Students blast off for Spring Break

By BYSTIN VON HAN DORF News Writer

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Offered by the Center for Social Concerns.

Each of the seminars is one credit hour and aims to combine Catholic Social Tradition with civic engagement.

Students attend meetings before traveling to familiarize themselves with the activities they will be taking part in over the break. Upon their return, they write a reflection paper about their experiences.

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Inside Column

Home sweet home

While other Domers are spending their Spring Breaks in exotic locations like the Caribbean or Mexico, I'm spending mine in Dallas. (Yes, I'm from Texas.) And I'm really excited about it.

Although I've usually traveled over the break, I think it will be nice to just kick back at home. I'm looking forward to some quality time with my parents, my dog and my bôd. I miss my mattress lots. There will be no Real-Wardesque exploits at my house. Nothing Panama-City like. Just lots of sleep and reading (maybe even a little for fun) and television. Three cheers for Game Show Network and Great American Country. I've missed all those songs about pick-up trucks and break-ups and cowboy boots. Outkast ain't got nothing on the Dixie Chicks.

I'll still be able to lounge around by the pool, if I choose, but it won't be with exotic white sand or crashing waves. Unless you count the noise from the family with their annoying children in the backyard next to ours. Maybe they'll be inside. With the flu.

The mid-semester breaks always come at the best times, too. I think Notre Dame pinpoints the exact moment when you are so stressed out you can't see straight and immediately declares a week-long break. Maybe it's a bit dishonorable to the health services center. God knows they need help with that.

Dallas is actually a pretty happening place, something I've realized more now that an Observer friend is going to live there. We have great culture, sports and weather — most of the time. The food is pretty good too; it usually beats home cooking. And there's no strange smell like another Texas city that brings with it "H" and ends with "ouston." I'm sure I'll hear plenty of wild stories about hook-ups and beverages and cruise ships when I return, and I doubt I'll have anything nearly so interesting to share back, but it won't bother me a bit. And of course I could do a lot worse:

I could be here. Studying for the MCAT.

(Best of luck, medical school applicants.)

I just don't envy you.

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Question of the Day: How are you getting to your Spring Break destination?

We're taking a road trip to UVA."

"Jogging."

"Rollin' like Molly Huddie in a G.K."

"Pacing 'SED The Bobbler."

"Driving like ten hours."

"Plane."

OffBeat

Seniors flight in retirement community over salad.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — A dispute at the salad bar turned into a food fracas at an upscale retirement home, with a man taking a bite out of another's arm and other residents suffering minor injuries.

Police said resident Lee Thoss, 62, of the Spring Haven Retirement Community was picking through the lettuce, which disgusted 86-year-old William Hocker, who was standing in line behind him. Hocker told Thoss no one wanted to eat food he had been playing with. Thoss yelled and cursed at him. Hocker told police, and Thoss then began punching Hocker in the face.

In the buffet melee that followed, Allen Croft, 79, tried to grab Thoss, who bit him on the arm, reports said.

Ohio teacher admits to duct taping students.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A high school math teacher is accused of using duct tape and plastic ties to restrain female students in his classroom.

Police Sgt. Sheila Wilson said Robert Martin, 25, admitted he bound the girls' hands with plastic ties and covered their mouths with duct tape in three incidents in May, September and October. Two of the girls were 15 and the other was 17.

Wilson said Martin, a teacher at Walnut Ridge High School, claimed it was "drive time."

He indicated one of the girls said she had never been handcuffed and he asked her if she wanted to be handcuffed," Wilson said. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

The Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference will be held March 5 to 7 at McKenna Hall. Michael Rosenzweig, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona, will give the keynote address tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Omaha Theatre Company for Young People will perform "How Anansi Came to America" tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

President of the Irish political party Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams will speak at Washington Hall March 16 at 5 p.m. Adams, an advocate of the reunification of West Ireland, is Member of Parliament for West Belfast.

A pizza and pro-life persuasion discussion will occur in the Knights of Columbus building from 6 to 7 p.m. March 16.

The ND Schola Musicorum will present an all-day concert of Gregorian Chant and early polyphony music in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The event will occur March 17.

Legends will sponsor a Saint Patrick's Day Party with the band Another Pint. The concert will occur Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, beginning at 9 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observnews@nd.edu.

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Judge rules: custody to mother

Girl, kidnapped in infancy, to be reunited with birth mother

Associated Press

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — A judge approved a plan Thursday to grant custody to the biological mother of a 6-year-old girl who was allegedly snatched from her crib as a newborn.

"I'm going to have her pronto — very, very soon," said Luz Cuevas, the mother of Delimar Vera.

Her lawyer, Andrew McKinn, said the custody transfer will be a gradual process before the girl lives permanently with her mother.

The little girl's case was thrown into the national spotlight Monday, when authorities in Philadelphia announced they were charging the only mother she has ever known — Carolyn Correa — with kidnapping, arson and 13 other crimes.

Police said Correa took the 10-day-old baby from her crib in December 1997 and then set fire to the home to cover her tracks. The infant was thought to have been consumed in the flames.

Cuevas attorney Anthony Cianfrani said the biological mother told authorities she believed Delimar had been kidnapped, but that nothing was done.

In the meantime, Correa, 42, named the baby Aliyah Hernandez and raised her in Willingboro, N.J., just a few miles from Philadelphia.

Six years passed before Correa, the little girl and Cuevas all wound up at the same birthday party, where Cuevas said she had a hunch Aliyah Hernandez was really her own daughter.

To obtain possible DNA evidence Cuevas thought would prove the girl was hers, Cuevas pretended there was gun in the child's hair so she could pull off several strands. The strands were later turned over to police.

But Chad Summerfield, a forensic scientist with the Philadelphia police, said tests were unable to produce any DNA because the strands lacked roots or follicles. As a result, authorities took swabs of saliva from the girl, Correa and the couple who were believed to be the little girl's biological parents.

Probe blasts Ariz. prison system

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A prison warden was demoted and eight other supervisors reassigned after an investigation into a 15-day hostage standoff in a watchtower found gaps in security compounded by "years worth of bad decisions" at all levels of the prison system.

The panel was part of ongoing investigations into how two inmates were able to overpower two guards on Jan. 18 and hold them hostage in the tower at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye, about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix.

One hostage, Jason Auch, was released Jan. 24. The other, a female guard who said she was raped, was released Feb. 1, the day inmates Ricky Wassenaar and Steven Coy surrendered. Wassenaar has said Correa's little girl

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decided to forgo hedonism for extra MCAT study time.

Kean Hall resident Michael Annen said he plans to use the week to get in extra study time. "I don't have a ton of time during the school week to study for it, so this gives me a week where I can concentrate on it," he said.

This is the first year that Annen has not left campus, and his plans contrast sharply with last year's trip to the Bahamas, according to friend Jake Granatino. "I needed to understand his need to stay on campus," said Granatino. "There can be a lot of distractions over spring break."

This year, however, Granatino is traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, and many of his other friends are heading for cruises in such places as New Orleans, California and the Caribbean. "I think he's probably keeping me in mind, though," he said.

A nnen said that he had mixed feelings about not being able to attend the cruise with his friends. "It sucks, but it's my future, and I've got to do it," he said. His friends are not the only students traveling to California, however, as the Glee Club starts its biannual tour in Sacramento.

Freshman Jonathan Lin will be traveling from the capital of the Golden State all the way north to Vancouver, "taking in sites like doing laundry in Sacramento, Seattle, Portland."

During the week, the club members will stay both with host families and in hotels. "This is a record: we get three nights in hotels this trip," Lin said. Lin said that he plans to use the free time to do some sightseeing.

"On the free days, we'll just drive around town and see the sights," he said. As Lin and others prove, Spring Break affords all students the opportunity to work, play or just simply relax.

The possibilities are endless," Lin said.

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trouble lending a hand to. "I know at home I have tons of dresses I don't even use, so why would I hold on to them if they're just going to sit there and I could be putting them to good use for people who can't afford them?" she said. "It's really hard to find an inexpensive dress, and it's an amazing thing for people with very little money to be able to get a good dress for free."

The deadline for the drive is March 19 at 5 p.m., and once everything is organized, St. Joseph County will hold an event at University Park Mall where the high school girls can choose the dress they want.

Though Ziker Cleaners was the dress collection point through February, there is no designated spot as of now. However, students can bring dresses to Yostberg in the Office of Research at 511 Main Building.

Now all that's missing from the picture is the prince, and that's another story.

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that has traditionally not been well served by the major national carriers," Wishon said. "The effect of the lack of competition in the area was principally felt through high prices."

Lalimer said that the new connection, which is a direct feed to Chicago, will cost University about eight times less than its current connection with the service provider. "It's not an easy engineering feat to get a dark fiber or any fiber connectivity and thus span that distance of more than 200 miles."

Wishon said the process of installing the connection, called a "dark fiber," was approached as a development initiative. "The possibilities are endless," Lin said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

9/11 convict gets new trial

KARLSRUHE, Germany — The only person in prison in Germany convicted in the Sept. 11 attacks won a retrial Thursday after an appeal court faulted Washington for refusing to extradite a key Al-Qaeda captive.

The Federal Criminal Court overturned the conviction of Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan, leaving German prosecutors with little hope of trying to dole out justice to suspects who may have belonged to the Hamburg cell that included three of the suicide hijackers.

A month ago, el Motassadeq's friend Abu Atta, who was acquitted of identical charges of logistical assistance to the cells, said that 11 of Sept. 11 victims again expressed frustration and German's top security official, Interior Minister Otto Schily, called Thursday's ruling "regrettable."

Euro heat worst in 500 years

WASHINGTON — Last year's deadly summer in Europe probably was the hottest on the continent in at least five centuries, according to researchers who analyzed old records and paleo-climatic evidence. More than 10,000 people died.

Researchers at the University of Bern, Switzerland, collected and analyzed temperature data from all over Europe, including weather records from London going back to 1500. They found that the climate has been generally warming and last summer was the most torrid of all.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush ads anger 9/11 families

WASHINGTON — President Bush's campaign commercials — on the air just one day before the holiday weekend — attacks victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and a firefighters union that has endorsed Democratic rival John Kerry demanded the ads be pulled.

The White House defended the commercials, which show images of the skeletal remains of the World Trade Center firefighters bearing a stretcher through the rubble.

"It makes me sick," said Colleen Kelly, who lost her brother Bill Kelly Jr., in the attacks. She is a member of the Democratic Platform, the first step to forming a government of national unity in Haiti. The members are Leslie Voltaire, who was Aristide's minister for Haitians Abroad, former opposition Sen. Paul Dessalines and draft members of the Democratic Platform coalition, and Adama Cooindo, the U.N. resident representative in Haiti.

AP poll: Bush, Kerry tied in race

Results show neither candidate has majority; Nader voters could swing outcome

WASHINGTON — In the first poll since John Kerry locked up the Democratic nomination, Kerry and President Bush are tied while independent candidate Ralph Nader has captured enough support to affect the outcome, validating Democrats' fears.

Without the last-minute vote of the independent who backed Gore in a two-way race, Kerry would have emerged as the nominee Tuesday after a string of primary races wins over several rivals, having been running close or neck-and-neck in most recent polls that did not include Nader.

Since Nader entered the race Feb. 2, campaign strategists and political analysts have been trying to assess the impact of another presidential bid by the consumer activist whom Democrats blame for Al Gore's loss in 2000. Four years ago, Nader appeared on the ballot in 53 states and Washington, D.C., garnering only 2.7 percent of the vote. But in Florida and New Hampshire, Bush won such narrow narrow victories that he had Gore received the bulk of Nader's voters in those states, he would have won the general election.

Exit polls from 2000 show that about half of Nader's voters would have backed Gore in a two-way race. Nader dismisses the poller label.

While Nader's support in the AP-Ipsos poll was 6 percent, his backing in polls in 2000 fluctuated in the single digits — often at about 4 percent, but sometimes higher. This year, Nader is unlikely to get the Green Party nod and faces a stiff challenge in getting his name on the ballot in 50 states.

Kenneth Freeman, an 86-year-old retiree from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who leans Democratic, was clearly unhappy with Nader's presidential bid.

"Ralph Nader is fouling it all up," Freeman said.

"He's taking votes away from the Democrats, I think he's on an ego trip," Bush's job approval in the AP-Ipsos poll was 48 percent, with 49 percent disapproving, which is essentially the same as last month when 47 percent approved of the president's job performance.

His approval rating, which soared close to 90 percent after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and remained high for months, has dipped to the lowest levels of his presidency in recent weeks.

Six in 10 said the country is on the wrong track, up from last month, while slightly more than a third of those surveyed — 32 percent — said the country is headed in the right direction.

"We're 240-something days from Election Day. We've got a long way to go and expect it to be a close race throughout, no matter what the factors are," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for the Bush campaign.

"Kerry did not get a bounce from winning the nomination.

For all those who want to bring change to America, we need to remain united behind the Democratic nominee," said Kerry campaign spokes­woman Stephanie Cutter.

Kerry, who has solid backing from 28 percent of the voters, was running strong among minorities, people with low incomes, single people, older voters and Catholics.

Bush, who had solid backing from 37 percent, performed well among whites, men, Protestants, homeowners and subur­ban dwellers.

"I'm worried about the Democrats taking control," said Stephanie Bahaidah, a Republican from Lynbrook, N.Y. She said after the Sept. 11 attacks, she feels safer with Bush in the White House because Democrats will "divert our attention from the mili­tary."

U.S. Marines get mixed reactions

PORT-AR-PRINCE — U.S. Marines trained their rifles down gritty streets and into buildings about three dozen same-sex couples asked for licenses and were turned down. One applicant warned, "This isn't going away."

Couples in a New York suburb were also rejected, but across the country in Portland, Ore., a line of at least 100 hopefuls snaked along a building as Multnomah County handed out licenses to gay couples for a second day.

STATE NEWS

Cash crunch hits trash dump

BLOOMINGTON — The state has denied Metropolitan Development and Waste Management District in deep financial trouble and little cash on hand.

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Senate attributes improper access to two ex-GOP staffers

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Two former Senate Republican staffers are in danger of distributing Democratic computer memos about terrorist connections, Republicans say, but the computer files also were not adequately protected by the Justice Department, according to a report released Thursday.

Democrats are calling for an outside investigation, but the committee has yet to decide what steps will be. The report said 4,670 files were found on a GOP aide's computer, "the majority of which appeared to be from folders belonging to Democratic staff." Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch said the intrusion was unacceptable.

"I am mortified that this improper, unethical, simply unacceptable breach of confidential files occurred," said Hatch.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-III., who said his office was targeted for the snooping, suggested that Illinois U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald be appointed as a special prosecutor by the Justice Department to review the information uncovered so far and make recommendations on how to proceed.

"I'm very concerned," added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., "It is my view and the view of a few others, that the report merely colors in what we volunteered over three months ago, but does so at the cost of $500,000.""

Regardless, "the report fails to find any criminal hacking or any credible suggestion of criminal acts," said Miranda. He also asked for an investigation of what he called "unexplained substance" of the Democrats' memos.

Conservatives say the memos prove the Democrats colluded with liberal groups concerning which Bush nominees to block, and at least one ethics complaint has been filed against Durbin and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., based on the leaked information.

Punishment for the snooping was "beyond the scope of this report," but if the Justice Department attempts to prosecute, lawyers could use the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act — a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and a year imprisonment upon conviction, the report said.

**Coast Guard finds terrorist connections**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Nine people with ties to terrorist organizations were identified during a 14-month Coast Guard and FBI investigation into national security threats and document fraud among U.S. merchant ships, officials said Thursday.

The investigation also found thousands of cases of potential fraud and identified individuals working on ships who had arrest warrants pending against them.

"Through extensive and detailed investigative efforts, we have reduced vulnerabilities to terrorism by preventing the fraudulent use of credentials by those who seek to harm our nation and its citizens," said Admiral Thomas Collins, the Coast Guard commandant.

The FBI and Coast Guard examined more than 200,000 individuals who work aboard commercial ships, including passenger ships. Such employees must apply for credentials from the federal government that certify they are qualified to work aboard the ship and that allow them to embark and disembark while at a foreign port.

It is a federal crime to make false statements on the credential applications or to fail to disclose a required piece of information, such as past drug use. Some of people who did so are being referred to U.S. attorneys around the country for prosecution, said Coast Guard spokeswoman Jolie Shifflet.

"No details were available about the nine people possibly associated with terrorist groups. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, 14-month Coast Guard and FBI investigation did not identify any terrorists, officials said."
Corporate Responsibility

**ND prof works on U.N. effort**

CORA’S Williams helps to develop ethical guide for multinational corporations

By MATT BRAMANTI

In an effort to improve corporate responsibility worldwide, a Notre Dame business professor has been working to advance U.N. Global Compact. The compact is an agreement, promulgated by Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in which companies agree to certain standards of behavior.

Father Oliver Williams, academic director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, has been cited by Business Week as one of the "outstanding faculty" in MBA programs.

The compact began in 1999, when Annan gave an address to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The compact brings together international leader from the areas of business, policy and economics who are "committed to improving the state of the world," according to the organization’s Web site.

In the address, Annan encouraged corporations to support nine principles concerning human rights, labor rights, and the environment.

The compact, companies agree to support human rights, as laid out in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights; to uphold workers’ rights, including collective bargaining; to eliminate forced labor and child labor; to eliminate related discrimination; to act responsibly in accordance with the environment, and to develop "environmentally friendly technologies.

"(Annan’s) thesis was that if we want free and open dialogue to continue, we have to find ways to level the playing field," Williams said. "We need a global compact, with the understanding of the major movers and shakers in business.

The documents principles are nothing new. Most of them can be specifically traced to previous international documents, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization’s principles and the Rio Meeting on the Environment.

Williams said the compact is different from many ethical codes, in that it takes a positive approach, rather than a negatively prohibitive objectionable behavior. "A man’s saying business should not contain things," Williams said. "They should have certain values. We’re asking multinational companies to be the advance guard of bringing moral values into international business.

However, Williams said the document could be improved.

"The one glaring omission here is that there’s nothing about corruption," Williams said. He said it has been difficult to get U.N. member nations to agree to add anti-corruption principles to the documents, because of corrupt governments in many of those nations.

After noting Williams’ previous work in ethical business — he has written a book entitled “Global Codes of Conduct” — Annan’s office approached him about helping to encourage companies to sign the compact.

“I had a lot of experience in codes of conduct, how they work and what doesn’t work,” Williams said. In 2002, Williams hosted a meeting on campus, in which he gathered up faculty offices, as well as executives from major international companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Merck, Nike and Shell. Williams said several companies were eager to sign the compact after the meeting.

"We got HP and Pfizer to join as a result of that meeting, and DuPont has also signed," Williams said. "The companies we invited were model companies that were already doing these things.

Last year, Williams had a similar conference in South Africa to attract the attention of companies there.

“The multinationals based in South Africa are relatively few, but there are surprisingly several dozen companies that have huge capitalization,” he said.

Williams is no stranger to U.N. efforts in South Africa. In 1994, he was a member of the U.N. Observations Mission, which oversaw the elections that ended apartheid in that country.

He said that while it can be difficult to persuade businesses to maintain high ethical standards, there are incentives.

"Because many influential non-governmental organizations have joined the compact, policy dialogue can take place between organizations and companies.

"What (businesses) can do in these policy dialogues is sit down with (their) most strident critics in intelligent dialogue," Williams said. "It’s a great forum for multinationals to sit down and talk ... in a setting that’s not a media event.

Williams said that while some companies might sign the compact without enacting its principles, he is confident that media pressure will help the program lead to higher ethical standards in global business.

"Companies are like people: some are scoundrels and some are very admirable,” he said. “If a company signs up and does not anything about changing their practices, they are exposing themselves to tremendous bad press.

Local networks in several countries, which address problems specific to their respective nations, administer the compact.

"The problems in South Africa aren’t the same as the problems in the United States," Williams said.

In addition, the United Nations maintains an office in its Secretariat building in New York. Williams said the program is so important to Annan that the office is adjacent to the Secretary-General’s suite.

He said the compact can help to boost the reputation of the United Nations, which has suffered from U.S. and international criticism because of events leading up to and since the terrorist attacks.

"The fact is, some of the criticism of the United Nations has been well-founded," Williams said. "A program like the Global Compact can lend credibility to the United Nations and lend legitimacy.

Williams said he was optimistic that the compact will catch on with more international businesses.

“It has a great opportunity to be — and I think it will be — an instrument to advance the moral purpose of business."
All across the nation, "activist judges" are "legislating from the bench" while their liberal competition wags "judges who just run off in fear of civil liberties or social discourse," give a second thought to the language of first sentence. Such misunderstandings sound bites have become the parlance of the hour for conservatives throughout the United States. Liberal and progressive citizens, as well as anyone concerned with the social agenda. Among these recent decisions involving the 11th Amendment.

John Infanca

Dissecting Poetry

When people think of Notre Dame pride, they remember Rudy, Knute Rockne and the Golden Dome. But perhaps the biggest points of pride for the Fighting Irish should be the South Bend Center for the Homeless, Logan Center or the University sponsored Summer Service Projects that send students around the nation and the world every year.

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The Observer

When it comes to political discourse, should be eager to read the 11th Amendment. It protects states from suits by citizens of other states or foreign nations. It says nothing about an individual not believing to be sued in their own state. Somehow, a conservative majority of the Supreme Court concluded that the "framers' intent" was to disallow suits against one's own state. If that is the case, the framers did a funny job of writing it down, don't you think? Judicial activism, as its critics define it, is done by both conservatives and liberals. The difference is only that when liberals do it bad, the reality is that our constitution would not have endured for over 200 years absent judicial decisions that sometimes move beyond the literal text. There is no obvious reason for this.

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Where did the jobs go?

Jonathan Steed

In the 1990s Americans saw some of the greatest economic prosperity in U.S. history. The influx of new computer and communications technology, combined with the pro-growth economic policies of former President Clinton, created more than 22 million domestic jobs. The nation experienced record job expansion, stable growth in the stock market and the first budget surplus in decades.

Unfortunately, those times of prosperity have changed, partly due to the enormous amount of outsourcing of domestic jobs overseas.

Nearly three million jobs have been lost since President George W. Bush took office. Many of the jobs that have disappeared are manufacturing jobs throughout the Midwest and in the heartland, where corporate fat cats seek to increase the size of their wallets by shipping good-paying industrial jobs to nations where they can hire cheap labor and avoid environmental regulations.

Many of these corporate executives are some of the largest contributors to both the Republican Party and Bush’s re-election campaign. Thus, it is no surprise that N. Gregory Mankiw, chairman of Bush’s council of economic advisers, said in a recent economic report that outsourcing was good for the American economy.

Mankiw and Bush are out of touch with American workers, especially those who have lost their jobs due to outsourcing. According to salon.com, many of the jobs being sent overseas aren’t just in manufacturing but are white-collar service sector jobs as well.

For example, if a person calls a customer-assistance help line for instructions on how to use a new computer, there is a good chance the representative one is talking to is in India or Thailand. Many of the jobs economists hoped would replace the disappearing domestic manufacturing jobs are being shipped overseas. This poses a serious threat to long-term economic growth in the United States.

The combination of manufacturing and service-related jobs being outsourced and sent overseas is having a devastating impact on the U.S. economy. For instance, citizens in Ohio have lost 192,000 jobs since Bush took office. Nearly one-fourth of those were due to outsourcing. When a person loses a job, their ability to purchase goods and services is diminished substantially, which reduces total demand in the economy.

Furthermore, without incomes, citizens pay less taxes, causing a reduction in the tax base needed to fund various government programs and services. The loss of more than three million jobs, combined with Bush’s irresponsible tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthy, has created a record budget deficit as well. It is no surprise that the loss of American jobs, many due to outsourcing, is wreaking havoc on our economy and way of life.

The United States is no longer the only nation in the world that has a substantially educated workforce. Countries such as China and India now have substantial amounts of educated citizens eager to find work. They are willing and able to work for a fraction of the wages U.S. citizens do.

Without any real protections and laws preventing jobs from being outsourced overseas, corporate executives have no reason to keep jobs here in America. If they can make huge profits at the expense of dedicated employees and workers, they will more than likely take advantage of the cheap labor and educated workforces abroad.

The American worker can take steps necessary to preventing the rise of outsourcing. For starters, workers must not shy away from organizing unions to create substantial collective bargaining powers that will give them a voice with their employers. As the nation recently saw with supermarket workers on strike and a lockout in southern California, organized labor still has great power and influence in protecting American jobs.

Additionally, workers must vote for officials who will look out for them and their jobs and protect the corporate executives who dig deep into their pockets to fund the campaigns of Bush and his friends. Having elected officials on the side of ordinary Americans who work hard and play by the rules is perhaps one of the best assets a factory worker or engineer can have in preventing his job from going overseas. Until Americans wake up and understand the threat that outsourcing has on their livelihood, and until they take action to prevent the hemorrhaging of domestic jobs overseas, this unfortunate trend will continue.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Poker column pointless and rude

I am writing in response to an article entitled “Texas Hold ‘em” that was published on Mar. 2. This article caught my attention because, like the author, I also participate in a weekly card game, mostly centered around the Texas Hold ‘em version of poker.

Whenever I read a Viewpoint article, I am curious how the author is going to make his or her topic relevant to his readers. Usually they succeed in this, even in an apparently random or ordinary event and highlighting the take-home point that lies just beneath the surface.

In this case, I was looking forward to learning how a discussion about a weekly poker game might be translated into a comment on friendship, bonding, stress relief, luck, risk-taking, etc. In fact, I was even more eager for the punch line after reading through two paragraphs of rather dull play-by-play of poker hands. But instead of any meaningful conclusion, the self-proclaimed moral of the story was “ladies come in pairs, and if you have a six and a nine be aggressive, for it is the money hand.”

Not only is this message completely pointless, but a more suspicious reader might interpret it as crude.

Jim Kelly

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Recommended reading from the Scene staff

Cage Eleven
by Gerry Adams

Gerry Adams is the current president of Sinn Fein and lifelong activist for peace and unity in Ireland. He was imprisoned without trial and suffered interrogations and torture during his four years at Long Kesh Prison, most of it in cell block "Cage Eleven." He wrote this collection of essays while imprisoned, and it was smuggled out after he was released. As president of Sinn Fein, Adams helped author and broker the Good Friday Agreement for peace in the late '90s, and remains one of the most influential voices in Ireland and in international politics. Adams is coming to ND on the 18th, and this would be a good background before attending his lecture.

-Recommended by Patrick Vassel

"Goat," a hard-hitting memoir

By TAYLOR CLARY
Scene Writer

Considering the recent overwhelming popularity of memoirs in literature, the memoir of a twenty-something male coming to terms with his identity would seem, at first glance, to have already been done. It would be easy to disregard Brad Land's major writing debut, "Goat," as simply another example of a novice author self-consciously writing his own story. However, Land offers much more than a carbon copy of what has already been showy up on bookshelves. In just 298 pages, his gritty and frank narrative style, brutal honesty and ability to capture his own mind and, at times, unstable personality provide a refreshing alternative to the often narrowly focused stories of other young authors.

Land's story is dark and his subject matter often gruesome and violent, but he manages to make it entirely readable. His story spans two years. In the first, Land is robbed, beaten and abducted by two men to whom he gives a ride when leaving a party. In the second, he follows his younger brother, Brett, to Clemson University in South Carolina, 70 miles from his home. He pledges his brother's fraternity, Kappa Sigma. Land finds the pledges process barbaric and the hazing techniques physically and emotionally traumatic, especially after his abduction the previous year. Throughout his story, Land is plagued by feelings of isolation and paranoia as he searches for his own voice and tries to understand his place in society.

Land skillfully weaves his accounts of these two brutal events into a tale that is shocking and disturbing, yet insightful and oddly enjoyable. In the first chapter the author immediately dives into the details of his abduction, explicitly describing his near-fatal beating. Although he provides graphic descriptions of his physical injuries, it is the incident's emotional repercussions that plague him and are the topic of the rest of his story. The memory of his assailants still haunts him as he heads to Clemson. During the pledging process, Land and his fellow pledges, "goats" as they are called, are subjected to hazing rituals that include physical beatings and binge drinking. Ironically, these methods of coping with the pressures of "fraternal brotherhood" alienate Land from his actual brother, and he is overwhelmed by feelings of self-loathing and displacement.

Along the way, Land chain smokes to ease his nerves, keeps a tally of the growing contents of his pockets, and falls in love with every girl he meets, fantasizing that each one will save him from the fraternity and himself. His methods of coping with the pressures of pledging — fraternal brotherhood and binge drinking — are not enough to dispel his nagging conscience that repeatedly tells him he doesn't belong. As a result of his own self-doubt and desire to be "normal," Land subjects himself to the brutality of the pledging process far longer than he should, and walks away with a bleak but less burdensome future.

Bill Bryson's travelogues are perfect for would-be worldwide travelers who are still waiting for the chance to see what's out there. During his travels through Europe, Great Britain and the United States Bryson has managed to pin down the quirks of every country through a gallery of colorful characters. The books are also packed with facts, both useful and simply bizarre. Reading Bill Bryson is the next best thing to actually going around America or overseas yourself.

-Recommended by Maria Smith

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ND boxing coach expresses creative side

By JOE HETTLER
Scene Writer

There are some days when 81-year-old Jack Zimmerman doesn’t feel like doing 151 straight pushups. But once he begins, he always finishes.

“I’m a pushup freak,” said Zimmerman, who normally does between 151 and 201 every morning, “I do pushups every day.”

The Notre Dame boxing coach has undertaken a variety of hobbies during his life — from pushups to racing pigeons. Zimmerman now officially adds the title of poet to his name, recently publishing a book, “Dead Mouse,” of almost 30 poems.

“I tried things like writing my initials on a tree; after a while, it grew over. After a while I marked mud turtles with paint — never caught the same one. As I got older, I got thinking, maybe I can make something a little more permanent than that,” Zimmerman said. “All of my life I’ve pointed toward adult life and said he always wanted to have his title of poet to his name, recently publishing a book, ‘Dead Mouse,’ of almost 30 poems.”

Both sides made corrections and after numerous revisions, Zimmerman had his poem book.

“I have 26 poems that are more or less accidents in his poem book. He has poems about love, drugs, insects, death and other themes throughout the collection. Zimmerman has priced his work at $19.95, though he is not yet done with it anywhere. He said he is working on setting the collection online.”

Zimmerman is also quick to point out that writing poetry is not a simple or fast process. He usually goes through several stages of revisions with each poem.

“I stole this from another writer: When I write, it’s like I just vomited and I have to clean it up,” Zimmerman said. “I have a writing, a rewriting, and I never quit. I might go back to a poem and correct it years later.”

Zimmerman got the interesting title of his poem book — “Dead Mouse” — from an experience he had 30 years ago. While repairing his fireplace, Zimmerman found the skeleton of a mouse. He was going to throw the mouse away, but Zimmerman’s mother came in the room and told her son that she knew what to do with the mouse.

“She was delighted,” Zimmerman said. “She said, “That’s nice — I know what to do with that.’ She put it in a glass and hung it on my wall. It’s been there for 30 years.”

That wasn’t the only story that contributed to the title, though.

“The reason the name is so prominent is that I had a childhood friend — Marvin Peterson — and I would say to him, ‘How you doing, Pete?’ and he’d say, ‘I have the strength of a dead mouse.’ So that’s where that came from,” Zimmerman said.

Poetry was not Zimmerman’s first love, though. As a youngster, Zimmerman’s father took him to boxing matches, and as Zimmerman grew older he eventually landed into the ring.

“I had a couple of street fights and gained a reputation,” Zimmerman said. “After that, it was like I had to get another notch on my gun. I had to prove it.”

Despite being small in stature, Zimmerman made people take notice of his boxing abilities.

“The best thing ever said about me was that I looked like I couldn’t bite a marshmallow, but you’d better watch your butt,” Zimmerman said. “I always loved that because I did look like a wimp.”

Zimmerman has been working with Bengal Bout fighters for 12 years. Before each fight, he prepares the boxer’s equipment and gives them some final words of encouragement.

“(Bengal Bouts) is unlike the professionals,” he said. “You’re fighting your friends to the extent they might even beat you. It’s just that way.”

When Zimmerman is not coaching boxers or writing poetry, he keeps pigeons as pets and is a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union.

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Recommended by Ken Dineen

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Recommended reading from the
Scene staff

The Giver

by Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry’s “The Giver” is a poignant reminder that children’s books aren’t always just for children. When 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the Receiver of Memory in a community without pain, poverty, unemployment or broken homes, he discovers that his job is the hardest responsibility he could possibly bear. Through Jonas’ story, “The Giver” questions whether remaining suffering from life is worth the price it must inevitably bear.

-Recommended by Sarah Valabas

Bleachers

by John Grisham

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The Tipping Point

How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference

by Malcolm Gladwell

Even wonder how ideas become infectious? Gladwell has the answer in his extremely fascinating novel explaining everything from the success of Paul Revere’s famous ride to How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference, and part of the reason why some college students become so passionate about social justice. Gladwell explores what it is about a few people to change the world, and what makes those few people so special. This will definitely get you in the mood.

-Recommended by Sarah Valabas

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Hamhuis' 5-point night helps Nashville defeat Pittsburgh

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Dan Hamhuis had a goal in the third period of a five-point night and the Nashville Predators, who had been defeated by a five-goal lead early in the second period in beating Pittsburgh 9-4 on Monday, can bolster Boston Bruins' power play.

Hamhuis, who scored in his Boston debut, and Joe Thornton had two goals Thursday night to help the Bruins end a four-game winless streak with a victory over the New York Rangers.

"It was a relief. You want to do the best you can, and you score a goal in your first game and the team wins. What else would you expect?" Hamhuis said.

Gonchar, the All-Star defense acquired Wednesday from Washington, gave Boston a 3-0 lead with a power-play goal 9:51 into the third. He took a pass from newly acquired center Steve Sullivan and have twice scored more than two points previously — including their first season-high six power-play goals — including his first four assists after never getting assists in nine games since being traded by Chicago. The Predators are 6-2-1 with Sullivan in the lineup, including a 5-0 shutout of the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Acquired on Wednesday from the New York Rangers, Leetch donned a different uniform for the first time in his 17-season NHL career.

The two-time Norris Trophy winner made an immediate impact, setting up two power-play goals by Bryan McCabe and one by Mats Sundin.

Robert Reichel scored with 54 seconds left in the third period for the Blues, who have been struggling for the Eastern Conference playoff race, when he was introduced before the game.

Leetch played an integral role in helping the Rangers win the 1994 Stanley Cup, their first since 1940. He had 11 goals and 23 assists in 23 playoff games to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

One fan held up a sign that read: "Welcome to the playoffs!"

"That wasn't the case when he was introduced before the game."

Blues 1, Oilers 0

Chris Osgood made 31 saves, including a penalty shot by Bryan Smyth, to help the St.

Louis Blues tie the Edmonton Oilers Thursday night.

The Blues earned their only second point in five games under new coach Mike Kitchen. They're 0-3-2 in that span, totaling five goals, and 0-5-2 in their last seven overall.

However, St. Louis stayed two points ahead of the Flyers, their closest pursuer on the fringe of the Western Conference playoff race, who lost to the Observer in a 7-1 win during the night in ninth place, four points behind Los Angeles for the final spot.

Alexander Khavanov ended a 62-game drought earlier in the third period for the Blues, and Raffi Torres got his 19th of the season for the Oilers to force overtime. Petr Nedved had an assist in his first game with Edmonton since being acquired from the New York Rangers.

Osgood was at his best in regulation, while Jusni Markkanen stopped eight shots in overtime for Edmonton. Dallas Drake hit the post with 4:05 to go for St. Louis.

Khavanov's first goal of the season Thursday night, his first in 111 games, put the Blues ahead at 1:42 of the third. Khavanov was activated earlier in the week after missing 15 games with a bruised ankle, and his offensive instincts helped when he pinch-hit and was alone for the rebound of a shot by Pavol Demitra.

Torres' second goal in three games tied it at 8:31. The goal came at the end of a flurry of shots against Osgood.

NHL

Clifford Pugh

Nashville's Jamie Allison knocks Pittsburgh's Tom Kostopoulos to the ice during the Predators' 9-4 win over the Penguins on Thursday night.

The Predators, trying to hang with the top teams in the West, were quickly broken up.

Hamhuis and an even-power-play goals to make it 2-0 after 18 minutes.

The Penguins rallied from deficits of 5-0 and 6-1 to cut the Predators' lead early in the second period.

Pittsburgh is 0-15-1 at home since Dec. 29, and can tie the NHL record for longest home winless streak against Anaheim on Saturday night.


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**FENCING**

**Irish to host Midwest Championships**

By MATT MOONEY

Sprint Writer

The wait is finally over. After cruising through the regular season with only one combined loss, the Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams will begin their postseason run when they host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships on Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Fourteen other teams will be in attendance on Saturday, but No. 5 Ohio State will probably provide the biggest challenge for the No. 2 Notre Dame men's team. The top ranked women will have to contend against the No. 2 Buckeyes by the respective scores of 15-12 and 14-13.

Northwestern did not prove nearly as much of a challenge to the women who handily dispatched the Wildcats by an 18-9 margin.

However, head coach Janusz Bednarski feels that the Irish will have to make an extra strong effort to repeat their success against Ohio State and Northwestern.

"They will respond very strongly," he said. "They brought all the best fencers, even those who did not compete during the regular season because they had a problem with eligibility. It looks that they did everything to be stronger at the end of the season."

The Irish have historically dominated this tournament, taking first place in either the men's or women's division every year since 1984. This included a decade-long stretch of dominance when the Irish swept both the men's and women's competitions from 1989-1999.

This year, women's fencing will defend its title while the men will attempt to rebound from last year's loss to Ohio State. The men had previously won 19 consecutive conference titles dating back to 1984.

The conference championships will be the first exposure that the many freshmen will have to the playoffs of college fencing. With almost half of the men's lineup filled with freshmen in addition to three new women, rookies, Saturday's competition will be a trial by fire.

Freshman saber Patrick Ghaittes sees this competition as a new challenge from his previous fencing experience.

"I'm a little nervous because before I came to college fencing was always an individual thing for myself," he said. "Now there's so much more of a team aspect to it that if I fence well then I'm setting down the team, not just myself. It's a lot more pressure."

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Colorado makes changes to its football program**

Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — Colorado announced several changes to its scandal-ridden football program Thursday, barring recruits from visiting bars and private parties and putting them under the close scrutiny of parents and coaches.

Calling the guidelines the strictest in the nation, university president Betsy Hoffman and chancellor Bob Schamback through their offices said recruits will now visit the Boulder campus during the off-season so coaches and athletics will have more time to focus on them. All activities will be planned, approved and supervised by a coach.

The recruits primarily high school athletes, also will be limited to a single night's stay during campus visits, instead of the usual two. A 1 a.m. curfew will be moved up to 11 p.m.

"As painful an experience as it may be, we view it as an opportunity to set the standard for an issue all colleges and universities must be concerned about," Hoffman said.

Seven women have accused Colorado football players or recruits of rape since 1997. The school faces four federal lawsuits by three of the women who say they were raped by football athletes or just after a 2001 off-campus recruiting party.

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Terrell Owens makes a catch in a game Dec. 7 against the Arizona Cardinals. Owens was traded to the Ravens from the 49ers for a second-round draft pick after he failed to become a free agent.

**Associated Press**

Owens traded to Ravens from 49ers

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Four-time Pro Bowl receiver Terrell Owens was traded to the Baltimore Ravens by San Francisco on Thursday after a paperwork error prevented him from becoming a free agent.

Owens, who quarreled with coaches, teammates and opponents during the last few seasons, was given permission by the 49ers to seek a deal after his agent failed to file a document voiding the final years of his contract.

He gives Baltimore, which surrendered a second-round draft pick, the top receiver it has been lacking for years, even in 2000, when the Ravens won the Super Bowl.

Ravens coach Brian Billick said at a news conference Thursday, "The profile we got was of a player that, given his level of proven productivity and his desire to win, seemed to fit the Ravens profile.”

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ND Softball

Softball to travel to Fla. over break

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After knocking off three of six ranked opponents in the early season, Notre Dame has finally jumped into the rankings, reaching No. 23 in the latest polls.

The Irish (10-4) look to continue their play of late as they travel to Florida Atlantic for the FAU/Worth Invitational. This is the first time since 2000 that the Irish will not be in California for spring break, as they have participated in the Kia Classic at Cal State-Fullerton for the past three years. This year, the tournament did not coincide with the Irish’s spring break.

At Florida Atlantic, the Irish will face four teams, two that are under .500. Saturday, they are set to face Massachusetts (4-7). The Minutewomen are led by pitcher Jenna Busa, who is 2-4 with a 3.08 ERA. The matchup will be the teams’ third time and the first since 1997.

In the second game, the Irish will face Florida International (4-13). The Golden Panthers are led by their pitching staff, who has recorded a 1.38 staff ERA for the season. Saturday’s game

at 12 p.m. will mark the first time these teams meet in softball.

Sunday, Notre Dame is set to face North Carolina (11-7) at 2 p.m. The Tar Heels are led by Emily Price, who is hitting .444 with four home runs and 16 runs. The last time these teams met, the Irish knocked off the Tar Heels at the 1999 National Invitational Tournament.

The Invitational concludes Sunday at 2 p.m., when the Irish face Florida Atlantic (17-9). The host of the tournament boasts Pam Mazarrella, who is hitting .385 with seven doubles and six RBI.

Following the tournament, the Irish will practice for the rest of the week in Florida, before they travel to No. 4 Florida State to face the Seminoles and participate in the Florida State Seminole Classic. The Seminoles took second in last weekend’s NFCA Leadoff Classic, where the Irish won the Silver Slugger Award. In fact, Van der Linden led the Seminoles, as she has been named ACC Player of the Week every this week.

Meanwhile, the Irish have been led by Meagan Ruthrauff and Heather Booth. Ruthrauff was named the Big East Player of the Week after hitting three home runs in the NFCA Leadoff Classic.

The sophomore is coming off a strong weekend, as she hit .500 with two home runs and two game-winners. She hit .365 with nine RBI on the weekend.

Booth, on the other hand, has led the Irish as from the mound. She won all of her starts in the NFCA Leadoff Classic with complete-game showings. In the opener against Northwestern State, she had seven strikeouts and only gave up six hits. She then pitched eight innings against Cal State-Fullerton, giving up just eight hits and one earned run while striking out eleven. The next day, Booth pitched a complete game shutout against No. 14 Nebraska, giving up just four hits and striking out five.

At the Seminole Classic, the Irish will face Michigan State (8-3) and Troy State (7-5) Friday, Mar. 12. They will face Georgia State (3-5) and Maryland (5-5) Saturday. The Spartans come off a championship at the Golden Panther Invitational, including the Golden Panthers 3-2.

The Irish have matched their second-best start in school history, as the 1995 and 2000 teams both started 10-4.

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ND Track and Field

Notre Dame set to host last meet of the season

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Just one. That is how many more chances the members of the Notre Dame Track and Field team have to qualify for next week’s NCAA Championships as they enter this weekend’s Alex Wilson Invitational.

The annual Invitational will begin tonight at 6 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center and competition will resume Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. with the women’s triple jump.

"We hope to do a little fine tuning at the Alex Wilson."

Tim Connelly assistant coach

The men’s team is led by assistant coach Tim Connelly. The junior qualified for Nationals last week in the 60-meter hurdles in a confer­ence champi­onship time of 7.79.

Like the women, the men have also quali­fied their dis­tance medley relay team. The team, consisting of Ryan Postel, Thomas O’Connor, Eric Morrison and Kurt Benninger has posted a time of 9:45.33 to rank 17th nationally.

Morrison and Benninger are also qualified in the mile run. They are ranked second and third in the 3,000 meters, respectively.

Topping the list of Irish athletes not yet qualified is triple jumper Godwin Mbangu. The senior has jumped 15.31 meters this year and needs to improve his distance by 29 meters to qualify.

Sophomore Ryan Postel is also close to the qualifying time in the 400 meters as he needs to drop his mark by a few tenths of a second.

A number of women’s sprinters are also very close to qual­ifying. Seniors Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dombrowski, along with freshman Maryann Erghia are just a bit off the mark in the 60 meters. Booth also can qual­ify for the 200 meters by dropping her time from 24.42 to 23.87.

The women’s distance med­ley relay team is also close to qualifying for Nationals as they have turned in a time of 9:45.33, currently fourth nationally and second in the Big East.

The Irish have a high number of the women’s team who has already qualified is high jumper Mary Cowan. The sophomore is presently ranked 12th nationally as she has cleared a height of 1.78 meters.

The men’s team is led by sprinter Selim Nurudeen. The junior qualified for Nationals both the 5,000 and 3,000 meters.

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Irish ready to compete in Texas tournament

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Even 1,300 miles away from Notre Dame and Eck Stadium, the Irish will have a "home game" when they host No. 20 Texas at Climate Club, TCU and the CSW City Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio. No. 7 Notre Dame (6-0) kicks off an eight-game, nine-day spring break trip to Texas with four games against Southern Illinois, Texas-San Antonio and Penn State beginning Saturday.

The event — which had been called the Irish Baseball Classic in past years — is put on every year by the Notre Dame Club of San Antonio. All four games will be played in San Antonio's Wolff Stadium, a double-A minor league ballpark.

The following weekend, the Irish return to Round Rock, Texas, for four games against Penn State, Arizona, Texas Tech and Texas.

With the break from classes, Irish players are excited for their team's opportunity to get so many games under its belt.

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Offensively, the Irish have been on a tear through the first two weekends of play, batting .325 as a team and averaging 10.5 runs per game. Junior Garett Cooper leads regular Irish starters with a .409 batting average and 10 RBIs. Backup freshman catcher Sean Gaston was named National Co-Hitter of the Week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and Big East Player of the Week for beginning his Irish career 10-for-12 at the plate last weekend.

Outfielder Brendan Grogan has started the year 7-for-15 for Notre Dame, and first baseman Matt Edwards is batting .400 with three home runs and eight
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I have zero talent," Dillon said. "It's a very slow guy that keeps his hands down.

Ask him about his style in the ring and he'll say, 'I'm stubborn in the ring. I don't change strategy even if it's enough to my opponent.'

Constantly self-evaluating, coming to terms with this isn't in Dillon's vocabulary.

Even after winning his first fight in the Bengal Bouts as a freshman in February of 2001, Dillon refused to put himself on the back.

After the fight, he said, "In the ring, there is a fight of the corner really helped me out." Keep in mind, Dillon was coming off six weeks of the most intense training he had ever experienced. He pushed himself hard the entire time. Ever had before in order to secure that first win, and where does Dillon put this win in comparison to someone else - himself?

While personally critical outside the ring, he is actually a dynamically engaged inside. Even in his earliest days with the club, Dillon was doing things that few could. He drew blood on one of the first punches he ever threw in the junior welterweight class. "I remember bloodying my opponent's nose in my first sparing session," Dillon said. "It was a good friend of mine who happened to have a weak seepage." Over the years, he has grown from a brutish slugger to more of a technical counter-puncher. He has maintained a willingness to take a punch through-out his career, believing it will open a chance for a strong counter-attack.

At times his style in the ring says to opponents, "Hit me. I'll hit you back." Not much of a problem, but he has an important realization to take one punch to secure three more.

Dillon picked up the counter-punch style during a fight his freshman year, a fight that Dillon refers to as a turning point. In between the 2nd and 3rd rounds, my cornerman, Edward Hernandez III, told me that I was going to have to start being the aggressor and to take one punch to punch back. "I came out boxes hard as I could. I was able to back them into the corner, and I didn't take myself out of the ring." Dillon said that fight to then-cap	tain Brian Voss.

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Pat Dillon Bengal Bouts captain

I remember bloodying my opponent's nose in my first sparing session.

Pat Dillon was a cheerful young man. He never really hung around with the club after the junior welterweight class. He drew blood on one of the first punches he ever threw in the junior welterweight class. Dillon has been improving his will upon his opponents more often. Both as a sophomore and as a junior. Dillon advanced to the semifinals of the Wednesday night he earned his first career trip to the finals, improving an overall record to 6-3.

Dillon is at his most self-confident when he recaps his fights. He is hardly ever dismayed or second-guess himself.

"I remember blooding my opponent's nose in my first sparing," Dillon said.

I feel a responsibility to be in the ring and to have the best technique possible to demonstrate some of the younger guys. I also never want anyone to think that I don't have any program well as a captain." Dillon said. "I have a long history of putting in the time."

Growing up in South Bend, Dillon had the chance to see firsthand many of those who have been there. "I grew up hearing about and watching the Bengal Bouts with my grandfather and my dad, who both went to Notre Dame, too," Dillon said. "He always had the fights and hearing stories about the fights with them is what really got me going in the sport. And it's the work ethic that they taught me to be a fighter that has kept me going these four years."

Dillon has certainly come a long way since those early days as a special student. He never technically denies any major achievements or tremendous growth in ability. "I think it's easier for me to relate to a kid who is really struggling with boxing because I've been where he's been. I have the experience to grow into the sport and continue to be a fighter with some success." Dillon said. "He's a fighter, so the guy who is struggling with his first year of boxing needs someone who you don't need much skill to have some success in the program if you are willing to put in the time."

Humility is an understatement.

There is a famous quote written on the wall of the Joyce Center. "If you win in your first or second try, you're going to be a fighter who also never wants anyone to think that you don't need much skill to have some success in the program if you are willing to put in the time."

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it that it is competing for a possible NCAA berth, however, and will certainly be focusing on Lake Superior State just as hard as the Wolverines focused on last weekend’s sweep of then-No.4 Michigan.

"We’re already thinking about [Lake Superior]," coach Dave Poulin said after the Irish defeated the Wolverines 5-2 Saturday night. "We’ve already discussed it as a team."

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Dave Poulin
Irish Hockey coach

The Lakers enter this weekend’s series with a record of 6-15-5 in the CCHA, placing them in 11th place in the 12-member conference. That record is somewhat deceiving, however, as the Lakers have gone 2-1-2 over their last five games and tied the Irish in a 2-2 game earlier this season at the Joyce Center on Nov. 22.

Much like the Irish, the Lakers have been bolstered by the play of a freshman netminder who has collected some of the best stats in the nation.

Rookie Jeff Jakaitis is in the top three of the CCHA in scoring offense with a 2.03 GAA. Jakaitis’ save percentage is also the nation’s lowest at .933 save percentage, to Notre Dame’s David Cheesman with 18 points (four goals, 13 assists) and Trent Campbell with 17 points (four goals, 13 assists).

Not a single player on the Lakers’ roster has scored more than 20 goals this year.

The team’s leading scorer is forward Dominic Osman with 19 points (10 goals, nine assists), followed shortly behind by Bo Cheeseman with 16 points (11 goals, seven assists) and Trent Campbell with 17 points (four goals, 13 assists).

Notre Dame faces the Lakers Friday and Saturday with face-off scheduled for 7:05 p.m. each night.

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takes on No. 9 Georgetown and No. 6 West Virginia plays No. 11 St. John’s.

Eight of the 12 teams in the tournament are competing for an NCAA Tournament berth.

To put into perspective how good the conference is, No. 8 Virginia Tech is 21-6 this season and was ranked for several weeks. "This is certainly the deepest conference has been," McGraw said. "It's amazing the competition it is. In a first-round game we're probably going to play Rutgers, who was picked second in the conference this year. Notre Dame will rely on its tough defense to travel deep into the tournament.

The Irish have held 10 of their last 14 opponents under 40 percent shooting and are 8-2 when accomplishing this feat.

Notre Dame has also held its opponents to 59 points a game.

The biggest question mark for Notre Dame is its ability to play away from the Joyce Center. All nine of the Irish losses have come on the road this season, while the team is 13-3 at home.

Jacqueline Batteast has been the leader on both the offensive and defensive end for the Irish. She averages 15.1 points and 8.3 rebounds.

Notre Dame are a virtual lock for an NCAA Tournament berth after beating seven top-25 teams during the season. Heading into the conference tournament, Notre Dame will look to improve its seed.

And with this year’s conference, getting any wins in the tournament will be impressive.

"It's just been a really good year in the conference," McGraw said.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday: This will be an emotional year if you haven't dealt with personal issues that have been hanging over your head for some time now. Get moving; the longer you wait the more time you'll waste. You need to get on with your life, not live in the past. You've got some terrific ideas and it's high time you acted on them to stop stagnating and get on with it.

Your numbers: 6, 13, 22, 31, 55, 64

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your outgoing nature will bring you popularity. You can get a lot done if you focus on your goals. Today will be favorable for pursuing members of the opposite sex. Leave time to go to the gym. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don't hesitate to take the advice offered by friends and relatives. Not only will their suggestions be helpful but they will also relieve your stress. Don't make unreasonable promises. Gemini (May 21-June 20): Make sure that you spend some time with your loved today. A passionate evening is in order for the two of you. Travel or plans to take a vacation together should be discussed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time to make those personal changes you have been thinking about for some time now. It is best not to devote too much attention to your personal life or your business associates.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your colorful personality will attract members of the opposite sex. Take a position of leadership in group endeavors. Don't hesitate to take that trip you've been needing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't treat anyone when it comes to financial matters. Your emotions show apparent desires. Don't overload on the ones you care about.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Residential changes are in order. Take care of the needs of others. You have the ability to do things for themselves. You can learn new skills or pick up valuable information if you listen to others.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Either in your family may need assistance. Don't let them put unreasonable demands on you. Don't overreact to criticism. Overcompensation will cause limitations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There will be tension with your lover if you allow a misunderstanding to get out of hand. Compromise will be necessary. You must pay more attention to one another.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be eager to get things done today and anyone who gets in your way had better watch out. Your high-energy mood will leave you with little patience for anyone or anything.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be dedicated for companionship. Mental convolution will be a part in relationships and friendships. Sign up for seminars that perk your interest. Travel should be on your list.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional setbacks will occur if you haven't resolved the problems your relationship faces. Get those domestic chores done and stop nagging about who is going to help you.

Birthday Baby: You're an ingenious little tyke, eager to find out all that you can and quite willing to lead the crowd. You're certainly not shy and are always willing to try something new. It's not likely that anyone or anyone will hold you back. You'll make your parents proud; however, you will also cause them worry.

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New York is next

Irish look to finish strong on road

By justin schuver
Sports Writer

They’re on the home stretch — on the road. The Irish (17-11-4, 13-10-3 in the CCHA) face the Lakers in a two-game series this weekend, as Notre Dame attempts to secure home-ice advantage in the first round of the CCHA playoffs for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

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Irish ready to rumble

By joE hettler
sports writer

This season, even the top seeds in the Big East tournament don’t get an easy draw. The conference has so many quality teams that even the higher seeds could exit the tournament quickly. “It’s really an up-for-grabs year,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “If you look at the No. 2-3 teams, it’s a tough game no matter who you have to play.”

Notre Dame finished the regular season 12-4 in the conference and earned a second-place finish behind Connecticut. The top four teams in the conference receive a bye into the second round. Villanova finished at No. 3, while Miami is No. 4.

“No one has ever won with-out the bye,” McGraw said. “So that’s really critical.”

Notre Dame faces the winner of the No. 7 Rutgers versus No. 10 Seton Hall first-round game. The Irish have lost to both teams in the regular season. In other first-round action, No. 5 Boston College faces No. 12 Syracuse, No. 8 Virginia Tech and the No. 7 Belles open their season on the road at the Methodist Invitational.

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Bengal Bouts

Pat Dillon: humble boxing hero

By luKE busam
Sports Writer

A dominating right cross. A lightning-quick left jab. A relentless work ethic. Those are just a few of the more recognizable traits that earned Pat Dillon a club capatiny as a junior and the club co-presidency as a senior. Those are also just a few traits that make Dillon an outstanding boxer.

But ask him about those stand-out traits, and he won’t admit he has them. And the fact that the boxer has never taken credit for any of his success or any of his talents nearly says more about his character than all those qualities combined.

Pat Dillon and fellow Bengal Bouts captain Matt Lozar

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Irish Leash Hoyas, Need Wins in New York

By pat leonard
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Critics have spent the week saying the Irish must win at least the next three games to have a shot at the NCAA tournament. One down, two to go.

Notre Dame defeated Georgetown 61-48 on Thursday night behind 19 points from high point man Chris Thomas and 18 points from Thomas’ backcourt mate, Chris Quinn.

One of the main stories in a dominant performance by the Irish was the Hoyas’ shooting, or the Irish defense — or both. “We really guarded them and made them take tough shots,” Thomas said. “Nobody really got good looks, and if they did, we were blocking out and limiting their second chance opportunities.”

While Rick Cornett and Tom Timmermans combined for 18 rebounds, Georgetown out-rebounded Notre Dame. This was due, however, to longer shots and longer rebounds, Thomas said.

Georgetown was 28.1 percent from the floor, compared to 37.5 percent for Notre Dame. The Hoyas’ leading scorer Gerald Riley (17.8 points per game) finished 1-of-9 from the floor.

“Longer rebounds, Thomas said. “But even the higher shots and longer shots, they deserve from all the fans that have watched this duo develop into leaders for the Irish in their senior season.

For three years, Jones and Timmermans were the ones Irish coach Mike Brey sent into the game to get the seniors on their last night at the Joyce Center.

Thursday night, it was their turn to watch from the bench as the final seconds ticked away. “I just got to see my career culminate and come to an end,” Jones said. “I got to watch us win on our home floor in my last game.

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Hockey

Irish look to finish strong on road

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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