saint Mary’s will be challenged today by conference rivals Kalamazoo (1-1) and Olivet (1-3) in a three-way meet that will be scored separately and give Saint Mary’s the chance to come away with two wins.

Earlier this season Saint Mary’s had to overcome obstacles such as the lack of divers such as the lack of divers and the loss of a top swimmer who took a leave of absence from college.

But as the season is nearing a close Saint Mary’s begins preparations for the MIAA Swimming Championships in Grand Rapids, Mich., Saint Mary’s coach Gregg Petroff is anticipating season best times from his veterans.

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Saint Mary’s has also welcomed newcomer Sarah Nowak who finished second in the 200-yard individual medley and returning swimmer Jordan Stenger.

Despite the team’s loss to Calvin last weekend, the Belles are expecting faster times from the majority of their swimmers. After recovering from a week of double workouts, fatigue is not expected to impact the Belles’ performance.

"Historically the team has always swam better times than the weekend after winter break," Petroff said. "(The team) feels a little more rested when they come back to their regular swim schedule."

However, Saint Mary’s is not taking its challenges lightly. "(Kalamazoo) always swims well against us and this year they had an unbelievable recruiting class," Petroff said. "(Kalamazoo) is knocking on the door of conference leaders Calvin and Hope."

Keeping the other teams’ strengths in mind, Saint Mary’s will be bringing its competitive spirits to the meet.

"We’ll have a number of season best times," Petroff said.

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ND SWIMMING

Men looking to build off training trip wins

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men’s swimming and diving team hopes to bolster its 4-1 dual meet mark when No. 21 Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., to compete in the Michigan Invitational against Illinois tonight and tomorrow.

Since the Irish will host the Wolverines on Jan. 31, scoring will only be kept against the Illini in this particular meet.

On Jan. 4, the Irish set four meet records in handily winning the second annual Puerto Rico Winter Training Meet in Encantada, Puerto Rico. The 200-yard medley relay team (Danielle Hurlic, Laurie Musgrave and Lisa Garrick and Katie Carroll) in addition to Musgrave (100-yard breaststroke), Carroll (100-yard freestyle) and Ann Barton (200-yard backstroke) all recorded records in the victory.

After a particularly brutal fall season that saw most of the team suffer a viral infection, the Irish finally appear to be at full strength with about a month remaining before the Big East Championships.

"I think we’re pretty healthy," Weathers said. "The traveling (over break) tends to weaken the kids a little, but we’re a lot healthier right now than we were at this time last year."

The men’s squad (3-5) looks to continue its climb to 500 freestyle) and Doug Bauman (200-yard backstroke) each recorded a first place finish as the Irish overcame a 21-point deficit to steal a victory over USC in the meet’s final race.

"The training trip was magnificent," Welsh said. "We trained hard everyday, raced well and we’re very happy with the results. Now we have to translate those (results) to our season meets."

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What's more, Syracuse's offense creates matchup problems for the Irish. Although Carmelo Anthony was the third overall pick in the NBA Draft last summer after playing just one season for Syracuse, the Orangemen have had little difficulty replacing his point production.

Most striking about Syracuse's offense is that while guard Gerry McNamara makes 42.5 percent of his 3-pointers, the rest of the team has only made nine. Instead of hanging around the perimeter, guards Billy Edelin — who shivered the Irish for 26 points at the Joyce Center last year — and Josh Pace crash the basket after play, scoring most of their points by cutting to the hoop. Notre Dame's 6-foot guard tandem of Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn has had little trouble playing physical guards in the past.

"It's a unique way of playing," Brey said. "Both [Edelin] and Pace are unorthodox guys. To make business, they stay to their strengths."

On the other hand, Brey is anxious to see his team return to a student-filled Joyce Center for the first time since a loss against Indiana. Then, in December, Notre Dame had dropped to a losing record for the first time in the Mike Brey era and the Irish were reeling. Now, having gone 6-1 since that loss, Brey wants to know how his squad responds to a boisterous crowd. "Sometimes the energy in our building is what really handles that well," Brey said. "I talked to them about using the crowd to our advantage."

"We have to use the energy to play defense and not try to do something on offense that's not us," Brey said. "You gotta let a guy try a little bit of everything," Brey said. "But when it comes down to it, that's who you are and that's who he is."

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**Men's Basketball**

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These are also terrific games to try and get those at-large bids in the second half of the season.

Notre Dame currently sits in third place in the CCHA, with a conference record of 8-6-2 and 18 points, only six points behind Michigan (21) and Miami (O hio) (24). Following the Wisconsin series, the Irish play 12 straight conference games to finish up the season.

The Irish come into the Wisconsin series with a losing record against the Badgers, 15-36-6. However, the Irish made history on Oct. 2, 1998, when the team beat all of Wisconsin's Kohl Center with a 2-1 victory over the Badgers.

Notre Dame will also come into the Kohl Center feeling confident, having collected a 3-1 record in its last four games, including the victory over Maine. The lone Irish loss in that span came at the hands of Bowling Green, who defeated Notre Dame in a 5-4 overtime heartbreaker Jan. 9.

The Irish got revenge on the Falcons a day later with freshman goaltender David Brown making 32 saves in a 3-0 shutout win over Bowling Green. Freshmen Jason Paige and Josh Sciba and senior Brett Lebeda scored goals in the victory. Paige and Sciba also scored goals in the 5-4 overtime loss.

"I know each of them wants to play every game, but they know the most important thing for the team is [a win] and they play that way."

Dave Poulin
Irish coach

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Against Virginia Tech, the Irish dominated in the paint, getting 14 points and 11 rebounds from forward Jacqueline Batteast and 14 points from forward Teresa Brown. In the game, the Irish held the Hokies to 33 percent shooting, as they outscored the Hokies 52-50 in the paint.

"That game was a great confidence booster for us," Le'Tania Severe said.

Tuesday night against Connecticut, the Irish dominated a team that has lost two games in as many years. Irish guard Alex Arians again led the way with 23 points on 10-of-13 shooting and 11 rebounds. Seven added 12 points and six assists in only 23 minutes of play, as the Irish won by a convincing margin, 66-51.

But the Irish aren't dwelling on their two wins.

"We know that UConn and every Big East team is going to be a battle," Severe said. "So, the non-conference schedule has prepared us for the Big East." West Virginia will test the Irish, as they travel to Homestead, W.Va, where they face the Mountaineers, who gave the Irish two tough games last season.

In the first meeting last year, Notre Dame knocked off West Virginia 66-59 at the West Virginia Coliseum. After that, the Irish held on for a 69-64 victory at the Joyce Center.

Game time is 4 p.m. Saturday.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Breaking one more streak

The Irish try to beat Syracuse for the first time in three years

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Sports Writer

Since Big East play started, Notre Dame has been joking that they’ve been the streak-breakers.

First, the Irish snapped West Virginia's Drew Schifano’s string of 48 consecutive games with at least 10 points. Then, they snapped an eight-year losing streak against Villanova.

Now, the Irish have a chance to end another one.

When defending national champion Syracuse rolls into the Joyce Center Saturday, the Irish hope to halt a four-game losing streak against the No. 19 Orangemen.

“It’s a frame of mind of believing that you can do it,” said Irish coach Mike Brey, whose team has lost nine of its last 10 games.

“It’s time,” Veteran guard Matt Dunigan said.

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