Campus Ministry gets creative with retreats

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
New Writer

It begins at Freshman Orientation, with posters on residence hall bulletin boards advertising the Freshman Retreat. It continues with the Notre Dame Encounter and the Sophomore Road Trip. If you are a senior, man, woman, Asian, black, Latino, MBA student, gay, lesbian or bisexual, Campus Ministry has a retreat for you.

Campus Ministries offers retreats throughout the year attracting about 3,200 students, or more than a third of the undergraduate population. Each retreat is unique, according to Father Kevin Russeau, director of freshman retreats. Russeau said that the retreats do not contain a set format, though certain elements appear in all, such as presentations by the retreat director and his or her assistant leaders, as well as ice-breakers and small group discussions.

The retreats vary widely in length, size and scope. A freshman retreat, offered six times a year, lasts 26 hours and can accommodate up to 90 participants. The Man's Weekend, Campus Ministry's newest offering, is held two days.

The Man's Weekend is a unique event in many ways. The first one, which took place last October, included a pig roast, but it is still geared towards developing the spiritual life of each participant. Students who attended the retreat spoke highly of the experience. "It was an awesome experience," said junior DJ DiDonna. "There was a good blend of spirituality and time to be alone, to pray, to relax. It was great to have the leaders give talks about what it means to be a man in the Church today, to have a chance to think about vocations, not necessarily as a priest, but as just a man. It was a very refreshing experience."

Russeau said that student response coming out of retreats is overwhelmingly positive. He said that freshmen wish that their retreat would be longer, while seniors attending their first retreat wish they had done one sooner. Nevertheless, there is a certain amount of salesmanship involved in getting students to sign up. Russeau said that his colleagues have had to essentially reinvent the women's retreat, because so few students signed up for it in previous years that several had to be cancelled. Students from all religious backgrounds are invited to participate. He said.

While the spirituality we offer in retreats is not necessarily Christian in nature, we do not concentrate on doctrinal issues, but on relationship. In the retreats he has led, students whom he knew were not Catholic "asked some of the best questions" out of all students, he said. Russeau has had non-Catholics as leaders and professors. DiDonna said that, coming from a Catholic high school, he had been to many retreats before, but the voluntary nature of Notre Dame retreats meant that "a different crowd" participated. He said that, for someone who is serious about deepening their relationship with God, whether Catholic or not, a Notre Dame retreat is ideal.

"Not every student will go on a retreat," said Russeau. "However, we like to think of those who do as acting as a kind of 'sheen' for the campus. We hope that they will be better equipped to make good decisions."

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Why me?

My aunt has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Her youngest child is four years old. What did she do to deserve it? My aunt’s cancer whispers that no sadness can lessen that. In fact, it serves not to break us, but rather to make us realize the full force of love and experience. I’ve had all of these things, and so have you.

I think back on the family I’ve been given, the opportunities I’ve had, the love I’ve encountered. And I promise you... there is one. And figuring it out will change you.

As I sit in my Irish Film and Culture class, a lecture about Yeats quickly shoots me a smile that I will never forget. “Love cannot exist without pain,” my professor says, “for if there is no pain, the feeling isn’t real.” It takes a minute to sink in. I ask myself, do I buy it?

Six hours later, I am sure that I do. My aunt’s cancer whispers that life is precious and too short. The stories of love and life the sisters tell increase in volume after two years of listening to their repetition.

I listen to how Jimmy Dunne risked his entire business, but managed to send millions of dollars to the incredible pain of not knowing where the person in a world of six billion.

And to all those people who know of Alzheimer’s disease. What did they do to deserve this? I listen to a lecture by Jimmy Dunne, whose business lost a third of its employees in the late stages of the disease. What did they do to deserve this? I think about the heartbreak I will have after my boyfriend graduates, the incredible pain of not knowing what will happen to the connection we’ve made. What, I ask myself, did I do to deserve this?

This is only a glimpse of the pain I’ve encountered, and I’m just one person in a world of six billion. This is only a glimpse.

IN BRIEF

FlipSide will sponsor ice skating tonight at the Joyce Center. Admission will cost $1, while skate rentals will be $3.

The Ahn Trio, a classical ensemble, will perform at 7:30 tonight in O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s Mureau Center for the Performing Arts.

Comedians A.J. Jamal and Rick Colom will perform in Reckles tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. as part of the MSP’s Comedy Show. The stand-up comedy show is free.

The Pasquerra East Music Company will perform West Side Story today and Saturday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in Washington Hall.

SUB will sponsor two showings of the movie Cold Creek Manor tonight and tomorrow at 8 and 10:30 pm.

Guitarist John Rush will perform in the LaFortune Basement Saturday night. Other LaFortune events include a Euchre tournament in the Dooley Room — the winner will receive two DVDs of their choice — and a pool tournament in NDExpress for a DVD player. Both events will begin at 10:30 pm. The activities are part of FlipSide Takes LaFortune, and the organization will sponsor free subs, pizza and prizes until 1 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
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Lee emphasized that the Department of African and African-American Studies aims for programs with an academic focus.

“We try to tie things into the academic mission of the University,” he said.

The department is also looking to work in collaboration with other groups on campus in order to spread out and attract students, such as their collaboration with the Institute for Latino Studies in the Race in the Americas series.

In addition, Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) will hold their annual Black History Month this spring and the deadline for the revised alcohol policy that was announced by vice president of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman in March 2002.

The committee expects to have survey results sometime this spring and the deadline for the first round of focus groups is March 15. Firth said the committee will keep students on campus. Kirk cited the creation of the Boehnen Fund for Arts, Student Programs and Services (MSPS) will hold their annual Black History Month. The event is an annual celebration of black poetry and music. Also, Saint Mary’s will sponsor a poetry performance and reading with award-winning poet Sonia Sanchez Feb. 24.

In the final weekend in March, the recipients of the Erskine Peters Fellowship will arrive on-campus to participate in a panel discussion regarding black experiences in academia. The fellowship program is administered by the provost’s office and the Department of African and African-American Studies and awards five black graduate students a $25,000 stipend and a $2,000 research budget to complete their dissertation. MacArthur Fellowship winner and black poet Jay Wright will be holding a reading towards the end of the month, sponsored by the Boehnen Fund for Arts, Creative Writing, Graduate School and Office of the Provost. The exact time and location has not yet been determined.

A six-part series of films sponsored by the Department of African and African-American Studies, “This Far by Faith,” examined black spiritual life and recently concluded Wednesday.

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“As we go forward and renovate, we want to make sure residential life is important,” said Bill Kirk, committee chair and associate vice president for residential life. “You have to be sensitive to the student’s needs.”

Firth said that students who participate in the survey, which the Office of Institutional Research estimates should only take about 10 minutes, will be eligible for a drawing that includes ten prize packages. These packages include a laptop computer, season football and basketball tickets, flex point certificates and pizza parties.

Undergraduate students from each year, including those who live both on and off campus, will receive the survey.

Kirk said the committee wants to know what students opt to move off-campus so that future and renovated residence halls can provide amenities that will keep students on campus.

Kirk said the decision to review the character of residence halls and the nature of residential life was not in response to the growing trend of Catholic universities that have abandoned completely mandatory single-sex living arrangements.

"If you look at what’s going around at other campuses, after all, students you realize that you have to do something to make (residence halls) attractive,” Kirk said.

Kirk said the aspects of residential life that students value most — the stay-in-hall system, in-hall chapels and the small community — will remain, but that officials want to know what else students value and that the committee is remaining very open-minded about the range of possibilities that residential life could take at Notre Dame.

Kirk cited the creation of Legends, Reckers, the Coleman-Morse Center and the renovation of Hesburgh Library and the LaFortune Student Center as recent examples of where the University solicited student opinion in an effort to enhance campus life and said that this survey will continue that effort on a larger scale.

Keri Oxley, a senior and student member of the committee, said the administration is putting a great deal of energy into including students in this decision making process.

In addition to the surveys, student opinion will be gauged through focus groups. Firth noted that focus groups will also target administrators, faculty members, rectors, assistant rectors and young alumni.

Kirk said these surveys and focus groups will be different in nature and composition than the surveys and focus groups used to create the revised alcohol policy that was announced by vice president of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman in March 2002.

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Last stop on the campaign trail...

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Charlie Ebersol & James Leito
Mark Healy & Mike Healy
Adam Istvan & Karla Bell

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7:30pm

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Voice Your Choice
'04
By TARA EDWARDS

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Trade talks stall over U.S. subsidies

PORT-AU-PRINCE — An armed opposition group seized control of Haiti's fourth-largest city Thursday, burning a police station with gas and petrol, and leaving at least four people reported dead and 20 wounded in clashes with police.

Members of the Gonaives Resistance Front began the assault shortly after noon in Gonaives, setting afire the mayor's home and then dousing the police station with fuel and lighting it while officers fled, Haitian radio reports said.

At least four opponents of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide were killed in gunbattles with police, Gonaives Resistance Front spokesman Wynter Etienne told Radio Vision 2900. Radio Metropole reported 20 people were wounded and more than 100 inmates were freed from the jail.

"Gonaives is liberated," Etienne told reporters in Gonaives. "Aristide has to go. We liberated the police station and freed the prisoners." from Aristide's rule.

Etienne said the group aims to take control of other towns, while the government vowed to restore order.

The attacks "are terrorist acts undertaken by the armed wing of the opposition," government spokesman Mario Dupuy said. "The police will have to take measures to restore order.

Members of the armed group were once allied with Aristide but turned on him this year after he disbanded the boy's sex life and the development of his genitals. Glenn said Bendillo molested him and said it would have helped his condition.

Va. aliens denied in-state tuition

RICHMOND, Va. — Illegal aliens would be barred from attending Virginia's state-support colleges and universities, and those already in school would be expelled under legislation that passed the House on Thursday.

The measure, approved on a 71-29 vote with strong Republican support, now heads to the Senate.

Gov. Mark R. Warner, a Democrat, vetoed legislation last year that would have forced illegal and undocumented immigrants living in Virginia to pay out-of-state tuition rates.

FBI expands ricin investigation

WASHINGTON — Investigators expanded their search Thursday for the source of ricin discovered on Capitol Hill after intensive testing of a Senate office mailroom failed to turn up the deadly poison's origin.

The ricin was discovered in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's office. Law enforcement officials say no letter containing the poison has ever been found indicating how it got there, who was behind it and whether the Tennessee Republican is the target.

"We're not at the point in time where we can say we've been delved," said Michael Mason, assistant FBI director in charge of the Washington field office. "We've had a hot letter."

Mall has been the primary focus of the probe since Monday, when an intern found a small amount of ricin on a mail-sorting machine in Frist's office. But no further ricin or other evidence was in the stacks of letters nearby.

Because no answers have come from mail or items in the mailroom, investigators now must consider if the ricin was placed on the machine by someone or if it had spilled out of an older letter and been there for a long time. If so, investigators would have to trace a few of the older letters, some of which may have been destroyed.

"We are taking a look at every possible angle," Mason said.

The discovery prompted the closure of three Senate office buildings, two of which reopened Thursday.
**Witness e-mails excluded**

**Key witness in Stewart trial wrote disparaging e-mails**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The star witness against Martha Stewart testified Thursday that she had berated him at least twice and once even threatened to take her business elsewhere because he didn’t like the telephone hold music.

The testimony by Douglas Faneuil came during cross-examination by adefense lawyer who sought to show that the young brokerage associate may have been out to get Stewart.

Faneuil, who handled the questionable stock trade at the heart of Stewart’s trial, confirmed that he wrote e-mails to friends describing tirades by the homemaking queen.

In one e-mail on Oct. 23, 2001, after handling a call from Stewart at Merrill Lynch & Co., Faneuil told a friend: “I have never, ever been treated more badly by a stronger woman in my life. She actually hung up on me!”

Three days later, he wrote to another friend: “Martha yelled at me again today, but I snapped in her face and she actually backed down! Baby pills, Martha in her place!”

Faneuil confirmed the account. Jurors broke up in laughter.

In one e-mail to a friend, Faneuil describes Stewart — apparently thinking she was speaking with Rancovic instead — mocking someone who answered phones at the brokerage.

“This is not a joke!” he quoted Stewart as saying, just before hanging up. “Merrill Lynch is laying off 10,000 employees because of what that idiot!”

Faneuil is the government’s star witness against Stewart and Bacanovic, who are being charged with trying to fix a civil case. Stewart is expected to take the stand as the prosecution rests.

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**Blake trial postponed after lawyer relieved**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Robert Blake murder case was thrown into disarray Thursday when the defense moved the case to a defense attorney because of "irreconcilable differences" with his client.

The action forced an indefi­nite postponement of Blake’s trial, which had been scheduled to enter the final phase of jury selection Feb. 17.

"I’m sorry," Superior Court Judge Darlene Schemp said after turning the courtroom with her announce­ment. "I just did not have a choice in the matter."

Schemp set a hearing for Feb. 23, by which time she said she hoped Blake would find a replacement for Thomas Mesereau Jr.

Schemp spent nearly an hour in her chambers with Blake and Mesereau before announcing her decision. As they left court, neither Blake nor Mesereau would discuss the nature of the dispute that ended their relationship after some 14 months.

"I’m very, very sorry, that Mr. Blake left," Blake’s assistant said. "I am deeply, deeply grateful to him for saving my life."

It was Mesereau who won Blake’s release on $1.5 million bail after many months in jail.

Blake, 70, is charged with shooting his wife, Bunny Lee Bakley, 44, to death as she lay in a car outside an Italian restaurant where the two had just eaten dinner in 2001. Blake is best known for playing a tough-talking cop on the 1970s show "Baretta."

The announcement is certain to have a huge impact on the trial. District attorney’s spokes­man Sandi Gibbons said pre­liminary jury selection that was done weeks ago must now be scrapped, and the new lawyer will have to digest reams of evi­dence in a short period.

"We had no idea this was coming," Gibbons said. "It’s like being punched in the stomach. It’s like having the rug pulled out from under us. We’re a little shell-shocked right now."

Blake’s original lawyer, Harland Braun, left in November 2002, followed by attor­ney Jennifer Kelley in January 2003. His fourth lawyer could be the toughest to find.

"How can a new lawyer get up to speed with 60,000 pages of evi­dence?" said Mesereau’s for­mer co-counsel, Dana Cole. "And what highly capable lawyer is going to step into this hornet’s nest?"

Sources close to the case who spoke on condition of anonymity said it was Blake to leave the case, and that Blake wanted him to remain.

Cole, who won a dismissal of charges for Blake’s co-defen­dant, Earle Caldwell, said he spoke to Blake after the announcement.

"I know what was not the rea­son," Cole said. "It was nothing pertaining to an evidentiary issue. And he does not want to represent himself. But it had to be some­thing so significant that the judge would let them do this."

"He has to be in charge of client control or a colossal ethical issue," Cole said.

Blake said of his departing counsel: "I’m sure Mr. Mesereau will have a long life and a great career. I’m 70 years old, I’ve learned I have to go forward ... I wish him all the very best."
January, lifting sales well above expectations Wall Street estimates. There were a few disap­

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National retail sales continue strong for the fourth-quarter earnings.

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Toyota announces revenue jump

Toyota, which reported a 60 percent surge in net income

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WASHINGTON — Buoyed by strong gains in its

Cisco, Ciena trigger NASDAQ skid

Cisco Systems Inc. hit the tech­

triple-digit forecast on business

Automation

Dana taps Burns for top job

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Wall Street

Ciena Corp., which plum­

decliner in the Nasdaq was

remains uncertain.

Corporate earnings have been

forecast overall and econ­

omic numbers have been consistently strong, A better-than-

expected rise in factory orders for December, reported Wednesday by

the Commerce Department, offered fur­

ther evidence that the recovery remains on track.

Cisco Systems dropped

$2.33, or 8.8 percent, to

$24.08, although its earn­

ings beat Wall Street’s expectations. Industry

observers had watched the results for signs that busi­
nesses were investing more in tech, but the

networking equipment com­

pany indicated any rebound in spending

remains uncertain.

Another significant
downside forecast underscored

that "a lot of good news is

p rice target for the fast­

food retailer, citing a fran­

chise survey that points to

strong sales momentum.

Automotive

Dana, which makes parts such as

brakes and axles, had struggled in

recent years because of auto indus­

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Beryllium found at plant

WASHINGTON — The toxic
metal beryllium has been
detected in everyday produc-
tion equipment at one of two
uranium plants, and it could be sickening plant
workers. Energy Department
officials said Thursday.

The beryllium was discov­
ered last month in aluminum
blades used to produce
enriched uranium at the plant
in Piketon, Ohio, said William
Murphie, the Energy
Department official who over­
sees cleanup efforts at the Ohio
uclear facility and a plant in
Paducah, Ky.

Murphie said the agency had
ever thought the metal was
present at the Ohio plant,
believing it was only found in
areas of the sprawling Paducah
plant where old weapons work
had been performed.

"This was in fact a surprise
to us," Murphie said Thursday.

The Louisville Courier-
Journal first reported the dis­
cover of the beryllium in its
Thursday edition.

Murphie said USEC Inc., a
Bethesda, Md-based company
that runs the government
plant, made the discovery. He
said it started testing work
areas in Paducah and Piketon
after the workers' union
shared the results of screen­
ings it had conducted.

More than a dozen current
and former workers had beryll­
ium sensitivity, Murphie said.
Blood tests indicated their bod­
ies have formed a reaction to
the metal and they could devel­
oping chronic beryllium disease
later. The scarring lung disease
can be fatal.

One worker at each site test­
ed positive for the disease.

Murphie said the area in the
Piketon plant where the beryll­
ium was detected last month
has since been cordoned off
and similar steps were taken
protectively at the Paducah
plant.

He said further testing will be
done at both plants.

"We've still just at the very
beginning of the sampling pro­
gram up there," Murphie said.

"We may well find it in some
of the other places.

Beryllium has been used to
make triggers for nuclear
weapons, nuclear plant rods
and computer circuit boards. It
is not dangerous in solid form,
but its dust can cause serious
respiratory ailments if inhaled.

Government regulations call
for tight controls and protection
for workers from the metal.

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Frist staffer to resign over leaked memos

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist’s key staffers will resign Friday because of an investigation into how Republicans gained access to Democratic memos concerning opposition to President Bush’s judicial nominees.

Manuel Miranda, who worked for the Tennessee Republican on judicial nominations, has been on leave since late last month because of the investigation into how Democratic memos stored on a computer server shared by Judiciary Committee members ended up in GOP hands.

But Miranda, a former GOP judiciary staffer who transferred to Frist’s leadership office, offered his resignation and will leave Friday as of Friday, Frist spokesman Bob Stevenson said Thursday.

A message left at Miranda’s home was not immediately returned. He told The Knoxville News-Sentinel on Thursday he resigned to spare Frist.

The announcement comes two weeks after outside security experts urged the program’s cancellation in a scathing report. They said hackers or terrorists could penetrate the system and change votes or gather information about users. At the time, the Pentagon said it felt confident enough to proceed.

But Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz has since decided to scrap the system because Pentagon officials were not certain they could “assure the legitimacy of votes that would be cast,” said a Pentagon official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said alternative voting systems will now be considered, possibly using the Internet as well. The official could not say when, if ever, such a system would be ready.

Accenture eDemocracy, the vendor that built the system, announced Wednesday it had chosen a vendor the Pentagon called T-Systems to provide a system to be ready.

The Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment, or SERVE, was designed to help overseas citizens vote in U.S. elections. Nearly one in three overseas soldiers registered to vote in the 2000 presidential election didn’t receive ballots in time.

In a smaller Internet voting trial conducted that same year by the Pentagon’s Federal Voting Assistance Program, 84 citizens submitted online ballots to Florida, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

This year’s $22 million trial, also overseen by the Pentagon agency, was to have covered 50 counties in Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Washington.

The announcement comes two days after Bush administration officials said they were scrapping the system because it was not “secure enough,” officials said.

Computer scientists were elated Wednesday because the Pentagon decision will likely set back Internet voting. Many states had been awaiting the results of the trial before committing to widespread online voting.

About 6 million U.S. voters live overseas, most of them members of the military or their relatives.

The report from Simons and three other experts on a 10-member Pentagon peer-review panel said Internet voting could not be made secure — at least using today’s technology — primarily because the Internet and personal computers are inherently vulnerable to hacking and viruses.

The experts specified these central risks, among others:

♦ There is no easy way to verify that the vote recorded inside the system is the same as the one cast by the voter.

♦ It might be possible for hackers to determine how a particular individual voted — an obvious privacy risk.

♦ The system may be vulnerable to attacks from many quarters, some undeetectable.

Simons, one of four co-authors of the critical Pentagon voting report and a former president of the Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington, said online voting is just as secure and reliable as sending them by mail.

"We are confident that sending absentee ballots via the Internet is just as secure and reliable as sending them by mail."

Meg McLaughlin
vice president of system vendor

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Donors may transmit CJD

Blood may pass on human variant of mad cow disease

Associated Press

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entry commentary, Dr. Adriano

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The scientists based their study on records from United

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Besides the transfusions, 20 units of plasma from people who later developed variant CJD were used to make blood products before 1998, when British stopped using British blood, the Lancet report said.

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Student surveys commendable

Happy Valentine Day

Residential life is both a tradition and hallmark of Notre Dame. It fosters the family community that Notre Dame boasts about and the friendships that last long after students leave the University. However, travestis can occur when they have not been removed. The administration realizes that residential life at Notre Dame could fail victim to this flaw and should be commended for seeking student input on the future of residential life at Notre Dame. Within the next two weeks, 1,000 students will be given the opportunity to reply to a survey about the quality of residential life and what changes they would like to see in the future. Beginning last fall, a group of administrators, faculty members and students met regularly to discuss what the four proposed residential complexes that were announced in the University's 10-year strategic plan would look like. This committee understands that students must be consulted because they are the best source of ideas for the maintenance of residential life. Students constantly criticize the administration for not considering or listening to them. This criticism turned to public outcry following the announcement of the alcohol policy changes in March 2002. Yes, students were consulted, but only through a limited number of focus groups. But this is not a situation like the alcohol policy. The administration is making a concerted effort to genuinely grapple student opinion via wider surveys and more representative focus groups. Essentially administrators want to hear the voice of the students and in response students cannot overlook the opportunity to participate and must be honest and forthcoming. These officials do not have to seek student opinion, but they want to and that is why we are entitled to participate.

These surveys and focus groups are examples of how the gap between the administration and students can be decreased. However, the administration must continue to work to foster closer ties with students. The responses that are given in the surveys and focus groups must be considered and applied to these future plans or students will lose faith in their administration. Notre Dame's effort to reach out to students in this matter is commendable. It is giving the students the opportunity to help craft the blueprints for four proposed residential complexes, but more importantly it is letting students play a role in enhancing residential life for future students.

Observers Poll

What residence hall options would you like to see at Notre Dame?

A. All senior housing
B. Full kitchens/baths
C. No paralels/extended

56%

C 56%
What I know about racial preferences

In response to the recent spate of affirmative action articles in The Observer — some of which, I must say, were deeply disturbing — I felt the need to respond. At some level, these debates revolve around questions of racial preference, summed up by a good deal about. Yes, I research, write and teach about race in the United States. But, perhaps more importantly, I'm an authority on racial preferences because, as a white person, I receive them every day.

Here's what I know. For instance, having substantial savings or wealth makes one's life a whole lot easier. I also know that, like most people, much of my wealth comes from what I inherit from family members. Because my ancestors never received any systematic discrimination in buying a home, joining a union, working a quality job or receiving an honest wage they've had more of an opportunity to earn and save money — and to pass it on to me. This point helps explain why the assets of today's average white household are — controlling for income, age, occupation, and education — still $25,000 higher than those of average black households.

I also know that, thanks to my whiteness, my job prospects are, on average, a good deal brighter than those of many minorities such as Latinos and African Americans and Latino students are now more isolated from their white counterparts than they were three decades ago, before the outbursts from the civil rights movement had even began to take hold.

I also know that should I, during the course of my life, experience any health problems, my whiteness will be an asset. Having reviewed over 100 recent studies on race and health, the Institute of Medicine concluded a year ago that "racial and ethnic minorities in the United States receive lower-quality health care than whites, even when their diagnoses and outcomes are the same." Thanks in part to the conscious and unconscious biases of white doctors, Latinos and African Americans are less likely to receive appropriate medications for heart disease, to undergo bypass surgery or to receive kidney dialysis, transplants or the most sophisticated HIV treatments. They are, therefore, far more likely to die from numerous diseases. Race, in this case, is literally a life or death matter and whiteness is a civil right.

Finally, I know that whiteness deeply shapes my everyday life — when I go shopping and security guards take my integrity for granted, or when I drive on the highways and the police do not pull me over. When I walk around the Notre Dame campus and am run over on account of my race, to feel out of place; when I enter a classroom and need not worry that some student might misperceive me or make conclusions for being here; and when I read The Observer without fear that some writer, on the basis of my whiteness, may seek to malign my intelligence, character and sense of self-worth.

Although this list of preferences is hardly exhaustive, I trust you get the picture. Whiteness pays. Whether it's my savings, income, health, home, education, job opportunities or everyday peace of mind, whiteness offers me and other whites countless advantages, but with affirmative action not with these widespread and longstanding advantages.

Indeed, this equating of racial preference with affirmative action is the great racial fiction of our day, the twenty-first-century version of "separate but equal." It sounds plausible but is, in reality, profoundly and permanently misleading. Affirmative action doesn't "prefer" any one race. "Yes," many universities, colleges, companies and government agencies say, "Our "minority" applicants receive some form of preference in the selection process. But preferences also go to many other groups, such as atheists, legacies, musicians, men in nursing, Catholics at Notre Dame, Italian Americans at the City University of New York and, of course, white women — the biggest beneficiaries of affirmative action — in workplaces all across the country.

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Parking Rules

Yes, they also apply to you

Hello Notre Dame! It’s time to learn something really important that will be good to know for the rest of your life. No, it’s not metaphysics of weasels or advanced basket weaving. This, my fellow Domers, is a basic tutorial on parking.

Now parking is something that should have been learned naturally around the age of 16, or whenever a driver’s license was acquired. It’s a sad fact that many members of the Notre Dame community are inexplicably incapable of placing their cars in an at rest position correctly. I am willing to assume that this is due to no fault of students themselves. Perhaps you had no good parking role models. For example: your parents didn’t drive, had chauffeurs or are wild dogs. So to make Notre Dame a more responsible parking community, let’s run through some common parking misconceptions.

“Sometimes I can’t see the yellow lines in the parking lot — should I just park anywhere?”

If there is a space between existing cars — you should park parallel to the other cars, not at an extreme angle. Also make sure that you are parking in an actual row — not the aisle.

“I’m really important! Can my car occupy more than one parking space?”

No.

“It snows a lot in South Bend, but I just don’t understand why you can’t park where the snow piles go from plowing the parking lot? And what do those crazy signs mean that say ‘no parking January-March.’ What if I just park behind the snow pile?”

Whoa there, that’s a complicated question. First off, it does snow a lot in South Bend, and this time of year, it’s not going to get warm enough to melt all the snow anytime soon. That means that every time it snows there is more and more snow in the lot. To stop the entire thing from becoming a slushy mess, Notre Dame plows the aisles between cars. This is where the snow piles come in, as the snow from the aisles is pushed to these specially designated areas. Think of them as parking spaces for snow. If there is snow there, it’s parked and there is no room for your car.

As far as the signs go, Notre Dame assumes that its students can read basic English, which means if it says no parking, don’t park there. Parking behind the snow pile is also a big no. If there’s snow there, then you are not actually parking in the spot, you are in the aisle.

“I’m in a big hurry/really lazy. Can I park anywhere my car stops?”

Ah, you are confusing parking with your car being at rest. Sommmer houses in the country have huge driveways so wherever your car stops, it’s parked. This, however, is Notre Dame and there are not enormous driveways. Cars have to be parked in designated areas. This means no parking where other cars have to navigate the lot. So, no creating that special parking spot at the end of the row just for you. Lots are carefully organized to allow cars to both be at rest and navigate through the lot — it’s not up to you to change them.

“I really want to find a parking space — is it polite to follow people around until they reach their car?”

Following people is, in most cultures, considered stalking. It creeps out the people you are following while at the same time makes you look like a big jerk. So please leave the pedestrians alone and just find an available spot.

I hope that this little tutorial will be a help to the Notre Dame driving community. If you need more help, try practicing at large parking lots — like the mall or Meijer. Take the time to park correctly in every available spot. And don’t come back until you figure it out.

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Scene Columnists

Rarely in pop culture is a remake of a classic work able to become a classic of its own. One of the only exceptions is “West Side Story,” which brings its special twist of Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” to Washington Hall this week. Performed by the Pasquilla East Musical Company, the show has created a theater buzz unseen on campus for a very long time. The weekend shows sold out so quickly that they opened up Wednesday’s final dress rehearsal for ticket sales.

“West Side Story” is a fairly strict adaptation of one of Shakespeare’s greatest works. The setting is moved from Verona to Manhattan in the 1950s, and the rival street gangs the Jets and the Sharks replace the feuding families of Montague and Capulet.

The lovers of this tale are Maria, sister of the Shark leader, Bernardo and Tony, best friend of Riff, the leader of the Jets.

The two fall in love at a dance, which causes a great stir among the gang leaders. Riff does not want to see her sister get involved with one of their enemies, just as Bernardo does not want to see his best friend do the same. To complicate things, Maria has already had her marriage arranged for her, to a fellow Shark named Chino. What follows is a tale of love struggling to survive in a world full of murder and hatred. The story even goes a step further than Shakespeare in adding the extra tension of the ethnic struggles between Puerto Ricans and Americans in 1950s New York.

The concept of “West Side Story” came from Jerome Robbins and a novel written by Arthur Laments. Leonard Bernstein, the creator of many famous symphonies, ballets and musicals, composed the score, lyricist Stephen Sandheim has also contributed to such famous musicals as “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” “Candide,” “Gypsy” and “Into the Woods,” which was a step further than Shakespeare in adding the extra tension of the ethnic struggles between Puerto Ricans and Americans in 1950s New York.

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Robbins proposed the idea to Bernstein in 1949. Bernstein first wanted to set it against the backdrop of Easter and Passover with the main conflict arising between Jewish and Christian families. After meeting with Laments in 1955,
Maria, in the role of Maria, has a simply beautiful voice that commands the stage whenever she is present. The role of Maria is multifaceted, and Martinez makes the perfect transition from being a wide-eyed girl with dreams of a better future to assuming the role of the love struck protagonist. Like Maria, the character of Tony, played by Jack Calcutt, is torn about his present life at the onset of the musical. Tony is reluctant to rejoin the Jets, but Calcutt’s motivation stems more from having an unseen knowledge of what the gang life is all about, rather than from fear of the unknown. Calcutt beautifully balances that initial mature reluctance with his later infatuation with Maria.

Kate Kennedy plays Riff, the leader of the Jets who has finally gained respect for his gang by ousting another rival city gang. Kennedy plays Riff with a zeal that reflects his war-hawkish qualities and his slight overconfidence. Kennedy was also one of the producers of the show. Jenny Badelet plays Bernardo’s girlfriend Anita. She gives a powerful vocal and acting performance. She is Maria’s only real confidant and is as torn as her friend over her connection with the Tony and the Jets.

Unlike the movie version, which obviously needed a realistic setting in order to make the story believable on screen, the Pasquerilla East Musical Company chose to reflect the original stage setting of the play and use a minimal amount of set design. The orchestra does not perform from a pit, but rather behind the set of scaffolding in front of a plain white canvas with colored lights on it. The only props are a few tables and chairs and a few moveable boxes. The absence of large decadent sets and props leaves as much room as possible open on stage for the elaborate dance numbers.

The costumes are timeless, but easily convey the identities of the rival gangs. The men are in jeans and T-shirts, while the women are primarily in dresses. The Sharks’ costumes are more muted and metropolitan, with blues, greens, and purples. The men wear blue jeans and white sneakers, along with sport coats and khakis. The women are always in pastel dresses that reflect the 1950s style. The contrast between the costumes, and between the gangs, is stark when the cast members are together onstage.

It is fitting that the honor of having so many sold out shows goes to The Pasquerilla East Musical Company, the organization that was responsible for bringing musical theater back to Notre Dame. Starting in 1987, the University experienced a decade long drought of musical theater productions. Neither the Department of Music nor the the Department of Film, Television and Theater would sponsor such activities. Then, in the spring of 1997, Kelly McGann, a resident of Pasquerilla East, worked with Student Activities to develop a campus group dedicated to musical theater, under a mission statement dedicated to “provide an outlet for musical and artistic expression and enjoyment, for Pasquerilla East and the University of Notre Dame community.” The Pasquerilla East Musical Company first performed “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” a musical take on the biblical story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis, in the fall of 1997. The production was a rousing success, and since then the group has gone on to stage productions of other several other famous musicals. In 1999, the Pasquerilla East Musical Company performed “Godspell,” the story of Christ set in the psychedelic ’60s, following it the next year with “Grease,” one of the most staged musicals in history. “Guys and Dolls,” performed in 2001 told the gangster era story of dating, marriage, and gambling. The following year staged "Damn Yankees," set in the golden age of baseball and telling the story of a baseball team with plenty of heart.

This year, the Pasquerilla East Musical Company has upheld their excellent tradition with yet another strong performance of a classic musical. The singing, acting and dancing all provide an exciting experience of authentic Broadway theater. 800 miles from the great white way. "West Side Story" is a tale about hatred, prejudice and vengeance, but above all these, it is a story about love overcoming all bonds. Shakespeare wrote his theater for the masses of his time, as stuffy as it may seem to many readers today. The P.E. Musical Company’s production succeeds in taking that classic love story and bringing it to a contemporary audience with an excitement and enthusiasm that is hard to find in any other medium but musical theater.

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Jeremy Roenick of the Philadelphia Flyers scores by Thrashers defender Daniel Tjarnqvist on a fast break in the second period of Thursday's game. Philadelphia won over Atlanta 2-1.

The Canadiens, seventh over-all in the Eastern Conference with 39 points, three more than the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

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Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald eligible for NFL draft

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald, the Pittsburgh sophomore who set NCAA receiving records in his two college seasons, was declared eligible Thursday for the NFL draft.

The NFL's ruling came on the same day a federal judge opened the door for running back Maurice Clarett to also turn pro despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

Under league rules, a player must be in college for three NFL seasons before he can be drafted. Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Minneapolis, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

After spending nearly 1 1/2 academic years there, Fitzgerald signed with Pittsburgh and immediately became the most productive receiver in school history. He owns NCAA records for consecutive games with a touchdown catch (18) and most TDs receiving as a freshman and sophomore (34). The NFL determined Fitzgerald was eligible because he would have graduated from high school in 2001 if he had not transferred and thus is three years past his senior year of high school.

Fitzgerald declined comment after learning of the NFL's ruling.

His father, Larry Sr., said, "We choose to let them (the NFL) do what they do, and then we'll do what we do." With numerous NFL scouts saying Fitzgerald likely will be a top five pick, his departure from Pitt was considered a foregone conclusion for weeks.

Pitt's offense would be in a rebuilding mode next season even if Fitzgerald returned, with star quarterback Rod Rutherford, running back Brandon Miree and most of the offensive line departing.

"Whatever Larry decides, this university is going to support him wholeheartedly," assistant athletic director E.J. Pigatelli said Thursday night. "The opportunity to be a top-five pick can be a fleeting one in the game of football. But education is important to Larry's family. And whatever he decides to do, he will still work in his degree. It was important to his (late) mother and to his dad and I know it remains a priority of his." Fitzgerald's case differs from Clarett's. The Pitt star played two college seasons, while Clarett played only one. Clarett graduated early from high school in December 2001, and his lawyers contended that came before the end of the 2001 NFL season and thus made him eligible under the three-year rule.

The Clarett ruling, if it holds up on appeal, means high school football players and college underclassmen would be able to make the jump to the pros just as NFL, NHL and major league baseball players can.

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The 6-foot-3, 225-pound Fitzgerald already has an NFL background. His father, a former college lineman, is a sports writer and radio-TV show host in Minneapolis, and his son was a Minnesota Vikings' ball boy for several years while in high school.

While working in the Vikings' training camp, the younger Fitzgerald made friends with receivers Cris Carter and Randy Moss. It was Carter, a former Ohio State star, who suggested he consider Pitt.

Pitt coach Walt Harris is a former Buckeyes assistant coach.

With Fitzgerald's departure now imminent, the Panthers will be losing their most productive player since the days of Dan Marino and Tony Dorsett.

Fitzgerald won the Biletnikoff Trophy as college football's top receiver last season and the Walter Camp Award as the nation's best player. He was a close runner-up to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White for the Heisman Trophy, nearly becoming the first sophomore to win the award.

Fitzgerald, a first-team All-American, caught 87 passes for an NCAA-leading 1,595 yards and 22 touchdowns last season, made at least one touchdown catch in all 12 regular-season games and wrapped up an 18 consecutive games with a touchdown catch ended in a Continental Tire Bowl loss to Virginia that wrapped up Pitt's 8-4 season.

As a freshman, Fitzgerald made 69 catches for 1,005 yards and 12 touchdowns. As a junior, he was a three-year starter.

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Burks signs one-year contract with Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — Ellis Burks was let go 12 years ago by the Red Sox, who weren’t sure he’d stay healthy and become a productive player. Now they’ve changed their minds.

On Tuesday, the team’s former top draft choice finalized a $750,000, one-year contract with Boston.

"It’s like a fine wine — I got better with time," Burks said. Now 39, Burks said his release from Boston crushed him but spurred him to adopt a work ethic that led to his best seasons while playing with four other teams. He’s back in Boston looking for the championship that has eluded him since Little League.

Burks accepted Boston’s offer over a proposal from Seattle. His choice was made after hours on the Internet, comparing the team’s pitching staffs and lineups.

He was selected by Boston in the 1983 draft and arrived in the big leagues in 1987. "There was a lot of pressure on a young kid, to hear comparisons to Willie Mays," Burks said. "I put too much pressure on myself instead of relaxing and playing like I can play.

Burks was among a handful of black players on the team. Burks said he never had any problems on the Red Sox, but remembered being uneasy at times in Boston. He cited the infamous Charles Stuart case in 1989, which awoke racial tensions when a white man killed his wife, then blamed it on an unknown black man.

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Burks also played for Colorado, San Francisco and Cleveland. His best season was in 1996, when he hit .344 for Colorado with 40 homers and 128 RBIs.

In 2002, his last full season, he batted .301 with 32 homers and 91 RBIs. Last year, his season was cut short because of a nerve condition in his right elbow that required surgery.

He figures to see time mainly as a designated hitter and right-handed pinch-hitter, and will compete for playing time with Kevin Millar and David Ortiz, both coming off good seasons. Burks also is prepared to play outfield and maybe first base.

"He’s been an everyday player, and now he’s kind of coming down to the twilight of his career," manager Terry Francona said. "Like he said, he can still impact a baseball team."
Bradley Turner led Connecticut to victory over Tennessee, snapping its 11-game winning streak.

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Tennessee looked out of sync on offense again without point guard Leciej Moore, who is out for the season with a torn knee ligament. And again Tennessee folded on defense in the biggest regular-season game in women's basketball.

The Lady Vols got as close as 67-63 with 6:28 remaining after Tasha Butts made two free throws, but Connecticut had a quick 5-0 run to go up by nine.

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Connecticut often had several shots on each possession, grabbing 17 offensive rebounds and scoring 20 second-chance points. The Huskies owe much of their success against Tennessee in recent years to Taurasi, who averaged 23 points in the previous six games she played against the Lady Vols.

Taurasi was 5-of-7 from beyond the arc, and the third made her the career leader at Connecticut with 230 3-pointers.

She hurt her back Saturday at St. John's and played only 12 minutes as a precaution, but showed no signs of problems against Tennessee.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma often complained about fouls not called on Taurasi, but Connecticut had a one-stroke lead in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

For Singh and Phil Mickelson, only the scenery changed. Singh, closing in on the PGA Tour record for most consecutive top 10s, recovered from a difficult start with two remarkable birdies on his way to a 5-under 67 at Poppy Hills. Mickelson, tied for fifth in the same group, continued his solid play with a 68.

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"You feel like you're seeing a chef for the first time in a restaurant," Singh said. "There's some players that make you feel like you're going to win.

"On the Nationwide Tour, there were some tournaments you just didn't feel like this was a setting," he said. "I was out here seven years, and I know what it's like. You can get competition wherever you go. But the atmosphere just isn't the same. There is only one PGA Tour."

There's only one Pebble Beach, Tolles said, and Tolles really soaked it up.

It started on No. 1 with a bold "idea, a typical AT&T Knockout, bounced around and eventually went in," Tolles said.

Despite hitting his approach onto the beach, Tolles said the 6-inch putts are considered tap-ins.

"I got to close to the leaders by chipping in from about 40 feet on the par-3 17th, just a wrist shot about five feet near the spot where Watson chipped in to win the '92 U.S. Open," Tolles said.

The feeling is incredible, but when there's 500 or 1,000 people around to cheer for you, it's icing on the cake," said Tolles, who was lucky to see that many people all year on the Nationwide Tour.

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On Thursday, it looked like a "Welcome Back" party for some of the leaders.

"The biggest surprise might have been Tommy Tolles, who shot a 66 at Pebble Beach," Singh said.

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Duke beats UNC 83-81 in overtime thriller

Associated Press

CHEAPEL HILL, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski thought this was more than just one of the best games in the storied rivalry between Duke and North Carolina.

"I think you do it an injustice to say it was a great Duke-North Carolina game," he said of the top-ranked Blue Devils' 83-81 overtime victory over No. 17 North Carolina on Thursday night. "It was a great game. You can't match the intensity level.

There was a buzz in the Smith Center minutes after the game ended. It was the noise a crowd makes when it's disappointed, yet still energized.

"You're told it's a rivalry and everything, but when you're on the court, the emotion of everybody — your teammates and the Carolina players — it's like you're giving it everything," Duke freshman Lael Deng said. "It was just a fight from both teams and Chris [Duhon] made an unbelievable play to win it for us.

Duhon's reverse layup with 6.5 seconds left in overtime gave Duke its 16th straight victory overall and fifth in the last six years on North Carolina's home court.

This one was over first-year Tar Heel coach Roy Williams, and the former assistant to Dean Smith left the court as did predecessors Bill Guthridge and Matt Doherty, losers at home to Duke in their last North Carolina game.

"That was a big-time college basketball game and it's tough watching that when you're on the short end," Williams said. "If I could change anything, I'd be one hell of a coach.""  

Shelden Williams had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Duke, Duke freshman Luol Deng added 14, and J.J. Redick added 14 points for North Carolina, which had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Tar Heels, but was 7-for-18 from the field and missed a number of close-in shots.

"I told the team we all could point to one or two plays that you could have made that you didn't make that would have made a difference," Roy Williams said. "We had a lot of opportunities early from 2 or 3 feet, and we just didn't make the baskets.

The sellout crowd of 21,750, most wearing "Turn It Blue" T-shirts, was loud all night — but it was roaring and shaking the floor when McCants' fast-break dunk with 5.45 to go gave North Carolina a 69-62 lead.

Duke then turned up the defense and went on a 10-0 run, taking a 72-69 lead on two free throws by Deng with 1:06 left.

"That was the pivotal point of the game because a lot of teams would have been run out of here," Krzyzewski said. "All of a sudden we had the lead, which I think was shocking. That showed our team played major, major minutes."

May scored on a rebound with 53 seconds to go, and Redick restored the three-point lead on a drive with 38 seconds left.

- North Carolina called a timeout, and Williams hit only 3-pointer of the game with 18 seconds to go to tie it. Ewing missed a 3 with 3 seconds left for Duke.

Shelden Williams was a force inside in the overtime. His defense forced North Carolina into a 35-second shot clock violation with 22 seconds left. Redick then made two free throws to make it 81-78 and McCants, who finished 2-for-4 from 3-point range, drilled the 3 that tied it and set the stage for Duhon's heroics.

"Those two shots they hit, come on," Krzyzewski said. "Those aren't shots kids are supposed to hit. Men do. They're the best team we have played.

Duhon said it helped the team's confidence that Krzyzewski didn't call a timeout after either of the tying 3-pointers.

"He told us he wanted us to win the game," said Duhon, who did. "I just kept going and opened it up and I was able to make the layup. I don't think anybody on either team could've handled (another overtime). I tried to do both of us a favor."

Melvin Scott missed a 3 at the buzzer for North Carolina, and it was appropriate that Shelden Williams grabbed the game's final rebound.

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Duke's Shavick Randolph battles UNO's David Noel for a loose ball in Thursday's game. Duke beat North Carolina in one of college basketball's most heated rivalries at the Smith Center.
Clarett granted option of NFL draft

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge opened the door for Ohio State sensation Maurice Clarett and teenage football stars to turn pro, declaring Thursday that an NFL rule barring their eligibility violates antitrust law and must be struck down.

In a ruling that could open up a Pandora's box of players wanting to turn pro, the judge said Thursday that the NFL's one-year-in-college rule is unconstitutional.

"The NFL has long claimed that it needs the one-year rule to protect its amateur status, but there is no evidence that the rule does anything to preserve the amateur status of the NFL," U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin said.

Judge Scheindlin said legal issues are so clearly in Clarett's favor a trial is unnecessary. The NFL said it will appeal, and it will probably try to block the ruling before the April draft.

Clarett sued the league last year to challenge its 1990 rule that a player must be out of high school three years to enter the draft.

"It was pleased that the rule was brought down," Clarett said at a news conference Friday amid reports that he will retire rather than risk his waist. "I think it's good."

Clarett declared to say whether he'll enter the April draft after his lawyers advised him that Ohio State has warned even a declaration to join the NFL would rule out any chance of returning to college.

Jeff Pash, the executive vice president of the NFL, said the ruling left him "really surprised" but confident on appeal because its findings contradicted those of past court rulings.

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Men’s Tennis

Irish face tough doubles test

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

No. 49 Notre Dame faces another tough match this weekend, as they face No. 53 Purdue at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Purdue will travel to Western Michigan on Saturday and then face the Irish on Sunday at 1 p.m. With a 2-0 record and wins against Ball State and Butler, the non-conference match to Purdue is not to be overlooked.

A key point of this match will be Purdue always comes out strong when they play us especially in doubles,” senior tri-captain Matthew Scott said. “There’s always a tradition of really solid doubles; it was a focal point in practice this week.”

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Irish coach Bobby Bayliss emphasized the doubles play as well.

“We worked really hard on doubles,” Bayliss said of his team’s preparation this week. “Purdue just absolutely pulverized us last year in doubles matches — they won all three, and did so convincingly.”

This year’s matchup presents a special challenge to the Irish, as their No. 1 doubles team of Luis Haddock and Ryan Keckley will be back in action. Haddock will be playing for Puerto Rico in the Davis Cup and Keckley remains out with an ankle injury suffered against Duke. Scott agreed, as he and his teammates are ready for a tough match.

“This is a very important match,” Scott said. “We’re just looking to go out there and take care of business. It’s disappointing for us but I think presents a challenge and the team is ready to rise to the challenge and meet it.”

But the Irish will have to do it without Haddock and Keckley.

Iverson dominates in 76ers’ home win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — After ripping his team for having no heart, Allen Iverson showed they still have a pulse.

Iverson played one of his better offensive games of the season Thursday night, scoring 39 points to lead the struggling Philadelphia 76ers past the weary and depleted Los Angeles Lakers 96-73.

In a game that stayed competitive for only a few minutes, Iverson had his way against defender Derek Fisher and repeated this week at Indiana.

Iverson shot 15-for-29 from the field — missing his final four shots — and added six assists in one of the 76ers most lopsided victories of the season.

The Lakers, playing their fourth road game in five nights and extra tired after arriving in Philadelphia around 4 a.m., lost Gary Payton to an ejection in a first quarter in which they scored just 10 points — matching their season low set earlier this week in Indiana.

Shawn Neeil missed 11 of 13 foul shots in the first half, finishing 3-for-15 from the line with 17 points.

The Lakers were supposed to be joined by Kobe Bryant, who is on the injured list with a lacera­
ded finger. But Bryant defied coach Phil Jackson and did not show up, leaving the team wonder­
ing about his whereabouts until shortly before gametime.

Bryant’s agent said the Lakers that Bryant would join them in Orlando on the fifth stop of their seven-game road trip.

Glen Robinson added 26 points for the 76ers, who were ripped by Iverson two nights ago following a loss to Toronto — their ninth in 13 games.

“We don’t play with no heart, we don’t take a challenge.”

Allen Iverson 76ers guard

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Belles look to knock off Hope

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After a demoralizing 65-42 loss to Calvin (16-3) at home, the Belles will have little time to recover as they go on the road to play the best team in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Saturday the Belles (6-14) will face MIAA leader Hope (19-2).

The momentum from a critical win Monday against Olivet failed to carry over into Wednesday's game against Calvin. Despite a second half comeback, the Belles only shot 27 percent from the field and the 36-18 halftime deficit proved to be too much to overcome.

In the Belles 67-64 victory against Tri-State Jan. 24, Emily Creachbaum led the team with 26 points. However, in the last three games, Creachbaum has scored a total of 16 points, 10 of those points coming in the win over Olivet.

As a result, the bench has taken a more active role with strong efforts from Bridget Lipke, Anne Hogan and Bridget Boyce.

Against Olivet, the bench combined to score 33 points. As a result, the bench players saw nearly as much floor time as the starting five.

The Belles have had a problem with turnovers when they have played aggressive teams this year. In their loss to Calvin, the Belles had 23 turnovers and had difficulty finding open shots.

Hope's dominating offense will also provide a challenge for Saint Mary's, averaging 73 points per game this year. Hope has also held opponents to 34 percent shooting.

On the other hand, the Belles' offense has struggled this year and has averaged 58 points per game on 37 percent shooting.

Despite this, the Belles look to come away with an upset on Saturday. "We just need to play together, that's all there is to it," guard Katie Miller said. "We need to come out strong, win and have confidence in ourselves."

The Belles will play at Hope College Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Irish hope for dual meet wins

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team hopes to secure a winning dual meet record for the seventh time in nine years when the Irish (6-7) play host to Cleveland State (9-2) tonight at 7 p.m. and Oakland (5-3) Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

While the Vikings have won their last four meets, the Irish have taken 16 of the last 17 meetings between the two schools, including each of the last eight.

"Cleveland State is a chance for us to even our record," head coach Tim Welsh said. "So far they've been having an excellent season. One of the interesting match-ups will be some of their speed against what we hope is a lot of our depth."

In addition to the Cleveland State match-up, Welsh stressed the importance of the Oakland match-up less than 24 hours later.

"It's very important for us to be able to race at night and then the following day," Welsh said. "This is set up for championship time, so we're eager to see that."

Last Saturday, Notre Dame won 11 of the 13 overall events in a match-up, 159-75, against Saint Mary's (6-14) at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The meet's results were never in doubt as the Irish won each of the first ten events, including the top three spots in the first five.

"We're happy with how we swam this past weekend," freshman Chris Zeches said. "We know that with two more weeks of rest we're going to be ready for go for Big East."

Freshman Ted Brown (1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle) and sophomore Jaime Lukus (200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle) both won a pair of races. Freshman Tim Kepelman (50-yard freestyle, Zeches (200-yard backstroke) and Scott Joyce (1-meter diving) and seniors Tim Randolph (100-yard freestyle) and junior J.B. Teddy (200-yard butterfly) each contributed with an individual event victory.

The women's squad looks to take care of Oakland in its final tune-up before the Big East Championships when the No. 21 Irish (7-2) welcome the Golden Grizzlies to the Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday at 1 p.m.

"They have a pretty good team and always have some strong swimmers in the sprint events, which should present a different type of challenge for us," head coach Bailey Weather said. "It will probably be a little key as compared to last weekend's meets, but still a lot of fun for the girls."

Last Friday, the Irish won 11 overall events as they defeated two Big Ten squads on the road in East Lansing. Mitch Seniors Danielle Hulick (100 backstroke and 50 freestyle), Lisa Garcia (200 butterfly and 200 individual medley) and Meghan Perry Eaton (1- and 3-meter board) and freshman Katie Carroll (100 and 200 freestyle) each posted a pair of event victories as the Irish trounced Michigan State, 166-134, and Ohio State, 160-138 and 194-105, respectively.

However, Notre Dame ran into trouble the following afternoon at home with No. 16 Michigan.

Dropping each of the meet's first three races, the Irish were never able to rebound as the Wolverines took nine of the 16 events en-route to a 168-124.

Following this weekend, both the men and women will set their sights on the Big East Championships Feb. 19 to 21 in New York.

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Grisham knew the school was looking for a replacement as head coach. He pointed the administration in the direction of then-associate head baseball coach Brian O'Connor, who for several years had been spoken of very favorably in college baseball circles as a young, talented coaching prospect.

"Over the past two or three years, Brian O'Connor got more and more recognition as a great baseball coach," Grisham recalled at the dinner. "This past summer, when Virginia decided to make a change, there were a few of us that thought we knew where to go."
The Cavaliers eventually lured O'Connor away from Notre Dame, with Irish head coach Paul Mainieri's blessing, and Grisham's ties to the Irish grew even stronger.

In fact, Grisham — for his part in helping steal O'Connor away from Notre Dame — joked that he felt obligated to speak at Thursday night's dinner.

"I wanted to be here tonight, because I feel like I owe you one," Grisham (Mainieri) was gracious enough to invite me," he said. "Although I did not grow up an ardent supporter of Notre Dame, and I am not a huge fan of this baseball program."

Part of Grisham's support has come recently with his ties to Virginia — a school that is considered one of the top facilities in college baseball.
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behind Ohio State and Western Michigan for fifth place, and two points behind third-place Michigan State and Alaska Fairbanks.

Notre Dame earned three-of-four points against Alaska Fairbanks last weekend, defeating the Nanooks 3-2 on Friday and tying 2-2 Saturday. The Irish have two games in hand on Alaska Fairbanks and one on Western Michigan.

"From top to bottom, this is as competitive a league as I've seen," Poulin said. "The group in the middle that's vying for home ice advantage in the playoffs — they're all right there close to each other. Even the teams in the weaker half of the league are good teams that can beat any one."

The Irish will face a Miami team set on revenge for last season, when Notre Dame knocked the RedHawks out of the first round of the CCHA playoffs. The Irish fell behind in game one of the three-game series, dropping a 4-2 decision in Oxford on Mar. 14, but goalie Morgan Cey and the rest of the team rebounded to collect 1-0 and 5-0 shutouts in the three-game series, dropping the first round and having to play on the road.

Special teams will likely play a large part in this weekend's series, with the Irish penalty kill connecting at a 21.2 percent clip, and it will be imperative for the Irish to stifle that unit.

"This is the traditional clash of offense versus defense," Poulin said. "But the best defense against a good power play is to not take penalties. The discipline is a real factor because when you're killing three or four power plays rather than seven or eight, you're a lot fresher and you make better decisions on the ice."

The Irish offense that averages 2.73 goals per game.

"No matter where you play, scoring first is always a big part of getting a win. It's important to come out and get some confidence, and get your team up on its toes and moving in the right direction," Poulin said.

Face-off for each game is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

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The Irish hope to carry their performance at home on the road, as they are 10-0 at the Joyce Center this season. But after two road wins in the past two weeks, the Irish feel as though they have figured out how to play on the road.

"Winning the Syracuse and Miami games have really given us confidence on the road," McGraw said. "We've really got to stay focused. Every game is really important for us and we have to know that."

Notre Dame, led by Jacqueline Batteast (15 points, 8 assists per game) and Megan Duffy (11.4 points, 4.6 assists per game) and won 11 of their last 14 games since starting the season 3-4. "We really took a lot of jumps early on, and we were fortunate that we were able to maintain our mental toughness because that was a long stretch," McGraw said. "I think this team has been really resilient this year*.

The Irish success has been in large part due to their commitment to defense, according to McGraw. Players know that they will play only if they excel on defense, and McGraw has shown this throughout the season in her substitutions.

"Putting Monique Hernandez in the starting lineup was a huge sign that we're serious about defense," McGraw said. "The other people are starting to improve defensively. We're definitely starting our best defensive group. I think that by substituting, they're getting the picture."

Notre Dame hopes to carry over their defensive intensity this weekend on the road, in what could prove to be another defensive battle.

"Seton Hall is another great team and a big test for us on the road," McGraw said. "That's going to be a big challenge for us to go out there. They're a great defensive team, so it should be another defensive battle, but it's one that we're looking forward to."

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scoring average.

The last time these two teams met, March 1, 2003, the Irish escaped with a 62-60 win at home on Kats Fleck's two free throws with two seconds to play. So this year, the Irish are ready for a challenge.

"Overall, they're a great defensive team," Irish coach Matt Cavanaugh said. "They're terrific rebounders, and they're really athletic. They hold teams down. It's going to be a challenge for us."

The Pirates out-rebound their opponents by almost ten rebounds per game, as they average 41.7 rebounds to opponents' 31.9. Notre Dame, on the other hand, averages 37.2 rebounds per game.

"We're going to work on rebounding," McGraw said.

Le'Tania Severe drives against Boston College Jan. 31. The Irish travel to Seton Hall after winning six straight.

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BASEBALL

For the love of the game

Grisham speaks of affinity for college baseball in opening dinner

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The 2004 Irish baseball season will officially be under way Thursday night as the team hosted the Opening Night Dinner with guest speakers John Grisham and former Notre Dame All-American Steve Stanley.

Grisham, a rabid amateur baseball enthusiast and recent follower of the Notre Dame program, talked about his love of collegiate baseball and the role the sport has played throughout his life in the rural South.

"College baseball is fun to watch, and that is one of the reasons it's my favorite sport," the author said. "I go to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., every chance I get just to watch great baseball. The reason I love the sport is that its great baseball played by great players." Grisham extolled the virtues of amateur baseball, especially on the collegiate level, for the game, the love, and respect the players have for their favorite pastime.

"These kids respect the game, they know how to play it, they respect their schools and they're proud of their schools," Grisham said. "That's why I love college baseball. It's a great game, played by great kids at great schools like this.

"College baseball players hustle, and for somebody that is a fan of the game, there is nothing so rewarding as to watch a kid hustle," he said. "And there is nothing more frustrating than to watch pro- fessionals do that."

"College baseball players play for the name on the front of the uniform, and not the one on the back. They love their schools. They respect the game, and that's the cornerstone of college baseball.

"In the last few years, Grisham has developed several ties to the Irish baseball program. The attraction started in the 2000 NCAA Regional hosted by Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. The Irish were sent down South, and a scrappy Notre Dame team that would not be intimidated by the histrionous home crowd almost knocked the Bulldogs out of the tournament.

"The two schools played three grueling games in 24 hours before the Bulldogs eventually triumphed with a ninth-inning home run for a 10-9 win in the championship game. Grisham, a Mississippi State graduate, was unable to attend the regional that year, but he got a full report from friends and family about the feisty Irish team.

This past summer, with his son officially getting under way in the Loftus Sports Center this weekend as the annual Moya Invitational begins tonight at 7 p.m. The two-day meet will continue Saturday morning at 10 a.m., with the finals beginning at 2 p.m.

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The RedHawks currently sit eleventh in the men's, and women's sides. The meet will continue Saturday in the Loftus Sports Center, with the finals beginning at 2 p.m.

HOCKEY

Irish travel to face first place Miami

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has made a habit of relishing in the David role this season. This weekend they'll face another Goliath. The Irish 11-9-4, 9-3-3 in the (CHL) travel to Oxford, Ohio, to face first place Miami this season. The RedHawks (16-9-3, 13-5-2 in the (CHL) are currently No. 7 in both national college hockey polls.

"To play the first place team in your conference at this point of the season is wonderful," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It should be a tremendous series." Boston College, Maine and Wisconsin are three top-five teams that have already fallen to Notre Dame this season. For Miami to become the fourth... Notre Dame will have to defeat a RedHawks team on a five-game unbeaten streak, including a sweep of traditional powerhouse Michigan State last weekend.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish host top teams at Invite

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

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February stretch make or break for the Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP  Sports Writer

Mike Brey is not a coach normally given to using superlatives.

But ask the Irish basketball coach what he thinks of Notre Dame’s February schedule, and Brey offers a weak smile.

“This is,” he said, “the toughest February ever in this program’s history.”

Just how tough is the gauntlet the Irish must run? The month’s first seven games are all against teams whose RPI ratings place them among the nation’s top 30.

And with the Irish (10-8, 4-3 in the Big East) teetering on the brink of falling to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, the Irish have to manage to get several quality wins during that span.

“It’s another opportunity for us,” Torrian Jones said. “It’s going to be nothing but help us out. We’re ready for the challenge, and we’ve shown glimpses of our talent this year.”

Notre Dame’s current predicament is eerily similar to the one the Irish faced in Brey’s first year and Jones’ freshman year.

Then, the Irish had suffered through an unimpressive December and January and were poised on the proverbial NCAA Tournament bubble. But Notre Dame reeled off eight straight wins to clinch the Big East Division title. The similarities are something Brey and Jones talk about privately, but rarely discuss with the rest of the team.

“We’re a little younger this time around, and we have the talent,” Jones said. “But the older guys have to step up and get that eight-game winning streak.”

“Leadership is what we need most right now,” Brey said.

Brey isn’t so optimistic, but he knows Notre Dame needs quality wins to improve their tournament resume. Notre Dame’s RPI rating is 82nd in the nation.

Selection Sunday, teams who have an RPI rank around 40 are often considered bubble teams.

What’s more, the Irish have yet to get a quality win this season. Notre Dame hasn’t beaten a ranked team this year, and its most impressive win, RPI-wise, came Jan. 10 at Villanova, who is ranked No. 62.

All season long, Brey has defended the Irish against their tough schedule, saying that wasn’t important for Notre Dame to beat every top-level team on its schedule as long as they beat a few. But those wins have been lacking.

“This is a huge stretch for us,” Jordan Cornette said. “We’ve got some tough teams ahead on our schedule. We haven’t had any big wins yet. We’ve had some tough victories, but no good RPI wins.”

But Notre Dame's players haven’t given up. The Irish carry a two-game losing streak into Saturday’s game against No. 4 Pittsburgh (21-1, 7-1) and then turn around Monday and host the No. 5 Huskies (18-3, 6-1).

“Nobody is thinking about the NIT,” Cornette said defiantly. He didn’t have to add that the Irish have enough on their minds already.

Immediately after the Mass for Peace this Friday and every first Friday, Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns will co-sponsor a round table discussion on a theme related to the conflict immediately after the Mass at the Center for Social Concerns.

A simple meal will be served with conversation led by Assistant Theology Professor Margie Pfeil.

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**Every Friday, while hostilities continue in Iraq, the 5:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica will be offered for Peace.**

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On First Fridays, beginning this Friday, we will pray for and remember all who have died in the conflict in Iraq, especially innocent civilians, and we will pray, as well, for peacemakers and all who yearn for peace with justice for all God’s people.

Listed below are the names of family members, friends and alumni of Notre Dame serving in the armed forces of the United States in the Middle East.

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- Bob James
- Jason Jenson
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- Paul Tisak
- Anthony Turnock
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Defining his role

Tom Timmermans works through frustrations to become a leader for the Irish

By MATT LOZAR

Tom Timmermans isn’t your typical 6-foot-11, 270-pound center.

He wows fans with no-look passes and isn’t afraid to shoot the 3-pointer from the top of the key.

But he also does the conventional big man things like dropping point guards with monster picks and being the main enforcer down low for the Irish.

“I enjoy that part of being physical. It’s necessary in the Big East,” Timmermans said. “But sometimes when I have an open shot from wherever it is on the floor, I’ll take it.”

It’s a multi-dimensional role Timmermans has developed in his senior season with the Irish — a senior season that had a very good chance of not being this productive.

Frustrations abound

Timmermans played 31 minutes in Notre Dame’s opening exhibition game against the Hoop Group. Timmermans played in only two of the next eight contests for a total of 15 minutes.

His back injury, which Timmermans said “just kind of sneaked in there,” was forcing the senior co-captain to watch from the bench as the Irish dropped below .500 for the first time under coach Mike Brey.

Timmermans had worked in the off-season to cut down on acquiring quick fouls and getting into early foul trouble as he often did in his first three years at Notre Dame. He was trying to become a major contributor for the Irish.

But his back wasn’t cooperating — and there was nothing Timmermans could do about it.

“It was definitely really frustrating,” Timmermans said. “It’s your senior year, you want to play and you want to be out there, and then your body doesn’t want to go.”

Timmermans wasn’t the only one frustrated. Combine Timmermans’ injury with Rick Cornett’s early season injury and freshman Omar Ibrahimi recovering from off-season knee injury, and Brey was limited to basically two big men.

Brey became so concerned about the lack of depth in the paint that he asked freshman tight end John Carlson to pull double duty and join the basketball team, even just to be a practice body.

“I was frustrated we didn’t have him early this year,” Brey said. “But he’s an example of what a senior should do.

Timmermans worked with the coaches and the training staff not to rush back from the injury. After battling his back for about a month, Timmermans was able to ease his way back into the lineup at the end of Notre Dame’s non-conference schedule.

By the time the Big East schedule rolled around, Timmermans was ready to go.

Breaking out

The opportunity for Timmermans to assume a major role was the Irish began before the season started. When Brey answered questions about who his core group of players would be in 2003-04, Timmermans was one of those six players Brey always talked about.

The back injury was the only thing restraining Timmermans. When Timmermans was finally healthy entering Big East play, he played 10 minutes against West Virginia, 39 at Villanova and 24 at Pittsburgh. Then came Syracuse and its notorious 2-3 zone.

Timmermans broke it down perfectly.

“It’s always been pretty good with the Irish and making good decisions,” Timmermans said. “With Syracuse and their zone, the big post is going to be open with a lot of space and opportunities to make those kind of passes. I made the passes and other people knocked them down.”

Timmermans camped out at the high post, which is always open in the 2-3 zone. As Notre Dame’s guards got Timmermans the ball, he scanned the rest of the Irish offense and made passes rallying those of the best games the country to the open players.

On that night, it wasn’t just the passing ability of Timmermans that was on display. He registered career-highs in points, assists and minutes while riding his career high in rebounds.

What Timmermans would display on a daily basis in practice became public and allowed him to become a Joyce Center fan favorite.

“In practice, I always knew he had a lot of talent,” senior co-captain Torrian Henry said. “He had a nice shooting touch and dribble moves.

“Now you can see what he’s capable of doing.”

That unique package for a collegiate center Timmermans exhibited at Syracuse is something the Irish haven’t had for a long time — a post player who will commit the hard foul, will thread the needle with a pass to hit the open man and isn’t afraid to throw up a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

It’s the in-the-court role Timmermans has grown into with the Irish.

“I definitely helps having somebody who can get the ball in the low post and pass it back out to somebody who is spotting up,” Timmermans said. “Being able to pass it out for a 3-pointer is very important.”

Changing his dreams

When Timmermans was growing up in the Netherlands, he had a childhood dream.

“It wasn’t to be a Division I basketball player,” Timmermans said with a smile.

Two factors kept Timmermans from pursuing that dream — he grew too fast-11 and speed skating was done outside.

While still in school in the Netherlands, he participated in school sports and developed an attraction for the game of basketball. He completed his high school career playing basketball for two years at a high school in St. George, Va.

In terms of his dislike of cold weather, the harsh climate in the Netherlands could have kept him away from a top school offering basketball and solid academics.

“I’m definitely not liking the snow up here, but with the school and the basketball program here, the climate can’t do anything about that,” Timmermans said.

Timmermans admits his time in the United States has changed him. His family says he has become “Americanized” and his Dutch isn’t as good as it used to be.

Timmermans has become more mature over his four years at Notre Dame and that became evident when he earned the distinction of a captain in the pre-season.

“I’ve developed into a role on the court,” Timmermans knows his role as a captain as well.

“We have the voice in Torrian. I’m not always the one that pumps them up. But I will be the one that says something when it is quiet or when nobody is saying anything,” Timmermans said.

“I’ll be the one saying, get the loose balls, do the physical stuff and lead by example on the floor by doing that stuff.

Timmermans has combined three previous years of waiting with the early-season injury, and the result is a basketball player who never gave up during his career at Notre Dame.

“It’s something they can show to other players as something to strive for when everything isn’t going the way one hopes.

“It’s a good example of how a player progresses in your program,” Brey said.

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Tom Timmermans attempts a reverse layup around the Orangemen’s Craig Forte.

Tom Timmermans passes around Syracuse’s Hakim Warrick in Syracuse’s 81-70 win at the Joyce Center.

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THE IRISH

COACHING

Brey had led the Irish to three straight NCAA Tournaments in his first three years at Notre Dame. Yet he faces arguably his most difficult task this year in trying to get the Irish to make a fourth straight trip.

STYLE OF PLAY

There's two themes here. Notre Dame often begins games trying to get the ball to Francis in the post. But as the game wears on, the Irish tend to move away from Francis and win games with their outside shooting.

POST PLAYERS

One of the best big men in the Big East, Francis is a formidable weapon if he gets his hands on the ball. Coen and Timmernann have each been playing well lately, as well, giving the Irish a couple options down low.

PERIMETER PLAYERS

With Thomas struggling, Quinn has emerged as the center of Notre Dame's offensive attack. Jones gives the Irish a slashing, penetrating attack when he moves to the basket, and he's easily the team's most vocal leader.

BENCH

The Irish have used a seven-man rotation all season long. While Cornette and Timmernann have done well off the bench, Falls has yet to emerge as the sixth man he was purposed to be.

INTANGIBLES

The Joyce Center can get rocking for big games, and Notre Dame's student section is one of the loudest in the league. However, the Irish have struggled at home this season.

PITTSBURGH

THE OPPONENTS

COACHING

In his first year at Pittsburgh, Dixon has kept the Panthers among the nation's elite. Pittsburgh was undeniably late into the season, and many are projecting this team as a potential Final Four candidate.

STYLE OF PLAY

The Panthers play a style of basketball similar to Notre Dame, where they use the 3-point shot to freeze teams. However, they also have a strong physical presence inside and often out-rebound their opponents.

POST PLAYERS

Brown, Troutman and Tao each add (to the Panthers' inside game. All three are shooting over 20 percent from the field, and combined, they generate an average of 32 points a game.

PERIMETER PLAYERS

Page is far and away the deep threat of this year's team. His range is equivalent to that of Irish graduate Matt Carroll's, but he can also create shots from the dribble. The freshman, Krauser, has performed well at the point guard spot all year.

BENCH

The Panthers can go eight-deep with ease, and they have an interchangeable lineup that allows them to start different players on different nights with minimal drop-off. No bench player averages more than 10 points a game, however.

INTANGIBLES

One of the league's strongest teams to beat at home, the Panthers have only played four games on the road this year. While this team has a chance to challenge for a Big East title — something not lost on the Panthers when they play.

CONNECTICUT

THE ANALYSIS

COACHING

Brey has been successful in the past, but he's struggling to get this young team to buy into the calm, cool, and collected style of basketball that he prefers.

STYLE OF PLAY

Pittsburgh typically kills the Irish inside when the two teams meet, mixing a punishing inside game with a deadly perimeter attack. Okafor is an incredible force inside and a great point guard.

POST PLAYERS

For whatever reason, Notre Dame has had problems countering Pittsburgh's inside game. Francis has been a consistent threat, but defensively, the Irish have struggled. Their defense is equivalent to that of the Panthers backcourt. It remains to be seen how effective the Quinn point guard switch could be.

PERIMETER PLAYERS

Since Notre Dame rarely goes to its bench in a game, but has little surprise that Pittsburgh has the edge here. While the Panthers have a Bench that isn't notable, it is a deadly rotation that the Irish may have trouble switching.

BENCH

With a difficult game against Connecticut looming, Okafor has been eagerly motivated to get a win. Their NCAA Tournament hopes are starting to slip away, and this game against Pittsburgh — who the Irish almost beat — is a must-win.

INTANGIBLES

Calhoun made the first trip to the Final Four, while Brey is still trying to get the Irish past the Sweet 16. Brey is trying to get his team to understand that they are a fine-tuned machine.

THE MATCHUP

As good as Thomas and Quinn can be when their shots are falling, the pair has never been in the same game. Coen may be called on to contain Gordon, but the Huskies just may be too deep for Notre Dame's guards to handle.

Again, there is little doubt here who has the edge. Connecticut's depth enables them to start five starters in the same game. Getting the stars from down the stretch. The Irish, however, look deep in close games because they lack the bench support.

INTANGIBLES

With a hands-down the biggest game in the Joyce Center this year. If the Irish haven't rocked it and the players aren't fired up for this game. They won't be at all. The key for Notre Dame will be their ability to weather the inevitable Huskie run.